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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Closed Wednesday



“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

ACTS 1:11 (NLT)



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

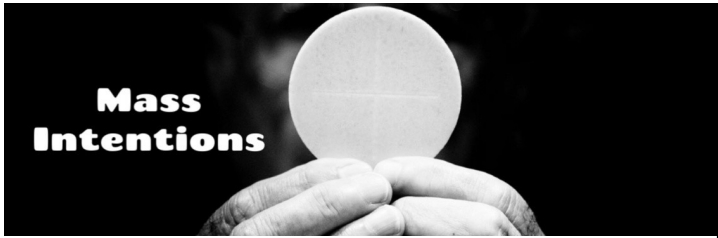
Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

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MAY 21, 2023



TUESDAY

5:00pm
Req.By:
2nd Int:

MAY 23

+THOMAS J. DeREENO
Wife
**THANKSGIVING TO GOD,ST
JOSEPH & ALL THE SAINTS**

WEDNESDAY

8:30am
Req. BY:

MAY 24

+MARY K. GULLO
Richard & Carol Valvo

THURSDAY

8:30am.
Req. BY:

MAY 25

ETHEL ONG BIRTHDAY
Joe & Ginny

FRIDAY

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

MAY 26

+NED MANGINI
Wife
+ERO HERMES PEREZ LEBRON
John Nicholas Mitchell

SATURDAY

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

MAY 27

+JEAN SPITKOVSKY
Friends from Parkwood Lakes
+TOM & DEE STANTON
Loving Family

SUNDAY

9:00am
Req. By:
2nd Int.
Req. By:

MAY 28

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL BLESSINGS
Bella
+ ARACELI GARCIA
Loving Family

10:30 AM

Req. By:
2nd Int.
Req.By:

+JOAN GATTAU

Alice Burns
+ JOHN WISNIEWSKI
Wife Lisa

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 58:Acts 1:1-11
Psalms: 47:2-3,6-9
Second Reading: EPH 1:17-23
Gospel Reading: Mt28:16-20

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:**

St. Joseph: 941-756-3732
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!

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.

NEW EMERGENCY NUMBER
To be used just for an emergency !
813-629-3963

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY ST. RITA of CASCIA

297: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY

298: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY

299: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17: 11b-19

THURSDAY STS. BEDE the VENERABLE, GREGORY VII, MARY MAGDALENE DE'PAZZI

300: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY ST. PHILIP NERI

301: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19

Supporting our Diocese

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

Goal: \$198,000.00

Raised So Far: \$76,277.22



Parish Focused Giving

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

Goal: \$526,460.00

Raised So Far: \$199,466.05

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 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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Registration

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St. Frances Cabrini June 4-9, 2023

Day Camp

1st - 5th Grade
9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
\$60.00 (M-F)



Evening Camp

6th - 12th Grade
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
\$30.00 (S-Th)

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.



Register...Volunteer...Sponsor/Donate



Adult Volunteer
[Day &/or Evening Camp]

Youth Volunteer
[Day Camp]



/ Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini /
CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS
 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
 7pm in the Mother Cabrini Center

bible study
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Learn about Christ and deepen your faith with a group. We'll read scripture, share in prayer, and discuss topics for young adults today.

Contact Bryce Johnson 941.915.2190

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Catholic Young Adults



Theology on Tap
THURSDAY, MAY 18TH
7:00-10:00PM
MANDEVILLE BEER GARDEN
BEER, GOD, AND CONVERSATION

CONTACT BRYCE JOHNSON 941.915.2190



Catholic Young Adults

Join us for Faith & Fellowship

- June 13 - Bible Study 7pm
- June 15 - Theology on Tap 7pm
- June 25 - Beer Yoga 11am
- June 27 - Bible Study 7pm

Ask about Text Reminders

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The Eucharist and the Promise of the Ascension: Michele Chronister

The ache of separation can be unbearable. Nothing is more unbearable to endure than the separation caused by a child's mother retreating to the basement (alone) to change loads of laundry.

"Mommy?!" this panicked cry of my middle child has followed me down the stairs more times than I can count. It has followed me to the bathroom. It has followed me out the door, as I let the dog outside. It has followed me back to my bedroom, to grab my purse.

Lacking in patience and insight at times, I often miss the call to contemplation that that anxious cry offers. For, what if I possessed just a fraction of my child's desire to be in my presence, in my desire to be in Christ's presence?

