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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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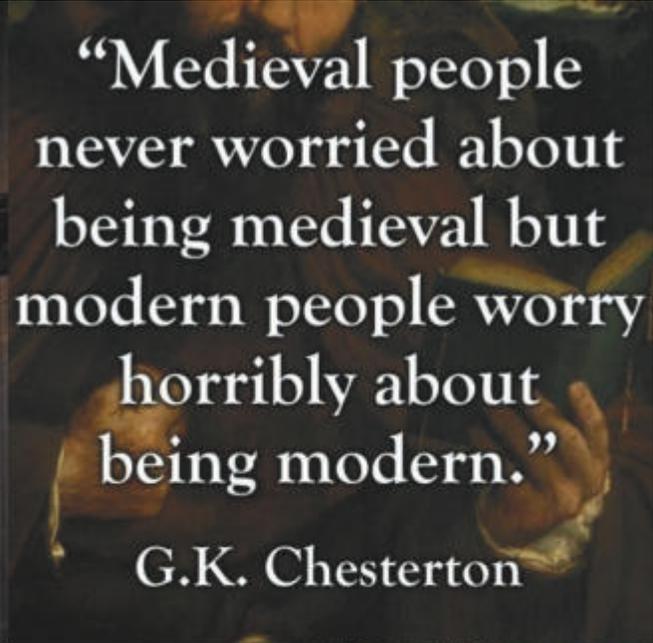
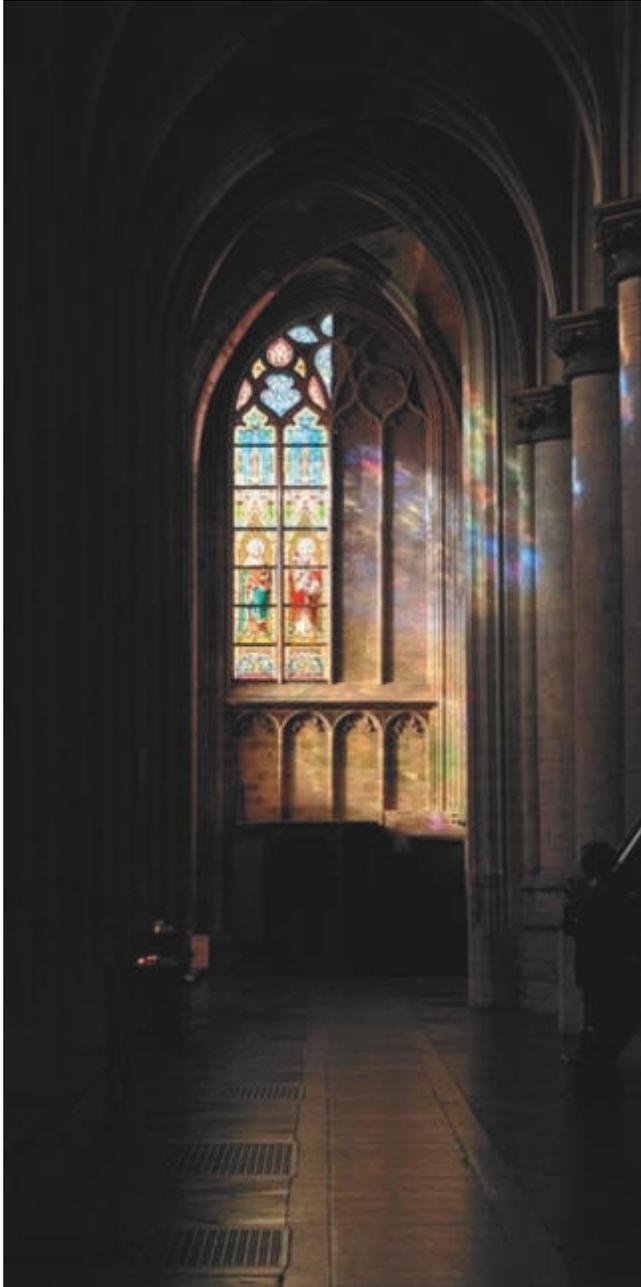
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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 18, 2021



Mass Intentions

Tuesday APRIL 20
 8:30am **+MARGARET MELLO**
 Req. By: Mello Family
 2nd Int. **+MARK HIESTAND**
 Req. By: Dennis & Sheila Montone

