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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



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WICKED PEOPLE; THEY
STIR UP TROUBLE AND
BREAK UP FRIENDSHIPS.
(PROVERBS 16:28 GNT)

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 25 2023



Mass Intentions

TUESDAY

5:30pm

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2nd Int:

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WEDNESDAY

8:30am

Req. BY;

THURSDAY

8:30am.

Req. BY:

FRIDAY

8:30am

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SATURDAY

4:00 pm

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SUNDAY

9:00am

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10:30 AM

Req. By:

JUNE 27

+BENEDETTA FARSACI

Karn Family

+RUTH MARY PEARSON

Paul Zedalis

JUNE 28

+BARBARA O'NEIL

Annabel Naugle

JUNE 29

+LAR DOYLE

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Holmes

JUNE 30

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Lydia

JULY 1

+JAN SPITKIVSKY

Family

JULY 2

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Husband Morris

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Husband

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Richard Arnold

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Welcome
TO
OUR CHURCH

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 94: Jer 20:10-13

Psalms: 69:8-10,14,17,33-35

Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15

Gospel Reading: Mt 10:26-33

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

371: Gn 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13,18-20,22 Mt 7:1-5

TUESDAY ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA

372: Gn 13:2,5-18 Ps 15:2-4b,5 Mt 7:6,12-14

WEDNESDAY ST. IRENAEUS

373: Gn 15:1-12,17-18 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Mt 7:15-20

THURSDAY STS. PETER & PAUL

591: Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-9 2Tm 4:6-8,17-18 Mt 16:13-19

FRIDAY THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

375: Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 8:1-4



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!



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father Joe's 10th anniversary of priesthood

THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO WILL
BE ATTENDING FATHER JOSEPH'S
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT!

Reminder: Mass will be at 5:30pm with
Dinner immediately following mass.
Doors will open at 6:00pm for check-in.
Cocktail attire is suggested.

Please join us in wishing Fr. Joe a
Happy Anniversary with coffee and
doughnuts following both Masses on
Sunday, June 25th!





RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

June 22-29, 2023

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. This week, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops invites Catholics to **PRAY, REFLECT AND ACT** to promote religious freedom.

[Click to learn more about daily intentions for the week.](#)



Religious Freedom Week this year will take place from June 22 to 29. The Week begins with the Feast of Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More, includes the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and ends with the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul. In the buildup to Religious Freedom Week, as well as throughout the week, please encourage Parishioners to pray and act each day for religious freedom.

Ordination to the Priesthood

Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, invites the faithful to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Transitional Deacons **Alejandro Giraldo Roldan and Daniel Scanlan**.

The Ordination will take place at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, July 15, at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., Venice.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this important event in the lives of Deacons Alejandro and Daniel as well as the Diocese of Venice. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.



“Quo Vadis?” St. Peter’s Call to Martyrdom in Rome by Michele Chronister

Two summers ago, we took a trip to Italy, and after emerging from the Catacombs, we stumbled onto the Quo Vadis church. “Quo Vadis?” (“Where are you going?”) refers to a story about St. Peter, passed down through pious tradition.

In this story, Peter is fleeing Rome, where persecution is rampant. As he walks down the road that leads out of Rome, he encounters Christ...walking on the same road, but *towards* Rome. Surprised by this encounter, Peter asks Jesus, “Quo Vadis?” Wearily, Jesus looks at Peter and tells him, “I am going to Rome to be crucified again.” As the story goes, this encounter led Peter to turn around and go back to Rome where he was indeed crucified.

The Relatable Apostle - I have always loved Peter’s “cringe-worthiness.” We’ve all had those moments in life when we say something we later regret, and end up re-playing it in our heads, over and over again. I love that Peter has so many of these moments in the Gospels (and must have had even more in his lifetime). Peter says the first thing he is thinking, for better or worse. He acts impetuously, but with conviction (like cutting off the ear of a man in Gethsemane). He does what he thinks is right, and he does it with a passion.

All of us can relate to these sorts of moments—moments when we are *convinced* that we have the right response to a situation, the perfect explanation in a disagreement, or the most soothing words in a tough moment. Unfortunately, we’re often wrong, just as Peter was. The difference is in our response. Do we respond the way Peter does when we are wrong?

