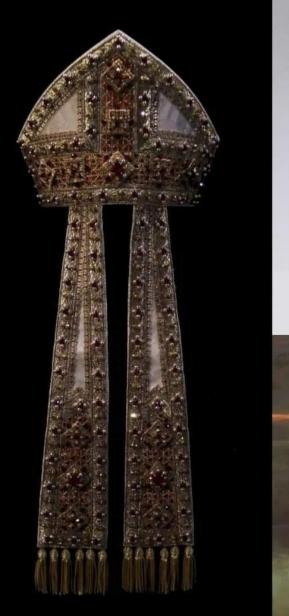
St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

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The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

1 Timothy 4:1-2



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

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:45 AM Pastor: Fr. Joseph Gates

PARISH STAFF

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MARCH 24,2024



TUESDAY MARCH 26 5:30pm **ANNIE RODAS B-Day** Req.By: Ginny & Joe +MR. & MRS. BOB KATCHMAR 50TH Ann. 2nd. Int: WEDNESDAY MARCH 27 8:30am +MICHAEL RYAN & FLOYD BLOWERS Rea. By: Antoinette Manaini THURSDAY MARCH 28 **+THERESA DUMAIS** 8:30am Rea. By: Son Eric 2nd Int. **+EACH SOUL IN PURGATORY** FRIDAY MARCH 29 8:30am +PHYLLIS ROZELL Bob & Cathy Nichols Req. By **DEL CASTILLO FAMILY** 2nd Int; Req.By: Lucv SATURDAY MARCH 30 4:00 pm +DECEASED MEMBEDRS OF THE DELUCA FAM. Loving Family Req. By: +JOHN MORAN 2nd Int.: Helen & Children Req. By; MARCH 31 8:00am +MELINDA JOHNSON Rea. Lvdia +SANDY, RON, & MIKE 2nd Int. Michelle Req. By: 9:45. +SUSAN LOMANACO Morris Req.By: 2nd Int. +JOHN WISNIEWSKI Req. By: Wife, Lisa

Last Rites & Anointing of the Sick

Due to the Distance from Parrish Manatee Hospital: Sacred Heart: 941-748-2221 Lakewood Ranch Hospital: Our Lady of the Angels: 941-752-6770 Doctor's Hospital Sarasota: Incarnation: 941-921-6631 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!

Emergency Number 813-629-3963 for Priest in case of Death



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING First Reading37:Mk 11:1-10 Psalms 22:8-9,17-18a,19-20,23-24 Second Reading Phil 2:6-11 Gospel Reading Mk:14:1--15:47

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 desired.</u>

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 one.

Thrift Store hours 9:00am-2:00pm Monday-Friday Closed: Wednesday & Weekends



PALM SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 257: ls:42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3,13-14 Jn 12:1-11 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

258: Is49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a,5-6ab,15,17 Jn 13:21-33,36-38 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

259: Is 50: 4-9a Ps 69:8-10,21bcd-22,31,33-34 Mt 26:14-25

HOLY THURSDAY

39:Ex12:1-8,11-14Ps116:12-13,15-16c,17-181Cor11:23-26Jn13:1-15 FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

40:Is52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13, 15-17,25 Heb4:14-16;5:7-9Jn18:1-19:42

Supporting our Diocese

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

Goal: \$250,000.00 Raised So Far: \$35,603.00



Helping to relieve our Parish of St.

Parish Focused Giving

Frances Cabrini Debt!

Goal: \$174,559.61 DEBT BALANCE \$149,265.23

FAITH FORMATION

(Children, Youth, & Adult)

This Week in Faith Formation

Sunday, March 24th Palm Sunday [regular Mass times] Easter Flower Sale after each weekend Mass Monday, March 25th No Divine Mercy Cenacle **Tuesday, March 26th** No Young Adult Bible Study Wednesday, March 27th **No Divine Mercy Cenacle** No Youth evening classes Thursday, March 28th Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 PM Altar of Repose 8:30-10:00 PM [taking place in the Cabrini Hall] Friday, March 29th Stations of the Cross at 2:00 PM followed by Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the **Cross, and Communion Service** Saturday, March 30th Easter Basket Blessing 12:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 PM

