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OFFICE HOURS

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

Closed Wednesday



**"Never let your home
be without a crucifix
upon its walls,
to the end that
all who enter it
may know that you are
a disciple of the Crucified Lord,
and that you are not ashamed
to own it."**

St. John Vianney

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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FEBRUARY 12, 2023



TUESDAY **FEBRUARY 14**
8:30am **ERMANI & JAY BORJA WED. ANN**
Req. By Joe & Ginny

WEDNESDAY **FEBRUARY 15**
8:30am **JIM NELANDER b-DAY**
Req. By: Joan

THURSDAY **FEBRUARY 16**
8:30am. **+MARGARET MELLO**
Req. BY: Mello Family

FRIDAY **FEBRUARY 17**
8:30am **JOSHUA DeICASTILLO B-DAY**
Req. By: Lolo & Lola

SATURDAY **FEBRUARY 18**
4:00 pm **+EVELYN EHRENFELT**
Req. By: Loving Goddaughter

2nd Int. **+HUGH LOWERY**
Req. By: Children

SUNDAY **FEBRUARY 19**
9:00am **+THOMAS BRADLY**
Req. By: Mr. & Mrs. E. Mottaz

2nd Int. **+NANCY ANN RIZZO**
Req. By: Husband & Children

11:15am **+ FELIX SANTOS JR.**
Req. By: Angelo & Debra Cioffi

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 76: Sir 15:15-20
Psalms: 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34
Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10
Gospel Reading: Mt 5:17-37

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
Sacred Heart: 941-748-2221

Lakewood Ranch Hospital:

Our Lady of the Angels: 941-752-6770

Doctor's Hospital Sarasota:

Incarnation: 941-921-6631
St. Patrick's: 941-378-1703

DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE

Funerals: Please contact the Office for a meeting for Dates, Readings, and Music. There are certain policies in place at St. Frances Cabrini for the respectful burial of your loved ones.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

335: Gn 4:1-15,25 Ps 50:1,8,16BC-17,20-21 Mk 8:11-13

TUESDAY STS CYRIL ,MONK & METHODIUS

336: Gn 6:5-8,7:1-5,10 Ps 29:1a,2,3ac-4,9c-10 Mk8:14-21

WEDNESDAY

337: Gn 8:6-13,20-22 Ps 116:12-15,18-19 MK 8:22-26

THURSDAY

338: Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18,19-23,29 Mk 8:27-33

FRIDAY THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

339:Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34—9:1



Looking for a few good Sponsors

St. Frances Cabrini Religious Education department is looking to see if any parishioners would like to sponsor a Smart TV or Ipad/Tablet for our Religious Ed Classrooms (there are 8 in total that we need). This provides a new avenue for our Teachers to teach the Gospel and Catechism in a unique way!

Thank you for your generosity!



Television

\$400

Tablet

\$200



Parish Groups

Saturday's

That Man is You (Men's Group)
6:30am-8:00am

Sunday's

Faith Formation (Pre-K—5th Grade)
10:15am-11:00am

Tuesday's

Divine Mercy Cenacle
9:15am

Knights of Columbus
Every Last Tuesday of the month
7:00 pm



Wednesday's

Confirmation Prep (9th Grade)
Confirmation Classes (10th Grade)
6:30pm—7:30pm

O.C.I.A

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
7pm-9pm

Friday's

Bible Study
9:30am

Adoration & Rosary
8-8:30am (Tues.-Friday) in the Church
Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet
9am-2:00PM Every Friday

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February Potluck

Feb. 16—Door's Open at 5:30

Please call with the number of people in your party and what dish you are bringing!



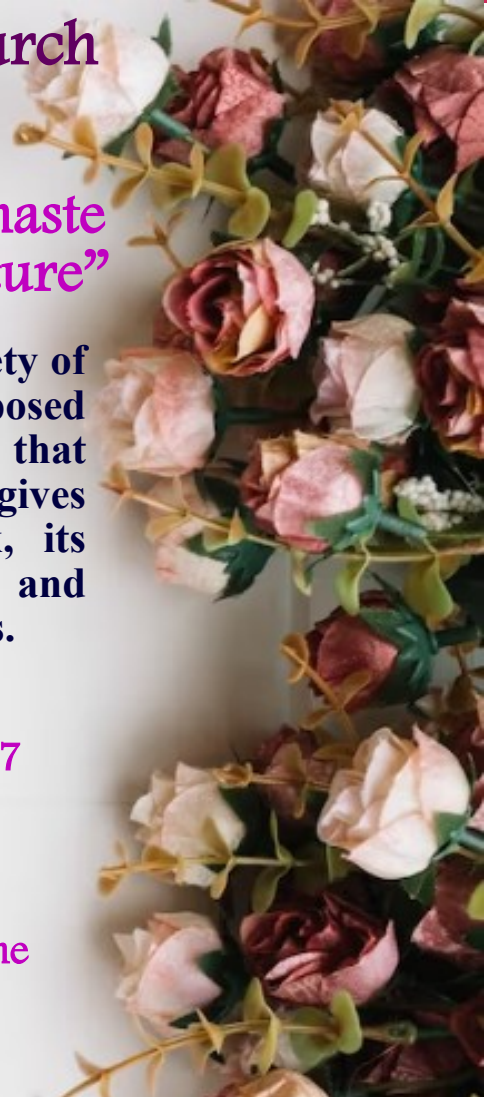
**St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church
Presents:**