Wednesday APRIL 21
 8:30am **+JEREMIAH KIMBELL & CHRISTY RUANE**
 Req. By: Abigail Ruane

Thursday APRIL 22
 8:30am **+KIMBERLY GATES**
 Req. By: Ed & Julianne Kcourek

Friday APRIL 23
 8:30am **+EDUARDO LISING**
 Req. By: Bartus Family

Saturday APRIL 24
 4:00 PM **+MIKE MANOOGIAN, CINTHIA CORREIRA & LAURIE MESSIER**
 Req. By: Wife & Mother

Sunday APRIL 25
 9:30am **+KEN DARGA**
 Req. By: Gail, Mike & Liane
 11:00am **PARISHIONERS**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: 47 Acts 3:13-1, 17-19

Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-9

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5a

Gospel Lk 24:35-48

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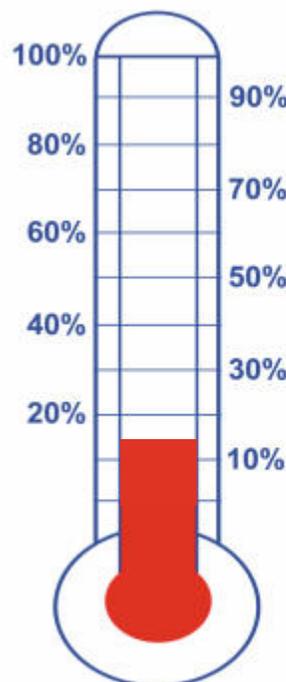
RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS

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:

\$25,731.288

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Readings for the Week

Monday

273: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

274: Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4,6,7b,8a,17,21ab Jn6:30-35

Wednesday ST. ANSELM

275: Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66: 1-3a,4-7a Jn6:35-40

THURSDAY

276: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20 Jn6:44-51

FRIDAY ST. GEORGE & ST. ADALBERT

277: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc,2 Jn 6:52-59



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Thank You
to our Youth who
did a wonderful
version of
Stations of the
Cross this Lent!!!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holiness Never Give Up: Constance T. Hull

The other day I had a discussion with my daughter about the long path to holiness. She was having a difficult day. We had just spent three weeks visiting my family in my native state of Montana. We were on our way back to Virginia and had already spent three days in the car. Exhaustion was wearing on all of us and parents know that children are creatures of habit.

Taking a child away from their routine usually results in some tears and difficult behavior. After the irrationality subsided, my daughter came to me in tears asking why she can never seem to be good. This is, of course, an exaggeration. She is good most of the time, but has her moments throughout the day. It seems that she has stumbled upon St. Paul's words to the Romans: "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate." She has discovered the battle we wage daily in the spiritual life.

My daughter wanted to understand why she does "bad things" so often. She understands when she does wrong, but she cannot fully grasp the why of her choices or even the emotions blinding her choices. She is not yet at the age of reason, but she is beginning to see her Fallen nature and she doesn't like it. I re-visited the sin of Adam and Eve with her and how human beings must now wage war against their own sinful nature. We discussed again how this is why Jesus had to come die for us and rise again. Once we reviewed the beginning of sin and our need for redemption I tried to explain a few different things about the journey to holiness.

We cannot do it alone

My daughter tearfully expressed her frustration and kept on telling me that she cannot seem to do good on her own and she fails all of the time. I told her she is absolutely correct; she cannot do it on her own. We are powerless in the face of sin. It is through the Paschal Mystery that we are given new life in Baptism.

Sin is a life-long struggle. We have to crawl back to the Confessional repeatedly confessing the same sins over-and-over again. We must fall on Christ. He is the only way we can achieve holiness.

The go-it-alone attitude will not fly in the Christian life. We need Christ just like we need the very air we breathe. My daughter, you, and me cannot achieve holiness without relying totally on Our Lord.

We will fall daily

We sin daily. We are not yet saints, so we will fall every single day until we reach our eschatological end. My eyes were opened to how often I fall and the habitual sins I struggle with when I started going to regular Confession. Going to Confession every two weeks or monthly will open our eyes to how short we fall of our Baptismal promises and in our vocation. This knowledge is not meant to lead us to despair. It is meant to show us how much we need Christ. I have already said we cannot go it alone.

