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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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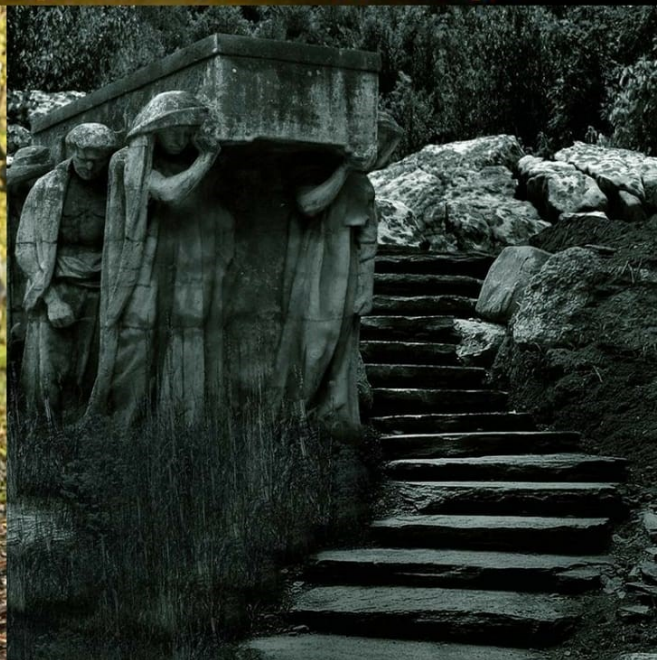
OFFICE HOURS

M,T, Th, F 9:00am-3:00pm

Closed Wednesday

**Live so as not to fear death.
For those who
live well in the world,
death is not frightening
but sweet and precious.**

St Rose of Viterbo (c 1233 – 1251)



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Mass: T, W, TH, F - 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

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MARCH 26, 2023



TUESDAY

8:30am

Req. By:

MARCH 28

+THERESA DUMAIS

Son ,Eric

WEDNESDAY

8:30am

2nd Int.
Req. By:

MARCH 29

+JO ANN HOUSEY

+JIM THOMAS
Sharon Deitzle

THURSDAY

8:30am.

Req. BY:

MARCH 30

+DOROTHY GANNON

Tony & Lucy Morell

FRIDAY

8:30am

MARCH 31

+JOAN GATEAU

SATURDAY

4:00 pm

Req. By:

APRIL 1

**+DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE DeLUCA FAMILY**

Loving Family

2nd Int.
Req. By:

+CATHERINE (KAY) G. OWSLEY

Rosemary Nicholes

SUNDAY

9:00am

Req. By:

APRIL 2

+BETTY JO PLOTNAR

Cheryl Wyler & Matt Felice

11:15am

Req. By:

+ SUSAN LOMONACO

Husband Morris

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 34:Ez 37:12-14

Psalms: 130:1-8

Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11

Gospel Reading: Jn 11:1-45

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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

251: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30 33-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY

252: Nm 21: 4-9 Ps 102:2-3,16-21 Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

253: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 (Ps 9) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY

254: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY

255: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42



Supporting our Diocese

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

Goal: \$198,000.00

Raised So Far: \$33,680.00



Parish Focused Giving

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

Goal: \$526,460.00

Raised So Far:

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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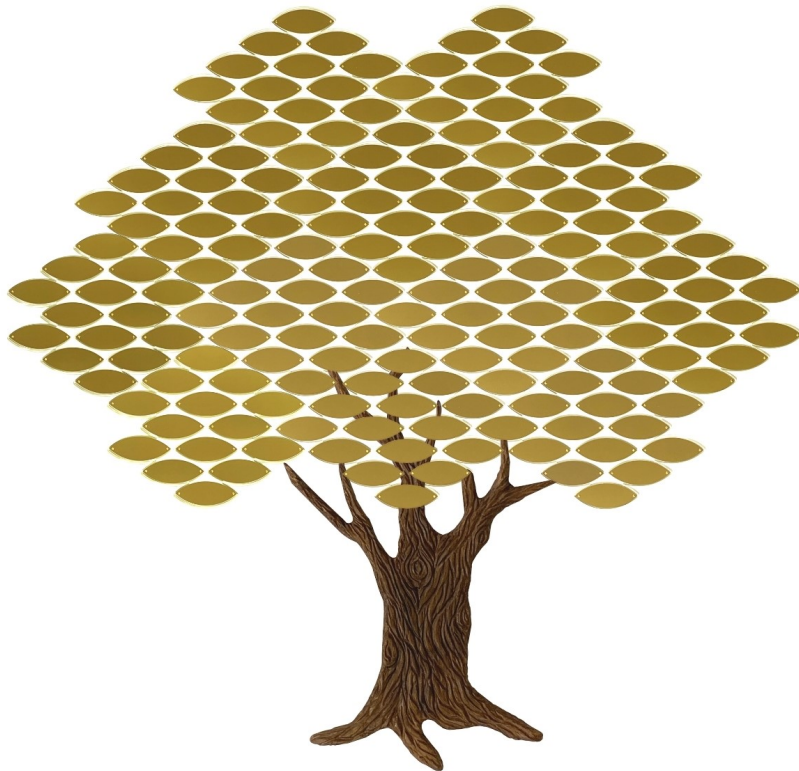
YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesday, April 5th
6:30 PM—8:00 PM

