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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

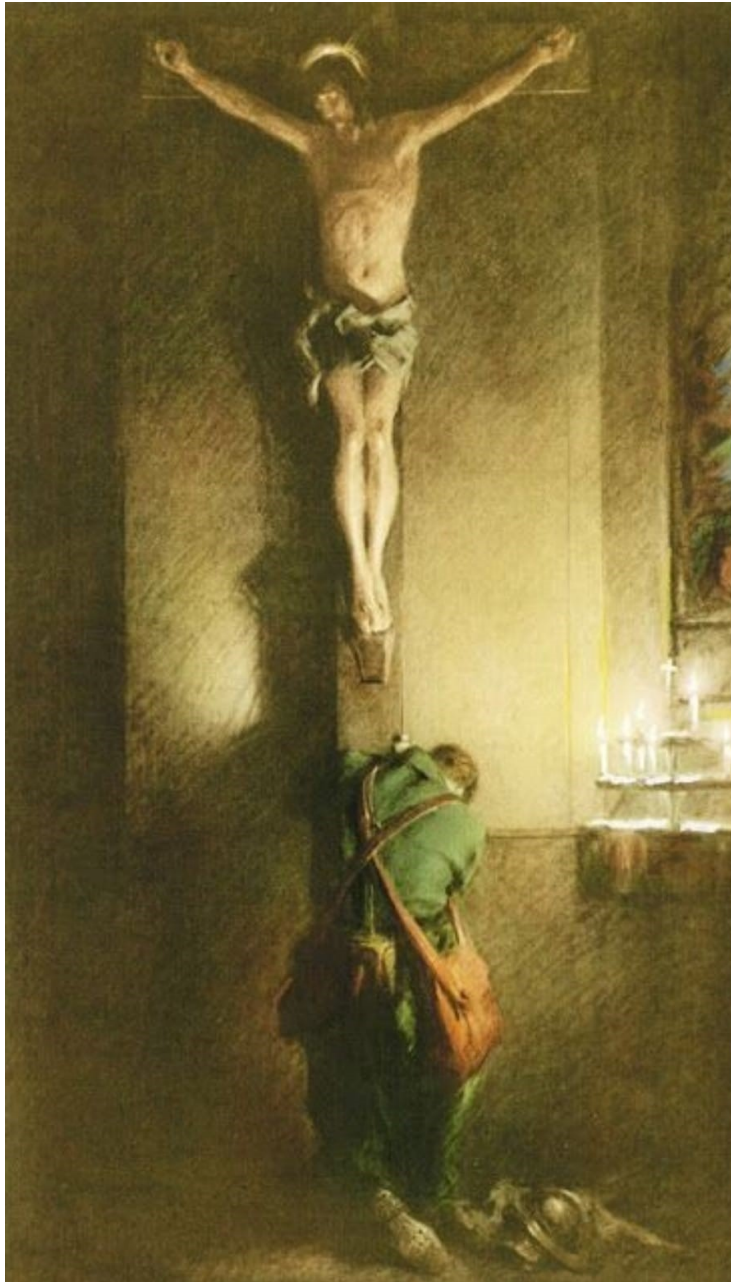
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Mon.-Fri 8:00am-4:00pm



Keep your eyes on
the crucifix; for
Jesus without the
cross is a man
without a
mission, and the
cross without
Jesus is a burden
without a reliever.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



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

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MARCH 10, 2024

Weekly Mass Intentions



WELCOME WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

TUESDAY

5:30pm

Req. By:

2nd. Int:

WEDNESDAY

8:30am

Req. By:

2nd. Int:

Req. By:

THURSDAY

8:30am

2nd Int.

FRIDAY

8:30am

Req. By

2nd Int;

Req. By:

SATURDAY

4:00 pm

Req. By:

2nd Int.:

Req. By:

8:00am

Req. By:

2nd Int.

Req.

9:45.

Req. By:

2nd Int.

