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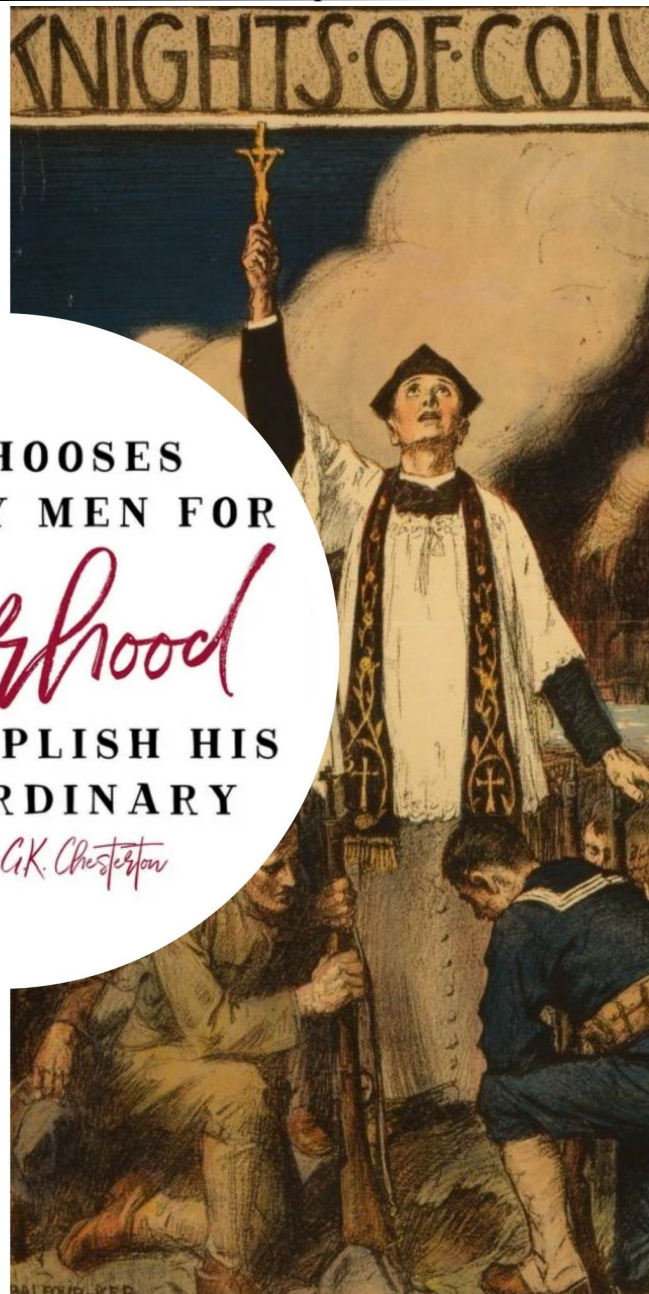
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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

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JUNE 18 2023



# Mass Intentions

## TUESDAY

5:30pm  
Req.; By:  
2nd Int:  
Req. By:

## WEDNESDAY

8:30am  
Req. BY:

## THURSDAY

8:30am.  
Req. BY:

## FRIDAY

8:30am  
Req. By:  
2nd Int  
Req. By:

## SATURDAY

4:00 pm  
Req. By:  
2nd Int.  
Req. BY;  
3rd Int.  
Req.By:

## SUNDAY

9:00am  
Req. By:  
2nd Int:  
10:30 AM  
Req. By:  
2nd Int:  
Req. By:

