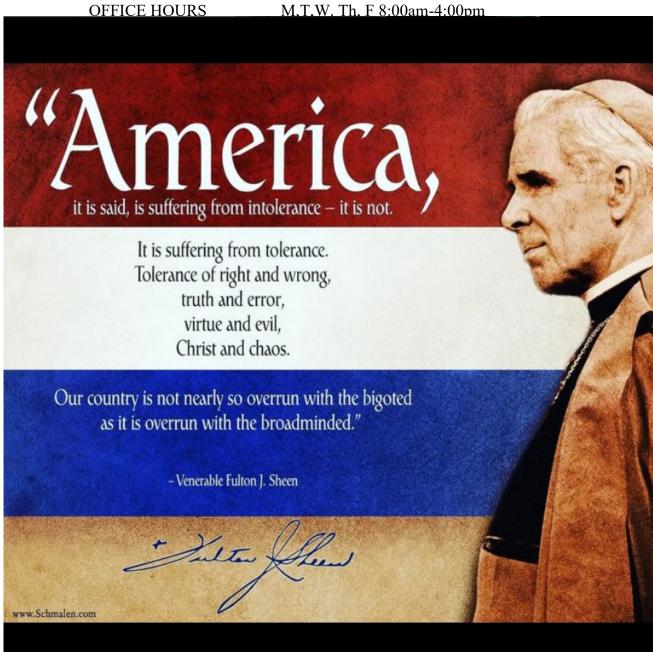
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Mass: TH, F - 8:30 AM Wednesday 5:30PM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Pastor: Fr. Joseph Gates Confessions: Sat. 2-3:00pm

PARISH STAFF

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

VOTE





TODAYS SCRIPTURE READINGS

125:Dt4:1-2,6-8 Ps15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27 Mk7:1-8,14-15,21-23

UPCOMING WEEK READINGS

MONDAY LABOR DAY

431:1Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk4:16-30

TUESDAY ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

432:1Cor2:10b-16 Ps145:8-14 Lk4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

433:1Cor 3:1-9 Ps33:12-15.20-21 Lk4:38-44

THURSDAY ST. THERESA of CALCUTTA

434:1Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1-6 Lk5:1-11

FRIDAY

435:1Cor 4:1-5 Ps37:3-6,27-28,39-40 Lk5:33-39

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.

Funerals:

Please contact the Office for a meeting for Dates, Readings, and Music. There are certain policies in place for the respectful burial of your loved ones.

WEDNESDAY **SEPTEMBER 4** 5:30pm **+JOHNNY GONZALES** Sister Req. By: 2nd Int. **+POOR SOULS** Rea. By; Kav **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5** 8:30 am JAMES & JOAN KOPACZ Req. By: Dauahter FRIDAY **SEPTEMBER 6** 8:30 am **+VO ANH TA** 2nd Int. **+ANGELINE & LOUIS SERIAN** Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Smorey Req. By: SATURDAY **SEPTEMBER 7** 4:00 pm +WILLIAM LEWIS SR. req. By: Bill & Gemma 2nd Int: **+KEVIN GONZALES** Req. By: Mom 3rd Int. **+RACHEL BENAVIDES** Req. By: Loving Family **SEPTEMBER 8 SUNDAY**

10:45am + MIKE MANOOGIAN, +CYNTHIA & DAVID CORREIERA, & +LAURIE MESSIER

+ROSE WYROSKI

Cheryl Wyler

9:00am

Req.By:

Reg. By Wife, Mother & Grandmother

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

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUPPORTING OUR DIOCESE

Goal: \$250,000.00 Raised So Far: \$122,471.40



Parish Focused Giving

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

Goal: \$174,559.61 Debt Balance: \$149,265.23

Begins September 13, 2024

Every Friday from 9:30-11:30 A.M.

In the Cabrini Center

We will discuss the Book of Acts and in January we will discuss the Gospel of John.

Come and Join Us!!!