Req. By:

MARCH 12

+MARY G. VALVO

Carol Valvo

+THERESE ENDAYA

MARCH 13

+MARY BOCCHINO

Dennis & Sheila Montone

+PAUL, MARGARET & ANITA FREEMAN

Margie & Mel Siler

MARCH 14

+POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

+ BERNALDO ENDAYA

MARCH 15

+SUSAN LOMONACO

Morris

+KEVIN MULLINS

Loving Family

MARCH 16

+JOHN PATRICK MALONE

Loving Family

THERESA ZIEGLER

Lucy

MARCH 17

+JOSEPHINE & LILIANN FINN

Nana & Pop

+SANDY, RON, & MIKE

Michelle Novec

+KEN DARGA

Gail, Mike & Leann

+STEPHEN SIMAS

Mike & Cathy Simas

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING
First Reading 32:2Ch36:14-16,19-23

Psalms 137:1-6

Second Reading Eph2:4-10

Gospel Reading Jn 3:14-21

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.

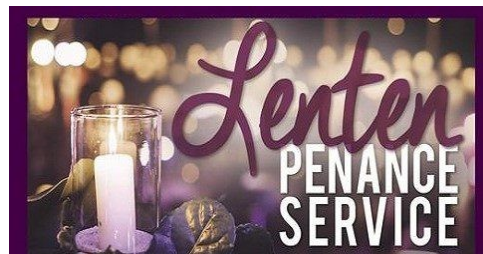
Funerals: Please contact the Office for a meeting for Dates, Readings, and music. There are certain policies in place at St. Frances Cabrini for the respectful burial of your loved one.

Thrift Store hours

9:00am-2:00pm

Monday-Friday

Closed: Wednesday & Weekends



MARCH 14 @ 5:30

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

244: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAY

245:Ez 47:1-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY

246: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18 Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAY

347: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY

248:Wis 2:1a,12-22 Ps 34:17-21,23 Jn 7:1-2,10



Supporting our Diocese

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

Goal: \$250,000.00

Raised So Far: \$35,603.00



Parish Focused Giving

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

Goal: \$174,559.61

DEBT BALANCE

\$149,265.23

[This Week in Faith Formation](#)

Sunday, March 10th

First Communion Y2 11:00-12:30 PM
Young Adult Retreat @ OLPH 9:30AM-3:15 PM

Monday, March 11th

Divine Mercy Cenacle 6:30-8:00 PM

Tuesday, March 12th

Young Adults 7pm

Wednesday, March 13th

Divine Mercy Cenacle 9:30-11:00 AM
Confirmation Mass @ 6:30 PM [No HSYG!]
[ALL ARE INVITED!! Come support our candidates.]

Thursday, March 14th

"Restore" & "Fearless" 9:30-11:00 AM
OCIA 6:00-8:00 PM
"The Wild Goose" 6:30-7:30 PM

Friday, March 15th

Stations of the Cross after 8:30 AM Mass
Bible Study 9:30-11:00 AM
Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM

Saturday, March 16th

TMIY 6:30-8:00 AM

[Upcoming Information](#)

Sunday, March 17th

FFF Parent Meeting 11:00-12:30 PM
[ALL ARE INVITED!! Outdoor Stations of the Cross]

Monday, March 18th

Divine Mercy Cenacle 6:30-8:00 PM

Tuesday, March 19th

POTLUCK 5:30—7:00pm

Wednesday, March 20th

Divine Mercy Cenacle 9:30-11:00 AM
6th – 8th Grade & Confirmation Y1/Y2 6-8 PM
[ALL ARE INVITED!! Outdoor Stations of the Cross]

Thursday, March 21st

"Restore" & "Fearless" 9:30-11:00 AM
OCIA 6:00-8:00 PM
"The Wild Goose" 6:30-7:30 PM

Friday, March 22nd

Stations of the Cross after 8:30 AM Mass
Bible Study 9:30-11:00 AM
Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM

Saturday, March 23rd

TMIY 6:30-8:00 AM

CALLED

2024 AMU YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 12-14, 2024
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"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

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St. Frances Cabrini June 2-7, 2024

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

After all Masses
Palm Sunday
Weekend.

March 23rd-24th

easter
LILY SALE

Help support our Youth (Grades 6-12) who will be attending Camp Veritas (June 9th-14th)

All proceeds made from the EASTER FLOWER SALE will help support the cost per camper.



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The Hidden Effects of Sin by Matthew Mckenna

Why shouldn't we sin? What are the consequences of sin? Chiefly, the main effect of sin is separation from God, the rupture of our relationship with Him. God loves us and created us for intimate union with Him. He gave us a way of life that strengthens our relationship with Him and finally leads to eternal happiness – morality. Sin, by its nature, is any act contrary to our nature and which thus leads us away from God. Sins are acts which, by their nature, make us incompatible for relationship with God.