## JUNE 20

**+ALL SOULS**  
Ann Nguyen  
**+THERESA HOPKINS**  
Lucy Morell

## JUNE 21

**+MARY LOU MEALE**  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cassetta

## JUNE 22

**+RICHARD ROCHE JR.**  
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## JUNE 23

**+BENEDETTA FARSACI**  
Rita Weider  
**+RICHARD VALVO**  
Sharon Dietzle

## JUNE 24

**+RICHARD MORAND**  
Meg Salzman & Jo Styler  
**+JOHN & EILEEN JONES**  
Son, Lee  
**PATRICK BOYA b-DAY**  
Mom & Dad

## JUNE 25

**+JOHN MORAN**  
Wife & Children  
**+LILLIAN SGAMMATO**  
**+SUSAN LOMONACO**  
Husband, Morris  
**+CARMEL McGEOUGH**  
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Welcome  
TO  
OUR CHURCH

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 91:Ex 19:2-6a

Psalms: 100:1-2,3,5

Second Reading: Rom 5:6-11

Gospel Reading: Mt 9:36-10:8

## **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\***

**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. ROMUALD

365 2Cor 6:1-10 Ps 98:1-4 Mt 5:38-42

## TUESDAY

366: 2Cor 8:1-9 Ps 146:2,5-9A Mt 5:43-48

## WEDNESDAY ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

367: 2Cor 9:6-11 Ps 112:1-4,9 MT 6:1-6,16-18

## THURSDAY STS. PAULINUS OF NOLA ,JOHN FISHER,THOMAS MORE

368: 2Cor 11:1-11 Ps 111:1-4,7-8 Mt 6:7-15

## FRIDAY

369: 2 Cor 11:18,21-30 Ps 34:2-7 Mt 6:19-23



## 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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## Catholic Young Adults

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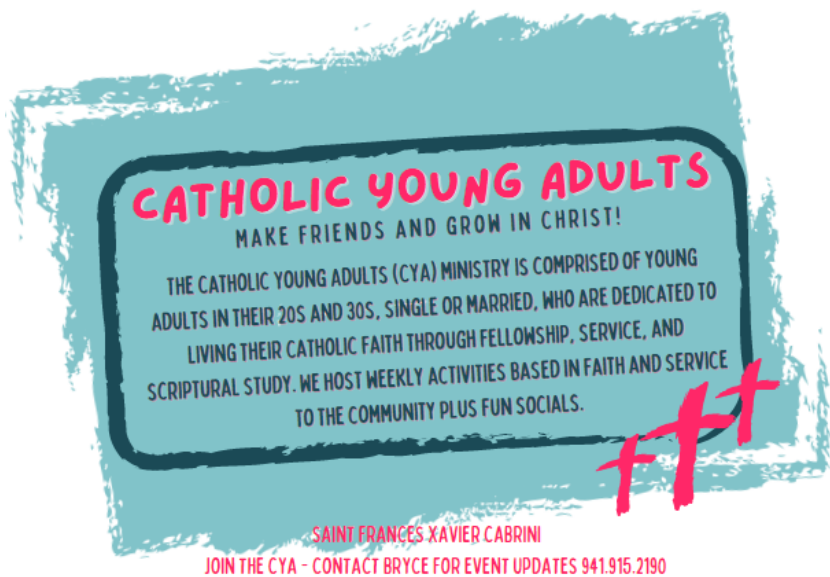
- June 13 - Bible Study 7pm
- June 15 - Theology on Tap 7pm
- June 25 - Stretch & Brew 11am
- June 27 - Bible Study 7pm

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Thank You to all who came and made Totus Tuus a great success!



## Let Us Not Offend God: Dr. Donald Demarco

Some time ago, when I was teaching at a Catholic University, I was a member of the steering committee. Our purpose was to establish the agenda for the next College Council meeting. I thought it would be appropriate to begin forthcoming meetings with a prayer. My colleague on the committee strenuously objected to the idea. He thought it would be “offensive.” As an atheist, he found anything that was inconsistent with his non-belief to be offensive to him and therefore, beginning a meeting with a prayer at a Catholic institution should be prevented. Pope Benedict has remarked that “There are those who argue that the public celebration of festivals such as Christmas should be discouraged, in the questionable belief that it might somehow offend those of other religions or none.” My partner, I am afraid, was one of “those.”