MEET OUTSIDE THE
CARBINI CENTER

The YOUTH GROUP is hosting outdoor Station of the Cross. ALL SFXC Faith Formation Students are invited to participate. Grades K-5 MUST be accompanied by a parent.

Food, fun, and fellowship immediately following the station!



Memorial Tree of Life

A “Memorial Tree” is a tree of remembrance in many Parish Churches and Halls. It’s a lasting legacy of those past and present.

Proceeds from the sale of leaves, acorns, and stones will go to our Debt Free in ‘23 Campaign. You may purchase a leaf for \$100, an acorn for \$250 and/or a stone for \$500. Engraving is included in the price. Forms for the purchase are located in the Narthex.

Please consider a purchase and continued support in our Debt Free in 2023 Campaign. Thank you and God Bless.

MARCH 26, 2023



Please keep our Confirmande in prayer as they come to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30 PM with Bishop Dewane.

Come Holy Spirit, Come!

St. Frances Cabrini is now on Flocknote—a new way of communication amongst our Parish congregation!



1. Download the “Flocknote” app in Google Play Store or Apple Store
2. - OR - Scan the QR Code with the camera open on your phone. It will then have a url pop up.
3. Register

The purpose of Flocknote is that a Pastor might be able to send a txt across to his entire congregation. Let’s say a Hurricane comes and Mass has to be cancelled, he could send one txt out through the app and everyone would know.

There are also groups someone could sign up for and receive information strictly for that group. Whether it’s Youth Group, Lectors, OCIA, there are groups that you can just click and be added to and you will only receive messages from the administrator of that group.

Be kept in the loop! Download the App and enjoy!



Every Friday in
Lent.

5:00-7:00 PM
Starting March 4th-
Drive Thru

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

What's in Your Cave? A Deeper Look at the Story of Lazarus: Maggie Carroll

One of my absolute favorite lines in all of scripture comes from the Gospel of John: "Jesus wept." (John 11:35) At first glance, you may be wondering why someone would love to hear about a person weeping; however, there is an incredible amount of depth and beauty etched between those simple words. They point towards Jesus' emotions— ultimately, His humanity.

As Catholics we know that Christ has two natures: human and divine. We have heard about the vast miracles and wonders that Jesus worked: the feeding of the great multitude, curing the sick, forgiving sins, transfiguring on the mountain, restoring sight to the blind... to name just a few. But there is one story in particular that jumps out at me: the raising of Lazarus. I love this story for its layers and for its "rawness." It portrays the beauty and honesty of what it means to not only experience the tragedy in our lives, but to also experience Christ within those very pains. This story highlights both the divine, as well as the human side of Jesus. Putting it all together makes it incredibly powerful.

So here's the lowdown on this story: Lazarus, a friend of Jesus, was dying. His sisters, Martha and Mary, sent word to Jesus to let Him know the state of their brother. Jesus, instead of hurrying to heal him, remains where He is and stays away simply stating that his suffering will be for the glory of God. The apostles may have been confused and wondering why now all of a sudden Jesus is hesitant to heal someone. Jesus decided to wait four days to go back to Judea so He can see His buddy, Lazarus. When the apostles heard that they're going back to Judea, they briefly tried to change His mind by reminding Jesus that the last time they were there He was almost stoned to death. It's interesting, however, because the apostles look at each other and mumble that when they go back, they're going back to be killed... and they willingly go anyway! (I can't help but wonder why then, several chapters, later they flee, but, that's a conversation for another day!) Nevertheless, on with the story!

This where it gets good: Jesus and the apostles arrived back in Judea, and thankfully, no one has tried to kill Him quite yet. When word gets out that He's back, Martha went out to meet Jesus to tell Him that her brother has died. Jesus, upon hearing the news, cried for the loss of His friend.

Pause. Jesus. Just. Cried. **I repeat.** Jesus. Just. Cried. The Son of God, the Alpha and Omega, The One who painted the stars and blew life into Adam's clay lungs had tears running down His perfect cheeks because He was experiencing sadness. He *felt* emotion. He *felt* pain. He *felt* loss. Jesus' tears mingled with those of Martha and Mary over the death of Lazarus. This is amazing.