On days lacking in dryness, I will sometimes feel that piercing ache for Jesus. I am convinced that that is sheer grace, but I am grateful for those moments, nonetheless. It is in those moments that I receive the slightest hint of what that ache for the Apostles must have felt like, at Christ's ascension. The one who they had walked beside for three years, whose presence had left their hearts burning within them, was leaving them to return to his Father in heaven. How could they bear such separation? And so, Jesus made his promise. "*I will be with you always, to the end of time.*"

Attachment Theory and the Gospels

If we comb back through the Scriptures, there are a surprising number of times when God's commands to his people ended up making great sense in light of modern scientific or medical understanding. His exhortation to the Jewish people to wash before meals, for example, is now thought to be good common sense.

At the time of Jesus, psychology was not something researched or understood, yet. But we can see Jesus (whose divine knowledge meant he didn't need research to understand humanity) already making use of solid, healthy attachment theory in his treatment of the disciples.

When our oldest was a toddler, her grandparents gave her a DVD of baby songs, and one of our favorites was, "My Mommy Comes Back." The chorus went, "My Mommy comes back, she always comes back...she never would forget me!" That summarizes the work of healthy attachment forming in young children – to be able to trust and experience that their parents love them and will always return. A child with a healthy attachment does not panic when their parents go out of sight but feels free to explore the world and rest in the knowledge of their sure return.

Having only recently experienced the crucifixion, the disciples surely were still reeling. And, having not yet received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they were still lacking in fortitude. Jesus knew that. He knew that they needed not only reassurance of His return (which the angels offered the disciples as they craned their necks to see the ascending Christ) but also His promise of never truly leaving them. That promise is fulfilled, in a real, concrete way, in the Eucharist.

Solace in the Eucharistic Presence

It may be comforting to know that someone cares about you, loves you, and supports you when you are apart. But there is no consolation quite like the physical presence of loved ones – parents, siblings, friends, spouses, children. There is a certain rest that can only occur when you are in the presence of those you love.

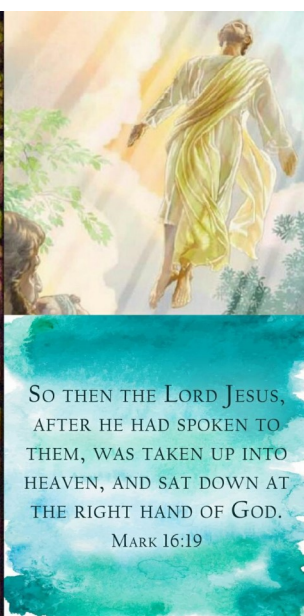
We are created for union with Christ – not just friendship, or casual relationship. We are created for union. When my husband is absent, I ache for him in a different way than I would for a friend. I can go weeks without seeing even my best friends, and although I

certainly miss them, I don't ache in the same way. That kind of ache is only a hint at the ache that we are meant to have for Christ. In her work *The Interior Castle*, St. Teresa of Avila calls this aching a sweet pain (paraphrasing a bit). The idea being that although the ache of longing for Christ is painful, it is a pain that is sweeter than the greatest happiness the world can offer.

And, while we are on this worldly sojourn, the only real cure for this ache is found in the Eucharist. Every time we receive Him in the Eucharist, we are united to Christ in a real, deep way. Although we are not (typically) caught up in ecstasy at reception of Him, the union that the Eucharist effects is no less real or poignant.

Healthy attachment does necessitate not being perpetually apart. As humans, we need to spend time in the presence of those we love and those who love us. And, as spouses benefit from the union of the marital embrace, so too do we benefit from being embraced by our Bridegroom – made one with Him in the Eucharist.

As we listen to the story of the Ascension read at Mass, followed not too distantly by our reception in the Eucharist, may we rest in the consolation that our God is one who loves us, longs for us, and keeps His promises. He will remain with us always – even to the end of time.



You're invited to a special event celebrating the 10 year anniversary of Fr. Joseph's priesthood.

A catered buffet of delicious foods, drinks, appetizers and desserts will be served in the hall immediately following the Mass for those who wish to attend.

Tickets will be sold online. Please scan the QR code to register.

There will be a reception with coffee and doughnuts in the Hall after Mass Sunday, June 25th for those who cannot attend.

**Thursday, June 29th
Mass 5:30 PM
Dinner to Follow
Tickets \$75.00**


We look forward to seeing you!



Please visit the parish website for registering online!

“The end for which God has instituted the priesthood has been to appoint on earth public persons to watch over the honor of his divine majesty, and to procure the salvation of souls.” — St. Alphonsus L.



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