Examining the areas where we fall daily shows us where we need to improve, but it also shows us over time where we are improving. The path to holiness is one of small steps and small successes. Very few of us will progress in leaps and bounds. I explained to my daughter that she will fall every day and so will I.

We must get back up

Knowing that we will fail daily means that we must also get back up by the grace of God. Each time we lose our temper, look at another person in lust, lie, forget to pray, cheat, gossip, or commit sins both mortal and venial, we must dust ourselves off and allow Jesus to bring us to our feet again. He is calling us to persevere. He knows that perfection is a journey we must walk over time. He desires that we keep walking forward, even if we wander completely off the path for a while. The point is to get back on and to follow Him.

Seek forgiveness immediately

Our daughter is being taught to seek forgiveness from the person she has hurt immediately. It's a habit my husband and I still need to work on because we are not very good at seeking forgiveness or forgiving quickly. We are called to forgive, so it is a habit we must foster in the spiritual life.

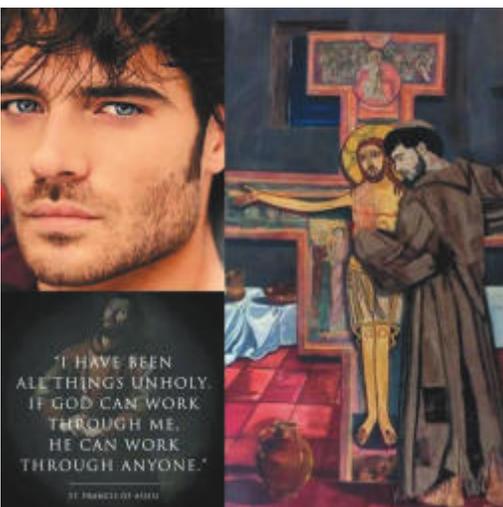
One of the great dangers we can run into in our culture is a lack of forgiveness. This includes in our relationship with God. God forgives us every single time we seek his forgiveness. It is a good habit to ask His forgiveness immediately after committing a sin and then make it a priority to get to Confession as soon as possible. Mortal sins must be confessed within the Sacrament of Penance. We must also learn to put our pride aside and seek forgiveness from those people we hurt through our sin.

The point of this habitual action is to establish an openness to God's forgiveness, the forgiveness of others, and our own need through humility to seek forgiveness. Pride can often blind us to our need for forgiveness or to be forgiven that is why it is good to establish a habit of forgiving and seeking forgiveness quickly.

Holiness is the goal

The goal for our lives is Heaven and that means attaining holiness and sainthood. Sainthood is not *only* for lofty souls. It is *our* mission. Every single person is called to holiness whether they know it or not. This desire in every human heart is on display when people respond to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta or Saint John Paul II. The holiness of these two saints radiated from their person and it was infectious. Keeping this goal at the forefront in everything we do helps us in those times of failure.

Holiness is a life-long journey. It is an arduous path. That is precisely why we must rely on Our Lord to guide us and pick us up when we fall again-and-again. If we ask ourselves: "Will this make me holy?" throughout the day, then we will make wiser more prudent decisions.



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Being a mother has taught me more than I could have imagined beforehand. My daughter's own struggles on the path help me to better understand my own sins, failures, and shortcomings. She is opening up the path to me as we walk it together. In her desire to be good, to be holy, she shows me my own desire to be holy. There is a reason Our Lord teaches us to be like children. Every one of us does the 'very thing they hate' at different times. It's what we do afterwards that matters. We have to get back up, ask Christ to lead us, seek forgiveness immediately and through the Sacrament of Penance, and we must pray for the grace to persevere.

Traditions Cannot have Shallow Roots: BRANDON MCGINLEY

"To be a Catholic is to be rooted in tradition and anchored in Heaven." It's something I say a lot in my writing and interviews and so on. I think it's rather poetic, to be honest, and it has the added benefit of being true. But what does it actually mean, in practice?

