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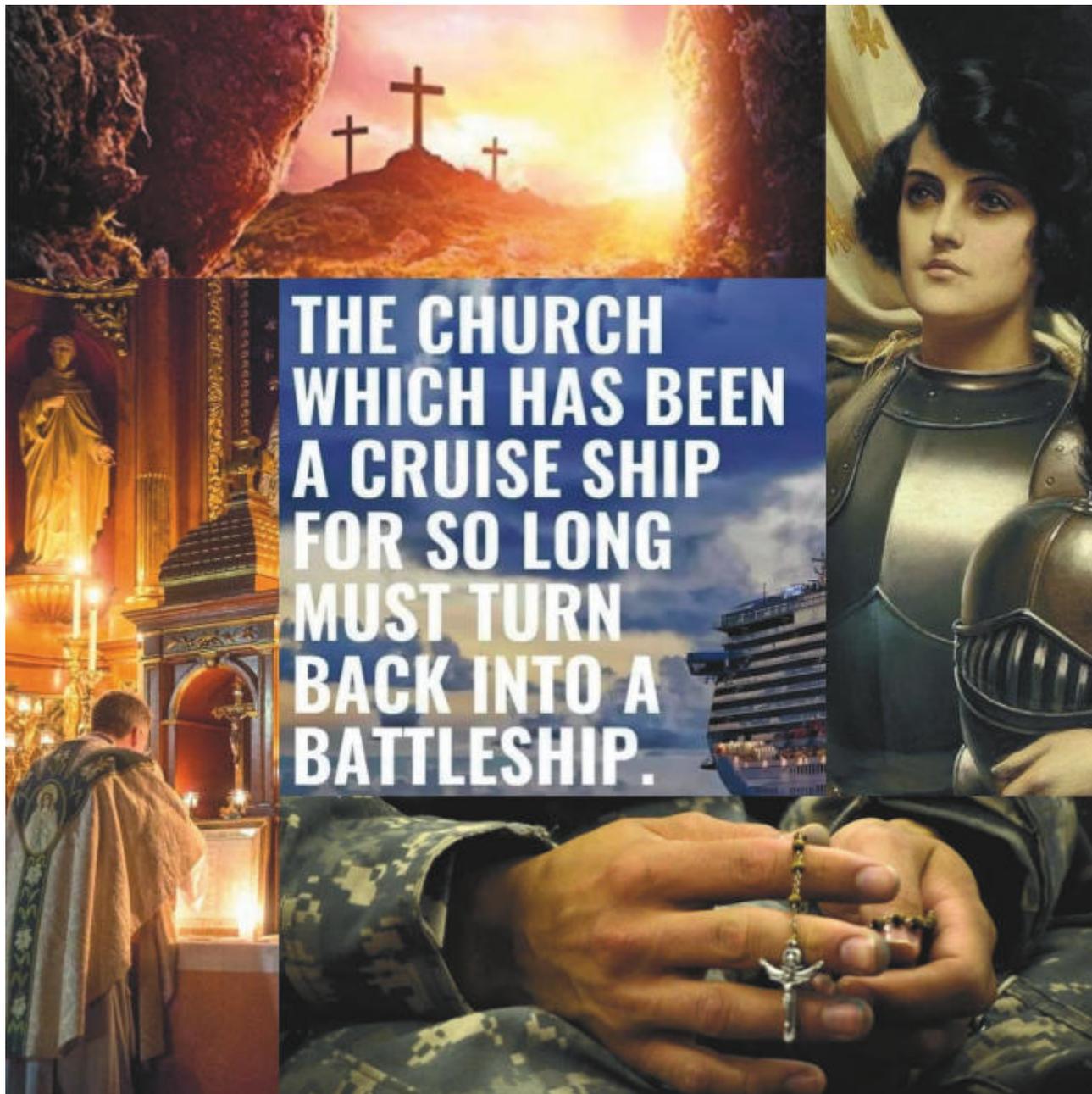
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BATTLESHIP.**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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APRIL 4, 2021



Mass Intentions

APRIL 6
+POOR SOULS
 Kay
+RACHEL RODRIGUES
 Lydia

APRIL 7
+WALTER SOLTYS
 Eleanor Soltys

APRIL 8
+POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

APRIL 9
+CARL B. VALVO
 Richard & Carol Valvo

APRIL 10
PARISHIONERS
+ERIC ROSS
 Wife, Sylvia

APRIL 11
+WARD FAMILY
 Cheryl Wyler
+CECILA ROTH
HER FAMILY

Tuesday
 8:30am
 Req. By:

Wednesday
 8:30am
 Req. By:

Thursday
 8:30am

Friday
 8:30 am
 Req. By:

Saturday
 4:00pm
 2nd Int.
 Req. By:

Sunday
 9:30am
 Req. By:
 11:00am
 Req. By:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
 First Reading: 42: Acts 10:34a,37-43
 Psalms 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
 Second Reading Col 3:1-4
 Gospel Jn 20:1-9

Catholic

Faith Appeal

2021

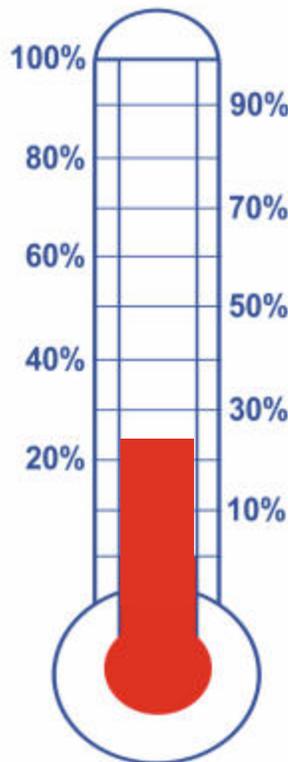


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Baptism: For registered and active parishioners: Please contact the Church Office. Baptism instruction is required for Parents.

Reconciliation (Confessions)
 Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM in Adoration Chapel
 Or by Appointment

Weddings: For registered and active parishioners: must be arranged with the pastor at least 6 months before the date desired. Please contact the Church Office for more details.



Our Goal

\$164,000.00

Thank You!

Raised so far:

22,888.00

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Readings for the Week

Monday

261: Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

262: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

263: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

264: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab,5-9 Lk 24:35-48

Friday

265: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27a Jn 21:1-14



Friday Bible Study will resume on
Friday, April 9th at 10:00 A.M.

We are currently studying
the Seven Secrets of
Confession.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Catholic Faith Appeal 2021

In Scripture it is written, "Be generous, and you will be prosperous. Help others, and you will be helped." (Proverbs 11:25) This affirms that God provides for those who care for their Brothers and Sisters in need. Having the willingness to share one's blessings with others is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God.

The Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is an act of kindness that directly supports various ministries, programs and outreach in the Diocese of Venice. Your participation in the CFA is a direct way to proclaim Christ's Mission not only in word but also in concrete action. The Appeal helps bring the Gospel to life through evangelization and by providing those individuals and families in need with essential resources such as food, shelter, clothing and much more.

Your gift to the **2021 Catholic Faith Appeal** will continue to make a difference in supporting the charitable and pastoral initiatives in the Diocese of Venice. CFA Envelopes can be found in the Narthex, or you can go online at :

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/cfa/>

- Please be sure to list our Parish of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini at the bottom!



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The Grace to Remain Catholic: MICHELLE ARNOLD

The other day, a childhood friend contacted me through Facebook. She had been raised Catholic, but now does not believe in God. She knows that I am a convert to Catholicism who writes on religious subjects and wanted to know what drew me to Catholicism and how I could remain Catholic. She wasn't arguing against belief in God; she was simply curious how I could affiliate with a religion that, for many people, does not seem to value women and which many are leaving. The question about how I could remain Catholic was what really grabbed my attention most. What could I say?

Will I Remain Catholic? Before I answer the question of whether or not I will remain Catholic, I would first like to look at a few reasons I find insufficient—in themselves, at least—for staying in the Church. **Catholicism is true.** Yes, well, so is gravity. And, yet, every year, knowing gravity is true, men insist on attempting to defy it. Sometimes, they succeed. **Other times, they fail.** The truth of gravity is not, in itself, sufficient to convince some people to act prudently in its regard.

The same is true of Catholicism, I'm afraid. I believe, completely, that the Catholic Church has the fullness of truth, revealed by God for our salvation. And, yet, over the past decade or so, I have watched countless Catholics (including many converts who came into the Church because they believed in the truth of Catholicism as fervently as I do) walk away from the Church—not because they are no longer able to believe, but because, for some reason, it seems that they no longer *want* to believe or *care* about believing. Sometimes they turn to other churches, sometimes to other religions. Sometimes they simply drop into apathy. But each and every one of them once wholeheartedly embraced the truth of Catholicism.

I suspect one reason is because truth alone, stripped of all else, is a brutal taskmaster. Then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, in **his homily** before the opening of the papal conclave in 2005, put it another way: **Love without truth would be blind; truth without love would be like “a clanging cymbal” (1 Cor 13:1).** I cannot be arrogant enough to suppose that truth alone will keep me in the Church when I have seen that it is not enough to hold the hearts and minds of better men and women than I am.