Upcoming Information

Sunday, March 31st *Easter Sunday*

Monday, April 1st Divine Mercy Cenacle 6:30-8:00 PM Tuesday, April 2nd

Wednesday, April 3rd Divine Mercy Cenacle 9:30-11:00 AM HSYG w/ Fr. Joseph 6:30-7:30 PM Thursday, April 4th "Fearless" 9:30-11:00 AM OCIA 6:00-8:00 PM "The Wild Goose" 6:30-7:30 PM Friday, April 5th Bible Study 9:30-11:00 AM

Saturday, April 6th TMIY 6:30-8:00 AM



Palm Sunday: March 23-24 Saturday: 4:00 pm Sunday: 8 & 9:45 am



Holy Thursday: March 28 7:00 pm Altar of Repose: Cabrini Hall 8:30-10:00 pm

Good Friday: March 29

Stations of the Cross: 2:00 pm Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the cross, Communion Service to follow. Holy Saturday: March 30 Easter Basket Blessing: 12:00 pm

Easter Vigil: 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday: March 31 8:00 am & 9:45 am Overflow in the Cabrini Hall



Join us for a fun and faith-filled week! Learn about prayer and the call to holiness while growing in your relationship with the Lord.



Celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy

In Collaboration with the St. Frances Cabrini Divine Mercy Cenacle.

APRIL 7, 2024

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All are invited to join in the Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. **The Celebration will begin** after the 9:45am Mass with Eucharistic Adoration and will include veneration of the Divine Mercy Image.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - 12:30 to 2:30pm.

Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy - 3 o'clock.

A reception will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center immediately following the closing of the Divine Mercy Celebration.

If you plan to attend the reception, please contact: **Diane Creel at 941-981-5136 or dicreel@aol.com**

MARCH 24, 2024

Beware of Today's Demonic Mindsets by Fr. NNamdi Moneme, OMV

I gave a talk some years ago to a group of faithful on the need to be engaged in spiritual warfare today. After the talk, one of the attendees said to me, "Father, I am certain that I would not be able to sleep this night after listening to your talk on the demons and their activities in our lives."

Her words reflect the sad attitude we have today regarding the reality of demons and their activities. We think that demons will just leave us in peace if we do not speak or think about them. The truth is that we can choose to ignore them, but they never ignore us for a single moment.

Let us hear from St. Peter about demons and our need to be vigilant always, "Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith." (1Pet 5:8-9) It is thus naïve to think that we are safe simply because we do not want to hear or think about the devil and his demons.

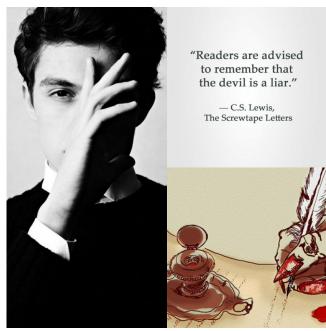
On the contrary, demons are always busy, watching us with intense hatred, fully resolved and determined to bring us to share their destiny in hell. Because misery always seeks company, the intense misery of the demons makes them labor tirelessly to make us their companions in the fires of hell.

One way in which they labor for our eternal damnation is to communicate to us their mindset. We see elements of this mindset in Mk 1:21-28. The demon first acknowledges the majesty and holiness of Jesus, "I know who you are – the Holy One of God." But this is only forced acknowledgment in words alone. The demon is not ready or willing to submit to Jesus in love. It is defiant and does not easily obey the words of Jesus, "The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him."

We too begin to exhibit the mindset of the demons when we only acknowledge Jesus by our words but resist Him in our actions. We struggle to freely submit to Jesus because we have believed the many lies that the demons have directly or indirectly planted in our minds and hearts through the world and fallen men and women.

Here are some of these lies.

