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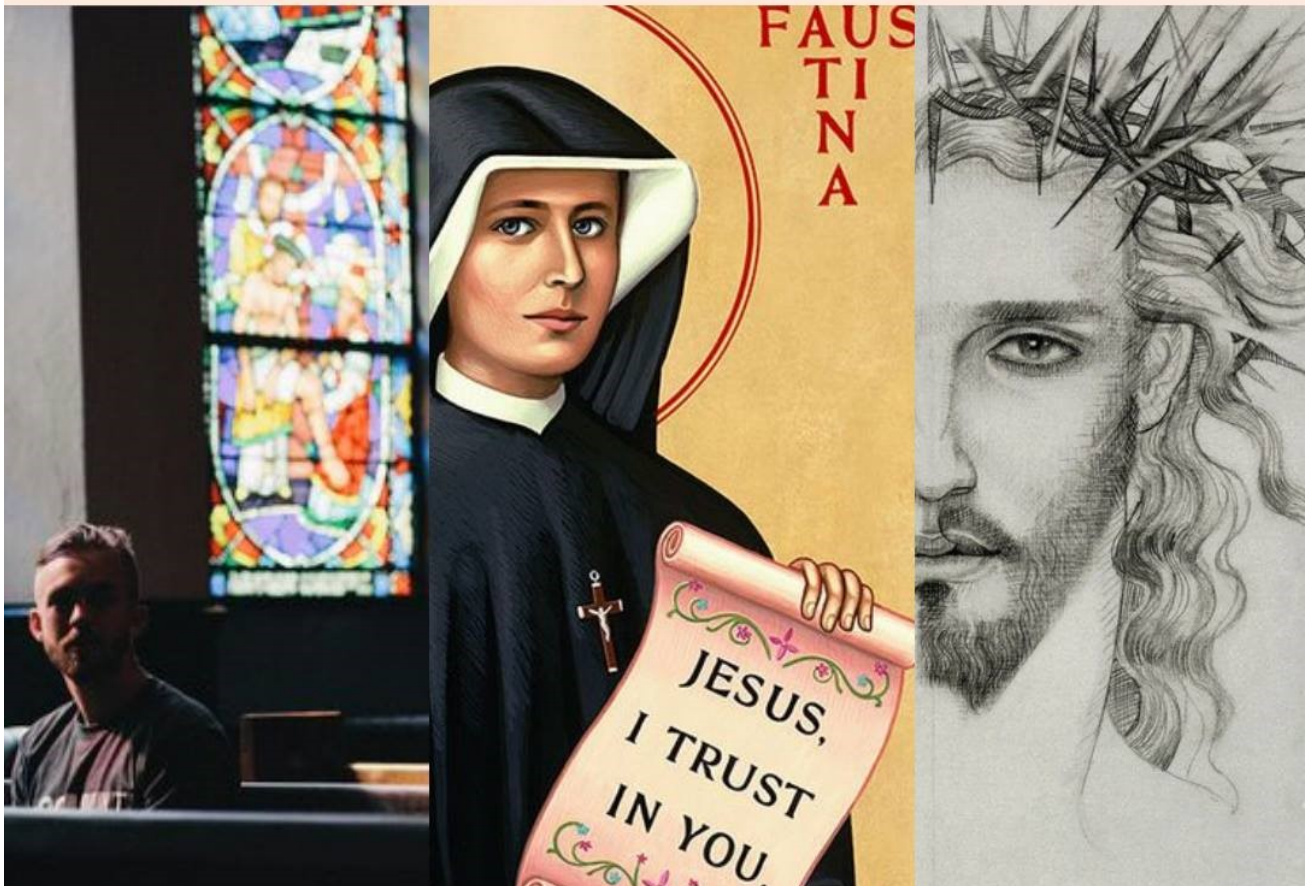
OFFICE HOURS

M,T, Th, F 9:00am-3:00pm

Closed Wednesday

The cause of your falls is that you  
rely too much upon yourself and  
too little on Me. (1488)

Lord Jesus Christ to St. Maria



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Mass: T, W, TH, F - 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

Pastor: Fr. Joseph Gates

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# APRIL 16, 2023



## TUESDAY

8:30am  
Req. By  
2nd Int  
Req. By:

