# St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

12001 69th St. East, Parrish, Fl. 34219 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**OFFICE HOURS** 

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES Daily Mass:WED.THU, FRI -8:30 am Tuesday 5:30PM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM Pastor: Fr. Joseph Gates

### **PARISH STAFF**

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# JULY 2, 2023



**TUESDAY** 5:30pm Req.; By: JULY 4 +POOR SOULS Kay

2nd Int: Req. By:

WEDNESDAY

8:30am

THURSDAY

8:30am. Reg. BY: Carol Valvo JULY 5 +JOHN WISNIEWSKI

Wife, Lisa

+MARGUERITE E. VALVO

Req. BY;

JULY 6 +LUIS CARLOS MARTINEZ SR. Son

FRIDAYJULY 78:30am+THERESA DUMAISReq. By:Granddaughter, Amelia

**SATURDAY** 4:00 pm JULY 8 +BARBARA VIZZARI Loving Family

2nd Int: Req. By:

Req. By:

+WAYNE BICKLE Family

### SUNDAY

9:00am Req. By: JULY 9 +GEORGE STULLER Sisters

10:30 AM+YOLANDA C. CROSSReq. By:Joseph Maldomado

# EMERGENCY NUMBER To be used just for an emergency! 8I3-629-3963



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS First Reading 97:2Kgs 4:8-11,14-16a Psalms: 89:2-3,16-19 Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4,8-11 Gospel Reading: Mt 10:37-42

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 <u>6 months before the date</u> desired.

### Last Rites & Anointing of the Sick

Due to the Distance from Parrish<br/>Manatee Hospital:St. Joseph: 941-756-3732<br/>Sacred Heart: 941-748-2221<br/>Lakewood Ranch Hospital:Our Lady of the Angels: 941-752-6770<br/>Doctor's Hospital Sarasota:<br/>Incarnation: 941-921-6631<br/>St. Patrick's: 941-378-1703

\*DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE\*

If in Hospice at home—please call as soon as possible preferably during the day! 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. THOMAS 593: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn20:24-29 TUESDAY ST.CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA

378: Gn 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3,9-12 Mt 8:23-27

### WEDNESDAY STS. ANTHONY ZACCARIA & ELIZABETH of PORTUGAL

379: Gn 21:5.8-20a Ps 34:7-8,10-13 MT 8:28-34

THURSDAY ST. MARIA GORETTI

380: Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115:1-6,8-9 Mt 9:1-8

FRIDAY

381: Gn 23:1,4,19;24:1-8,62-67 Ps 106:1-5 Mt 9:9-13

# **Supporting our Diocese**

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

Goal: \$198,000.00 Raised So Far: \$120,431.26



# **Parish Focused Giving**

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

Goal: \$526,460.00 Raised So Far: \$201,591.

# **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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My eternal gratitude to all who made my Anniversary Dinner a special event. So many of you have sent me cards or stopped me and gave me personal wishes of happiness and future endeavors as a priest. It has been a long 10 years but my heart is full in journeying with so many of you and your prayers.

A note of Thanks to Nancy Almengual who chaired the event and the entire Hospitality Committee who helped make the event a success. Truly your hard work and dedication made the night a special event.

- Fr. Joseph Gates



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# **Mother Cabrini Council** #12155

### JULY 2023

### **VOLUME 1 ISSUE 1**



# **Grand Knights Report**

Dear Brothers, As we reflect on the past year, it's clear that our council has made great strides in growth and community involvement. We have seen record numbers in attendance at our monthly meetings, and our volunteer efforts have made a tangible impact

on the lives of those around us. I want to personally invite each of you to continue this momentum by attending our upcoming meetings at The Mother Cabrini Center. If you know of a gentleman who may be interested in becoming a part of our council, please extend an invitation to him as well. I would also like to extend a special thanks to all of the brothers who have worked tirelessly to make this past year a record-setting success. Your dedication to our council and its mission is truly inspiring. Let's continue to grow our council and make a difference in our community. Fraternally, John Kreger Grand Knight

### **Ten New Brothers**

Mother Cabrini Council #12155 celebrated a momentous occasion last month as it held its first exemplification ceremony in over three years. The event was a grand success and saw the induction of ten new members into the council. SK Father Joseph Gates led the ceremony in opening and closing prayers. All team members performed their duties with great diligence and dedication. The new members who enthusiastic and committed. They included Pace, Les Stotler, Osiel Villarreal, Samuel Villarreal, Bill Wagner, Gerald O'Sullivan, and Brother Miguel Martinez (from Holy Cross).





