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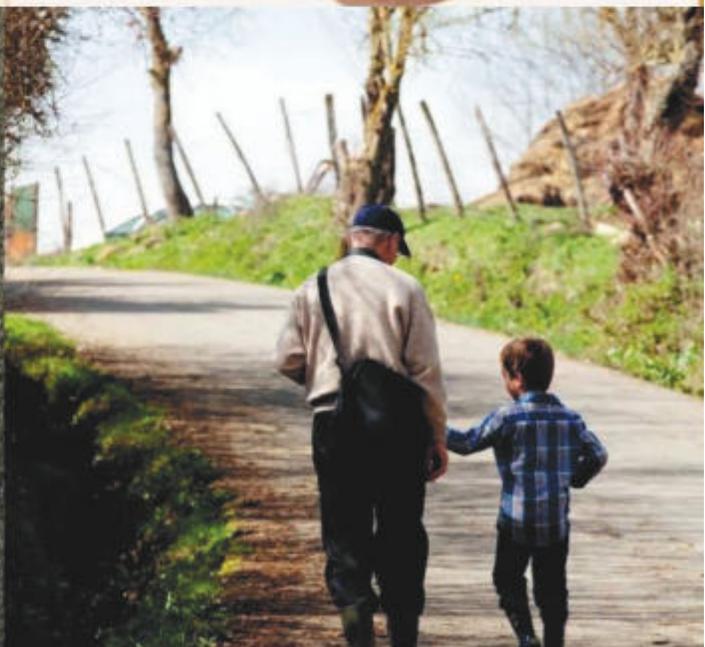
M,T, Th, F 9:00am-3:00pm

Closed Wednesday

*Train a child
in the way
he should go,
and when he is
old he will not
turn from it.*

PROVERBS 22:6

Happy Father's Day



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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JUNE 20 2021



Mass Intentions

Tuesday
8:30am
Req. By: Wednesday

Wednesday
8:30am
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Thursday
8:30am
Req. By: Friday

Friday
8:30am
Req. By: Saturday

Saturday
4:00 PM
Req. By: Sunday

Sunday
930am
Req. By: 11:00am
2nd Int.
Req. By:

Mass Intentions
JUNE 22
+BETTY FRANK
George & Lisa Vokey

JUNE 23
+KEN DARGA
Gail, Mike & Lianne

JUNE 24
+POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

JUNE 25
+GARY BEATON
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JUNE 26
+DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McFADDEN FAMILY
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JUNE 27
+JOSE PARAAN
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+MARIA & JOSEPH
Vuong Pham

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism: For registered and active parishioners: Please contact the Church Office. Baptism instruction is required for Parents. **Next Class Aug.3rd @ 6:30pm**

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**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: JB 38:1,8-11

Psalms 107:23-26,28-31

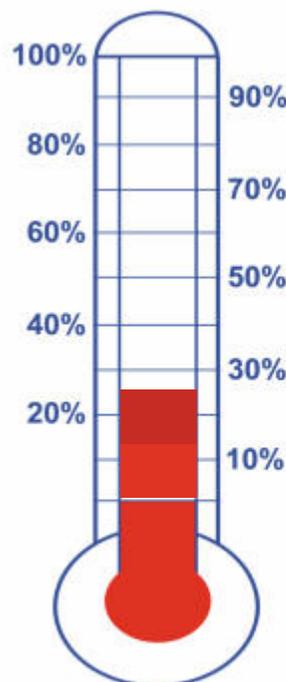
Second Reading 2Cor 5:14-17

Gospel Mk4:35-41

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

371: Gn 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13,18-20,22 Mt 7:1-5

TUESDAY STS. PAULINUS, JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE

372: Gn 13:2,5-18 Ps 15:2-4b,5 Mt 7:6,12-14

WEDNESDAY

373: Gn 15:1-12,17-18 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Mt 7:15-20

THURSDAY THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

587: Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3,13-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66,80

FRIDAY

375: Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 8:1-4



St. Frances Cabrini Logo Contest

Winner gets a reserved pew for either a Christmas or Easter Service!
Deadline is July 1st! Send to joseph.gates@sfxcparrish.com

Designs need to be done in a Digital, Vector Format, as a .jpeg or .png
Please make sure it is a High Resolution for printing and web design!



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Come Join Us!

**Thursday, July 1st at
6:00PM**

**In the Mother Cabrini
Center**

Please call the parish office at 776-9097 to RSVP with the number of people who will be attending and the entrée, side dish, or dessert you would like to bring.

**“There's no diet list I'll follow
that would rule out cherry pie.”**

— Edgar A. Guest



JUNE 20, 2021

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Speakers



MOST REV. FRANK J.
DEWANE
Bishop of Venice in Florida

*"All couples in the Diocese of Venice are encouraged to join us at the **Together in Holiness** conference this fall as we explore how your family can become its own "school of virtue" through this marriage initiative. My hope is that each of you may be inspired to live out the beautiful vocation of marriage more fully and embrace the call to be missionary disciples. How blessed the Diocese is to be able to offer this conference."*

- Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice in Florida

JUINE 20, 2021

THE MORE THE MERRIER: FATHERHOOD IN AN ANTI-KID WORLD: Sam Guzman

“Do you know what causes that?” “Wow, you have your hands *full*.” “You are done now, right?” “You’re overpopulating the planet!” “Are all of those yours?” “Can you afford that many?”