We know that Jesus is 100% human as well as 100% divine, but do we stop and remember that He is human just like us? I don't know about you, but there have definitely been moments in my own life in which I have cried, where I was sad, and I've *felt* loss. Jesus really does understand when we cry out to Him in pain. This is why I love the two simple words: "He wept." In other words, He gets it. When we call out to Him drowning in our misery, He deeply empathizes, not just sympathizes. Jesus is there for us, He's a shoulder to cry on because He too has cried on someone's shoulder. He's human, just like us.

Unpause. Martha looks up at Jesus and tells Him two things: One. "If you had been here my brother would not have died." Two: "I know that my brother will rise again on the last day." (John 11:24) Jesus, filled with compassion and strength, responds that Lazarus will rise again... but sooner than she thought and not just on the last day... but TODAY. *That day* Lazarus will walk out of the cave, eyes wide open, and heart beating. Get ready to see *The Divine* at work.

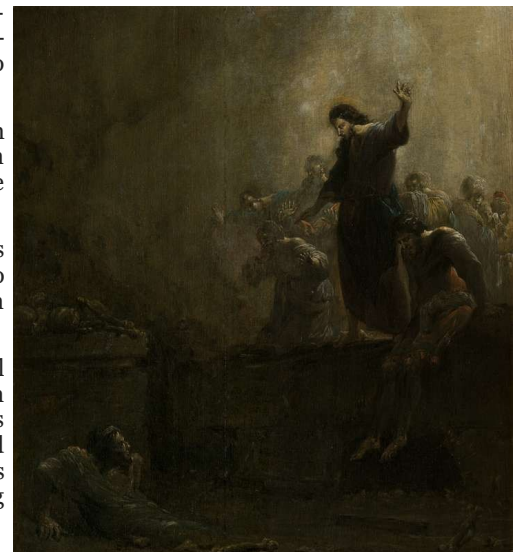
Something magnificent is about to happen. Jesus then orders that the stone be rolled away, despite that onlookers are warning Him that there could be a stench, or that it could be a less than lovely sight after four days in the tomb. However, He walks up and enters the cave, thus reversing death, and calls His friend to rise up. Jesus instructs someone to untie Lazarus and let him go. The story in scripture ends there. But does it? While scripture doesn't quite reveal whether or not a big celebration went down, I would like to think that there was a big party that took place in Judea that night.

But there is something else that deeply moves me about this story... Jesus didn't care what Lazarus looked like, the state of his body, or even if he wasn't smelling too great; He entered the cave anyway. Jesus overlooked the "stench" and met Lazarus exactly where he was. Is this not true about the Christian life? Jesus willing goes to him, *to us*... He willingly entered into that cave of darkness to call His friend back to life... *to call us back to life*. Each one of us has their own "cave" in which they may not be too proud of. All of us suffer and sin... and sometimes our sin has a "stence". But time and time again, Jesus enters into our cave to call us back to life... to call us back to Himself. Jesus *wants* to be with us, no matter what, and He *wants us* to want to be with Him. Ultimately, however, He wants us to permit Him to be close... to give Him permission to heal and love us.

So here's a few questions to reflect upon: Am I letting Jesus enter my "cave"? Am I permitting Him, who is both human and divine, to even come near my "stench," both of either sin or pain that He wants to heal? What's even in my cave? Am I hiding in the dark of my cave afraid of Jesus coming too close?

Our God is a God of love and mercy. Yes, for whatever reason, sometimes He permits us to suffer; but Jesus is a perfect gentleman. He awaits for us to give Him permission to enter our cave to comfort us, cry with us, love us, heal us, and to be fully present with us.

Yet the final question remains: Will you let Him enter your cave, and not only heal you, but will you walk out of that cave arm in arm in the light of Jesus? Take it from someone who has spent some time in a cave... the merciful and loving light of Jesus is so much better than sitting in the darkness of a cave alone. Friends, even if you spend some time sitting in your cave crying *with* Jesus, I hope that you decide to allow Jesus to walk out with you, or carry you, laughing arm in arm, into the light of His healing and magnificent grace. (Catholicexchange.com)



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Aesthetics of a Cathedral: Why a Beautiful Place of Worship Is Important to Our Faith: Joshua Nelson

The aesthetic beauty of cathedrals has long been an integral part of the Catholic faith, enhancing the Christian spirituality of those who worship within their walls. These majestic structures are not only architectural marvels but also living testimonies of the deep connection between beauty, faith, and the human spirit. This article will explore why the beauty of cathedrals is important for living out our Catholic faith; drawing upon the teachings of the Church, the words of Pope Francis, and the work of theologians.

