



March 2020

# Chapel News

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center



Dear Friends,

Have you heard the story that explains why mosquitoes always try to bite us on our ears?

Once upon a time, Mosquito asked Ear to marry him, whereupon Ear fell on the floor in uncontrollable laughter and said, "How much longer do you think you will live? You are already a skeleton." Mosquito went away sad and humiliated. But from that day forward, any time Mosquito passed Ear's way, he would buzz close and tell Ear that he was still alive.

While I'm not sure how could Ear fall onto the floor in uncontrollable laughter without causing significant damage to the head, I can very well imagine every Mosquito in the world taking joy in buzzing close to our ears and reminding us "I'm still here." It belongs in the category of mixed blessings—the unpleasant things that happen to all of us that drive us crazy and yet remind us that we are still alive and kicking. Mosquitoes are annoying, yet they only buzz us because blood is still flowing through our veins, and we only notice them because our hearing is still working.

We began the season of Lent on Wednesday, February 26. Lent shakes us out of our liturgical complacency and calls us to consider correcting what is not right in our lives through acts of prayer, penitence, denial and spiritual discipline. Lent always points toward the Cross, but it does this so that we may remember the One who died on the Cross. It whispers in our ears the reminder that life is both precious and yet impermanent. On Ash Wednesday, the ashes marked on our foreheads reminded us of Genesis 3:19: "For dust you are and to dust you shall return." And the fact that it is a journey we make towards the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord reminds us how precious we are for we are loved unconditionally by our Lord.

During this season of Lent, as part of the celebrations of the **Third Centenary of the founding of the Congregation of the Passion (1720-2020)**, we will pray **the Stations of the Cross**, followed by a Soup and Bread Supper, on three Wednesdays: March 4, March 18 and April 1 at 6:00 pm. A free-will offering will go to a charity that feeds the hungry. We hope you will join us in our Lenten Sacrifice.

During this Lenten season, may our Lord's Good News both tickle our ears and strengthen our souls, and may the Passion of Christ be ever in our Hearts!

Please continue to support Our Lady of Florida's major fundraiser **Spiritus Dei Gala** on Sunday evening, March 22 at the Lost Tree Club, North Palm Beach. I hope that you will join us for this wonderful evening.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Junesh Xavier, C.P.



## Days of Reflection

Our monthly Days of Reflection are held on the first Wednesday of every month.

- Mar. 11:** "Seek and You Will Find"  
Presented by Fr. Brian King
- Apr. 1:** "Preparing for Holy Week with  
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen"  
Presented by Patti Murphy Dohn

The program runs from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and includes presentations, time for private reflection, opportunity for Confession, a meal and Mass.

The donation for each session is \$40.  
**Reservations are required for each event.**



### Stations of the Cross

In solidarity with the suffering of Christ and the poor, we will pray the Stations of the Cross, followed by a Soup & Bread Supper, on three Wednesdays of Lent: March 4, March 18 and April 1 at 6:00 p.m.

A free-will offering will go to a charity that feeds the hungry.

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## Special Retreats & Events

### Evening of Reflection (in Spanish) Mar. 11

"La Pasión de Cristo en la Vida Cotidiana"  
("The passion of Christ in Everyday Life")

Presenter: Fr. Moises Rios-Ruiz, C.P.  
Program runs from 6 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

**Donation \$30. Registration is required.**

### Holy Week Retreat Apr. 8-12

**Donation: \$330 per person, \$505 per couple, \$285 for Religious**

### Married Couples Retreat Apr. 24-26

**Donation: \$395 per couple. Deposit of \$100 per couple required.**

### Charismatic Retreat May 1-3

Presenter: Carol Razza

**Donation: \$240 per person. Deposit of \$50 required with registration.**

*To register online, visit Our Lady of Florida's website, click on the Retreats tab and scroll down to Special Retreats. For further assistance, call 561-626-1300.*

### Special Passionist Dates to Remember

**March 17**

In honor of St. Patrick

**March 19**

In honor of St. Joseph

### Mark your Calendars & Plan to Attend!

#### 2020 Spiritus Dei Gala

**Sunday, March 22 at the Lost Tree Club**

**11520 Lost Tree Way, North Palm Beach, FL**

**6:30 p.m. Cocktails ~ 7:30 p.m. Dinner & Dancing**

**Semi-formal Attire Seating is Limited**

\$250 per person until March 17, 2020 ~ \$275 after March 17, 2020

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