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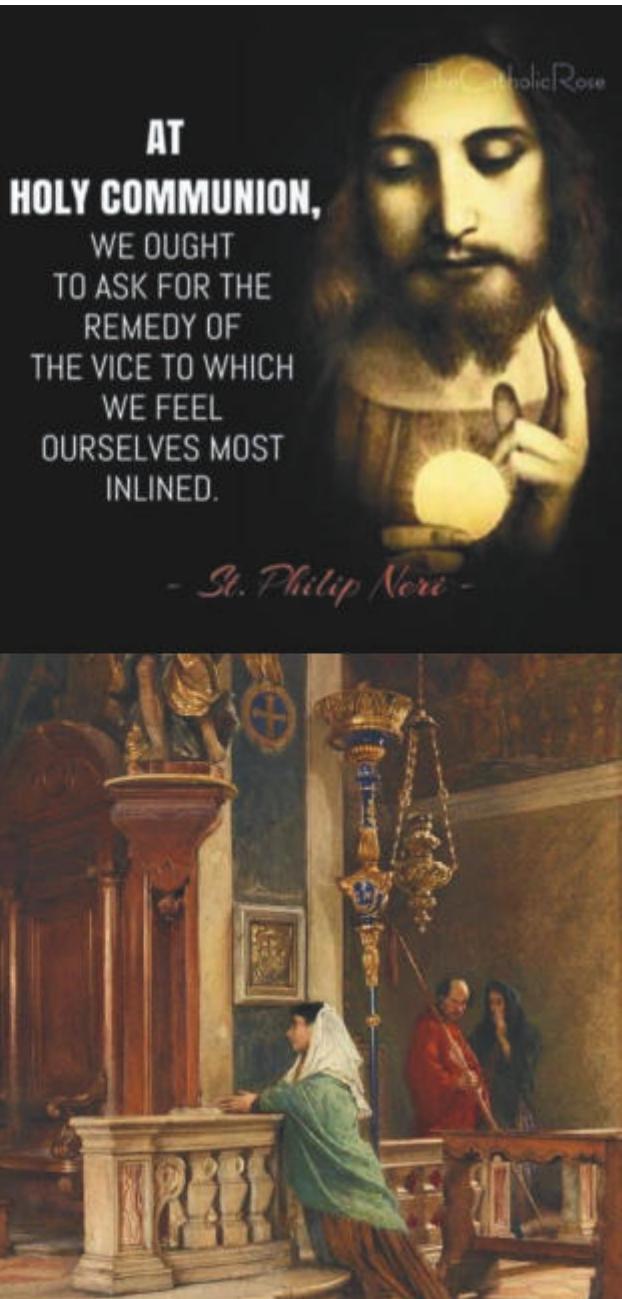
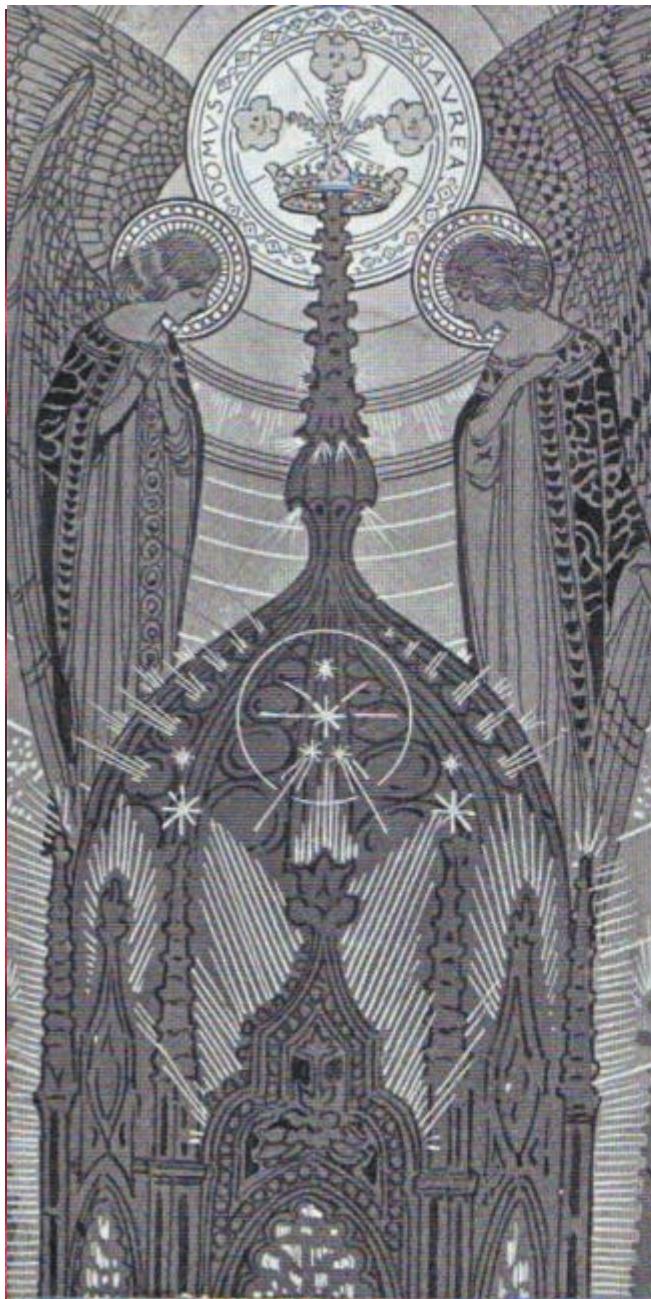
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M,T, Th, F 7:00am-3:00pm

