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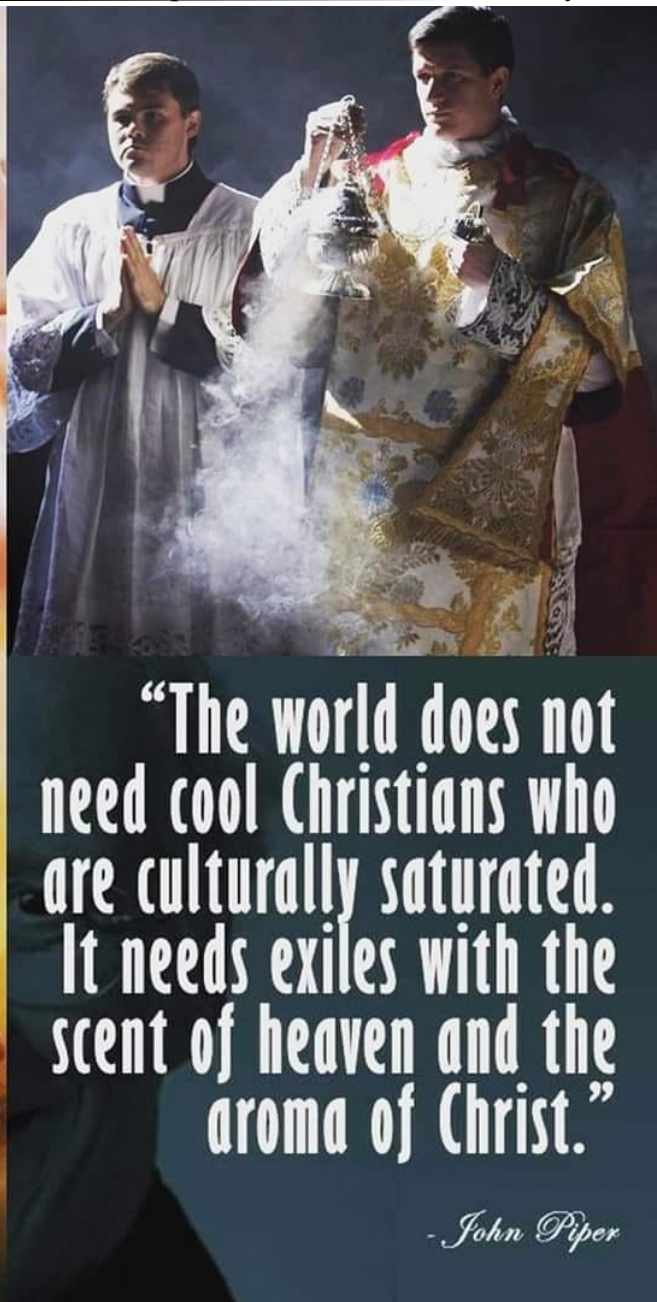
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OFFICE HOURS

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

Closed Wednesday



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- John Piper

## 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 5, 2023



## TUESDAY

8:30am  
Req. By:

## FEBRUARY 7

**+ POOR SOULS**  
Kay

## WEDNESDAY

8:30am  
Req. By:

## FEBRUARY 8

**+LUIS CARLOS MARFTINEZ SR.**  
Son

2ns Int:

**Mr.&Mrs IVEY 52 Wedding Ann.**

## THURSDAY

8:30am.  
Req. BY:

## FEBRUARY 9

**+SERENA BOGUSLAWSKI**  
Cheryl Wyler

## FRIDAY

8:30am  
Req. By:

## FEBRUARY 10

**RAPHAEL B-DAY**  
Sister

## SATURDAY

4:00 pm  
Req. By:

**FEBRUARY 11**  
**+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE**  
**Mc FADDEN FAMILY**

Loving Family

2nd Int.  
Req. By:

**+NANCY ANN RIZZO**  
Husbands & Children

3rd Int.  
Req. By:

**+JOSE A. FERREIRA**  
Family

## SUNDAY

9:00am  
Req. By:

## FEBRUARY 12

**+THOMAS BRADLY**  
Mr. & Mrs. E. Mottaz

2nd Int.  
Req. By:

**+NANCY ANN RIZZO**  
Husband & Children

11:15am  
Req. By:

**+ FELIX SANTOS JR.**  
Angelo & Debra Cioffi

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 73: Is58:7-10

Psalms: 112:4-9

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5

Gospel Reading: Mt 5:13-16

## 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:**

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**\*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 ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

329: Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,24,35 Mk 6:53-56

### TUESDAY

330: Gn 1-20—2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13

### WEDNESDAY STS. JEROME EMILIAN & JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

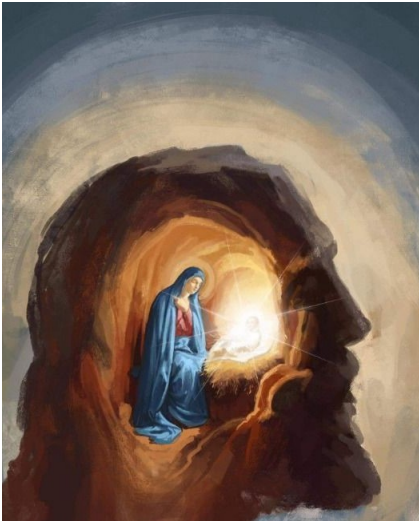
331: Gn 2:4b-9,15-17 Ps 104:1-2,27-30 MK 7:14-23

### THURSDAY

332: Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30

### FRIDAY SAINT SCHOLASTICA

327: Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9 Mk 6:14-29



## St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Catholic Church

Presents:

# Planning for Tomorrow

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### 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

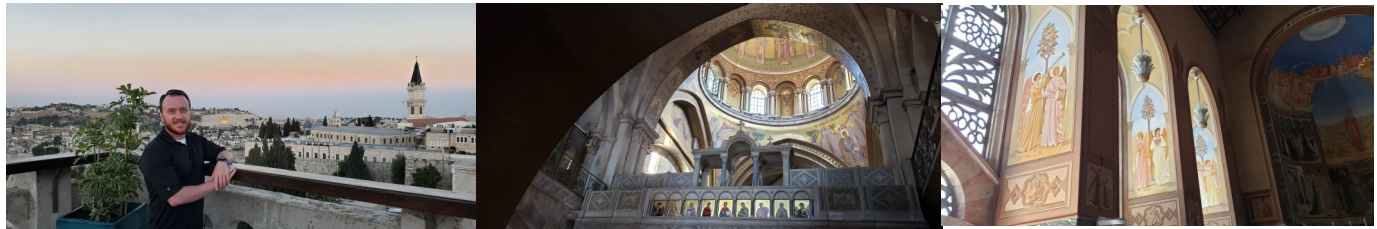


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# February Potluck

Feb. 16—Door's Open at 5:30

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



## **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Joseph Gates**

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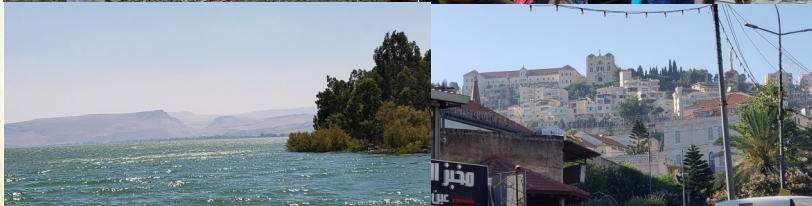
Solo Traveler  
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*Prices are per person*

*Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than July 24, 2023*

*Final payment due September 9, 2023*

Tour Code: 23JA11HJG



**FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

**St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church**

**Presents:**

**“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.



**Guest Speaker  
Pam Stenzel**

**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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# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## *Salting Civil Society: Br. Justin Mary Bolger O.P.*

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again?” (Mt 5:13)

We are nourished when we come to church, listen to God’s Word, and receive the sacraments. But after being nourished, we leave the temple to sanctify the temporal order. This is the mission the laity are specifically charged with by the Church. In *Lumen Gentium*, we read that given their secular character, and that the Church has an authentic secular dimension, the laity must be “present and operative in those places and circumstances where only through them can it become the salt of the earth” (LG 4).