This incident brings two things to mind. First, how easy it is these days to be offended. One almost feels obliged to be offended as a way of asserting his individuality. The second point is that it is now fashionable to be offended. By claiming to be offended by things are not inherently offensive, one receives the encouragement and approbation of society. The “offended” person usually expects an apology: “I am sorry I offended you, please forgive me.” One rarely, maybe never, says, “I am not going to apologize for something that is not in the least offensive.” We are trapped by the new etiquette and obediently follow the rules.

On another occasion, when speaking in New Haven, Connecticut, in order to avoid the accusation of being offensive, I carefully used a diverse array of people I quoted: one man, one woman, and the cast from Star Trek. After my talk, an angry woman approached me and berated me for using a “token woman” in my talk. A second woman, one who was more offensive resistant came up to me and said, alluding to the first woman, “She’s an idiot.”

Today it seems that everyone is offending everyone. Moral expectations are so high that virtually anything a person might say or do causes offense. A man in Quebec was offended because his social club began its meetings with a prayer. He sued and was awarded \$25,000. There is money in being offended.

Despite the fact that being offended is pandemic, no one seems to care about offending God. In the Confiteor we say “Oh my God I am heartily sorry for having offended you.” This is reinforced later in the prayer when the penitent says, “I detest to all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of Hell, but most of all because the offend Thee, my God.” Obviously, God should be honored and not offended.

But, we may ask, what does it mean to offend God? Does God really need our apologies?

Some common expressions that we have no trouble in understanding may be of some help. When we meet a truly outstanding person we might say, “You are a credit to your parents.” A person may be said to be a credit to his military unit. He does not want a dishonorable discharge. In both these instances, the person reflects the values of his superiors. He has put into practice what he has learned, which is what he is supposed to do. Also, a person should want to honor the institution that awarded him a degree. He should not want to besmirch its name by living a scandalous life. We represent those who formed us. We want to be a credit to all of them. But we should want even more to be a credit to God who was the first to form us.

God is our Father. He expects us to be, as much as we can be, like Him. After all, we are created in His image and likeness. We honor God when we resemble Him in our actions, when we behave in a “godly” manner. “The glory of God,” said St. Irenaeus, “is man fully alive”. We dishonor Him or “offend” Him when we do the opposite. A person dishonors his parents when he behaves badly.

It is a frightful and terrible thing to be given wonderful opportunities and then throw them away as if they were of no value. It is, in the first sense, an expression of ingratitude. But more than that, it is an affront to the Creator. And it is this affront, this dishonoring, that is how we offend God.



I should not be particularly sensitive about being offended by others, as much as I should be concerned about offending my Creator. One does not offend his best friend.

It is important to note that there is an important difference between an apology and a confession. It is not enough to apologize for offending God, we must ask forgiveness. We apologize for trivial mishaps, such as spilling milk, or being five minutes late for a meeting. When we confess a sin, which is not trivial matter, our sorrow must be heartfelt, accompanied with the intention of amending our life. People who are too easily offended pose as little gods who demand a fealty that they do not warrant.

Let us not offend God, the Giver of life. Let us abide with dignity and a measure of tolerance the trivial offenses that may come our way. Social relationships demand etiquette; God demands our love.

## Chastity & Charity: The Shield & Sword of Manhood: Derek Rotty

There is a scene near the middle of *Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* in which Frodo Baggins volunteers to carry the last and most powerful ring to Mt. Doom in order to destroy it. Because he does not know the way, and because he is small of stature, he admits that he will require help. The most powerful moment in that scene is when Aragorn says to Frodo, "If, by my life or by my death, I can protect you, I will. You have my sword." Really what Aragorn means is that he offers all of himself and his skill in service of the mission.

In our world today, there is a battle for truth, goodness, and beauty. The enemy seeks to deprive humans of access to any of these by twisting their understanding of the transcendental realities. God, in His infinite wisdom and love, wants and needs men who are willing to fight for truth, goodness, and beauty; who are able to protect and provide for others; who are willing to lead and build up others, even amid difficult circumstances. He does not have a desire or use for those who use and abuse others; those who think only of themselves and tear down others. God wants warriors, not weasels!