## APRIL 18

**+GERARD O'DONNELL**  
Brian & Jeanne McLaughlin  
**+KAREN JANCSEK**  
Jim & Diane

## WEDNESDAY

8:30am

Req. BY:

## THURSDAY

8:30am.  
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## APRIL 19

**+ELISA RODRIGUES, MIREYA  
CABEZE & NATALIE BROUDIC**  
Mayra Newman

## APRIL 20

**+HAROLD RAMOS**  
Sister in Law  
**+FRED BELINSKI**

A Friend

## FRIDAY

8:30am  
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## APRIL 21

**+ MSGR. JOHN DWYER**  
Kay  
**+DOUG TARTAGLIA**  
McSorley Family

## SATURDAY

8:30 pm  
Req. By:  
2nd Int:

## APRIL 22

**+CARMIN & JEAN DELUCA**  
Loving Family  
**+WILLIAM SCHALOW**

## SUNDAY

9:00am  
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3rd. Int.  
Req. By:  
11:15 AM  
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2nd Int.  
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## APRIL 23

**+Mike Manoogian & Daughters**  
Loving Family  
**+JOSE APONTE**  
Uncle & Family  
**+MARGARITA MORAN**  
Husband & Family  
**+JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY**  
His Siblings  
**+LENORE BURNS**  
Husband

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 3 :Acts 2:42-47  
Psalms: 118:2-4,13-15,22-24  
Second Reading: 1Pt 1:3-9  
Gospel Reading: Jn 20:19-341

### **SACRAMENTS:**

#### **Contact the Office**

**Baptism:** For registered & active parishioners: **Baptism instruction is required for Parents.**

#### **Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM  
In the main Church Or by Appointment

**Weddings:** Must be arranged with the pastor at least **6 months before the date** desired.

### **Last Rites & Anointing of the Sick**

#### **Due to the Distance from Parrish Manatee Hospital:**

St. Joseph: 941-756-3732

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St. Patrick's: 941-378-1703

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY

267: Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-9 Jn 3:1-8

### TUESDAY

268: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2,5 Jn 3:7b-15

### WEDNESDAY

269: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

### THURSDAY

270: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20 Jn 3:31-36

### FRIDAY ST ANSELM

271: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15



## Supporting our Diocese

Our Goal to support the Diocesan Offices, Missions, and Charities.

Goal: \$198,000.00

Raised So Far: \$33,680.00



## Parish Focused Giving

Helping to relieve our Parish of St. Frances Cabrini Debt!  
Debt Free by 2023

Goal: \$526,460.00

Raised So Far: \$222,670.00

## 2023 Catholic Faith Appeal

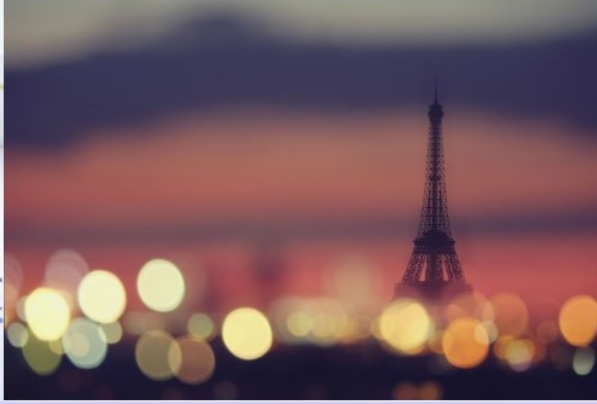
Every year, the Diocese of Venice places a goal for each parish to provide a certain amount towards an overall needs of the Diocese. For 2022, **our Parish responsibility is \$198,000**. Our hope is to fulfill our obligation early and ensure our support for these essential programs for the Southwest Florida community. We ask if you have any additional resources you wish to support Catholic organizations with, that you donate to the Catholic Faith Appeal. Your support, which is fully tax deductible, will provide assistance to thousands in our area.

## Debt Free by 2023

We'd like to thank everyone for their continued help in lowering our Parish Debt. As of December 31'st 2021 we were at \$485,402.00. As of March of this Month we are at \$262,732.00. Thanks to your generosity we were able to **pay off \$222,670** which is a breath taking amount! Let's us continue to glorify the Lord in this progress and hopefully be Debt Free by the end of 2023!



