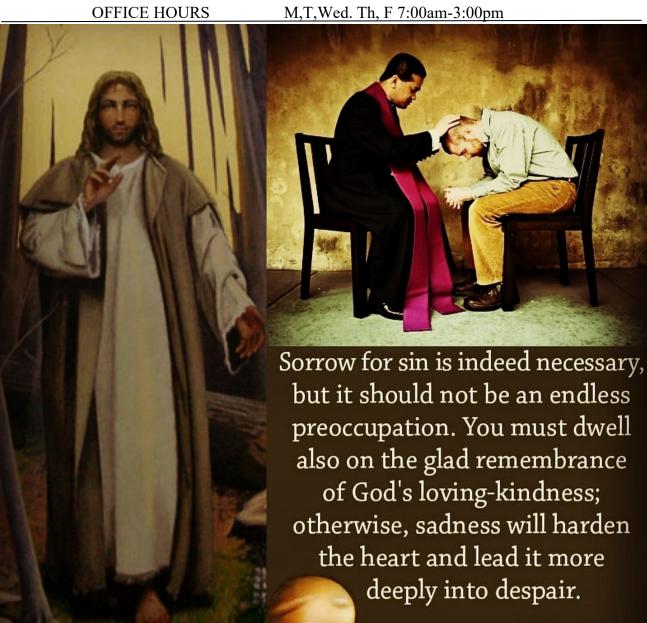
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#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES Daily Mass: WED.THU, FRI -8:30 am Tuesday 5:30PM

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

#### **PARISH STAFF**

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TUESDAY JULY 11

5:30pm +TED KREGER
Reg. By: Kreger Family

WEDNESDAY
8:30am
Req. BY;
JULY 12
+ALL SOOLS
Ann Nguyen

THURSDAY JULY 13

8:30am. +JACK & THERESA ZIEGLER

Req. BY: LM

FRIDAY JULY 14

8:30am +POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

SATURDAY JULY 15

4:00 pm +LOUISA CEDRO

Reg. By: The Kids

SUNDAY JULY 16

9:00am + DECEASED MEMBERS OF

THE WARD FAMILY

Rea. By: Cheryl Wyler

2nd Int: +CHESTER PIETROCZYNSKI

Rea. By: Ronald & Marilyn

3rd Int> +JOSE DIAZ
Rea. By: Loving Family

10:30 AM +SUSAN LOMONACO

Req. By: Husband, Morris

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#### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 100: Zec.9:9-10 Psalms: 145:1-2,8-11 13-14 Second Reading: Rom 8:9,11-13 Gospel Reading: Mt 11:25-30

### 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.

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## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK MONDAY**

383: Gn2 8: 10-22a Ps 91:1-4,14-15 Mt9:18-26

**TUESDAY ST. BENEDICT** 

384: Gn 32:23-33 Ps 17:1-3,6-8,15 Mt 9:32-38

**WEDNESDAY** 

385: Gn 41:55-57,42:5-7a17-24a Ps 33:2-3,10-11,18-19 MT 10:1-7

THURSDAY ST. HENRY

386: Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5 Ps 105:16-21 Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

387: Gn 46:1-7,28-30 Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40 Mt 10:16-23

## **Supporting our Diocese**

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

Goal: \$198,000.00 Raised So Far: \$126,043.26



## **Parish Focused Giving**

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

Goal: \$526,460.00

Raised So Far: \$201,591.05

## 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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# The Truth About **Abortion**en's lives & **Women's Health**

Abortion does not save women's lives.

Abortion is the direct and intentional killing of a child in the womb. **Abortion is never medically necessary.** It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

#### Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

## Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child. In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has <u>already died</u>.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a *living* child with the intention of ending his or her life.

#### Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.** 

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Ectopic pregnancies**

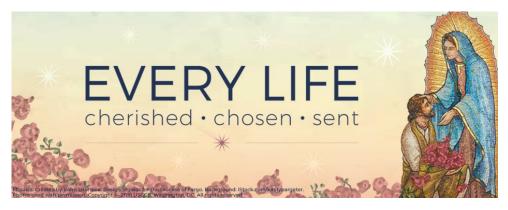
result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.<sup>2</sup>

If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit www.hopeafterabortion.org for more information.

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## Chairman's Statement on Dobbs Anniversary

USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

June 24, 2023, marks the one-year anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, and we have much to celebrate. By the grace of God, the nearly fifty-year reign of national abortion on demand has been put to an end. *Roe v. Wade*—a seemingly insurmountable blight on our nation—is no more! This is a day for continued joy and for gratitude; a day to recall the countless faithful laborers who have dedicated themselves to prayer, action, witness, and service in support of the cause of life; and a day to thank God for His unending faithfulness.

Even as we celebrate, we are reminded that this is not the *end*, but the *beginning* of a critical new phase in our efforts to protect human life. Despite this momentous legal victory, sobering and varied challenges lie ahead of us. Over the past year, while some states have acted to protect preborn children, others have tragically moved to enshrine abortion in law—enacting extreme abortion policies that leave children vulnerable to abortion, even until the moment of birth.

