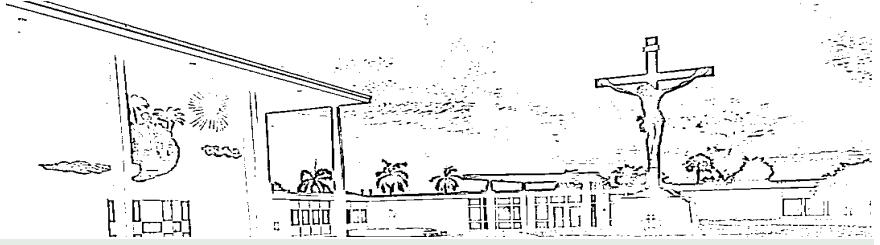


# Chapel News



OUR LADY OF FLORIDA SPIRITUAL CENTER



October 2021

**Dear Friends of Our Lady of Florida,**

Once upon a time, there was an island where all the feelings lived: Happiness, Sadness, Knowledge, and all of the others, including Love. One day it was announced to the feelings that the island would sink, so all repaired their boats and left. Love was the only one who stayed. Love wanted to persevere until the last possible moment. When the island was almost sinking, Love decided to ask for help. Richness was passing by Love in a grand boat. Love said, "Richness, can you take me with you?" Richness answered, "No, I can't. There is a lot of gold and silver in my boat. There is no place here for you."



Love decided to ask Vanity who was also passing by in a beautiful vessel. "Vanity, please help me!" "I can't help you, Love... You are all wet and might damage my boat," Vanity answered. Sadness was close by, so Love asked for help, "Sadness, let me go with you." "Oh... Love, I am so sad that I need to be by myself!" Happiness passed by Love, too, but she was so happy that she did not even hear when Love called her! Suddenly, there was a voice. "Come, Love I will take you." It was an elder. Love felt so blessed and overjoyed that he even forgot to ask the elder where they are going. When they arrived at dry land, the elder went her own way. Love, realizing how much he owed the elder, asked Knowledge, another elder, "Who helped me?" "It was Time," Knowledge answered. "Time?" asked Love. "But why did Time help me?" Knowledge smiled with deep wisdom and answered, "Because only Time is capable of understanding how valuable Love is."

We all know how precious our time is. No matter our age, seasons change, and the seasons of our individual lives also change. No one escapes time and so let us remember to make the best use of our time. This season 'take time' to attend a retreat at OLOF and experience God's unconditional love. As St. John of the Cross said, "In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved."

We officially began our retreat season on the second weekend of September with the theme of 'Be Compassionate as our Heavenly Father is Compassionate' (Luke 6:36). We have put together a beautiful program for the parish-based weekend retreats. It has been well received and we have been getting great responses from the retreatants so far. I encourage all of you to make a retreat with us this season.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. As you pray the rosary, please remember to intercede to Mother Mary for more vocations to Passionist Priesthood and Religious life. This is also the month we Passionists celebrate the feast day of our Founder St. Paul of the Cross (on 20th October). Please remember the Passionist Lay Associates in your prayers who will be covenanting with us around the feast of our Founder. Finally, on a personal note, I look forward to your suggestions to enrich our ministry here.

Gratefully in Christ,

Fr. Junesh Xavier, C.P.  
Director

May the Passion of Christ be ever in our hearts...



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Day of Reflection

## Our God is a Faithful God



Presenter: Rev. Edward Wolanski CP

Date: Monday - Oct. 4, 2021  
Time: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm  
Suggested Offering: \$50.00  
(Includes lunch and light refreshments)

Register today at  
[www.ourladyofflorida.org](http://www.ourladyofflorida.org)  
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A Day of Reflection on All Saints Day

## A Call to Holiness

Presenter: Rev. Paul Ruttle CP

Date: Monday - Nov 1, 2021  
Time: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm  
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## CHARISMATIC RETREAT

### Led by Dr. Carol Razza

**This retreat promises** renewal of the Spirit in the lives of the participants, by Glory Worship, Talks, Mass and Ministry that will affirm the presence of the Holy Spirit. This retreat has been designed to equip the body of Christ to live out the fullness of their Baptismal promise and to more fully recognize who they are and what God is calling them to do. Expect transformation, empowerment, anointing and direction to advance God's Kingdom in our world.



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**November 5-7, 2021**  
**Suggested Offering : \$250**

To register, visit [www.ourladyofflorida.org](http://www.ourladyofflorida.org) or call 561 626 1300

### October Parish-based Weekend Retreat Dates:

**Oct. 1-3 2021—Women's Retreat**

**Oct. 8-10 2021—Men's Retreat**

**Please register online at Our Lady of Florida's website, [www.ourladyofflorida.org](http://www.ourladyofflorida.org) and click on the Retreats tab, by email to [retreats@cpprofvl.org](mailto:retreats@cpprofvl.org) or by calling 561-626-1300 ext. 121**