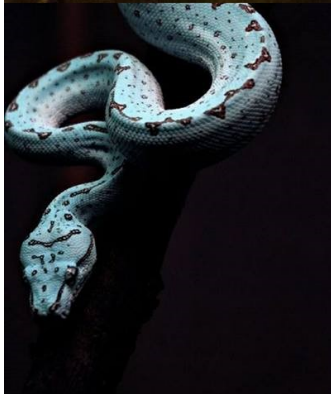
Human relationships are no different. There are certain types of acts which destroy relationships, regardless of our intentions in doing them. Adultery ruins the marital relationship by its nature. Spreading lies about someone makes it impossible to have genuine intimacy with that person. Thankfully, mercy and grace are more powerful than our sins.

So, we know that the main effect of sin is separation from God. But, if we are honest with ourselves, most of us are not spiritually mature enough (not holy enough) for this to be sufficient motivation for us to avoid sin. Separation from God seems like such an abstract and spiritual idea with no relevance to my daily life full of struggles.

This is where sin's secondary effects come into play. In addition to separation from God, sin also corrupts our lives and relationships with others. Spreading lies about someone is a sin and separates us from God, but it also separates us from others in our communities. Most obviously the person about whom we lie, but also others. If we are known to be liars and gossipers, many people will not trust us, even if we have never hurt them by lies or gossiping. All sin, as acts contrary to our nature and purpose for life, makes us unhappy in the long run. A good, and sufficient, reason not to sin is to avoid the natural consequences of sin – the loneliness and lack of fulfillment which it causes.

But sin is so perverse and corruptive, that it has consequences that we cannot predict. When they rebelled against God, Adam and Eve knew that their relationship with Him would be ruptured, so they hid from Him. But did they expect that their relationship with each other would be ruptured too? In Genesis 3, the punishments that God gives to Adam and Eve for their sin are often interpreted as just God informing them about the natural consequences of their acts. But the punishments are focused on the breaking of Adam and Eve's shameless relationship. Even further, their relationship with the rest of creation was broken. Due to their rebellion against God, the soil will not yield fruit unfought, and childbirth will be extremely painful and dangerous.

A good example in our current society of the hidden, tertiary effects of sin can be found in the connection between divorce and the environment. A surprising effect of divorce is damage to the environment. In divorce, the main issues are the tearing apart of a family and the breaking of marriage vows. Well-known effects of divorce include the damage done to the children, and the higher chance of failure in any future relationships in which the divorcees engage. But a forgotten, or unnoticed, tertiary effect of divorce is the damage it does to the environment. Divorce takes a given number of people, a particular family, and nearly doubles the number of resources they consume.



Just a single sin
left in your life
is as dangerous as
just a single
rattlesnake
left in your bed.

TIM CHALLIES

This same set of people will now need two homes with complete furnishings and their own sets of utility bills: water, heating, air conditioning, electricity, etc. They now need two grocery bills. If there are children involved, they often need two sets of clothes, toys, and educational materials. A consequence of divorce is environmental harm from excessive consumption.

As Christians we are supposed to practice stewardship of the environment. Pope Francis has helpfully highlighted this during his pontificate. The chief sin against the environment is not failing to recycle but consuming excessively. Divorce nearly doubles what people consume. This reveals to us the hidden effects of sin. Our sins hurt our relationship with God, with others, and corrupts ourselves. But there are often hidden consequences of sin that we typically fail to see.

I'm Not Afraid of the Crucifix Anymore by Micaela Darr

My eldest daughter, chubby cheeks and wispy hair, toddled up to me with her children's Bible clutched in her grubby hands. She was two and a half. I pulled her considerable weight onto my lap while her baby sister dozed to sleep in my other arm. She opened the Bible and the first image we saw was that of the Crucifixion.

I cringed. She didn't. "Mama, s'dat Jesus?" I nodded and tried to turn the page. I don't know what I was looking for, other than I wanted to protect my child from *that*. The detailed image of our Lord nailed to a tree was not the way I wanted my daughter to think of Jesus. I never avoided it at Mass, per se, but I focused on other images when trying to keep her quiet. But she was adamant. She kept her gummy hand on the page so I couldn't turn it, not without ripping it, or (heaven forbid) waking her sister, or both.