Each of them expressed their gratitude for being given the opportunity to become a part of such a were inducted into the council were equally noble organization and pledged to uphold its values. Honored Guest Art Hanson was presented Steve Chronis, Bill Lewis, Tom Mastro, Phil with a certificate signed by all of the new members. Also present at the event was our Field Agent Ron Moliterno. Presiding Officer John Kreger spoke about the importance of community service and the role that organizations like Mother Cabrini Council #12155 play in making a positive impact on society. Overall, the exemplification ceremony was a resounding success and a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. The new members are sure to bring fresh perspectives and ideas to the council, and we look forward to seeing all that they will accomplish in the years to come.

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### How to Bring Culture Back to America: Andrew Petiprin

What do we mean when we use the word *culture* today? What has our culture become, and what should it be? What special role may Catholics play in restoring what is valuable from the past and building what is necessary for the future?

The word *culture* derives from the Latin "cultus," which denotes worship. The Oxford English Dictionary defines the word's modern meaning as "the distinctive customs, achievements, products, outlook, etc., of a society or group; the way of life of a society or group." Mash the two together, and we see that "culture" essentially means what a group chooses to hold in highest regard—what *we* worship.

**In the early Church, a new Christian culture grew up** from Jewish and Hellenistic roots. In its simplest form, we find what it looks like in Acts 2:42, where "they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Whether Jew or Gentile, the first Christians built their lives around God and each other, and despite waves of persecution at different times, their numbers grew rapidly. In short, they worshiped properly. As a result, Christian culture eventually gave way to European Christendom, where every aspect of society had its meaning in the life of Christ and the Catholic Church.

In the United States, there used to be a sense of culture. Religion was only one part. The high-water mark of American cohesion came at the dawn of the mass media age, after World War II, where, despite racial tensions and socioeconomic differences, Americans had a more coherent outlook than ever before. There were three television stations, and everybody watched them. Whether this culture was good, bad, or something in between is debatable, but *a* culture—a *popular* culture—certainly existed. Moreover, Catholics, Protestants, and Jews were finally getting along relatively well. I often note that my four Protestant grandparents all loved watching Fulton Sheen on television. Many Catholics of a previous era often say the same thing about Billy Graham.

In recent years, however, America has tribalized, and not just because of religious differences. It turns out that watching the same TV shows in one generation did not keep us connected in the next. Our primary loyalties are now generally not to a large group whose membership we cannot easily control (like a country, a religion, or even a neighborhood), but to our specific identity markers and hobbies. Hence, we often talk about "cultures," rather than culture, identifying not only things like "Hispanic culture" and "youth culture," but also "coffee culture," "cycling culture," and "video game culture." By extension, we talk about "communities" rather than "community," affiliating with ideologically like minds rather than our next-door neighbors. In its worst guise, our fragmentation leads to deep enmity or even violence among groups with competing worldviews, even though they inhabit the same nation or region, work the same jobs, and go to the same schools.

Our cultural divides in America may be too great to fix easily or quickly; restoring Christendom seems too far off even to talk about seriously. But the Church is committed to unity in Christ, and therefore we may have a special role to play in re-establishing Christian culture in the West as more and more people look for belonging. There are so many options, and the Church may be in a good position now to distinguish itself not just as the *best* one, but the *real* one. Catholics are not playing word games when we tell the world we know what—or rather, who—is worthy of our common prayer, common striving, and common life.

The Anglo-American poet T.S. Eliot was not a Catholic, but he believed that a thoroughly *Christian* culture should be and could be achieved in the modern world. He knew that it would be difficult, but the task was nonetheless of the greatest importance. He wrote, "It is urgent because it is fundamental."

The idea of re-Christianizing our non-religious or even pagan society is daunting, but if we really believe the claims of Christ and the Church are true for the whole world—not just a source of individual consolation—then we have to no choice but to act. Moreover, we can point to the treasure trove of our cultural heritage to welcome people on board. There must be *some* people out there who believe



we are capable of having more buildings like Notre Dame Cathedral and more sculptures like the Pietà, right? Eliot notes, "The only hopeful course for a society which would thrive and continue its creative activity in the arts of civilization, is to become Christian."