What does it mean to become the salt of the earth? There are the familiar uses of salt: preservation and seasoning. Being salt in the world means we preserve what is good in it, and by seasoning it we make it better. There are other uses of salt. It’s used as a sacramental to protect from sickness and evil, so by being salt we guard what we have preserved and seasoned. Salt can also be a means of destroying. Cities and fields used to be salted as a sign of their defeat and so that nothing would grow there. This means not only guarding what we preserve and season, but also fighting against that which threatens it.

This mission to become salt of the earth has implications for civil society, which is comprised of church, family, charitable institutions, and community organizations. Edmund Burke referred to these institutions as “little platoons” within which the individual flourishes and learns virtue. The laity’s mission of salting will take place here. Of course it will also take place in the economic and political sectors of society, but these sectors flourish when civil society does. A healthy society grows from the bottom up. For it is in church, in the family, in working with charitable societies that carry out the corporal works of mercy, and in community organizations that individuals become virtuous, learn civic virtue and spirit, and become responsible members of society, ordering it to God, its source and end.

So how should the laity sanctify the temporal order? How exactly do we salt civil society? We must preserve those institutions that have been handed down to us so that we can hand them on to those who will come after us. There are many voluntary charitable institutions that need to be preserved: the Knights of Columbus and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, for example. These help perform the corporal works of mercy. The family is also obviously in need of preserving. It is within the family, the domestic church, that individuals first encounter the faith and virtue lived out on a daily basis. Civil society must also be seasoned, that is, it must be improved where possible. We are not called merely to preserve, to watch, as these institutions grow old. We attend to them and make them better ordered to God and the truths he has established. We also guard such institutions against forces that would attack them. We especially see how there are certain forces, cultural and political, working against the family and religious institutions. And lastly, we don’t only play defense by guarding. We salt the fields of the enemy by fighting where and when necessary. An obvious Christian way to fight against forces that work against civil society is through prayer. But we can also do this through protesting unjust laws and organizations and through establishing new institutions that promote charity, justice, and peace in society.

Christ charges us to be salt of the earth, but He also intimates the possibility of our losing this salty character. We must remain salty if we are to sanctify the world. But if the faithful, especially the laity, are to order society to its Creator we must learn from Him how to do so. We must always return to prayer, the sacraments, and Scripture. But we can also look back at the Scripture quoted above when Jesus urges us to become salt of the earth and remain that way. Christ says this in the context of the Sermon on the Mount. And immediately prior to the verse above he gives us the Beatitudes. This too, given the context, is a way to remain salty. Be meek. Hunger for righteousness. Be pure. Be merciful. Work for peace. Turn the other cheek when insulted for the sake of the Gospel. The Beatitudes give us a program for staying salty. We have the charge (be salt), the place where it takes place (civil society), and the way to stay salty (prayer, sacraments, the Beatitudes).

(Catholicexchange.com)



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## ***The Audacity of St. Thomas Aquinas: Dr. Donald Demarco***

Saint Thomas Aquinas was born in the year 1224 in Rocca Sicca, Italy in the hereditary castle of the counts of Aquino in the Neapolitan province. While he was residing in the womb, a holy man brought a prophecy to the unborn child's mother, Theodora, Countess Aquino: "Rejoice, O lady, for thou art to have a son whom thou shalt call Thomas...Such will be his learning and holiness that his equal will not be found throughout the world".