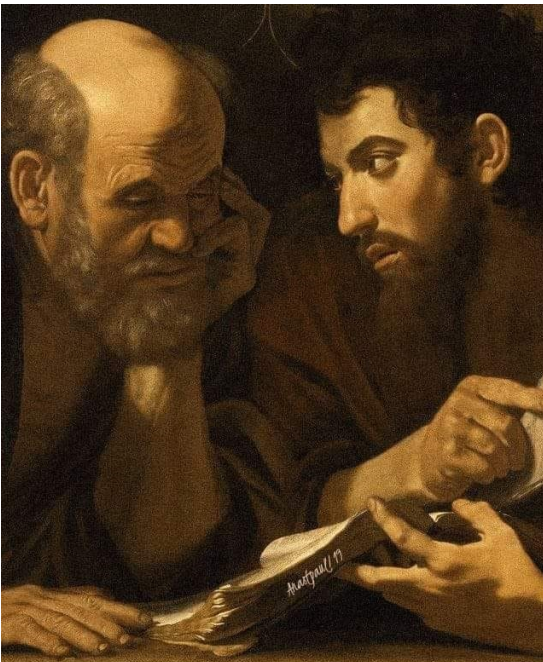
Peter is almost embarrassingly humble. As quickly as he errs, he repents. When he is wrong, he readily admits it. When an apology is needed, he offers it whole heartedly. And when he learns the way he *should* go, he heads running in that direction.

The Ardent Apostle - What shines through as the most defining characteristic of Peter, though, is that he is *all in*. When Peter puts his hand to the plough, he does his best to not look back. And if he *does* look back, he is quick to repent and try again. There is an intensity to Peter, a sort of boldness, that I find overwhelming. When standing at his tomb, when

gazing on the pillar that was likely the last thing he saw as he died (which now stands in St. Peter’s Square), when standing on the “quo vadis” road, that boldness of his was tangible. He didn’t just follow Christ—he ran after him.

Stumbling Towards Christ - Returning back to the “quo vadis” story we can see how both Peter’s ardor and “relatable-ness” come shining through. First, Peter thinks that fleeing Rome and persisting in his ministry (outside of the city) is the right thing to do—and he confidently goes in that direction. But, when confronted with the lovable Jesus, he turns back to Rome with equal confidence, even though it means certain suffering and death.

What is it that brings about this response in Peter? What is it about Christ that makes Peter so passionately, humbly, change his plans? - For Peter, love makes all the difference. - An attitude that I have often encountered in online Catholic circles is one of fearful obedience. Although it *is* good to obey the commandments and precepts of the Church, the gift of the incarnation is that we are invited to an encounter of God made man, and to loving relationship with him. The gift of our filial relationship to God the Father is at the root of our existence, a solace and point of strength. But through the incarnation, we are invited to not only be his children but also a member of the Church, the bride of the Son. I have been married for nearly twelve years, and my husband and I don’t “obey” each other in the way we would our parents. Our love is different from the love between parent and child. The deeper we grow in our union, the more we desire what the other desires. What motivates us is an ardent love for the other. It is only an ardent love for another that could drive someone to martyrdom. This kind of love is less of a reflection on the perfection of Peter, and more a reflection of the authenticity of his encounter with Jesus.



Both apostles share the same feast day,
for these two were one and even though
they suffered on different days, they were as one.
Peter went first and Paul followed.
And so, we celebrate this day made holy for us,
by the Apostles’ blood.
Let us embrace what they believed,
their life, their labours, their sufferings,
their preaching and their confession of faith.
St. Augustine (354-430) Father & Doctor

If you have ever had a moment in prayer—after Communion, during adoration, or some other time—when you have briefly glimpsed the lovable gentleness of Jesus, when you have briefly been pierced by his gaze, then you will understand what it is that made Peter behave with the boldness, conviction, and love that he did.

But the beauty of Peter is that...he wasn't all that different from us. He made an awful lot of mistakes. He was a sinner. He was often inarticulate. He didn't always know the right thing to do. But despite all of that, Jesus pierced his heart with that gaze of gentleness and love, and Peter let that change him.

