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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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OFFICE HOURS

M,T,Wed. Th, F 7:00am-3:00pm



“In such a fearful world,
we need a fearless church.”

— C.S. Lewis

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

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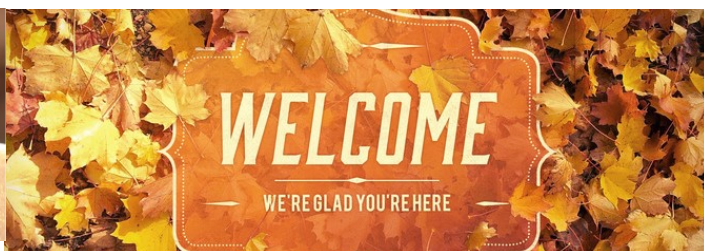
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+POOR SOULS

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AUGUST 2

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AUGUST 3

+RICHARD VALVO

Bob & Lucette Wombacher

AUGUST 4

+MARGARET & PETER FRAZIER

Kathleen Hiel

AUGUST 5

+DEBBIE MEINERS

Gloria Burchill

+BEN BOND

Cousin

AUGUST 6

+TOM BRADLEY

Loving Family

+SUSAN LOMONACO

Husband Morris

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 109:1Kgs 3:5,7-12

Psalms 119:57,72,76-77,127-130

Second Reading 8:28-30

Gospel Reading: Mt 13:44-52

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

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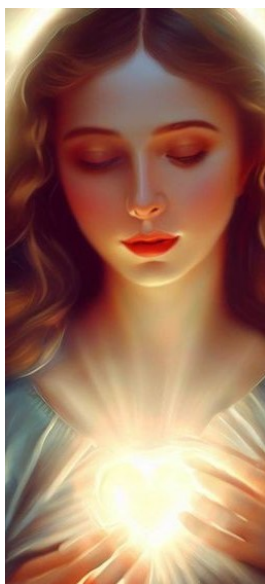
DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE

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.

EMERGENCY NUMBER
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY ST. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA

401: Ex 32:15-24,30-34 Ps 120:6:19-23 Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

402: Ex 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28 Ps 103:6-13 Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY STS. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI & PETER JULIAN EYMARD

403: Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY

404: Ex 40:16-21,34-38 Ps 84:3-6a,8a,11 Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY ST. JOHN VIANNEY

405: Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37 Ps 81:3-6,10-11 Mt 13:54-58

Supporting our Diocese

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

Goal: \$198,000.00

Raised So Far: \$130,629.29



Parish Focused Giving

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

Goal: \$526,460.00

Raised So Far: \$203,151.05

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 year 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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/ SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI CATHOLIC CHURCH /

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

*Join us for Faith
& Fellowship*

2nd & 4th Tuesday/month

Bible Study 7pm

August 4 - Coffee Meet 10:30am

August 18 - Volleyball 7:30pm

August 26 - Reconciliation 2pm

Contact Bryce Johnson

941-915-2190

Psalm 123

Supplication for Mercy

*back to
school*

POTLUCK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

Call Chris in the Parish Office to RSVP with the number of guests in your party and what dish you plan to bring (941) 776-9097.

Bring an Item for a Teacher!

- Antibacterial wipes
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Whiteboard markers
- Pens and pencils
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Colored duct tape.
- Glue Sticks
- Paper towels
- Colored paper
- Highlighters

Bring an item for a teacher
tissues, colored paper, glue sticks, paper towels, pens, pencils, etc.

JULY 30, 2023



Grades Pre-K - 5: \$110/family

The foundation of our parish's faith formation will now be structured around the **FAMILY**...enabling the parents to be the primary teacher of their child's Catholic faith.

"Every Christian family is called to be a small 'Domestic Church' that must shine with the Gospel virtues." - Saint Pope John Paul II

Three parts of Family Faith Formation:

- 1) Families will meet twice a month on Sundays from 11:00-12:30 p.m. Child care will be provided.
- 2) Monthly assignments/activities are to be completed at home with the whole family.
- 3) Families are to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation regularly.

Year 1 First Reconciliation/First Communion (Typically 1st Grade): No Cost

Sacraments require two consecutive years of preparation. Therefore, the family of a child wishing to receive First Reconciliation/Communion next year is required to do the following:

- Enroll in Family Faith Formation (no more than 2 absences accepted) **and**
- Complete one mass journal reflection per month (September through April...8 total reflections).