"Mama, s'Jesus hurt?" I nodded again, tears clogging my throat. The crucified Jesus was one that moved me every time, but I didn't want my daughter to focus on that. She's too young for that! Too innocent! "Let's find the picture of Jesus with the lambs, sweetie! You like that picture, don't you?" I managed to croak out this utterly unconvincing plea while I bounced and shushed the wriggling baby back to sleep. I tried to turn the page again.

"Mama, Jesus die for me?" This was familiar territory, of course. She hadn't come up with this on her own. Usually, however, in our Bible readings we spent a lot of time on the parables, did a quick skim over death and spent the rest of our efforts rejoicing at the resurrection. Emotion overcame me, and I heaved great big silent sobs, avoiding her seeking, searching eyes.

In that moment, I realized that all I wanted for my daughter was the joy of the Resurrection. I didn't want the pain, or the sorrow, or the anguish of the preceding Passion. I didn't want her to feel culpable, implicated in the death of the Word Incarnate.

That, by the way, is what the *world* offers us, every day. Joy without pain, and contentedness without struggle. Wealth, beauty, power, money: all these things and more will be your Joy! Who needs the Cross when you can skip right over it and enjoy the bounty here and now?! Lies. The world offers us a daily dose of lies. And I was unintentionally offering the same ones to my daughter.

So I shakily took one last deep breath. I opened my eyes and awkwardly wiped my tears on the shoulder of my stained t-shirt. I looked down at my daughter who, oddly, looked more curious than upset. I smiled a watery smile and I said, "Yes, baby. He died for you and for me, for Daddy and for Baby Sister. Jesus died so that we could all live forever with Him in Heaven."

Her brown eyes solemn, those impossibly long lashed blinking slowly, she nodded and looked from me back down to the Bible. "S'okay, Mommy. Don't cry." She turned the page. "See? Jesus not dead anymore."

And it was okay. Because I had spent those painful few moments at the foot of the cross, it was okay to then move on and be happy in the Resurrection. My daughter, inquisitive and as yet unafraid of her capacity for pain or fear, knew that instinctively. She snuggled back against me, warm and comforting, comforted.

I know many people prefer the simplicity of the cross. I can sympathize, but I humbly suggest that it's not enough. The cross alone, powerful symbol though it is, is still only a symbol. If there is one thing all Christians can agree on, it's that Christ was not a symbol. He was the Son of God who came to Earth and suffered greatly at the hands of other men and women. He had real wounds and suffered a real death. It follows then that this great and awesome act of love, the crucifixion, isn't something to fear or hide from, but something to revere and meditate upon.

I've heard it said before that the crucifix is a gruesome sight. I suppose that might be true if you didn't know the story of the cross, and the Love that put Jesus there. We do know, however, that Jesus was a study in contrasts: a king born in a stable, a carpenter who taught theology to rabbis and chief priests, a man who is also the Son of God. Why then should His death be any less of a paradox? Jesus was bruised, beaten, mocked, defiled, killed, and yet He turned the Crucifix into a symbol of hope and joy for billions of people through the ages and around the world.

"When you are alone in your room, take your crucifix, kiss its five wounds reverently, tell it to preach to you a little sermon, and then listen to the words of eternal life that it speaks to your heart; listen to the pleading of the thorns, the nails, the precious Blood. Oh, what an eloquent sermon!" – St. Paul of the Cross

Jesus showed us His love through the crucifix. As Catholics, we are a people of life, but we get there honestly. We know that we have to come through the Passion and the Crucifixion first to fully experience life's true, everlasting Joy. Now that I understand that, I won't turn away from it, and I don't hide it from my children anymore either. And do you know the strangest thing? My children, who have nightmares over episodes of Blues Clues and Sesame Street, they're not even remotely afraid of the crucifix. I think they know the whole story – love conquers death – better than I did until I was grown.

(Catholixexchange.com)

St. Thomas Aquinas was one day paying a visit to St. Bonaventure, and asked him from what book he had drawn all the beautiful lessons he had written. St. Bonaventure showed him the image of the Crucified, which was completely blackened by all the kisses he had given it, and said, "This is my book, whence I receive everything that I write; and it has taught me whatever little I know."





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