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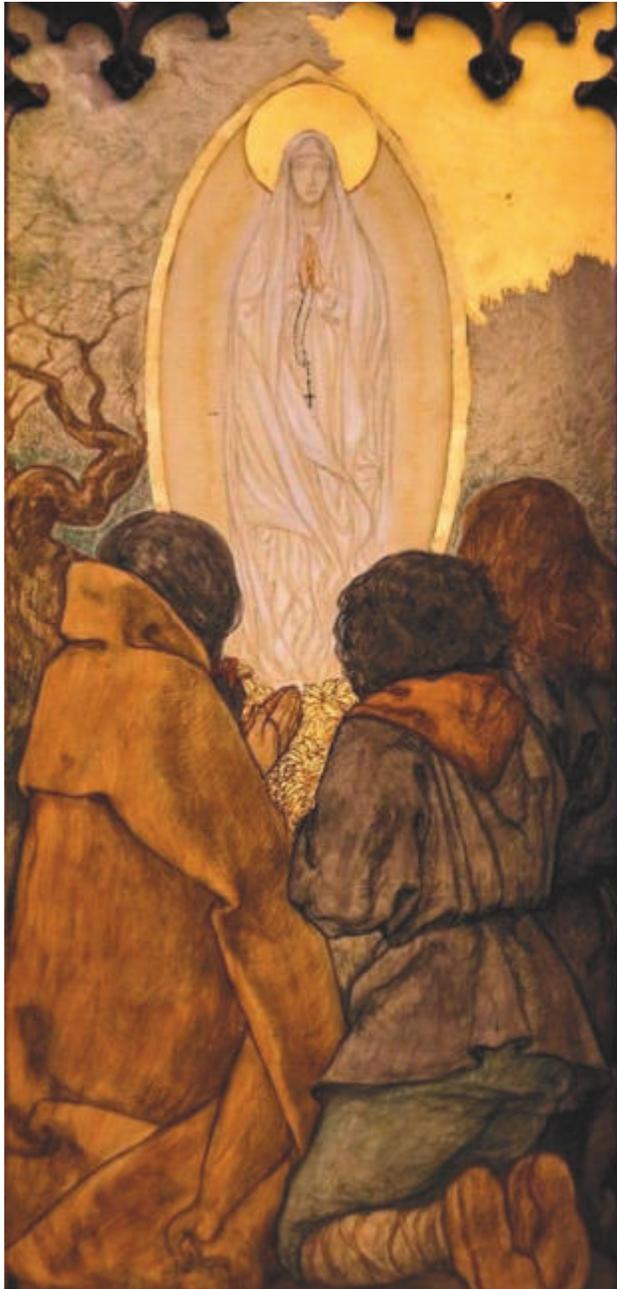
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OFFICE HOURS

M,T, Th, F 9:00am-3:00pm

Closed Wednesday



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

“I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins.

They must not continue to offend Our Lord, Who is already too much offended.”

- Our Lady to the 3 children of Fatima

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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MAY 16, 2021



Mass Intentions

Tuesday MAY 18
 8:30am **+ROBERT ECKHART**
 Req. By: Lori & Steve Park
 2nd Int. **+JOSEPH RUANE & RACHEL KIMBELL**
 Req. By: Luke Ruane

Wednesday MAY 19
 8:30am **+GERALD STONE**
 Req. By: Daughter, Marilyn

Thursday MAY 20
 8:30am **+BERNARDINI GONZALES**
 Req. By: Lydia

Friday MAY 21
 8:30am **+ROBERT DOMMER**
 Req. By: Friend, Marilyn

Saturday MAY 22
 4:00 PM **+KIMBERLY STADTHER**
 Req. By: Richard & Betty Lind

Sunday MAY 23
 930am **+MONIKE & EDMOND KARPINSKI**
 Req. By: Granddaughter
 11:00am **PARISHIONERS**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: 58: Acts 1-11
 Psalms 47: 2-3, 6-9
 Second Reading Eph 1: 17-23
 Gospel Mk 16: 15-20