The Church provides Christ in the sacraments. I often hear Catholics remark that they remain in the Church for Christ in the Eucharist. “No one is going to deny me the Real Presence of Christ!” they will say. And, yet, many find ways to have the sacraments without the Church. Many radical traditionalists, unable or unwilling to accept the development of doctrine and practice in the Church over the past half-century, have clustered around likeminded priests and rogue bishops to receive valid (if illicit) sacraments, along with interpretations of Catholicism that they prefer. Many radical progressives, unable or unwilling to accept the authority of the Church over the past half-century, have gone forth and done likewise.

Lest those who consider themselves to be orthodox suppose they are immune from this temptation, allow me to share that I have watched **rumors** unfold this past year that there are Catholic clergy and laity, still fully in union with the Holy See, who explored “important countermeasures . . . in preparation for [this past] October’s Synod on the Family,” in preparation for the possibility of pastoral directives from the Vatican that they intend to resist. I have even seen individual priests, in posts to social media, murmuring about how they intend to avoid any directives they might receive from a bishop or religious superior to offer the sacraments in accordance with authoritative pastoral directives with which they happen to disagree.

Basically, if you want the sacraments badly enough, you can figure out a way to get them without having to trouble yourself with staying loyal to the Church entrusted by Christ to be their custodian.

What other Catholics do won't affect me. Many orthodox Catholics delude themselves into thinking that the scandals wrought by bad bishops, predatory priests, and lackadaisical laity will have no effect on their own spiritual lives. There are two problems with this. First of all, if those scandals don't affect you then that is a problem in itself. If you refuse to feel outrage when clergy commit grave evils, or shrug when laity don't live out their faith, then you are showing signs of a calloused spirit. Either that, or you are refusing to recognize and name evil for what it is.

Secondly, I don't think it possible to assume that you are that special of a snowflake. I'm afraid that the evils others do will catch up with you eventually.

When the priest abuse scandal of 2002 first broke, a Catholic convert I was acquainted with steadfastly refused to recognize the magnitude of the problem. He constantly chastised others for expressing their outrage at the bishops who had allowed grave evils to occur and who had shielded the predators. A few years later, long after everyone else had been able to lick their wounds and move on, the reality of the horrors caught up with him, and he apparently could not handle it. Because he had also managed to alienate most of his social circle, he did not have many fellow Catholics left from whom to receive emotional support. He ended up leaving the Church; last I heard from him, he has become a strident anti-Catholic chastising Catholics for the scandal of abusive clergy.

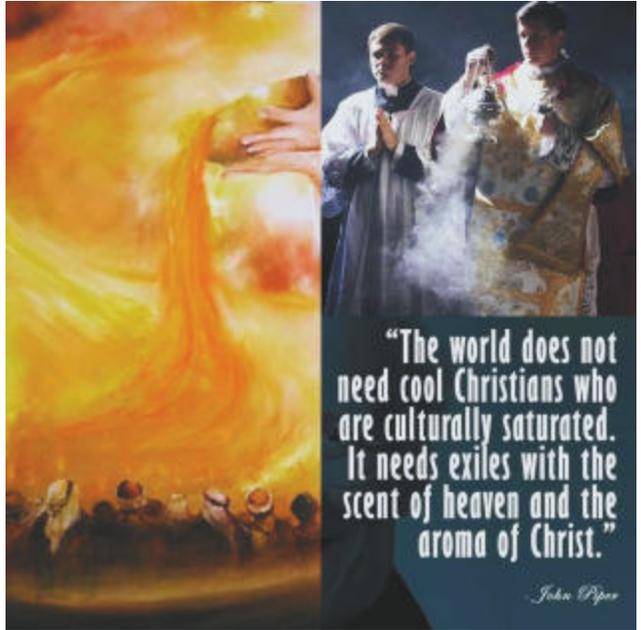


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The Question . . . Again: So, then, given this, *will I remain Catholic?* God only knows. I mean that quite literally. *God only knows.* I have fallen away from practice of my Catholic faith before: I was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1996. A couple of years later, I lapsed. I didn't reject the Church, but I stopped going for about 18 months. At the time, it was my non-Catholic parents who urged me to start attending church again. They didn't particularly care for the Catholic Church, but they appreciated the change for the better that they had seen faith give me. In retrospect, I consider this lapse a grace, because it has acted as something of an inoculation against a more spectacular fall—one I readily admit could well have occurred after the explosion of the clergy abuse scandal in the U.S. in 2002.

I have also struggled with temptations against faith: Political ideals I took for granted to be correct I discovered were not always in line with the teaching of the Church. Prominent Catholic clergy and other teachers of the faith I respected and admired either suffered spectacular falls of their own or jumped the rails of Catholic orthodoxy to greater or lesser degrees. Even the ordinary obligations of being a Catholic (e.g., going to the sacraments, times of fast and abstinence) occasionally can challenge natural **concupiscence**.