**Guest Speaker
Pam Stenzel**

“The Courage To Be Chaste In a Self-Obsessed Culture”

Many teenagers leave the safety of being chaste to live the supposed freedom and false lies that promiscuity promises. Pam gives the straight talk about sex, its consequences, and the life and death repercussion it brings.



February 23

6:00 PM

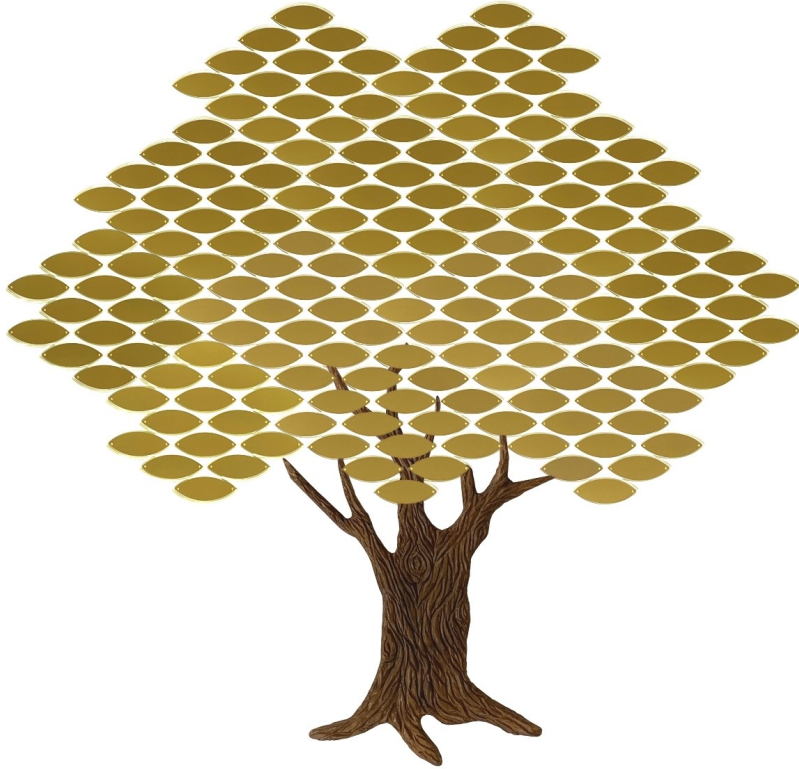
Please RSVP: 941-776-9097

Held in the Cabrini Hall

***Disclosure: Due to the nature of the talk, anyone above 7th Grade is invited.**

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Memorial Tree of Life



A “Memorial Tree” is a tree of remembrance in many Parish Churches and Halls. It’s a lasting legacy of those past and present.

Proceeds from the sale of leaves, acorns, and stones will go to our Debt Free in ‘23 Campaign. You may purchase of leaf for \$100, an acorn for \$250 and/or a stone for \$500. Engraving is included in the price. Forms for the purchase are located in the narthex.

Please consider a purchase and continued support in our Debt Free in 2023 Campaign. Thank you and God Bless.

Eucharistic Congress 2023

The congress is part of a three-year revival initiative planned by the Conference of Catholic Bishops, with hopes of rekindling devotees' relationship to the Eucharist.

Where:


Caloosa Sound Convention Center and Luminary Hotel
1365 Monroe Street,
Fort Myers



Speakers:

Fr. Donald Calloway, Teresa Tomeo, Hector Molina, Mallory Smyth, Joel de Loera, Martha Fernandez-Sardina, Mary Ann Weisinger,
Fr. Timothy Anastos

Youth Rally
Friday, March 24, 2023
5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Keynote Speaker
Father Timothy Anastos
Music
The Vigil Project



Bishop
Frank J. Dewane

Eucharistic Congress
Saturday, March 25, 2023
9:00 a.m.- 6:00p.m.
Renowned National Speakers
English and Spanish Tracks
Mass & Eucharistic Procession
Men's and Women's
Breakouts

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The Hidden Benefits of Bad preaching: Richard Becker

It is the essence of the Church to have a lot of low masses and no sermons.