The prophecy was fulfilled and the world can rejoice. In 1319, at the hearing for the canonization of Thomas Aquinas, the archbishop of Naples testified that "Our Savior had sent, as doctor of truth to illuminate the world and the universal Church, first the apostle Paul, then Augustine, and finally in these days Friar Thomas, whom...no one would succeed till the end of the world."

Aquinas was canonized in 1324, fifty years after his death, Pope John XXII pronouncing him a saint of the Catholic Church. In 1568, Aquinas was named a Doctor of the Church. In 1879, Pope Leo XIII declared that his theology is a definitive exposition of Catholic doctrine and that the clergy should take the teachings of Aquinas as the basis of their theological positions.

The combination of great learning and holiness is rare. The man of great learning is often proud; the man of holiness is not always learned. The distinguished student of Aquinas, Etienne Gilson, attests that Aquinas possessed two virtues to a high degree that were seldom found in the same person: *modesty* and *audacity*. His modesty allowed him to see the truth of things without allowing his ego to get in the way. His audacity allowed him to hold on to the truth he saw, with tenacity.

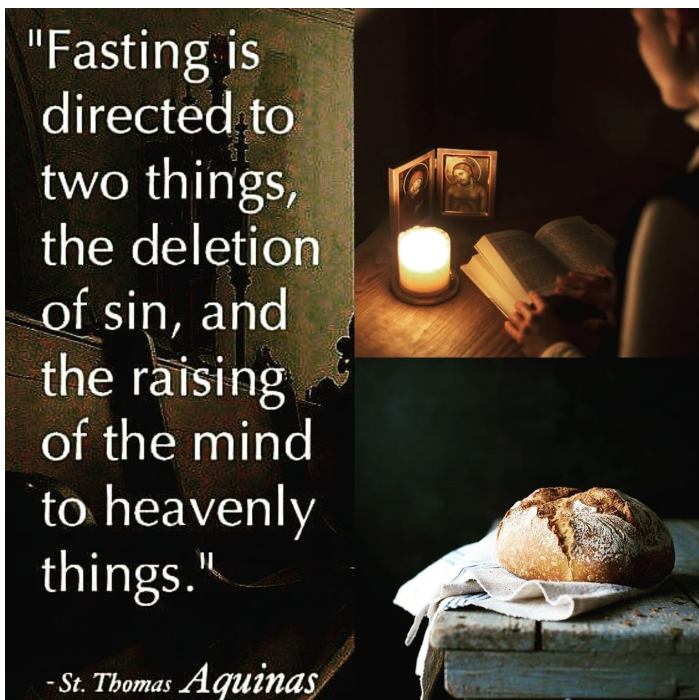
The distinguished physicist, Werner Heisenberg, a voracious reader himself, has stated that among the many writers he studied, Thomas Aquinas was the most open-minded. Aquinas' *Summa Theologica* is a compendium of virtually all the knowledge that was available in his time. This virtue, however, was combined with his uncompromising fidelity to the truth of things. Just as the hand is designed to open and close in order to grasp something, and the mouth to open and close in order to eat, Aquinas' mind was open to truth which he firmly apprehended.

Aquinas wrote with simplicity and profundity. The following sentence describes the heart of his epistemology and expresses his objectivity with sparkling clarity: "The human intellect is measured by things so that man's thought is not true on its own account but is called true in virtue of its conformity with things". Aquinas was not interested in conforming to trends or fashions. He was innocent of any need for praise. The truth was always his guiding light no matter how much it may have been at odds with the times.

Contemporary philosopher, Peter Kreeft, has stated that Thomas Aquinas is the greatest of all philosophers because he is a beacon of "truth, common sense, practicality, clarity, profundity, orthodoxy, and modernity". The last word in this encomium refers to the fact that Aquinas is eternally up-to-date. Yet his philosophy was never separate from his humanity.

"The greatest kindness," he wrote, "one can render to any man consists in leading him to truth".

Finally, his holiness and humanity are clearly evident in one of his many prayers: "Grant me O Lord, my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you."



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