Many men in our world today have a false understanding of masculinity, manhood. I know because I spent large portions of my life operating by such false conceptions, which caused a lot of emotional and spiritual damage and baggage. It took me a long time to learn that manhood is not about popularity, athletic prowess, or money. Neither is masculinity about making oneself feel bigger by putting down others. Rather, manhood is about kneeling down in service and helping others reach their fullest potential. Real masculinity is about becoming smaller so another person can become bigger.

Chastity and charity are two of the primary virtues that aid members of the male species in becoming real men. These two enable a man to possess himself and then to give himself away for the good of another. Self-possession (chastity) must precede self-gift (charity). The latter will not be possible or effective without the former. Men must have control of themselves and their faculties in order to give them away for the greater glory!

Think back to my example of the *Lord of the Rings*. In order for Aragorn to offer his sword effectively, he must know how to wield it to fight off enemies. A swordsman who keeps his weapon in the scabbard or does not know the skills of sword fighting will be useless against an enemy. Further, Aragorn used a shield throughout the journey to defend himself. This is how the virtues of chastity and charity aid men.

Chastity "lets us love with an upright and undivided heart," says the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraph 2520). A man is not a man of integrity if his heart is not upright, or if it is divided. A man does not fully possess himself if he seeks lowly things like worldly pleasure, power, and money. A man's heart is divided if he seeks these things before he seeks God's will.

The virtue of charity flows easily from chastity. When a man's heart is upright and undivided, he can begin to love as God intends love to be. God intends love to be four things: free, faithful, total, fruitful. True love requires *all* of these characteristics. An act that does not carry these four qualities is not real charity.

A man cannot love anyone (his friends, co-workers, and especially his spouse) if his heart is divided. A divided heart will cause him to withhold his gifts (his body, his mind, his resources) from those who need him. He begins to focus on himself, and he easily becomes enslaved to his physical and emotional passions. His actions of giving become conditional, not free; temporary, not faithful; partial, not total; and sterile, not fruitful.

Men must be transformed into chaste and charitable warriors. Women need men to be holy warriors to protect their beauty and dignity. Families need men (husbands, fathers, brothers) to be holy warriors so that families can flourish and produce good spiritual fruit. The Church needs men (priest and lay men) to be holy warriors so that she can be effective in her mission during the next generation. The world needs men to be holy warriors to counter-balance the negative effects of pride, greed, and lust that we see all around us. We must answer this clarion call and be transformed into real men!

In order to be transformed in that way, men must kneel down. First we must kneel down before Christ in the Eucharist, and we must tell him, "If by my life or by my death, I can serve you, you have my body, mind, spirit, resources...everything." Then, we must kneel down before others, beginning with our families and spreading outward to all levels of society. We must tell them, in the same way that we tell Christ, "I offer everything to you, if I can serve you."

That will be the only way that men can fulfill St. Paul's command to love "as Christ loved the Church" (Ephesians 5:25). Men must die to themselves and focus on serving others so that the Church might be found in all "splendor, without spot or wring or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:27) when Christ returns.

It is up to us, gentlemen. And, along the way we need the intercession of the perfect woman, Our Blessed Mother, that we might respond to the call. *Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary...*

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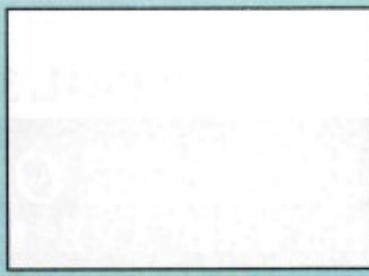


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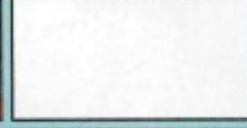


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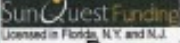
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