The Universal Call to Holiness - All of us are familiar with the experience of trying to respond to God's will for our lives, being met with suffering, and wanting to rapidly retreat. What can we do to be more like Peter?

Holiness is less about us, and more about letting God work in us. Becoming more like Peter does not require greater strength of will, more courage, or more discipline. Becoming more like Peter means looking for and receiving the loving gaze of Jesus in our lives. His gaze towards us is irresistible. He doesn't need to utter a word to draw us after him.

We can't earn our way to heaven. We can't live holy lives apart from his grace and love. And we can't face the hard things without seeking out and resting in the irresistible, lovable gaze of Jesus. With our eyes fixed on him, we, too, can turn back to face whatever cross he asks us to bear. Like Peter, we never bear it alone.

What's Wrong With Gossip? By Judy Keane

We hear it at the office, around the neighborhood, perhaps among friends and even our relatives. Entire reality TV series are based on it and tell-all books, talk shows and tabloids make millions from it. The misuse of social media has raised it to new levels – sometimes with astonishingly tragic results. In all of its influential and insidious forms, gossip has grown to epidemic proportions. Its universal presence has emerged as a popular form of entertainment for the masses– and it has permeated popular culture. Instead of being repelled by it, millions are drawn to a steady diet that dishes the latest scoop (whether true or not) on celebrities, sports stars and “real” housewives. From time to time, most of us have also engaged in it as well.

The topic of gossip is also on the mind of Pope Francis as well. In a recent homily in the chapel of the Vatican's Santa Marta, Pope Francis said, “When one prefers gossiping – gossiping about another, it's like clobbering another. This is normal, it happens to everyone, including me – it is a temptation of the evil one who does not want the Spirit to come and bring about peace and meekness in the Christian community.” The Pope went on to say, “The struggle against such harmful chatter is something that continually sows tensions in parishes, families, in neighborhoods and among friends.”

The Bible is also very clear about gossip – *“Do not spread slanderous gossip among your people”* (Leviticus 19:16). Likewise the Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks to the importance of refraining from actions such as gossiping that can tarnish the reputation of another – *“Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury”* (Para. 2477). Gossiping involves the sin of detraction in which a person discloses another's faults and failings to someone who did not know them. Therefore, one commits the sin of detraction when he makes known the faults of another without a very good reason for doing so. Further, it can be a serious moral offense if it does great harm to another's reputation by having his or her faults spread about when they otherwise would not be.

Gossip can be true, partially true, or completely false and while it can be motivated by good intentions, it always contains negative personal information about another that puts them in a bad light. Similarly, we can also participate in gossip by remaining silent or using approving body language such as nodding our head in agreement.

It is important to note that there is a difference between gossiping and venting to a trusted friend with the intent of seeking their advice or trying to reach a positive conclusion without damaging the reputation of another. There is also no crime in calling a spade a spade or discussing, for example, the character of a political candidate running for office or a difficult situation at work with a colleague.

When we slip and say something disparaging, we can recall the words, “May the words of my mouth meet with your favor, keep the thoughts of my heart before you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer” (Psalm 19:15). Ultimately, we are *all* looking for a safe relationship where someone knows all of our parts with the assurance they will keep them in strict confidence for “a gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret (Prov. 11:13).

Clearly, Pope Francis is aware of the tremendous need for this to happen in our world today in saying, “If, with the grace of the Spirit, we were able to stop gossiping, it would be a huge step forward, and it would do everyone good!”



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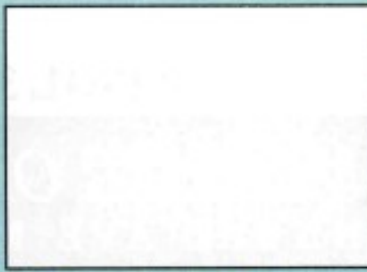
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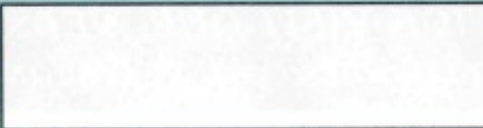
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