Those are just a few of the things you’ll hear from complete strangers if you have more than the nationally approved average of 1.7 children. And that doesn’t include the dirty looks and laughter directed your way. You might have heard of manspreading or fat-shaming, the latest outrages in our PC culture. Well, today I’m adding a new one to the list: Kid-shaming.

It really seems to boggle the mind of the average American that anyone would want more than 2 kids. The assumption is that number three *must* be an accident. I mean, it’s a proven fact that kids make you miserable, right? They cost a quarter of a million dollars to raise, don’t they? Not to mention they are bad for the environment!! Basically, in the popular imagination, kids are the equivalent of a sexually transmitted disease—and who would want more than one or two of those??

Kids are awesome

Forget what the culture says. Kids are awesome. There is nothing like having two miniature men run to the door screaming “Daddy!” the moment I walk in the door. There are few things as happy as having little arms wrapped around my neck, or hearing a little voice say, “I love you, daddy.” Or seeing a boy with his hat on backward pretending that he is a baseball player. Or wrestling fiercely with two pint-sized warriors.

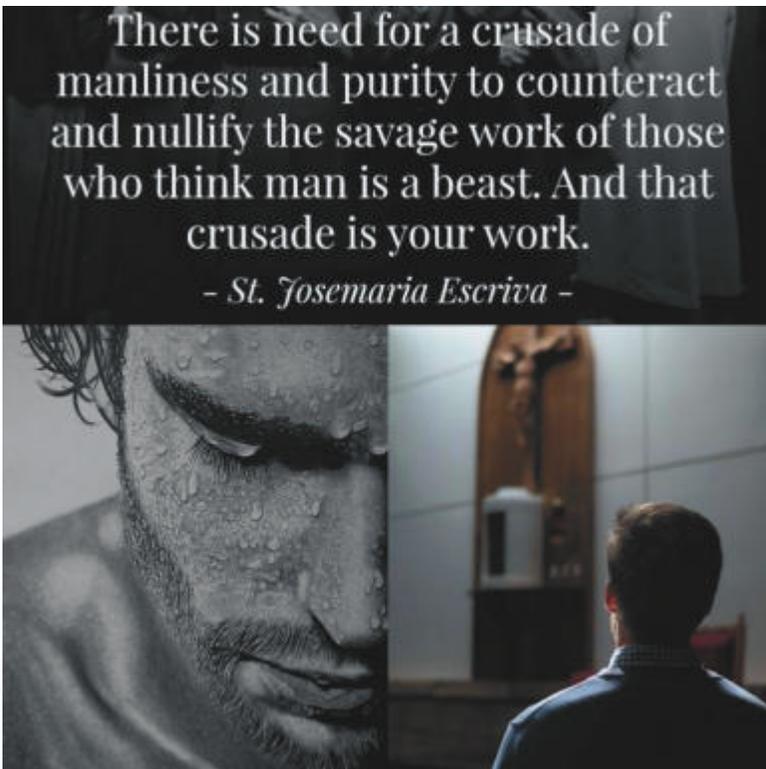
It is such a joy to help a little life discover the world—to explore, to learn, to wonder at nearly everything. It is such a happiness to watch them proudly sport a milk mustache and say, “I have a beard just like you!” Then there’s bedtime stories, hilarious sentences said with all seriousness, building immense towers out of blocks, watching them fold their hands in prayer and hearing little voices talk about how they love Jesus and Mary. Believe me, I could go on.

Fatherhood is sometimes terrifying, yes, but mostly, it is dizzyingly happy. There are many times when I am simply overwhelmed with gratitude for it.

Of course, there are times of stress, and frustration, and sacrifice too. There are the wet beds; the stubborn refusals to eat perfectly good food; the horrific diapers; the screaming tantrums; trips to the ER; unexpected expenses; the flu and ear infections; barbaric yawps during the consecration at Mass—you get the picture. And I have no doubt that as my children grow, the sorrows will only increase. There is no love without pain. That is the way things are in a fallen world. And as more experienced parents would be quick to remind me, I am just beginning the journey.

Arrows in the Hands of a Warrior

One of the Psalms I’ve grown to love is Psalm 127. It contains some great advice about trusting the Lord with your labors, and the goodness of God’s blessings. But my favorite part is the end, where it talks about how children are a gift, not a curse:



“Fatherhood itself is the Lord’s gift, the fruitful womb is a reward that comes from him. Crown of thy youth, children are like arrows in a warrior’s hand. Happy, whose quiver is well filled with these...”

Did you catch that? *The one with many children is happy.* We found out recently that baby number three is on the way, and believe me, it’s true—I couldn’t be happier. I can’t wait to welcome this new life. Men, children aren’t something to be embarrassed about or to apologize for. They are precious gifts to rejoice in. They are as beautiful and elegant as arrows in the hand of a skilled and mighty warrior. We must simply be sure to aim them at heaven.