Let's start with what it means—as human beings, as a culture, and as a Church—to the "rooted." In my book, *The Prodigal Church: Restoring Catholic Tradition in an Age of Deception*, I open with an analysis of a famous radio address given by then-Fr. Joseph Ratzinger (the future Pope Benedict XVI had not even been consecrated a bishop yet). He said in 1969, during an extremely difficult moment for the Church in Germany and around the Western world that should be recognizable to us today, "The future of the Church can and will issue from those whose roots are deep and who live from the pure fullness of their faith."

The concept of rootedness orients us backward in time, and downward in space. We think about the ways we can cultivate not just an appreciation for the past and the deep, but an everyday participation in the truths to be found there. But, as I describe in the book, that only gets us so far:

The other essential fact about roots is that their purpose is not depth for its own sake, but for the sake of the growth and flourishing of the plant above the soil. Strong roots for a flower that has been strangled or a sapling that has been starved of sunlight are useless: The point is to anchor and sustain something that's living, maturing, developing. A living faith tradition, then, is one that is both deeply rooted and responsive to the world around it, both anchored in timeless truths and, precisely due to the confidence that comes from that anchoring, eager to innovate.

To use philosophical language, roots are a necessary condition of growth and renewal, but they are not sufficient. We need the boldness of life that comes from confidence in the second half of that opening sentence: our anchor in heaven. You see, a person (or culture or Church) who is genuinely rooted in a tradition of virtue and justice and faith does not obsess over his own rootedness: Rather, he thrives in the world, oriented forward and upward, with full knowledge of the strength of his rootedness.

Traditions, if they are truly alive, are not stagnant. A vibrant tradition, one in which we truly participate as opposed to one that we visit, like a museum or a Renaissance Fair, is therefore one which is open to innovation. This growth, of course, must be within the logic of the tradition itself: It must not be willy-nilly, lest we uproot ourselves. But it is just as necessary as rootedness to a lively tradition that can animate a culture. Here's how I put it in *The Prodigal Church*:

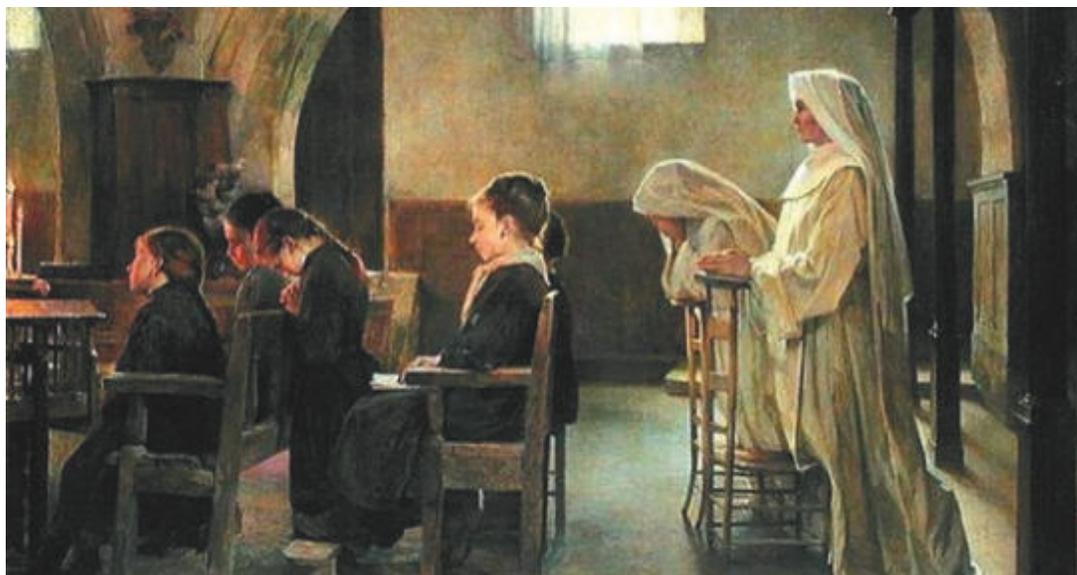
Traditions are dynamic. They exist in and through time, adapting to circumstances, changing through the choices of the human beings who live within them. They are anchored in timeless truths, rooted in past experiences, informed by accumulated wisdom in the here and now, and—crucially—oriented toward the future.

... A tradition that can imagine only how things were but not how things could be is not a tradition at all, but a reenactment. And when we mistake that kind of role-playing for the real thing, we embrace a corpse, while ignoring our duty to keep genuine, living traditions alive.