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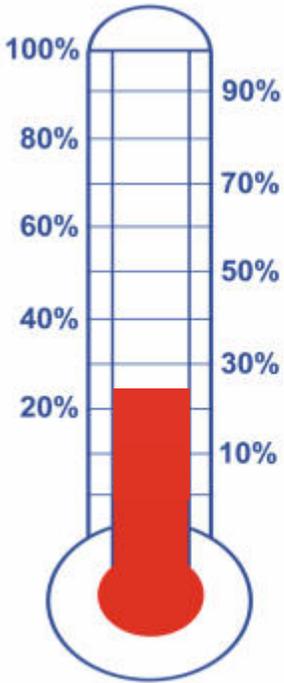
RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS

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. **941-776-9097**



Our Goal
\$164,000.00

Thank You!

Raised so far:
\$38,684.95

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Readings for the Week

Monday

291: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday Pope St. John 1

292: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

293: Acts 17:15-22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2,11-14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday ST. BERNARDINE of SIENA

294: Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

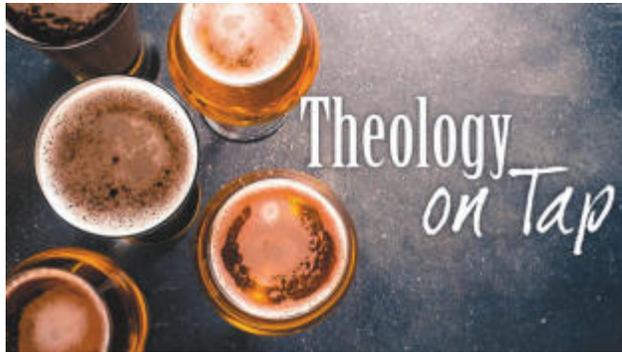
Friday ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES

564: Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17



Theology on Tap Sarasota

Theology on Tap has resumed on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Mandeville Beer Garden in Sarasota, 428 N. Lemon Ave, Sarasota.



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An unknown light in 1938 demands our attention – even today: Barb Ernster

In the early evening hours of Jan. 25, 1938, an unearthly phenomenon lit up the skies all over Europe and as far away as Bermuda. Thousands of Britons poured into the streets of cities and towns in wonderment and fear. Londoners thought half the city was on fire. In Scotland, peasants of the lowlands were awestruck by what they saw and feared to be an ill omen.

In Portugal, “villagers rushed in fright from their homes, fearing the end of the world” (AP dispatch). All over Switzerland, firehouses were emptied of their apparatus in response to many false alarms. In France, thousands of telephone calls asked “whether it was a fire, war or the end of the world.” All transatlantic radio communications were interrupted and not resumed until 11:30 p.m. Even in Canada, wire services were disrupted from Winnipeg to Montreal.

“Shimmering Curtain”

What was it that stirred so many people in so many lands? One report described it as “two magnificent arcs rising in the east and west, from which radiated pulsating beams like search lights in dark red, greenish blue and purple...a shimmering curtain of fire.” Another said it was a “huge blood-red beam of light...emblazoned on the sky.” In Switzerland and Austria, it was seen as a “glow, bathing snow-clad mountains...a beautiful sight.” A “most brilliant display,” something “rarely seen in Southern or Western Europe: and of exceptional amplitude...such as has not been seen in Western Europe since 1709,” were typical comments in the press.

Despite numerous cables to *The New York Times* from around the world, the paper relegated the news to page 25 of its Jan. 26, 1938 issue. The reason may very well be that it was not considered unearthly at all but just an unusual recurrence of the aurora borealis.

An aurora or a warning?

After much study, scientists came to agree that this display did not fit in the pattern of an aurora borealis. An aurora is preceded by considerable sunspot activity. In this instance, there was almost nothing of the sort, only a single sunspot noticed the weekend before. Unlike the aurora, clearest in the arctic regions, this display was seen most vividly over an incredible area, as far south as Spain, Portugal and Bermuda. Moreover, while most auroras reach a height of 186 miles, some of the rays of this phenomenon reached the fantastic height of 434 miles.