Registering is not necessary, but appreciated and if you have questions, please call Linda Pless: 941.445.4882



DIVINE MERCY CENACLE GROUP

Divine Mercy Cenacle

The cenacle is a small faith-sharing group. It is as old as the Church itself. The idea contained in the word cenacle is derived from the meeting of our Lord's followers in the upper room where He celebrated the Last Supper. The Latin word for supper is *cena*. It was in the upper room that Jesus instituted the Eucharist and washed the apostles' feet. It was there that the apostles received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

Our Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy members meet in small groups. The goals are to delve deeper into the writings of St. Faustina and learn more about the Eucharist and the message of mercy. These aims become even more relevant as efforts are under way to make St. Faustina a "Doctor of the Church."

The format followed is that of a typical "small Christian Community," or "Basic Christian Community," as it is called in Africa and India. Small groups gathering to learn and share their faith is a major form of evangelization throughout the world. Our focus is on the message of Divine Mercy as found in Sacred Scripture, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *Diary of St. Faustina*, with a special emphasis on the Eucharist.

Every Monday (Starting September 16)

Morning Session 9:30-11:00A.M.

Evening Session 6:30-8:00P.M.

I realize more and more how much every soul needs God's mercy throughout life and particularly at the hour of death. This chaplet (of Divine Mercy) mitigates God's anger, as He Himself told me."

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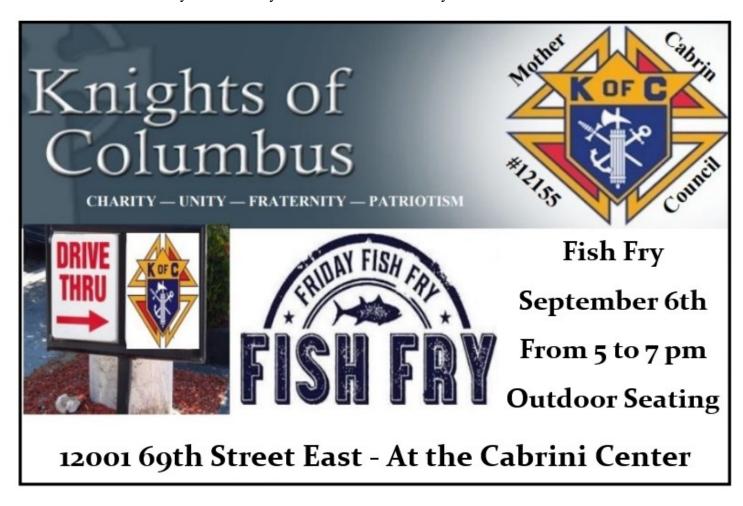


That Man Is You begins

Saturday, September 14, in the 7am in the Cabrini Center. ALL MEN are invited to join us at 6:30 for refreshments followed by a video presentation at 7 and small Group discussion at 7:30. You will be done by 8am. Come join the 65 men already registered as we begin this season of TMIY - All Things New.

All Things New

Christ didn't say, "I make new things." He said, "I make all things new." The profundity of the Scriptures sets the stage for a renewal of mind and heart – a new creation story, a new Adam, a new Eve, a new covenant and even a new kingdom! Encounter God the Father. Meet your spiritual father. Enlighten your mind with spiritual truths that will help transform the world. Become a new creation in Christ and allow mercy to consume your miseries. Seize the day!



TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Start Date: Tuesday, September 17th

When: 7-8:00 pm...social starting at 6:30

Where: Cabrini Center

[9 sessions in the Fall/9 sessions in the Spring] Registration details coming soon!!

> Learn more at www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com



"The Church gives thanks for all the manifestations of the feminine 'genius' which have appeared in the course of history, in the midst of all peoples and nations; she gives thanks for all the charisms which the Holy Spirit distributes to women in the history of the People of God, for all the victories which she owes to their faith, hope, and charity: she gives thanks for all the fruits of feminine holiness." (Mulieris Dignitatem) - ST. JPII

She Shall Be Called Woman is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, we equip you with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. Join us for food, fellowship, and faith. All women are welcome!



ABOUT TOGETHER IN HOLINESS

Where Spouses Discover God's Plan for Their **Family**

Together in Holiness is a marriage conference series for dioceses that inspires spouses to grow together in holiness and empowers parents to form their children in the Catholic

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

Ellen Santoro, Senior Conference Coordinator 832.779.1070 ellen@forlifeandfamily.org

> Early Bird Couple: \$54 | Early Bird Individual: \$35 Early Bird pricing ends September 9. A box lunch and a light breakfast is included for each adult registrant.