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### April Potluck Thursday, April 20

Doors open at 5:30; Dinner 6:00 PM

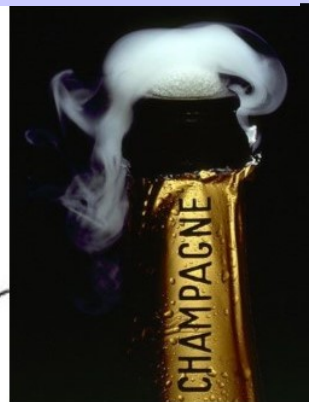
Please call the parish office at 941.776.9097 to RSVP with the number of people who will be attending and the entrée, side dish, or dessert you would like to bring.

**Nous serons ravis de vous accueillir!**

*(Please be aware that the doors will be locked till 5:30 to allow the Hospitality Team to work and finish setting up.)*



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**APRIL 16, 2023**

**EASTER VIGIL**



Congratulations to our OCIA Elect and Candidates  
Congratulation to Joseph Dahley, Carl Forshey & Les Stotler who received Baptism, First Communion, & Confirmation  
Congratulation to Karen Arcuri & Diane Berner who received their First Holy Communion. & Confirmation.  
Congratulation to Andrew Castro, Elias Delgado, Davan Nguyen & Matthew Nguyen who received their First Communion

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## Reverence at Prayer Sets Us Free: Fr. Michael Rennie

Father, we are so grateful that this parish offers a reverent Mass.” In these words and similar, parishioners often express their . I take that feedback as a compliment to the entire community that has worked so hard to offer God their absolute best, most reverent, most beautiful sacrifice of love at Mass. Reverence, as a virtue, helps us pray better. More importantly, reverence at Mass brings an assurance that God has truly heard our prayers, as it says in Hebrews, Our Lord, “offered up prayers and petitions...and he was heard because of his reverent submission” (Hebrews 5:7).

I’ve thought deeply about what reverence is, trying to pin down exactly what it is that people experience during worship that brings that word to their lips: *reverence*.

I have to admit, our parish is a big, messy family at prayer. Our main Sunday Mass isn’t peaceful and quiet. We have lots of young children who attend. These children pray kinetically, by which I mean they move a lot. They generally get a good ruckus going. They are, in their own youthful way, reverent. I doubt, however, it’s what people have in mind when they compliment the parish. I also know it isn’t the quality of my singing voice (which is average) or a reaction to my homiletic skill (again, average). So what is it that strikes people as being exceptionally reverent?

This is one of the questions I explore in *The Forgotten Language: How Recovering the Poetics of the Mass Will Change Our Lives*, my recently published book from Sophia Institute Press. Poetics is the study of how we create beauty, how we are made by God and then we ourselves become makers. Specifically, we are called to live good and beautiful lives, because the God who made us is Beauty. We are meant to reflect his image. Life is sacred, and the font of that sacredness is the Mass. The Mass reflects God most clearly, so it should be the most beautiful. It should unfold like a gorgeous poem. This is our clue to what we mean when we say a Mass is reverent.

Reverence is the acknowledgment of sacredness. As a virtue, an attitude of reverence creates space for sacred beauty to flourish. For example, the priest-poet Gerard Manley Hopkins has a poem called *The Windhover* in which he exults to watch a bird fly in the sky. He cannot contain his joy, saying, “My heart in hiding/Stirred for a bird, – the achieve of, the mastery of the thing!” He has reverence for what he is seeing, the beauty of the bird, the gracefulness of its movement. Through reverence, he intuitively not only the miracle that is a bird in flight, but he also glimpses a deeper reality – the Holy Spirit aloft with bright wing. His reverence unveils the sacred.

A reverent Mass makes space for the sacred in the exact same way. One of the ways it does this is through poetic language, which is a language reflective of God’s grace. The Mass connects Heaven to earth by using words, symbols, and music that recognize and embody transcendence. When we feel transcendence during a Mass because of the beauty of sacred chant, the craftsmanship of the vestments, perfumed incense, holy silences, the care and attention of the priest at the altar, the prayers of the faithful as they kneel, and yes, even the activity of the children as they engage the liturgy – this is reverence. It’s the sense that we are on sacred ground, reaching to touch the hem of Our Lord’s garment with fear and trembling.