–Hilaire Belloc

It's a truism to say that the pulpit is at the center of most Protestant worship whereas the altar is at the center of the Mass, but nothing drives that point home better than a bad homily.

When my non-Catholic friends express curiosity about Catholic worship, I struggle to help them understand that Mass is first and foremost about fulfilling an obligation, and what we might get out of it is of secondary consideration. I'll explain that liturgy is, quite literally, the "work of the people," and it's no secret that human work can be kind of routine and even boring sometimes. Yes, we always receive Jesus in spades at every Mass, *wonder of wonders!*, but *our* first purpose is to go and bend the knee – it's a Commandment after all.

My Evangelical friends just don't get this, and so I'm always happy when they join me at Mass to experience it for themselves – although I know what the fallout will often be: Scrunched up faces and raised eyebrows as they suffer through seemingly mindless ritual, rote prayers, and the occasional lousy sermon.

"Is the preaching always this bad?" they might ask.

"Sometimes worse," I'll offer gleefully. "Or, on weekdays, sometimes we luck out and get no sermon at all!"

"Then," they'll wonder aloud, "*why go at all?*"

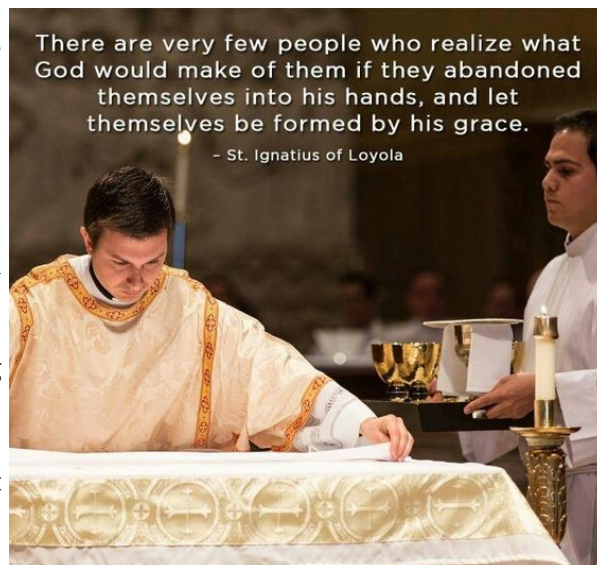
Ah, there's the nub, and it's why bad homilies played a role in my conversion. As an Evangelical inquirer, I recognized very early on that the Mass was the heart of Catholic faith and practice, so I went as often as I could – daily even after a while. I endured many a bad sermon in those days, especially at the weekday liturgies, but they helped to cement the idea in me that the Mass is a numinous encounter that does not depend on clever preaching *whatsoever*.

Instead, it's an encounter that is much more rich and profound and (most importantly) *dependable* than mere sermonizing. It's an encounter borne of proclamation of a written Word and, more particularly, celebration of a Sacramental drama, the Eucharist. The setting might be a gorgeous cathedral with beautiful music accompanied by a well crafted and scintillating sermon, or it might be a drab suburban chapel with an off-the-cuff homily from a harried priest who spent the night at the bedside of a dying parishioner. No matter: Jesus will show up at both. Sure, we'd *prefer* inspirational and energetic preaching, but it's not at all necessary.

Indeed, there's a benefit to mediocre preaching once in a while, and it's this: The faithful will be all the more likely to focus on what's *most* important in the Mass if they aren't distracted by the brilliant homily. "A preacher may be able to hold the attention of his listeners for a whole hour," Pope Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium*, "but in this case his words become more important than the celebration of faith."

The Holy Father went on to stress that the "homily cannot be a form of entertainment," distracting us from Jesus as he comes to us in Word and Sacrament, "yet it does need to give life and meaning to the celebration." It's a tricky balance, no doubt, so be on your guard if you've developed a taste for great preaching. A diet of superb, memorable homilies might tempt those in the pews to grow attached to the homilist, and the last thing the Church needs are personality cults, sermon groupies, and church-hopping in search of jazzy hermeneutics and/or rhetorical pyrotechnics.

How do I know that? Easy. Those are precisely the things we converts left behind when we joined the Church – and we don't miss them at all.



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At the Foot of the Cross: Allison Brown

It was something that I had never spoken out loud or had admitted to anyone. Including myself.