The Catholic Church has always placed great importance on the role of beauty in religious experience. Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, emphasizes that “The Church evangelizes and is herself evangelized through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelization and the source of her renewed self-giving.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church likewise states, “Created in the image of God, man also expresses the truth of his relationship with God the Creator by the beauty of his artistic works.” Thus, a beautiful cathedral serves as a powerful conduit for spiritual growth and an essential component of Catholic worship.

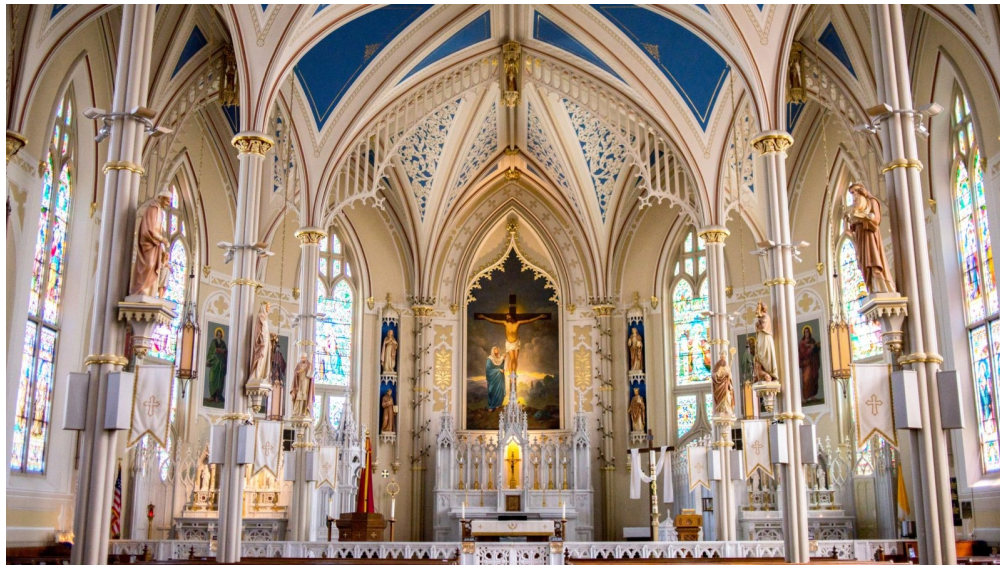
Cathedrals are often seen as physical representations of the divine. The beauty found within these sacred spaces is believed to help lift the minds and hearts of the faithful towards God. The 20th-century theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar wrote, “Beauty is the word that shall be our first. Beauty is the last thing which the thinking intellect dares to approach since only it dances as an uncontained splendor around the double constellation of the true and the good and their inseparable relation to one another.” By experiencing the beauty of a cathedral, the faithful are invited to contemplate the transcendent beauty of God, fostering a deeper connection with the divine.

This aesthetic also plays a crucial role in the liturgical celebration. The Second Vatican Council’s document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* explains: “The art of our times, from every race and country, shall also be given free scope in the Church, provided that it brings to the task the reverence and honor due to the sacred buildings and rites and expresses true artistry.” Cathedrals, with their intricate art, sculptures, and stained-glass windows, serve as a backdrop for the liturgy, enriching the spiritual experience and prayer of the participants. These artistic elements help to create an atmosphere of sacredness and reverence, enabling the faithful to encounter Christ more fully.

Cathedrals also stand as symbols of the Church’s commitment to proclaim the Gospel throughout history. They are living testimonies to the faith of generations past, as well as present-day communities. Art historian Elizabeth Lev states, “Cathedrals are the material manifestation of the Christian desire to touch heaven, to unite the material world with the spiritual.”

The aesthetic timelessness of these structures is a testament to the creative genius of those who built them and a reflection of the divine inspiration that guided their hands. By preserving and maintaining these sacred spaces, the Church continues to pass on the rich heritage of the Catholic faith to future generations. These sacred spaces, with their breathtaking architecture and art, are living testimonies of the faith and commitment of generations of believers who sought to glorify God through their creative expression – they are a testament to our journey towards a heavenly home rather than a worldly one.

As Pope Francis has said, “In this sense, the artistic patrimony of the Church, as well as the new ways of expressing beauty, are an invitation to humanity to discover the joy of the Gospel and the hope that it bears for the world”. The aesthetic beauty of a cathedral serves as a beacon of light, guiding us on our spiritual journey by means of their sublime magnificence and inviting us to experience the transforming power of God’s love. (Catholicexchange.com)



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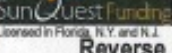


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