Couple: \$64 | Individual: \$40 On-site Childcare (2-12 yrs): \$5/child

Scholarships for couples and individuals are available

SPEAKERS





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Bishop of Venice in Florida
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Become Family







SCHEDULE

7:30 AM	Conference Check-In
8:00 AM	Mass and Marriage Blessing Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane
9:00 AM	Words of Welcome
9:15 - 10:15 AM	The Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Prophetic Mission of the Family Fr. Alex Pince
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Letting Your Life be a Vessel for the Gospel Mallory Smyth
11:30 AM - 1:25 PM	Break for Lunch and Prayer
1:40 - 2:40 PM	A Love that Spreads the Gospe Renzo and Monica Ortega

Closing Comments

2:40 - 2:45 PM

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Prom Night vs. a Holy Obligation: COLLEEN MINER

When you're a teen in this town, it's seldom fashionable to be Catholic — but it's *especially* not fashionable on prom night. Well, you say, that's a no-brainer.

Escaping from the trendy, skimpy prom dresses (which often result in the stereotypical night girls lose their virginity) to avoiding the overzealous, hormone-raging cat fights which ensue once one date looks at another in an inappropriate way (whatever that is!) — our kids have one tough time!

And it's not a walk in the park for us parents, either. We have the not-so-easy task of finding a gown for our child, one that doesn't reveal half the back or bosoms and hopefully when that is agreed upon, it doesn't end up draining our wallet. The whole shopping experience certainly rattles a few nerves not to mention adding a few gray hairs! And I haven't even touched on the hairstyles, nails, jewelry and other accessories "necessary" for the evening.

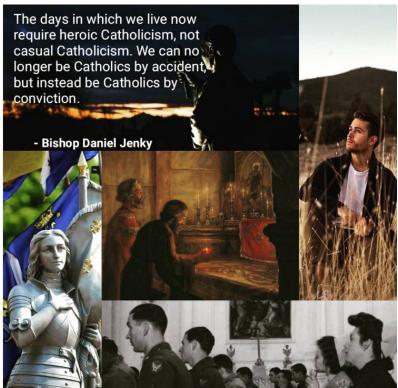
Yes, it is a roller-coaster ride of emotions, enveloping the whole family, while the prom-goer awaits the right someone to ask her to accompany her on this special evening. But the hardest thing for this mom was trying to explain why other Catholic teens were ridiculing my daughter for going to Mass before attending prom.

Our village's high school prom is traditionally the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. And what prom-going teen, returning home at 5AM — after the supervised prom party of pizza and games — wants to rise for Mass just a few hours later? Not many! And especially not my "I love to sleep" daughter. So, knowing the importance of her Sunday obligation, she planned to attend 5PM anticipated Saturday Mass with her hair and make-up already completed.

Yet, she found out only an hour before Mass (via instant messenger — is there any other means of communication for teens?), that her group of friends had decided just that afternoon, to skip Mass and move up the evening's events. They planned to take photos and leave for prom while my daughter was still at Mass.

When she called them, voices mocked her in the background: "Why does she have to go to Mass this weekend? It's her prom! Can't she skip Mass for one weekend?" This came from fellow Catholics who are active in the Church.

A flood of tears sprang from her face of make-up. I tried to console her. How could they change their plans without talking with her and act so mean about it? Then I saw the horrified look in her eyes the moment she voiced her realization "Mom, you will have to drop me off at prom because my 'friends' will already be there!" Yikes, I thought. Does it get any worse?



The phone rang as she was patting her make-up. Coming to her rescue was a friend whose date had ditched her. At least she would not have to walk in alone. They could arrive with each other. We devised a plan to drop the girls off at a nearby store, so they could walk into the restaurant without attendees knowing how they arrived.

Crisis averted and never once did my daughter even think about not attending Mass. I am so proud of her — who by the way, was the only teen at Mass who was later attending the prom! I applaud all those promgoing teens who have the maturity to fulfill their Sunday obligation despite the secular world's pull towards laziness and complacency.