We can fulfill this duty to be, in that classic Catholic cliché, "both/and" by clinging tightly to the heavenly anchor that is the grace and truth of Jesus Christ, mediated to us by the Church and Her saints. We can be *both* observant of the past *and* working toward a better future; *both* pious toward our ancestors *and* open to the (well-ordered!) passions of the young; *both* adoring of the beauty of centuries-old art and music *and* excited about the application of their principles to modern forms.

This confidence, rooted and anchored, is fundamentally a godly confidence, one that comes from participation in His divine life of grace. That is: It is the fruit of prayer, of liturgy, and of the everyday practice of the virtues that confirm us and those around us in that grace.

As Catholics, and specifically as Catholic men, we are called to be fearless not just in our embrace of tradition, but in our application of tradition to the world of today—and of tomorrow. After all, today is tomorrow's past, and a living tradition is one that informs tomorrow just as surely as it teaches about yesterday. (Catholicexchange.com)



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DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 9, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers (Acts 2:42).

This Scripture passage reminds us that the Easter Season is an apt time to renew our fidelity to those essential actions that define us as the Body of Christ. Preeminent among these activities is gathering with the Church to celebrate the Most Holy Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days.

In March of last year, because of the many unknowns that came with the Covid-19 Pandemic, and to protect the most vulnerable among us, after consultation I decided to take the unprecedented step of suspending public Masses and granting a general dispensation to the Catholic Faithful of the Diocese of Venice from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Together with our fellow citizens, I urged Catholics to exercise caution to protect the health of all. I thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this difficult time.

As the Faithful returned to in-person worship when restrictions were loosened, the Diocese's Clergy and Faithful performed exceptional service in maintaining safety protocols. In recent weeks as vaccines have become available, the news in Florida is encouraging, even more members of the Faithful have returned to our Parishes for Sunday Mass. Our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies were particularly edifying examples of commitment to Christ and the Eucharist. Furthermore, life in Southwest Florida has returned to some level of normalcy; restaurants, stores, and entertainment venues are open, and people of all ages seem willing to return to ordinary activities.

It is apparent that circumstances now allow almost all Catholics to attend Mass safely. Therefore, beginning **May 1, 2021**, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will be lifted in the Diocese of Venice.

At the same time, the Faithful should note this obligation does not apply to those who are ill, or others as outlined in the revised guidelines accompanying this letter. The revised guidelines adjust safety protocols to acknowledge that most Catholics can return to in-person worship at their Parish churches.

During this year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Faithful are encouraged to turn to his intercession for protection and courage. Let us be mindful in prayer of those who are no longer with us and those who continue in their recovery. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIOCESE OF VENICE Ongoing Guidelines for Parish Life In the Context of Covid-19

Updated: April 9, 2021

Guidelines for the Celebration of Mass

- The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days will be lifted as of May 1, 2021.
- The following persons are not obligated to attend Mass:
 - Those who are ill, confined to their home, hospital, or nursing facility as well as those who care for them,
 - Those who have reason to believe they were recently exposed to Covid-19,
 - Those who have underlying health conditions or are in a high-risk category,
 - and those who have a reasonable fear or anxiety of becoming ill if they attend Mass.
- **It remains essential that all in attendance at Mass continue to wear a mask - this measure is vital to allowing these updated guidelines to be adopted.**
- Parishes should continue to Live-Stream Masses in the languages in which Masses are offered.
- If they have not already done so, Parishes should resume their pre-pandemic Mass schedule. It may be necessary to schedule additional Masses during this period of transition as more of the Faithful return to Mass.
- Distancing should be adapted to three feet between persons who are not from the same household. With this change, it will no longer be necessary to block every other row of pews. Parishioners may be seated in a staggered fashion, while respecting three feet of distance.
- No division should be made according to one's vaccination status.
- Deacons, Readers, Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should resume their duties in the celebration of Mass, if they have not already done so. In the case of Servers, this may not necessarily include all of their prior responsibilities, but Parishes are strongly encouraged to bring Servers back.
- A cantor is permitted, and limited choirs may resume. It is envisioned that this will be smaller groups and not a full choir. Masks should be worn by choir members.
- Weekday Masses should continue in the main Church, rather than in a chapel.



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