In this shifting political landscape, we persist confidently in our efforts to defend life. The work that lies ahead continues to be not just changing laws but also helping to change hearts, with steadfast faith in the power of God to do so. The task before us begins with our knowledge of the truth and our courage to *speak* it and to *live* it with compassion.

Each of us is called to radical solidarity with women facing an unexpected or challenging pregnancy. That means doing whatever we can to provide them with the care and support they need to welcome their children. I thank the millions of individual Catholics who are already personally living out this Gospel call through parish and community initiatives like <a href="Walking with Moms in Need">Walking with Moms in Need</a>.

We must likewise extend a compassionate hand to all who are suffering in the aftermath of participation in abortion. The Church continues to share Christ's healing and infinite mercy with women and men through diocesan <a href="Project Rachel Ministries">Project Rachel Ministries</a>.

As we each consider how we are uniquely called to build a culture of life, I invite you to join a growing community of Catholics who have subscribed to Respect Life Prayer and Action. When you sign up, you will receive prayers, alerts to contact Congress and government leaders on important legislation, and ways to strengthen a culture of life in your community. You can sign up today at respectlife.org/prayer-and-action.

May all people of faith and good will work together to proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Bishop of Arlington Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

#### Spiritual Weapons: The St. Benedict Medal: Sam Guzman

In Scripture, St. Peter tells us to be sober and watchful because, "your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). The devil is real, and he wants to destroy you and me through any means possible. That's why it's so important that we fight back with the spiritual weapons of prayer and faith.

One of the powerful weapons in spiritual combat is the St. Benedict medal. Honored and employed for centuries, this medal has been associated with many miracles, as well as with powers of exorcism.

#### Origins

The exact origins of the St. Benedict medal are uncertain, although it is said that the first medal was worn by the 11th century Pope, Leo IX, who attributed his miraculous recovery from a snake bite to it. St. Benedict medals of various types have been in use ever since, but the medal in its current form, known as the Jubilee medal, was not struck until 1880, when it was created to honor the 1,400th anniversary of St. Benedict's birth.

#### Meaning

The St. Benedict medal is rich in meaning. The front contains an image of St. Benedict holding a cross and his famous monastic rule. On his left and right are words meaning, "The cross of our holy father, St. Benedict." The outer edge contains the words in Latin, "May we at our death be fortified by his presence."

The back of the medal is even more interesting. It contains a series of initials that stand for a Latin exorcism prayer, as well as a prayer for guidance.

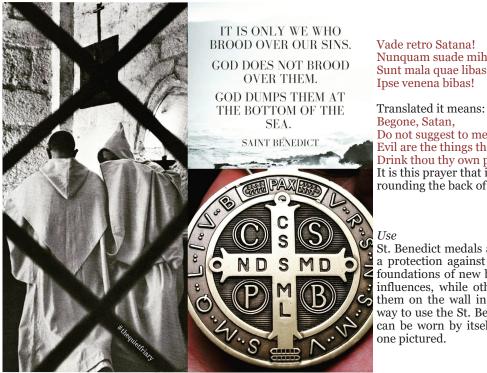
Emblazoned on the prominently placed cross are the first letters of the exorcism blessing C S S M L - N D S M D, which stand for the Latin prayer:

Crux sacra sit mihi lux! Nunquam draco sit mihi dux!

Translated, it means: The Holy Cross be my light; Let not the dragon be my guide.

Surrounding the outer rim of the back are the letters V R S N S M V - S M Q L I V B. These letters stand for an exorcism prayer based on an incident from St. Benedict's life.

After St. Benedict had been a hermit for three years, and his reputation for holiness had spread far and wide, he was asked by a group of monks to be their abbot. St. Benedict agreed, but some rebellious monks in the community really disliked this idea, and they decided to kill St. Benedict by poisoning his bread and wine. As St. Benedict made the sign of the cross over his food, as was his custom, he immediately knew that they had been poisoned. He threw the wine on the ground, saying:



Vade retro Satana! Nunquam suade mihi vana! Sunt mala quae libas. Ipse venena bibas!

Begone, Satan, Do not suggest to me thy vanities! Evil are the things thou offerest, Drink thou thy own poison! It is this prayer that is represented by the initials surrounding the back of the medal.

St. Benedict medals are used in many ways, but always as a protection against evil. Some people bury them in the foundations of new buildings to keep them free from evil influences, while others attach them to rosaries or hang them on the wall in their homes. But the most common way to use the St. Benedict medal is to wear it. The medal can be worn by itself or embedded in a crucifix, like the one pictured.

Regardless of how it is used, the medal should always be blessed using the Benedictine formula. While, in former times, only Benedictines could bless the medal, now any priest can. If you don't have a St. Benedict medal, you can get them anywhere Catholic goods are sold. Also, the awesome combat rosaries, created by Fr. Richard Heilman to be the ultimate spiritual weapons, come with a St. Benedict medal attached (these rosaries should be in every man's arsenal).