**Remembering the power of our words, Catholics should be careful** not to speak as though our faith were just one option among many—just one of the "cultures" or "communities" to choose if it feels right. The Church is for everyone, and therefore its culture is universal. After all, the message of the Gospel, unlike the Newspeak of the progressive, secular establishment, means just what it says: Good News, which St. Paul calls "a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth" (Eph. 1:10).

One culture.

We should make no apologies about hoping, praying, and strategizing to bring people into this one holy body—a glorious *we* focused on all the right things.

So, next time you hear someone use the word "culture," speak up.

Source: Catholic.com

### Why America Will Perish Without Rome: Timothy Gordon

America is a nation wired Catholic, labeled Protestant, and functioning secular. People don't believe this when they first hear it, but it's demonstrably true. And the cryptic interaction between Catholicism and both the young nation's native Protestantism and post-Enlightenment secularism has wrought a land of deep and possibly fatal contradiction.

The impasse between the American republic's wiring, labeling, and functioning has also turned it into a republic in name only that, without change, will soon perish.

### Six symptoms of rejecting natural law

Well . . . *America* happens: a country built upon not Catholicism but crypto-Catholicism. Only a single Catholic signed the Declaration of Independence. All the other fifty-six signers were staunch adherents of the Reformation and/or the Enlightenment. Only that single Catholic—Charles Carroll, first cousin of the first archbishop of the U.S.—could truly, fully, without contradiction affirm the Declaration's natural law, which yields a republic in the true senses:

- 1. A natural-rights regime, 2. Headed by limited government and 3. Peopled by a moral citizenry
- 4. Whose members are able to properly conceive of personhood, 5. Able to properly conceive of the family and the economy, 6. And able to properly conceive of technological advance.

When a republic devolves into a republic in name only, those six elements become symptoms of the problem.

From Aristotle to Augustine, Cicero to Suarez, Aquinas to Montesquieu, virtually all true natural-law political thinkers have squinted at the above definition of a republic. But for the American founders and framers, the hereditary rejection of the three prongs of the Catholic natural law brought about the breakdown, *from the beginning*, of America's status as a republic, yielding to shrewd observers today six unmistakable symptoms of decay. (1 Of 6 points go to Catholic.com for all 6—search "Why America Will Perish Without Rome".)

### Symptom #3: The American regime is not peopled by a moral citizenry.

Moral relativism is a primeval phenomenon, but today's American rendition of it is potent enough to affect the average reader. It has been gaining steam ever since the Enlightenment, spreading like a virus and infecting popular thought. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI noted, this "tyranny" leaves no room for liberty when it pops up in republics or anywhere else.

Every time you hear someone say, "Hey, I don't judge" or "Let's agree to disagree" or "You have your truth, I have mine," you're being assaulted by university-styled moral relativism. Your brainwashed interlocutor will confidently assure you that morality is not "objective." Follow up by asking, "So, slavery was not *objectively* wrong?" Hilarity ensues.

### Only a return to the Catholic virtue ethics of Aristotle and Aquinas can reverse America's moral relativism.

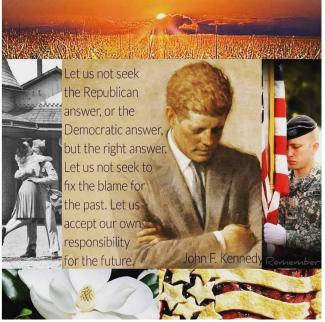
### Conclusion

Neither America nor the Catholic Church can afford further reticence about the need of the former for the latter. Recent decades have been spent *not* articulating drastic-sounding but true propositions such as "why America will perish without Rome"—simply because they are drastic sounding. It's not working.

Here's the catch: the more that difficult truths become necessary to express, the more difficult it becomes to express them. We don't live in the "right" time for mincing words, as the previous generation or two claimed. As Dr. Peter Kreeft says, *anything*—even harsh cultural critique—should be welcomed now over further dishonest "happy talk."

While America's Declaration and Constitution are probably the *best* documents they possibly could have been, given their hidden Catholic pedigree, the time has come for America to elect not a *pseudo*, *combo*, or *crypto* philosophy but an outright one: either unabashed Reformation-Enlightenment philosophy or unabashed Catholic natural law.

Sadly—or perhaps happily—history operates such as to force this choice upon hesitant or recalcitrant cultures. Even at this late hour, all six symptoms of the malady will probably still dissipate if the proper remedy is soon applied. All paths still lead to Rome, either the way of the Roman Republic or the way of the Roman Church. We must pray— and work within our own sphere to bring it about—that Americans choose wisely. \*Edited for Space\*





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