In September of 1938, Dr. Carl Stoermer of the Institute of Theoretical Astrophysics in Oslo, Norway, published an article in a scientific journal indicating that the incident of January 25 was of unaccountable origin and mysterious in nature. He wrote that throughout the exhibition there was a noise “similar to the sound of burning grass and brush” in contrast to the silence of an aurora borealis.

In spite of much study and investigation, scientists were unable to explain the great light that “struck fear into the hearts

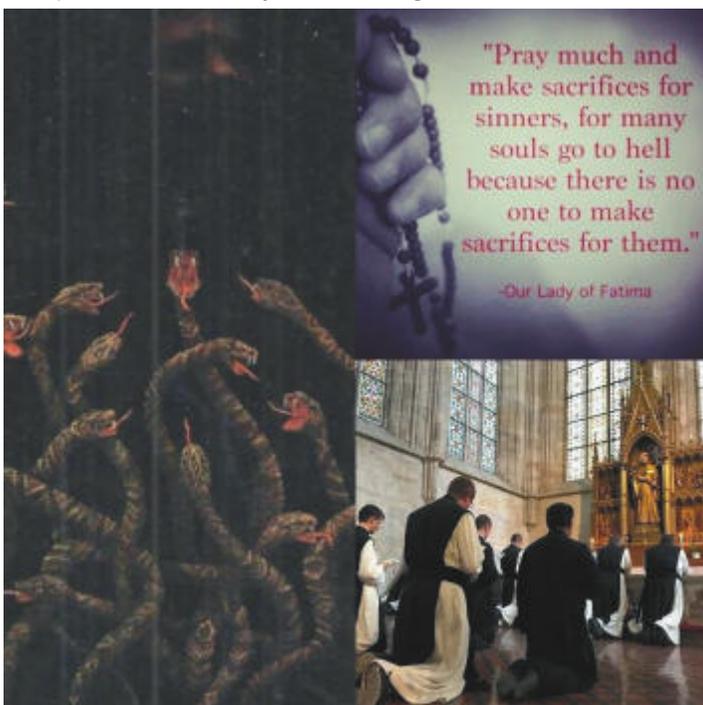
of millions” (F. Johnston). Rand McNally, Jr., a renowned nuclear physicist who worked on the Manhattan Project during World War II, has discovered that some of the properties of the 1938 “great light” matched almost exactly the artificial aurora created in the 1958 Johnston Island “Teak” atomic test.

“The Great Sign”

Sister Lucia, the seer of Fatima, knew the source and purpose of the great light. A Dorothean nun in a Portuguese convent at the time, she looked out the window of her cell on the night of Jan. 25, 1938, and recognized in the emblazoned sky an ominous sign from heaven.

On July 13, 1917, during the third apparition of the Mother of God at Fatima, she heard Our Lady say:

“When you see a night illuminated by an unknown light, know that it is the great sign that God gives you that He is going to punish the world for its crimes by means of war, famine and persecution of the Church and the Holy Father.”



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Sister would recall that Jacinta, her companion at Fatima 18 years before, while she lay dying, tortured by visions of war and death and hell, reminded her of "the light which the Lady told us would come one night before the war." When Lucia realized that this was the great sign Our Lady had predicted, she wrote to the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon:

"War is imminent. The sins of men will be washed in their own blood. Those nations will suffer most in the war which tried to destroy the kingdom of God. Portugal will suffer some of the circumstances of war, but because of our country's consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, she will not suffer them all."

War was indeed imminent.

The day after the great light, Hitler took control of the German army with the intention of perpetrating one act of war after another. Little more than a month later, he marched his troops into Austria to take over that hapless nation.



When Lucia was asked about Our Lady's prophecy that "if people did not stop offending God, another war, even worse, will begin in the reign of Pius XI" (who reigned until Feb. 10, 1939), she explained that World War II really began with the invasion of Austria, which led to the invasion of Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. Mary's prophecy was fulfilled.

