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- Flannery O'Connor



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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

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# AUGUST 4, 2024



## **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7**

5:30pm **+POOR SOULS**  
Req. By: Kay  
2nd Int. **+LUIS CARLOS MARTINEZ**  
Req. By: Son  
3rd Int. **+JOSEPH S. GATTO**  
Req. By: Carol Valvo  
4th Int. **+KEVIN GONZALES**  
Req. By: Mom  
5th Int. **+JOHN WARD**  
REQ. by: Frank & Susan Ward

## **THURSDAY AUGUST 8**

8:30 am **+ROBERT G. ZALAZINSKI**  
Req. By: Marilyn & Ron Pinkawa  
2nd Int. **+WILLIAM NOWAK**  
Req. By: Friend

## **FRIDAY AUGUST 9**

8:30 am **+ANNA MURZA**  
Req. By: Joan Jones

## **SATURDAY AUGUST 10**

4:00 pm **+ANTHONY MOSCA**  
req. By: Loving Family  
2nd Int: **+JAMES PATRICK MILLER**  
Req. By: Thrift Store Volunteers

## **SUNDAY AUGUST 11**

**9:00am +TED KREGER**  
**Req. By:** Krerger Family  
**2nd Int +ESTELA PARAAN**  
**Req. By:** Moran & Cabilletes Families  
**10:45am RICK BOGNER**  
**Req. By:** Elaine

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## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

113:Ex 16:2-4,12-15 Ps78:3-4,23-25,54  
Eph4:17,20-24 Jn6:24-35

## **UPCOMING WEEK READINGS**

### **MONDAY DEDICATION of THE BASILICA of ST. MARY MAJOR**

407:Jer 28:1-17Ps 119:29,43,79-80,95,102  
Mt 14:13-21

### **TUESDAY THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

614: Dn7:9-10,13-14 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9  
2 Pt1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

### **WEDNESDAY ST. SIXTUS II & COMP. & ST. CAJETAN**

409: Jer31:1-7 (PS) Jer31:10-13 Mt15:21-28

### **THURSDAY ST. DOMINIC**

410: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15,18-19  
Mt16:13-23

### **FRIDAY ST. TERESA BENEDICTA of the Cross**

411: Na2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7 (Ps) Dt32:35c-  
36b,39abcd,41 Mt16:24-28

## **SACRAMENTS: Contact the Office**

### **Baptism:**

For registered & active parishioners:  
**Baptism instruction is  
required for Parents.**

### **Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM

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### **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,  
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## SUPPORTING OUR DIOCESE

Goal: \$250,000.00  
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Helping to relieve our Parish of St. Frances Cabrini Debt!

Goal: \$174,559.61  
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### Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 School Year!

**Faith Formation** Catechesis (teaching the Catholic faith) aims to deepen a relationship with Jesus through educational and enrichment opportunities. Designed to touch the intellect as well as the heart, these programs help people live and experience a more Christ-centered life. The goal of our Faith Formation programs is to provide effective ways of teaching the Catholic faith to people of all ages and backgrounds to help better understand the heart and mind of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

**Register** All students/families **must be registered members of St. Frances Cabrini**. Just like school, you must register for Faith Formation every year your child attends to keep our records current.

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#### **Family Faith Formation** [PreK-Grade 5...child care available @ parent meetings]

\*\*Wednesday evenings 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
\$110/new family or \$40/returning family

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\$40/child

#### **Confirmation Year 1** [typically Grade 9] and **Year 2** [typically Grade 10]

\*\*Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.

\$80/first year or \$30/second year

#### **Post-Confirmation** [any Confirmed high school youth]

\*\*Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
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\*\*Please go to our parish website under the Faith Formation tab to view a detailed calendar of dates and times for PreK-Grade 5 and for Grades 6-12.



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# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Recently someone had come up to me in the grocery store saying they were taken back by certain articles in the Bulletin about the LGBTQ+ Community. I explained that the resources for the articles came from a website that accorded Church teaching. The individual also thought Pope Francis approved Gay Marriage, which I gently said he did not. So some articles about that topic.

## Catholic Exchange Harsh to the Gay Community? By CE EDITORS

Hi Catholic Exchange:

*I enjoy the Catholic content I find at Catholic Exchange, and while I do respect and support the views and work of Mr. Bennett, I don't feel it's quite appropriate to be featured on Catholic Exchange. This is not because he isn't a Catholic (I have many friends that are Baptists...) it is because of its different focus from what Catholicism offers. Catholic Catechism articles 2357-2359 offer the church's authentic teaching on people with same-sex attraction. Rather than emphasizing the ability to "come out of homosexuality", the Catholic Church emphasizes the need for respect and compassion to be given to these individuals and the need for chastity for those with these attractions, while acknowledging that the condition is not chosen.*