Year 2 First Reconciliation/First Communion (Typically 2nd Grade): \$30/child

Sacraments require two consecutive years of preparation. Therefore, the family of a child wishing to receive First Reconciliation/Communion this year is required to do the following:

- Enroll in Family Faith Formation (no more than 2 absences accepted) **and**
- Enroll in Year 2 First Reconciliation/First Communion (no more than 1 absence accepted). Classes will meet on Sundays from 11:00-12:30 p.m. opposite Family Faith Formation **and**
- Complete one mass journal reflection per month (September through April...8 total reflections).

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6 - 8): \$30/child

All 6th-8th graders are highly encouraged to attend Youth Group regardless of sacraments received or yet to receive. Our goal is to provide a safe and fun place for students to enjoy community, receive answers to their faith questions, and experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Classes will meet twice a month on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Year 1 & Year 2 Confirmation (Typically 9th & 10th Grade): \$75/child

Sacraments require two consecutive years of preparation. Y1 & Y2 classes will meet twice a month on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (no more than 1 absence accepted). In addition, Y1 and Y2 students must complete one mass journal reflection per month (September through April...8 total reflections) and within two years complete ten (10) service hours.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9- 12): \$30/child

NEW!! Students in grades 9-12 are invited to join. The group will be led by Fr. Joseph Gates and will focus around *one of the works of C.S. Lewis or JRR Tolkien*. The group will meet twice a month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Using Scripture references, discussion questions, and related commentary, you will examine the literature through a Christian lens of morality, scripture, and the Catechism.

OCIA (Formerly RCIA): No Cost

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is for anyone wishing to seek full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. Classes will meet from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

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This week's installment of Vatican confusion: Phil Lawler

The early leader in the competition for the Understatement of the Week is my old friend Robert Royal, with this entry:

Theology departments in Catholic colleges and universities are not exactly noted for slavish orthodoxy, peer pressures to take a strict papal line, or succumbing to alleged threats from Rome.

Writing on his own commentary site *The Catholic Thing*, Royal was reflecting on a statement by Cardinal-elect Victor Manuel Fernandez. The Argentine prelate, who will soon be the Vatican's top doctrinal official, had announced that he will take an approach very different from that taken by St. John Paul II in *Veritatis Splendor*. Although he dutifully praised *Veritatis Splendor* (**VS**) as a "great document," Archbishop Fernandez remarked that it "set certain limits," and therefore "is not the most adequate text to encourage the development of theology."

Well, Robert Royal responded, to "set certain limits" is a perfectly legitimate function. That is particularly true for the Roman Pontiff, who is called to defend the integrity of the faith. It is even more true for the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, which exists solely for that purpose. As I observed in this space last week,

...however useful it might be to encourage new lines of theological inquiry, that is not the proper role of the DDF. Indeed it is not the proper role of the Holy See. The role of the Pontiff, as successor to St. Peter, is to unite the brethren: to be the focus of unity and guarantor of orthodoxy. The papal office serves to settle theological disputes—not to encourage new ones.

Confusion on the faith—However, Fernandez, after making light of the need for the "limits" set by **VS**, asked: "In fact, over the last decades, tell me how many theologians can we name with the stature of Rahner, Ratzinger, Congar, or Von Balthasar?" Friend Royal counters: "The implication is that the 'limits' set by **VS** have somehow intimidated otherwise daring theological minds. But how so?"

Exactly. How many creative theologians have been silenced by the Vatican in the past decade? Are professors at Catholic universities afraid to argue for the ordination of women? Has Rome come down hard on Father James Martin for advocat-

ing a change in Church teaching on homosexuality? Does anyone really believe that we would see a renaissance in Catholic theology, if only we could overcome the "limits" imposed by orthodoxy?

On the contrary, the available evidence suggests to me that any decline in the fruitfulness of Catholic theology today might be attributed to the widespread *indifference* to what the Church teaches. For years we have been encouraged—first by academic theologians, then by some bishops, then even by the Roman Pontiff, and now by the DDF itself—not to worry about the "limits" of Catholic teaching. If you aren't particularly worried about the *truths* of the faith—the truths defended in *VS*, against an onslaught that has strengthened over the subsequent years—what is the point of theological study?

If you're a Catholic you believe what the Church teaches and the climate makes no difference.

— Flannery O'Connor —



Confusion on the law

On another front, Andrea Gagliarducci reports for MondayVatican on the bewildering financial trial that is finally nearing a conclusion, and sees a fundamental problem at the intersection of criminal and canon law.