It comes back to poetics, how God has made us. The priest Romano Guardini says that God creates humans, “with effortless power, calling a creature into existence and setting it free.” The amazing thing is that God himself possesses reverence. “His power is one with His magnanimity and His reverence,” writes Guardini, “it is this that sets you free.”



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In other words, God reveres the beauty that he himself has created. He looks at his creatures and calls us good. He reveres us, not on our own merits, but because we reflect his love back to himself. We are his beloved children.

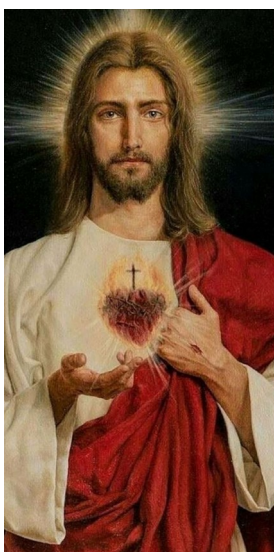
His reverence is a form of love by which he gives us freedom to love him in return. In order to accomplish this, he gives us space to live and grow, make mistakes and overcome, pray, seek, and make our pilgrim way back to him. In response to God's reverence, we offer our own reverence by approaching the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with humility. We take our own needs and desires and set them aside in order to give God our attention, love, and sacrifices. This is what people mean when they say they want a reverent Mass – they want a worship experience that creates space for God to arrive in power.

This language of reverence cannot be forgotten or set aside in our Masses. It's the only language by which the Mass draws us to the threshold of the sacred, right up to the altar where Christ intercedes for us and draws us into a divine, poetic interaction where everything has a deeper meaning. We are united with God's universal love and gifted freedom and beauty as his creations.

Just like a poem transforms a rose into undying love or a falling leaf into a meditation on mortality, so too does the poem of the Mass take flawed human beings, each of us with our individual temperaments, histories, and faith journeys, and brings us through the doorway into the mysterious heart of God.

### **To those souls who pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Promises of Divine Mercy (St. Faustina)**

1. "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." (*Diary*, 754)<sup>2</sup>
2. "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one." (*Diary*, 1541)
3. "[W]hen they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior." (*Diary*, 1541)
4. "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. . . . Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy." (*Diary*, 687)
5. *To those souls who honor and spread the worship of Divine Mercy* "I Myself will defend as My own glory, during their lifetime, and especially at the hour of their death, those souls who will venerate My fathomless mercy." (*Diary*, 1225)
6. *To those souls who put their trust in Divine Mercy.* "He who trusts in My mercy will not perish, for all his affairs are Mine, and his enemies will be shattered at the base of My footstool." (*Diary*, 723) "Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask." (*Diary*, 1146) "Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it." (*Diary*, 420)
7. *To those souls who honor the Hour of Mercy:* "This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion . . ." (*Diary*, 1320)
8. *To priests who proclaim and extol the Divine Mercy* "To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak." (*Diary*, 1521)
9. *Our Lord's Promises Attached to the Praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as Revealed to St. Faustina:* In addition to verses shared with the Divine Mercy Promises (*Diary*, 48, 754, 1541, 687, 1521, and 1387), the Promises Attached to the Praying of the Chaplet also include: "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of me in virtue of My Passion. . . ." (*Diary*, 1320; also cf. 1572) "Souls who spread the honor of My mercy . . . at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior." (*Diary*, 1075)



"A special person made me real a great many years ago, and once you are real you can't become unreal again. It lasts forever."

CEREMONY READING  
EXCERPT FROM THE VELVETEN RABBIT

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10. "The two rays denote Blood and Water. . . . These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. . . . I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. . . . [W]hoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (*Diary*, 299–300) "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. . . . It is My desire that [the Feast] be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. . . ." (*Diary*, 699)

11. "Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (*Diary*, 1731)

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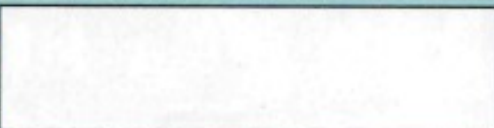
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