*While it is very true that those with same-sex attraction can be "cured" in some cases, it is more of a Protestant view for this to be proposed as the be-all and end-all. It may also be true that homosexuality is not likely genetic, so that those with SSA are not born with it, but this is not beneficial information for anyone in particular, nor has it been determined as fact. I also feel that equally important to countering the graphic descriptions and forceful propaganda of gay rights groups, is recognizing that those with true same-sex attraction have not chosen their condition, and that they deserve respect as individuals, an area which seems to be left out of an organization such as Mr. Bennett's.*

*I would recommend for your site a more Catholic approach, as can be found at the Catholic apostolate Courage, which has chapters around the world. Again, chastity and a pure Christian life is the goal here, as opposed to complete change and married life. While this would be good, it turns out to be a more miraculous event than commonplace in the lives of those with SSA. I look forward to enjoying the continued Catholic content from Catholic Exchange. Thank you, - Dearest Reader*

Dearest Reader,

Thank you for writing. We know this is an issue over which there are very strong feelings and which must be approached with empathy for the trial that the condition of Same Sex Attraction is for those individuals who must bear it.

Mr. Bennett's article was not directed toward those who bear this condition as a trial; it warned about those with a twisted agenda to corrupt youngsters through the school system without parental knowledge. Mr. Bennett happened to be the Christian voice who was on top of this situation, providing the timely warning. While Damascus road encounters that bring about sudden conversions are not the *ordinary* way of conversion, there *are* people who are converted with just such dramatic suddenness. Among them are homosexuals. Should we not tell people that such freedom is possible in Christ, just because He permits some people to continue to struggle with these things? After all, we still hold healing services for physical ailments in spite of the fact that most sick people do not appear to be cured by any supernatural intervention.

Among homosexual people who long to be free of this temptation and continue to struggle, some unknown number may, with proper care and guidance, overcome homosexual tendencies and be oriented properly in their sexuality. Rather than being an instant transformation, this change may require years of skilled attention. This means that there are still some for whom the best of care and intentions does not result in a reorientation of their sexuality. Would not true charity be manifested by their rejoicing in others being freed from this tormenting affliction, even while they continue to struggle?

I ask this because you said: "It may also be true that homosexuality is not likely genetic, so that those with SSA are not born with it, but this is not beneficial information for anyone in particular, nor has it been determined as fact." Actually it has been determined as fact that it is not genetic, otherwise twins would have a 100 percent sharing of this trait. (If there are any genetic factors, they are not dispositive.) To learn that it is not genetic and that change may be possible can transform a person's entire outlook and motivate him to seek help — beneficial information indeed!

Courage, a group we cannot recommend highly enough, does not set reparative therapy as its goal because it exists for supporting homosexual persons in living chaste lives regardless of whether they choose to seek reparative therapy. Outcomes vary: *Some people are able to overcome their homosexual behavior, a goal they pursue because of their Christian values. They move into chaste lives of service to others and are content. Still others in following the road of chastity, and by various means and efforts, come to experience heterosexual development.*

Please note that the outcome of being reoriented sexually is a "development", a furthering of personal growth along the path to healthy maturity: *Same-sex bonding is a basic growth need for children. If unmet by family members, that lack wounds a child's confidence to bond outside the family with other boys or other girls. At puberty that lack cries out in the form of sexual desire...[A]s old hurts rise up to be resolved, the chaste heart gradually learns to bond ... Only then can true growth occur and with some even opposite-sex attraction can emerge.*



The person with SSA has missed out on an important developmental step during childhood: *You may also want to overcome same-sex attractions. This is something you must be sure that you want before pursuing it. It is a very challenging journey. Note that no one should pressure you. It's got to be fully your choice as you are not morally obliged by the Church to do so. It is a worthwhile pursuit however.* The fact that the Church does not say that this growth and healing is a moral requirement, in no way lessens the desirability of healthy adult maturity. To acknowledge that truth is not disrespectful of homosexual persons. Nor can our love of those who struggle in this area prevent us from warning about the evil designs of “gay activists”. Mr. Bennett may oversimplify, but he's been there. What he recommends is based upon his experience, and we Catholics praise God for his transformed life. May it please God to grant to many more souls just such a miracle. Blessings, Mary Kochan

## Who Are we to Judge? SEAN FITZPATRICK

**It is curious** how highly the secular media seems to approve of Pope Francis. Its praise breeds apprehension in some Catholics who tend to be wary of what the world applauds, and rightly so. Pope Francis was again made much of this week for a few candid words about homosexuals. The buzz was based on an interpretation that the Pontiff's words expressed the beginnings of the long-awaited shift in the Church's archaic position on homosexuality—which, of course, they did not. They did, however, express the Church's position on something that could afford to be stated more often and as clearly: that Catholics are, in fact, accepting of homosexuals—just not in the way that the LGTB world wants them to be.