The Pillar has set the standard for English-language reporting on this landmark trial. But the facts of the case are so convoluted, and the Vatican's judicial procedures so unfamiliar, that even the most recent Pillar summary of the prosecution's case will leave most readers shaking their heads. Can the prosecution's case really be so disjointed? Can the Vatican tribunal really leave itself open to so many valid questions about the integrity of the entire process? Unfortunately, yes.

Looking at the mess (*Hace lio!*) in his own analysis, Gagliarducci reminds readers that the Vatican operates with two separate legal systems: the canon law that governs the Catholic Church and the criminal law that governs the secular affairs of the Vatican city-state. In this case, unfortunately, the prosecutor has criss-crossed the lines, and Pope Francis has repeatedly intervened—exercising his rightful authority as sovereign, but interfering with the independence of the judiciary. The net effect, Gagliarducci writes, is that “alleged corrupt behavior becomes the excuse for questioning an entire Vatican system.”

The trial involves disastrous investments that were made by officials of the Secretariat of State—investments that were certainly imprudent, apparently unauthorized, and, according to the prosecutor, fraudulent. But Vatican officials insist that the Secretariat of State must be free to act independently, to protect the sovereign rights of the Vatican city-state. So the prosecutor has the unhappy task of proving that investments that were made by the Secretariat of State, under the rules then in place, were not merely bad decisions but crimes. Gagliarducci writes:

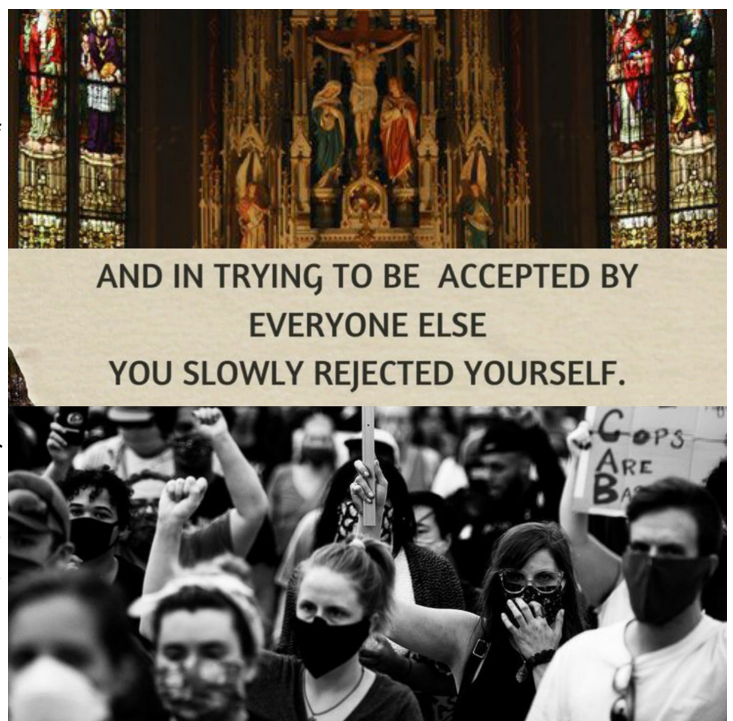
The interrogations of recent months have shown that many procedures were legitimate, many decisions were part of the rules of the time, and many choices were dictated by needs that depended on the legal framework, the contracts signed, and the risk of becoming entangled in the international arena. However, if everything refers to the moral obligation of a good father of a family, everything can possibly become a crime. And this is probably how the prosecutor's case is built.

The investment in a speculative London real-estate deal was a bad idea, badly managed. But a bad idea is not necessarily a crime, and neither is bad management. It may be a *moral* offense to squander the funds contributed by the faithful, through a series of imprudent deals with questionable characters; but that too is not necessarily a *criminal* offense.

(My prediction: Cardinal Angelo Becciu, the leading defendant in the case, will exploit all the confusion—much of which he painstakingly created—to avoid conviction.)

Phil Lawler has been a Catholic journalist for more than 30 years. He has edited several Catholic magazines and written eight books. Founder of Catholic World News, he is the news director and lead analyst at CatholicCulture.org.

Born and raised in the Boston area, Phil attended Harvard College and did graduate work in political philosophy at the University of Chicago before entering a career in journalism. He has previously served as Director of Studies for the Heritage Foundation, as editor of *Crisis* magazine, and as editor of the international monthly magazine *Catholic World Report*.



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