- They tell us that there is something good and useful to us in our sinful choices. They make us focus on the fleeting benefits of our sins while ignoring the temporal and eternal consequences. They do this today by telling us to be more tolerant and less rigid in dealing with sin. They tell us that tolerating sin is actually being non-judgmental and the highest virtue we can practice today is to tolerate everything.
- They tell us that Jesus does not love us all the time. They lie to us that we have to either earn His love for us or prove ourselves loveable. They also convince us that Jesus has come to destroy us and not to communicate His life and holiness to us. They tell us that obtaining human love, material possessions, and achievements, will satisfy our hunger for love. They tempt us to go in search of endless pleasure and novelty.
- They tell us that God is a liar and that we cannot really trust in Him or in His words to us. This is the age-old lie that Satan used in the garden of Even, "God knows that the moment you eat it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods." (Gen 3:5) We hear this lie today in the idea that we can no longer put our trust in God's words to us or



the power of His grace. By convincing us that God does not have our best interests at heart, they tell us that we cannot rely on His promises anymore. Thus, we must re-interpret and "update" the word of God to fit our current tastes and preferences.

They tell us that our actions do not have consequences. We can do whatever we like, and God will understand. We see this lie in the idea that people of the same sex can enter into a civil union, engage in sexual acts as a couple, come to Church as a couple, and get a special non-liturgical blessing as *individuals*. How clever and innovative demons are!

They tell us that praying fervently, repenting of our sins, doing the will of God with love, witnessing to Jesus, worshipping, and serving God are no longer fashionable and are actually useless things to do. They try to make us discouraged in our spiritual lives by pointing to the struggles and hardships that we face in life. **My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if we believe just one of these demonic lies, we will lose our peace of mind and get confused and discouraged**. Demons are always present, active, clever, persistent, and strong in plotting our eternal ruin. If these demons can manifest in a synagogue, a place of worship, prayer, and reflection on the word of God, there is no place on this earth safe enough to keep them away from us. If they can manifest in the presence of the Son of God, they can lie to us no matter how deep our relationship with Jesus.

Jesus rebuked the demons in the synagogue immediately because their lies were subtle and deadly. He did not want us to be exposed to their lies in any way. **He did so to give us the example and power to also resist the demons in His name.**

We can resist the demons only when we also know the truth about God's word to us, love this truth, and act on it. When we do not know the truth and live it out with conviction, we lack faith and tend to depend only on our emotions, imagination, and public opinions. This is how demons can get us to even begin to imagine such things as hell being empty despite the many instances of a populated hell from divine revelation.

We can resist the demons when we have Jesus present in us through the Eucharist. The Real Presence of Jesus is our greatest weapon against these fallen angels. This is why Jesus said, "Apart from me, you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5) We are powerfully united with Him through the Eucharist. We are hopeless and helpless in this spiritual battle without a fervent Eucharistic devotion.

We can resist the demons when we regularly confess our sins in the sacrament of confession. The sins that we keep hidden will only become deeply rooted and spread. Unconfessed sins make us more susceptible to the ploys and mindset of demons. Regular confession also gives us light to recognize the many subtle ways in which demons bring us to share in their mindset.

We can resist demons when pray fervently and ask God for His graces all the time. We must not just pray for temporal needs. We must also pray for the grace to practice heroic virtue and to discern the hidden actions of the demons in our lives. Our perseverance in prayer is indispensable in this spiritual battle.

Lastly, we can resist the demons when we have a true and tender devotion to Mary, the Mother of divine grace. She who is forever "full of grace" passionately defends us from the enemy of our salvation who wants to destroy the grace of God in us. As the New Eve, she does not hesitate to fulfill the role that God promised in the garden of Eden, "I will put enmity between you and the woman." (Gen 3:15)

Let us not be naïve when it comes to demons and their activities. Let us also not be afraid to speak about them and to reflect on them and how they try to project their mindsets on us.

By the grace of God offered in each Eucharist, let us begin to resist demons today and reject their mindset so that we can have true peace in this life and in the life to come.

Glory to Jesus! Honor to Mary!

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"Someone must acknowledge Christ's royalty. The question I must ask today as I receive and carry my palm is: am I going to be the one, or am I going to leave it to others. It is my king riding there, riding on to die for me." - Mother St. Paul



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