

Catholic Men for Jesus Christ—Men's Rally

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Saint Helen's Church

2085 Tallahassee Ave, Vero Beach, FL



Jesse Romero, two-time National Kick-Boxing Champion and LA Sherriff, now a Catholic Evangelist and national radio host

8:00 a.m. Registration, Coffee and Donuts in the Gym

9:00 am **"Living in a State of Grace"** Jesse Romero

Confessions, Rosary and Adoration

11:00 am **"The Power of Prayer"** Jesse Romero

12:15 Mass — Fr. Kevin Nelson, Celebrant & Homilist

Free Lunch included

To register: www.CatholicMenforJesusFlorida.org

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Men's rally to take place at new location

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VERO BEACH | Mark the calendar. The annual men's rally is coming and a few event aspects are different this year, including the location.

"We have a big change," said organizer Jim Manhardt of St. Helen Parish about the Catholic Men for Jesus Rally scheduled March 24, a little later in the year than past events. "We are having it at St. Helen Parish in Vero Beach. The guys in the northern parishes over the years have been traveling to the cathedral for the rally. This year the men in the south will have to drive north. It is their turn."

The event, which over the years has been held at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola in Palm Beach Gardens, St. Luke Parish in Palm Springs and Cardinal Newman High School gymnasium in West Palm Beach, is moving to the Vero Beach parish in the northern part of the diocese. Manhardt is hoping and praying that men of the parishes will make the drive, about an hour and 20 minutes up I-95, from the cathedral.

Why the move? Manhardt said it is because of the construction currently going on at the cathedral. He

IF YOU GO

Catholic Men for Jesus rally:
March 24, 7:30 a.m., St. Helen Parish, 2000 20th St., Vero Beach.
Featured speaker: Jessie Romero, author, evangelist, retired Los Angeles Sheriff's Office veteran, world boxing and kick boxing champion, and frequent guest on Catholic radio and television. Talks, music, Mass, sacrament of reconciliation, coffee and doughnuts, and light lunch. All are invited including men of parishes, clergy, seminarians, young men and teens. Cost: free, but a \$20 donation is suggested. Registration available online or at the door. For information, call 772-321-3886 or visit www.catholicmenforjesusflorida.com.

and others involved in the event's planning and promotion are excited and on fire to present a dynamic program this year to help feed souls and spiritually nourish participants in preparation of Easter.

The rally, usually held in January, was moved this year in order to get the powerful speaker from California, who is a much-sought-after presenter around the country and a rock star among a lot of the men.

"The featured speaker is Jessie Romero, who we had a few years ago," said Deacon Dave Hankle of

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St. Helen Parish, a longtime participant and promoter of the men's event. "The guys loved him as he had a great message for men of all ages."

Romero, a veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, is an author, radio and television personality, three-time World Police Boxing Champion and two-time middleweight U.S.A. Kick Boxing Champion. He is known for his energetic and vibrant delivery of God's teaching through his presentations.

Romero holds a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Mount St. Mary's

College in California, and a master's degree in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. He has been involved in the Knights of Columbus, a director of religious education, and is married to Anita. He and his wife have three children.

As part of his ministry over the years he has hosted Catholic Spanish television and radio programs, and made numerous guest appearances on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). His talks for the day are titled: "Living in a state of grace: 12 points on how to live in an intimate relationship with God" and "The power of prayer: differences among the three types of prayer and their effects on the human brain."

"I am looking forward to the whole thing," said Manhardt, who at this point is developing promotional materials and getting everything set to go. He explained that there will be an additional event March 23, 7 p.m., at St. Helen Parish designed for families. "Jessie will give a talk in Spanish," said Manhardt. "The talk is designed for age 13 and up. There will be baby-sitting available for the families."

The men's rally begins with 7:30 a.m. registration and coffee and doughnuts in St. Helen Parish hall. The program begins at 9 a.m. with prayer, music and talks. A

light lunch is provided and Mass is planned to start at 12:15.

"Father Kevin Nelson will be our main celebrant," said Manhardt about the pastor of St. Helen. Manhardt went on to explain Bishop Gerald M. Barbario, who traditionally celebrates the Mass, is unable to attend the rally this year due to a prior parish commitment and confirmation. "He wrote me a beautiful letter and said he is sorry that he cannot make it," said Manhardt, who shared that Bishop Barbario continues to encourage and support him and rally efforts.

The *Florida Catholic* has been to the rallies since they began here in the diocese in the early 2000s. Manhardt brought the program here from Trenton, New Jersey. The program is sponsored by Catholic Men for Jesus of Florida, a chapter of the Catholic Men for Jesus organization aimed at supporting men, bringing them together in special Christian brotherhood, and challenging them to become the person that God intends them to be.

"It is a tremendous day to just get men alive and excited and a little bit awakened about their faith and their spirituality," Deacon Hankle told the *Florida Catholic* in an interview. "There is nothing else like it in the diocese." ■

Bulletin Announcement

Catholic Men for Jesus will hold their annual Men's Day for all men over 14 on March 24, 2018 at St. Helen's Catholic Church in Vero Beach, Florida. 8:00 to 1:00 pm. Along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesse Romero, nationally known speaker and radio talk show host, will give two talks. The day begins with breakfast, includes the Rosary and ends with lunch. Come and fill yourself with Lenten grace and Catholic fellowship! Visit our website at www.catholicmenforjesusflorida.com to reserve your spot and purchase your ticket! Tickets are \$20.

Pulpit Announcement

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