But my fear brought shame. As a cradle Catholic, I understood the significance of the cross, which made it all that much harder. Nevertheless, I felt ashamed that I struggled to look at a crucifix. At times I would avert my eyes. The more realistic the crucifix was the harder I struggled. At times I felt terrified. I remember as a child running out of the room, crying and in distressed at the crucifixion scene in the movie "Jesus of Nazareth."

The world felt like a cruel place. Fast forward to 35 years or so and I am begging God to heal me. To heal my wounds and everything along with it, because these heavy chains, this cross, was crushing me. This was not what God had desired for me.

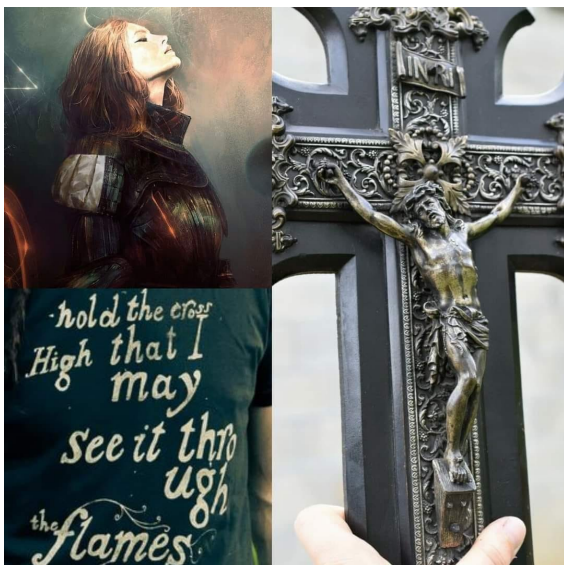
One day in 2021, my family and I attended confessions at a small church. While we were waiting, as everyone took their turn, my youngest daughter was in awe of all the holy icons she could see in the church. I quietly followed my daughter as she pointed out various icons, asking questions. She eventually brought us to a small table with a large crucifix on it.

As my daughter pointed out the nails and the blood on Jesus with uncertainty, I explained simply that there were bad people who didn't like Jesus and wanted to kill him. I showed my daughter that we could gently touch the feet of Jesus and say to him "Jesus, I love you. I am sorry for my sins." As my daughter echoed an "I love you Jesus" and reached out to touch the feet of Jesus, I realised what was happening. I was directly standing in front of a crucifix.

I deliberately turned my body, so I was completely facing our Lord. I then too, reached out and touched His feet. My beautiful daughter, had brought me to the foot of the cross to face my fears. A few days later, my daughter reminded me of what I had lost. She was calling me from down stairs as she made her way up the stairs. "Mum! Mum! You lost something. You lost something, mum." She placed something she was holding into my hand. I looked down to see what she had placed into my hand. It was a St Benedict's Cross.

As Jesus continues to call me to the foot of the cross, as he reveals to me the suffering and the wounds, he has endured for me, a deep healing has begun to take place. One that cannot adequately be explained with words but can only be understood by the movements of the heart. The crucifix, that had caused me so much fear, now brings comfort to both myself and my daughter. I now often have a deep desire to be in front of a crucifix and to always have the crucifix where I can see it. And while I still have many battles to fight, sometimes multiple battles at the same time. I am constantly called to be reminded of St Joan's own bravery and courage. To not be dissuaded at the enemy's attacks, but to face them head on, knowing I have Jesus on my side and by my side. Though my own sufferings are but a drop in the ocean, compared to the suffering Jesus Christ endured for me, it brings me immense comfort to know that Jesus not only suffered *for* me, he suffers *with* me.

The passion of St Joan of Arc is a powerful reminder of what it means to keep our eyes fixated on Jesus, including during trials and battles we face on a day-to-day basis and most importantly when we feel our own lives have gone up in flames around us. The beauty and the love, pouring out from Jesus and his suffering for us on the crucifix can and will bring us a strength and courage we may not even recognize within ourselves.



St Joan of Arc was accused of heresy and was burnt at the stake on the 30th of May 1431. Her bravery and her courage as well as her complete surrender and obedience to God captivates me. Her request to have a crucifix held up in front of her while she burns, speaks to my heart and draws within a desire to have the same deep faith and trust in our Lord that Joan did. In her ultimate hour of agony and suffering, she turned her focus onto Jesus Christ, her eyes fixated on the crucifix in front of her. Her last and final word, uttered in a cry "Jesus!" This is a stark reminder for myself, that no matter the battle that lays ahead, the sufferings I may endure, to always bring it all to the foot of the cross. There I will find Jesus Christ, waiting for me.

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