If you don't own a St. Benedict medal, I highly recommend you get one. It's basic protection, like the bullet proof vest of sacramentals!

#### St. Benedictt: Luminous Star of History

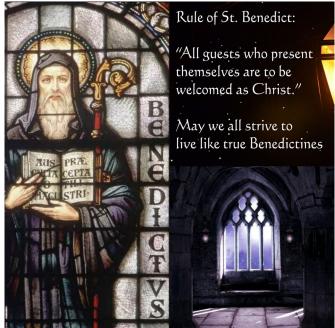
**Today, monasticism is usually seen as an archaic practice** of insulation and irrelevance and is portrayed as quaint or even silly. Inside our fast-paced culture of connectivity and entertainment, it can be difficult to imagine the cloistered life as vibrant and significant. This is why it might sound odd to us to hear Pope Benedict describe the Patron of his Pontificate, St. Benedict of Nursia, as a "luminous star" pointing the way out of the "black night of history" that followed shortly after the fall of the Roman Empire. Pope Benedict was actually drawing on a biography written by St. Gregory the Great only a few decades after St. Benedict's death. Even so, how could a star shine when locked away in an abbey?

Pope Benedict explains that part of St. Benedict's illumination in the world couldn't even be seen yet by St. Gregory. As one of the most important figures in early monasticism, St. Benedict's life and work, the Pope says, "had a fundamental influence on the development of European civilization and culture." This is due to St. Benedict's founding of monasteries near Rome and his Rule for monastic living, a document which still governs monks and nuns all over the world.

St. Benedict of Nursia was born in 480 AD and was sent to Rome as a young man to study rhetoric. There, in the big city, Benedict watched in sadness as vice destroyed the lives of the young men around him. Fearing for his own soul, he left the city and took up residence in the countryside. Soon after, Benedict met a monk and decided to live as a hermit for three years. At the time, monks mostly lived alone ("monk" comes from the Greek word for "alone") or in very small communities. One such community asked Benedict to be their abbot. He resisted at first, warning them that his ways would be too strict for them. But they persisted and soon found his warning well-founded. Apparently, Benedict was so strict that these pupils tried to poison him. Twice. After he was miraculously saved from their attempts, Benedict and these monks parted ways. But, soon, he founded several other small communities of 12 men each. Problems persisted in these communities as well so Benedict established a larger monastery at Monte Cassino. As this community thrived, he collected his instructions for monastic communities into what is now known as the Rule of St. Benedict. This Rule became the foundation of monasticism in the West and has been used in thousands of communities across all continents for 1500 years.

But how could St. Benedict and other men who "withdraw" from the world have as big an impact on civilization and culture as the Pope Emeritus claims? Well, anyone who has tasted Trappist beer or Maroilles cheese, both made by monks, might be willing to argue that these culinary accomplishments reveal the height of Western Civilization. Of course, monks have done more than make very good beer, cheese, and other products. For centuries, monasteries also served as the centers of education and medicine in Europe. Monks preserved much of the written works of antiquity, most of which might have been lost forever without these holy men. And the modern university system owes its existence to Christian monasticism. The list could go on and it would be difficult to overstate the importance of monasticism in the shaping of Western Culture. And all of this might not have come to be without Benedict and his perseverance and commitment to *ora et labora* ("pray and work").

Pope Benedict is aware of all of this lasting cultural influence, of course. But he means much more when he speaks of the great monk as a "luminous star." For Pope Benedict, his namesake was a "model for human life in the climb towards the summit of perfection" because he is a stellar example of those who "abandon themselves to God." Because of this, St. Benedict joins his



sister St. Scholastica, St. Anthony the Great, and other holy men and women who turned from all material comfort and embraced an ascetic lifestyle. But this life of discipline and prayer is not merely for hermits or extremists. Benedict's Rule is marked by moderation and an understanding of the needs – both spiritual and physical – of human beings. His insistence that a monk's life should be lived "so that God may be glorified in all things" is a goal that ought to extend to people of all vocations.

The relevance of St. Benedict's life for modern Christians can be seen in his attitude towards prayer. Pope Benedict explains, "Without prayer there is no experience of God. Yet Benedict's spirituality was not an interiority removed from reality. In the anxiety and confusion of his day, he lived under God's gaze and in this very way never lost sight of the duties of daily life and of man with his practical needs." This description sounds less like the stereotype of the reclusive monk and more like the kind of prayer life needed by those of us outside the cloister. The regimented prayer schedule developed and practiced by St. Benedict was not meant as an escape from life but rather as an ideal way to live connected with our Creator. Most of us may not be able to live like monks but we can turn our attention to prayer often. We too can devote ourselves to *ora et labora* in an attempt to glorify God in all things. In this way, St. Benedict is still a light for us today.

(Source Catholicexchange.com)





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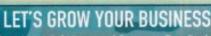














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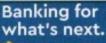


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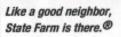
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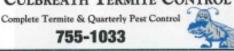
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