It's not easy to raise Catholic kids in a secular world, but I feel it's even harder for our kids to stand up for their Catholic faith. Scripture tells us "Your reward will be great in heaven." Tonight, my reward was seeing my daughter do what is right. God loves you, Amanda and so does your mom!

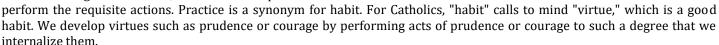
Source: Catholicexchange.com

Why Do We "Practice" the Faith by David Bonagura Jr.

"Practice" as an action has two senses. The first is to "perform" or "carry out" in a habitual way, as, for example, a doctor practices medicine or a generous person practices charity. The second is to "train" or "prepare," as, for example, athletes practice for a game or musicians practice for a concert.

Typically, we use "practice the faith" in the first sense. We carry out the essential features of Catholicism: attend Mass, pray, keep the Commandments, perform acts of charity, go to Confession, fast, and donate money to support the Church. These "practices" illustrate the ongoing nature of Catholic life: we are never at rest, even when sitting for hours in quiet meditation. "Being Catholic" is not merely a state of being; it requires action—it requires practice.

Understanding Catholicism as an action, in addition to a set of beliefs, reminds us that our religion is not only something that comes *to* us. It is also something that is *in* us, that we make part of ourselves when we



"This Catechism was not written to please you. It will not make life easy for you, because it demands of you a new life."

Pope Benedict XVI, Introduction to the Youth Catechism

To practice Catholicism is to practice virtue, for, as St. Thomas Aquinas explains, since "it belongs to religion to pay due honor to someone, namely, to God, it is evident that religion is a virtue." What is the purpose of "practicing the faith?" A doctor practices medicine to heal; a generous person practices charity to aid the needy. The practice of these actions, then, are not ends in themselves but means to an end. The end of practicing the faith is union with God, our Father who gave us life, and who wills that, every day, we come into deeper union with Him. Union with God does not begin at death—death is the perfection of this union. Rather, it begins at Baptism and develops over the course of our lives, rarely in a linear progression but more often in fits and starts in proportion to our response to God's grace and our acquiescence to sin. Union with God is eternal life, which, as Joseph Ratzinger teaches, "is not simply what comes afterward." It is, rather, "a new quality of existence, in which everything flows into the 'now' of love."

To help us achieve this new existence, our faith practices are of two types. One prepares us for union with God. In this, the two meanings of practice—to perform and to train for a contest—overlap. Our Lenten practices of fasting and almsgiving, as well as following the Commandments and performing acts of charity, train our wills and cultivate our souls so that we can love God more deeply. In popular parlance, these practices make us "better people" by helping us die to ourselves so we can be filled with God's grace rather than our own egos.

The second type of practices creates union with God through prayer and receiving the sacraments. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, every time we pray, every time we participate in Mass or receive absolution from our sins, we commune with Him. And, of course, every time we receive our Lord in the holy Eucharist, we come into the deepest union with God possible this side of eternity. In Ratzinger's words, "Eternal life is there, in the midst of time, whenever we come face to face with God."

As glorious as this union with God is, separated as we are from Him by the veil of eternity, our practice of the faith can feel like practicing for other contests. Practice is difficult. It can be tedious. It can be boring. There are days, even many days, when we do not want to bother. Just as athletes and musicians need coaches and conductors to motivate them so they can refocus on their goals, so we Catholics have our coaches—our pastors, our friends and family, and, above all, the saints—to urge us out of our spiritual malaise and back onto the road that leads to God.

Understanding the practice of the faith in this way—as a virtue, as performing actions that lead to union with God—can renew us in our daily work of "being Catholic." It may also help Americans regain a more favorable view of religion. A recent <u>Pew Research Center</u> study found that "Nones," the religiously unaffiliated, are now 28 percent of the U.S. population, larger than any other religious group. Forty-three percent of Nones believe "religion" does more harm than good in society; they blame it for fostering intolerance, superstition, and division. Certainly, when it comes to Catholicism, we make no apologies for the truths that God has revealed to His Church. What we can do is show those skeptical of religion how those truths direct our lives into concrete practices that are good for all minds, hearts, and souls, and, by extension, for society as well. Because, that famous maxim of the secular world is equally true for the supernatural world: practice makes perfect.

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