In conclusion, don’t let the world steal the joy of fatherhood. Brush off the haters. Yes, you probably could have a bigger house or a fancier car if you didn’t have more kids. But who cares? What good is a big house empty of laughter and joy? And a car won’t give love back to you, no matter how fun it is to drive. Give me a small house filled with a lot of children and a rusty van crammed with car seats any day. I mean that.

Men, celebrate your children. Have a lot of them. Love them, devote your time and attention to them, pray for them, invest in them—but above all, treasure them. Other blessings pass, but children are a reward that will last forever.

(Catholicgentleman.com)

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THE GENTLEMAN SAINT: Sam Guzman

Imagine an island where people are sent to die of a horrific, flesh-rotting disease. They are cut off from family and friends, and they have no medical care and no hope. Now imagine volunteering to live among them, and eventually, to die as one of them. That's exactly what today's gentleman saint did.

Jozef de Veuster was born in Belgium on January 3, 1840. At the age of 20, he joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a missionary order, taking the religious name Damien.

While his great desire was to become a priest, his superiors believed he lacked the necessary education. Nevertheless, Damien was undeterred, and he would daily pray before an image of St. Francis Xavier, the great missionary to the East, that he might someday be a missionary too. Finally, after learning Latin with the help of his brother, who was also studying to be a priest, Damien was allowed to pursue ordination.

Even though he was allowed to pursue ordination, Damien's superiors refused to send him on mission, despite his constant pleading. They believed he would make a poor and ineffective missionary. Finally, his chance came when his brother, who was to be sent to the missions in the Hawaiian islands, became seriously ill and was unable to travel. Damien immediately appealed to his superiors, asking to take his brother's place. At last, they consented.

Once in Hawaii, he began the difficult work of a missionary priest, eventually serving a parish area of 180 square miles. He traveled on foot, visiting the Catholics scattered throughout his huge parish, hearing confessions and saying mass. This work he continued untiringly for the next nine years.

Eventually, news of a leprosy outbreak spread to Fr. Damien's parish, and some of his parishioners were unfortunate enough to be infected by it.

Now, at that time, leprosy was the most feared disease of all, as it had been for centuries. Contracting it meant certain death—but not before one had suffered years of slow bodily decay and disfigurement. Since there was no known cure, and the disease was considered highly contagious, quarantining those infected was the only solution. And that's exactly what the Hawaiian government began to do, ruthlessly hunting down and quarantining lepers on the small island of Molokai.

In short, leprosy victims not only had to face the future of death by a horrific disease, they also had to experience the trauma of being violently separated from their families and loved ones, often on a moment's notice.

The more Fr. Damien learned about the island of Molokai, the more concerned he grew. He could not sit idly by while hundreds of Hawaiians, many of whom he knew personally, were sent to die gruesomely with no spiritual care and no contact with the outside world. Eventually, his concern grew into a desire for action, and he petitioned his Bishop to leave his current missionary assignment and move to Molokai. While deeply saddened at the thought of sending such a young, vibrant priest to face almost certain death, the bishop was moved by Fr. Damien's zeal and compassion for the lepers, and he consented.

Fr. Damien arrived on the island of Molokai on May 10, 1873. The bishop introduced him to the some 600 lepers on the island as "one who will be a father to you, and who loves you so much that he does not hesitate to become one of you; to live and die with you." For the next 16 years, Damien taught the Catholic faith, built homes, administered the sacraments, erected a chapel, provided comfort and medical care for the sick and dying, and said funeral masses for those who finally succumbed to the disease. He transformed the island from a place of horror, despair, and moral debauchery into one of faith, hope and peace.

Fr. Damien has a special devotion to the Eucharist, and it was through the Eucharist that he found the strength to carry on his extremely difficult work.

Holy Communion being the daily bread of a priest, I feel myself happy, well pleased, and resigned in the rather exceptional circumstances in which it has pleased Divine Providence to put me. Were it not for the constant presence of our divine Master in our humble chapel, I would not have found it possible to persevere in sharing the lot of the afflicted in Molokai...the Eucharist is the bread that gives strength. It is at once the most eloquent proof of his love and the most powerful means of foster His love in us. He gives Himself every day so that our hearts as burning coals may set afire the hearts of the faithful.

Finally, after years of tireless labor among the most despised and forgotten, Fr. Damien faced his parishioners after mass one Sunday. "My brethren," he began, "we lepers..." Fr. Damien had contracted leprosy. The disease slowly progressed, and shortly after his 49th birthday, he wrote the following to a friend:

I am still able, but not without some difficulty, to stand every day at the altar, where I do not forget any of you. Do you in return pray and get prayers for me, who am being drawn gently toward the grave. May God strengthen me and give me the strength of perseverance and of a happy death....I try to make slowly my way of the Cross and hope soon to be on top of my Golgotha. On April 15, 1889, Fr. Damien died on the island of Molokai at the age of 49, surrounded by those he loved the most: the lepers. Upon his death, several witnesses reported that all signs of leprosy disappeared from his face. He was canonized on October 11, 2009. Saint Damien is the patron of those with leprosy.



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