Needless to say, man learned nothing from World War I, the bloodiest war in all history, and set himself on the path to an even bloodier one. With the same pride and arrogance that brought him to war, he sought in his own way to insure the peace. Instead of turning away from sin by penance, he became more self-indulgent than ever before. His lust and greed sent soaring the rate of crime, divorce, political corruption, dishonesty in business and, one year after Our Lady's public warning, the first capitulation of a Christian church to contraception. As Our Lady predicted, a worse war was the result. Eighty years later, what can we take from a strange light that appeared in the sky? (Bluearmy.com)

The Day the Sun Danced

The mysterious Lady promised that all doubt would soon be laid to rest. She would give a sign and reveal her identity at last at noon, October 13, 1917.

October 13 arrived cold and damp, with a chilly rain falling throughout the morning. Upwards of 100 thousand people arrived anyway, hoping either to have their faith rewarded or to be there to laugh when the prophecy failed to pass. When the clock struck 12, nothing happened. Many of the skeptics mocked the children, joking that the Lady was "late." But when the sun reached the sky's meridian and it became solar (or actual) noon, the rain abruptly stopped.

The Lady appeared to the three children, saying, "I want to tell you that a chapel is to be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day. The war [World War I] is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes." Our Lady, with her identity now revealed, asked that people seek forgiveness and most of all, "Do not offend the Lord our God anymore, because He is already so much offended."

As Our Lady rose into the air, the entire mood changed. What was once a dreary, drizzling day evaporated, the sun broke free from the clouds and sharpened into view, suddenly taking on a clearly defined rim. The light it shone did not damage the eyes of the crowd. The witnesses are specific in pointing out that the sun was not occluded in any way by mist or clouds. In fact, it appeared as if clouds were passing behind the sun.

The sun "spun around in a mad whirl," according to one observer. It began to shine in different colors, which in turn cast purple, yellow and other hues across the entire landscape. Occasionally it would seem to lunge towards the earth, causing people to cry out in fear. In one of these photos, taken at the scene, you can clearly see the sun very close to the ground, far from where it was supposed to be at solar noon.

The events were seen by many people dozens of miles away. Bizarrely, some people, including some believers, saw nothing at all. The show lasted 10 minutes. As the sun returned to its proper station, the stunned crowd was astonished to discover that their clothes, soaked through by the cold rain a handful of minutes previously, were completely dry.

The Miracle of the Sun is a miracle that would be first rank even in the Bible itself. It was a profound act of God, endorsing our Lady's message in a spectacular way that confounds even modern science. Don't be a fool. God would not grant us such a powerful confirmation of faith lightly. Every Catholic should take Our Lady's message to heart: Repent, Pray the Rosary, Make acts of reparation.

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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.

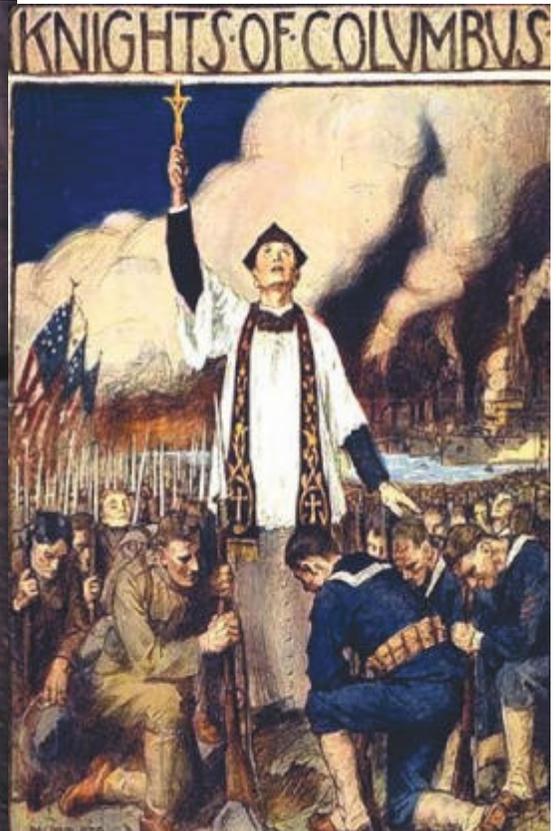
During this year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Faithful are encouraged to turn to his intercession for protection and courage. Let us be mindful in prayer of those who are no longer with us and those who continue in their recovery. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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Come Join the Knights of Columbus at St. Frances Cabrini!