As our Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, once said: **“The ways of the Lord are not comfortable, but we were not created for comfort, but for greatness, for good.”** Benedict's brother Msgr. Georg Ratzinger made the same point more colorfully: **“It can't be all peace, joy, and pancakes.”**



I have even struggled with temptations to apostatize. I don't intend to give you details of that, since I consider the matter personal, but I share the fact of those temptations because they exist and they need to be acknowledged as existing. No good comes from refusing to admit one's own limitations. And no good comes from denying that these kind of temptations can afflict anyone—no matter where they are in the spiritual journey or how frequently they practice their faith. Temptations are not sinful in themselves; they are to be expected in **the struggle of faith** and can be used as stepping stones to closer union with God. Denial, on the other hand, gives the temptations power and eventually can make them impossible to overcome.

And Again . . . How will I remain Catholic then? By the grace of God alone. For some reason that I may only learn in the next life, God wants me to be Catholic. He has given me the grace to become Catholic, he has given me the grace to remain Catholic even in the midst of struggle, I pray he will continue to give me the grace to remain Catholic. I do not think the grace to remain Catholic will be given in one lump-sum payment, as one might choose to receive winnings from a Powerball jackpot. Rather, I get just enough grace for today. Just enough grace to send the devil packing this time. Just enough grace to get past a new doubt or an old temptation. Not because I deserve that grace, not because I am better than anyone else who has not received that grace, but simply because God loves me and, for some unfathomable reason, wants me to be Catholic.

I can cooperate with that grace. I can maximize the potential that I will continue to remain in that grace. Learning my faith more deeply, receiving the sacraments regularly, praying for those whose actions harm the mystical body of Christ—those are all good ways to cooperate with the grace to remain in the Church. But, in themselves, they are but tattered rags. Only grace gives them the power to transform me into a faithful Catholic. Which is why, at every Mass, during the consecration of the Eucharist, I pray for the grace of final perseverance. (Catholicexchange.com)

“There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be.”
— Fulton J. Sheen

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THANK YOU TO OUR KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS AND VOLUNTEERS AND ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN MAKING THIS YEARS FRIDAY FISH FRY A SUCCESS!!!!



Thank you to our Donors!

The Staff of St. Frances Cabrini and myself would like to extend a humble 'Thank You' to all those who helped donate towards the continued beautification of our parish. Through your generosity we were able to raise the funds necessary for our statues and candle stands. Your generosity is most appreciated! Thank you Again!



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On this amazing 11 day pilgrimage to Fatima you will visit sites associated with not only Mary, our blessed mother, but the visionaries Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, St. Anthony of Padua, Saint John of the Cross, and the apostle James, son of Zebedee. This pilgrimage will include a river cruise through the Douro River Valley, the heart of Portugal's Wine country, and will ultimately reach the magical medieval city of Salamanca, Spain.

There will even be an optional 2-day add-on trip to Compostela, Spain to pay homage to the relics of the apostle James, known in Spanish as Santiago. Participants who wish will even be able to walk the final 10 miles of the famous Camino! October 2021 will be the perfect time for such an adventure – the summer heat will have subsided but the brilliant blue skies of sun-drenched Portugal will brighten an adventure full of spiritual growth, Catholic heritage, and cultural richness.



Known on Catholic radio and TV as “Dr. Italy,” Dr. D’Ambrosio is a NY Times best-selling author and a renowned commentator on Catholic issues appearing on Fox News’ “Geraldo Rivera At Large” and Bill O’Reilly’s radio show. A doctoral student of theologian Avery Cardinal Dulles, Marcellino is an expert on the history of the Church in Spain and Portugal and has a special familiarity with the shrines we will be visiting on this very special tour and the associated saints. Dr. Italy, who is fluent in Spanish, will be our principal guide, providing expert commentary on saints, sites, wines and shrines of Spain and Portugal.

Jeff Cavins is recognized both nationally and internationally as an exciting public speaker and bible teacher. He is the creator and founder of the popular Great Adventure Bible Study series published by Ascension Press. Jeff is the founding host of EWTN’s weekly program “Life on the Rock” as well as Relevant Radio’s daily show, “Morning Air.” Jeff received an MA in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville. He is the Director Emeritus and teacher at the Catechetical Institute at the St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.



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Pilgrimage October 13 – 24, 2021

Compostela October 25 – 26, 2021

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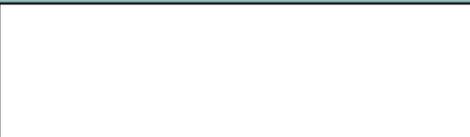
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