Answering questions from reporters on board his flight from World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Pope Francis was asked about the rumored homosexual lobby among high-ranking Curia within the Vatican. The Pope replied that though a “gay lobby” as a pressure group remains a concern, he does not judge people who are homosexual. “If someone is gay and accepts the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?” Pope Francis said in his typical, straightforward fashion. “They should not be marginalized. The tendency is not the problem... they are our brothers.”

The problematic tendency of the media is to pounce on a reactionary statement like this and turn it into something radical. Many are suggesting that the Pope is “evolving” with the Church in the perception of the gay community, and moving towards a new acceptance of homosexuality. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Pope merely reiterated the Church's old acceptance of homosexuals. What the world would pass off as unorthodox is the most orthodox thing in the world. The Pope's statement about his reticence to judge gay people was not the *Seinfeld* “Not-that-there's-anything-wrong-with-that” moment the media would have it be—which reflects the difference between the Catholic acceptance of homosexuals and the earthly acceptance of homosexuals.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that homosexuals “must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.” (CCC, 2358) Though the catechism also affirms that homosexual acts are acts of “grave depravity” and are “intrinsically disordered,” it does not deny the trials that homosexual people undergo who refrain from giving in to their biological or psychological inclination, and the love we all owe them free of uncharitable judgment. After all, who are we to judge?

Neither was Pope Francis' comment a pietistic “love-the-sinner-hate-the-sin” cliché. There are nuances to being Catholic that go beyond this general principle because Catholics are not called to despise sin detached from people. Faced with popular perversion, Catholics must consciously resist the muddled secular strategy of loving the sinner *and* the sin. This difficult balance will, unfortunately, always be branded as “intolerance.” Embracing the sinner without the sin, however, is not a hypocritical sugarcoating for homophobic bigotry. It is an act of love that desires perfection for another. The real transgression against charity is to embrace the sinner together with an unlovable appetite in the name of unconditional love. Loving acceptance of the lies called same-sex “relations” and “marriage” is not an act of love—it is only part of the lie. As Hamlet pleaded with words of love to his mother concerning her unnatural marriage, “do not spread the compost on the weeds to make them ranker.” America needs to learn that there is nothing hateful or judgmental in rejecting falsehood.

Though challenging, the culture must be approached as it is. With the overturning of DOMA, the inevitable has arrived—the only surprising thing about it is how unsurprising it is. How should Catholics show in a loving way that Christ offers something better? Certainly not by casting the first stone. Catholics know that homosexual acts are wrong, and they may either deal with this knowledge correctly or incorrectly—they may either become Christ-like or critical. Francis may well be calling Catholics to encounter this very real cultural problem with the smile of God and to promote the solution with His love; which is the opportunity to teach what we believe, becoming instruments of God's grace for all people. This statement with others concerning divorced Catholics, reveal the Pope's pastoral desire to return lost sheep to the fold. We should follow our shepherd's lead.

In his June 26<sup>th</sup> statement applauding the Supreme Court's denial of the truth that marriage is a legal union between one man and one woman, President Barack Obama said that the Court had righted a wrong. “We are a people who declared that we are all created equal—and the love we commit to one another must be equal as well.” The President's words are reflective of a confusion that has culminated from this deviancy and deception in the pursuit of happiness. We do believe and declare that all men are created equal, but not the same—equality does not mean equivalence. That much we may judge. Furthermore, we do believe and declare as human beings, Americans, and Catholics that all men should love each other equally, following the natural law of our Creator who created us man and woman to be fruitful and multiply. In this lies truth and happiness. To deviate from truth is to deviate from happiness. That much, too, Catholics may judge—without passing judgment. — “The laws of our land are catching up to the fundamental truth that millions of Americans hold in our hearts,” Obama concluded, “when all Americans are treated as equal, no matter who they are or whom they love, we are all more free.” There is a Law that is higher than the law of the land from whence fundamental truths proceed. “Equality” falsely equated with “sameness” will not make the world free. That power is reserved for truth. The President was correct on one point—a point that, I believe, the Pope would second. “The love we commit to one another must be equal.”

Who are we to judge? These are times to tread softly—and perhaps to leave the big stick at home. There is a fine line between condemning a lifestyle and condemning the person who lives it. The victory for Catholic America lies in doing the former without the latter. The only way to right this wrong Obama called a “victory” is to love our neighbors equally and honestly. True, Americans need to call a spade a spade—and a marriage a marriage—but once we stop denouncing what is wrong, we can start making it right. Love is the way, in accordance with the law written on our hearts. As Boethius says in his *Consolation of Philosophy*, “O happy race of men, if love, which rules Heaven, rule your minds.”

Let Him judge Who is Love and the Ruler and Judge of all.



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