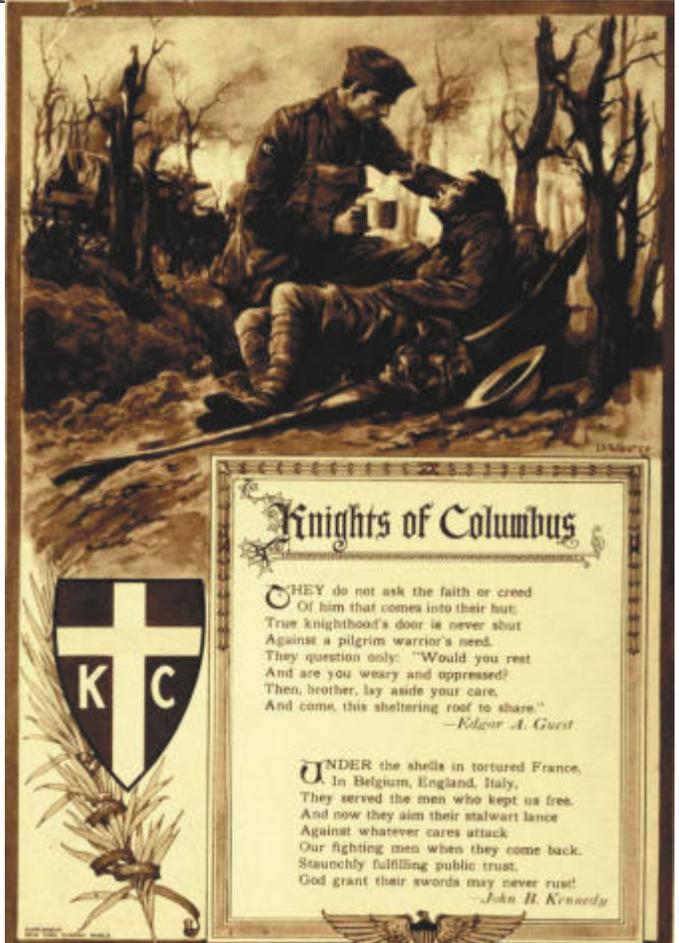
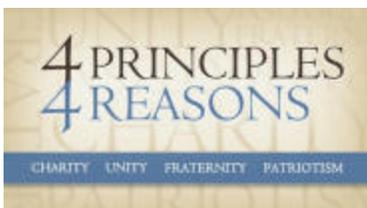
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In today's world, many Catholic men are looking to fulfill their desire to spend meaningful time with their family, to serve their community and Church, and to grow in their faith. Joining the Knights of Columbus provides these men and their families with volunteer opportunities and activities that accomplish these goals.

If you are such a man who is dedicated to making a difference for their Church, Family, Community, and Country then membership in the Knights of Columbus is for you.

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place and to supporting their Church. If you would like to join, leave your name at the Office and we will have a Knight get in contact with you!!

Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Ct. and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.



Knights of Columbus

THEY do not ask the faith or creed
Of him that comes into their hut:
True knighthood's door is never shut
Against a pilgrim warrior's need.
They question only: "Would you rest
And are you weary and oppressed?
Then, brother, lay aside your care,
And come, this sheltering roof to share."
—Edgar A. Guest

UNDER the shells in tortured France,
In Belgium, England, Italy,
They served the men who kept us free.
And now they aim their stalwart lance
Against whatever cares attack
Our fighting men when they come back.
Staunchly fulfilling public trust,
God grant their swords may never rust!
—John B. Kennedy



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