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Closed Wednesday



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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AUGUST 8, 2021



Mass Intentions	
Tuesday	AUGUST 10
8:30am	DAVID BLAIR
Req. By:	Annette
Wednesday	AUGUST 11
8:30am	Tony Jr. & Heather Morell Wed. Ann.
Req. By:	Parents
Thursday	AUGUST 12
8:30am	+FRANCIS T. KLINGES
Req. By:	Terry & Craig Wells
Friday	AUGUST 13
8:30am	+LOUIS BRUST
Req. By:	Craig Vollmer
Saturday	AUGUST 14
4:00 PM	PARISHIONERS
Sunday	AUGUST 15
9:30am	+JAMES R. FRANK SR.
2nd Int	+JAMES & IRENE IRAGGI
Req. By:	Mary Ann Barr
11:00am	+MARGARET KIENHOFER
Req. By:	Loving Children

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS

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

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: 116; 1Kgs 19:4-8

Psalms 34:2-9,

Second Reading Eph 4:30-5:2

Gospel Jn 6:41-51

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Faith Appeal



Thank You!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY ST.TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS

413: Dt10:12-22 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Mt 17:22-27

TUESDAY ST. LAWRENCE

618: 2Cor9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2,5-9 Jn12:24-26

WEDNESDAY ST. CLARE

415: Dt34:1-12 Ps66:1-3a,5,8,16-17 Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY ST. JANE FRANCES deCHANTAL

416: Jos3:7-10a,11,13-17 Ps 114:1-6 Mt18:21-19:1

FRIDAY STS. PONTIAN & HIPPOLYTUS

417:Jos24:12-13 Ps136:1-3,16-18,21-22,24 Mt19:3-12

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Sunday Morning
Mass Changing
September 5th
New Times
are as Follows
8:00 AM & 10:15 AM

September 10th
9:30 AM
In the Cabrini Center



This year we will be studying the “7 Secrets of the Eucharist” by Vinny Flynn.

All are Welcome!

Call Linda Pless for more info: 412-445-4882

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Summer's Ending Back to School Potluck

Come Join us!

Thursday, August 19 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.
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.

Doors open at 5:45

“Cakes are healthy too, you just eat a small slice.” ~ **Mary Berry**



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Homebound Liturgical Ministers Needed

If you feel God calling you to serve our Brothers and Sisters who are Homebound, please contact the Office for more information.

941-776-9097

At St. Frances Cabrini we have Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who bring Communion on a weekly basis to Parishioner who lets us know they are sick, whether they are in their own homes, in a nursing home, or in a rehabilitation center. They also bring the Eucharist to those who may be in the Hospital. To be come a Eucharistic Minister for this ministry, you must be fingerprinted and attend a safe environment class. Training is provided on the proper prayers for Communion as well as how to obtain and handle the Blessed Sacrament.



August 27th

\$10 a plate
5:00-7:00 PM

Drive Thru Only @ The Cabrini Center

Interested in the Knights of Columbus at St. Frances Cabrini?

Contact GK Hecktor Morales-Negron at:

Phone: 412-478-1264 or email: 12155gkmorales@gmail.com

Come Join a Catholic & Patriotic Brotherhood!!



Coffee & Doughnuts

August 29th

Come join in fellowship with members of the St. Frances Cabrini community.
After each of the Sunday Masses.

You never know where you might find a new friend.

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Philosophy's Restoration & the Return to Common Sense: DR. DONALD DEMARCO

"Since the modern world began in the sixteenth century," wrote G. K. Chesterton, "nobody's system of philosophy has really corresponded to everybody's sense of reality; to what, if left to themselves, common men would call common sense". The prolific British essayist wrote these words in his book *Saint Thomas Aquinas: The Dumb Ox*, where he elucidated and affirmed the Angelic Doctor's common sense philosophy.

Although Aquinas has not been forgotten, various philosophies of uncommon nonsense have dominated the intellectual landscape since the medieval period. Philosophy lost its intimate connection with reality and became either too pragmatic to be considered wisdom or too abstract to be taken seriously. William James famously referred to truth as the cash value of an idea. The therapeutic society took over and replaced the Socratic question "Who am I?" with "How can I feel good?" The therapeutic culture, not truth, was enlisted to answer life's anxieties. The pharmacist dispensed with the need for philosophical thinking. Psychologists supplanted Socrates. Prozac replaced Plato. The school of Athens no longer held sway.

At the opposite pole, the path of abstraction took philosophy along the highway of doubt with check points at skepticism, relativism, logical positivism, cynicism, deconstruction, and nihilism. It became an object of ridicule. Critics likened philosophy to being in a dark room and looking for a black cat, while metaphysics, which Aristotle regarded as the summit of philosophy, was the search in a dark room for a black cat that was not there. Nor did theology emerge unscathed. It became the search in a dark room for a black cat that was not there, but with the pseudo-triumphant shout, "I found it!"

Philosophy is love of wisdom. And "A wise man," said Bernard of Clairvaux, "is one who savors all things". The hidden wisdom of this phrase lies in the word "savor". Philosophy is so readily available to people of common sense that one can "taste" it. The Latin word of 'wise' is *sapiens*, which is etymologically related to the Latin word for 'taste' which is *sapere*. If philosophy has become "insipid" it is because people have lost their taste for it.

into a luscious peach, for example, a person does not doubt whether the peach is real. The peach, common sense reports, is just as real as all the other realities I can taste, both physically as well as intellectually. Philosophy begins with the loving affirmation of a reality that we can virtually taste. Yes, there is being. We cannot doubt that. If we do, we have lost the starting point.

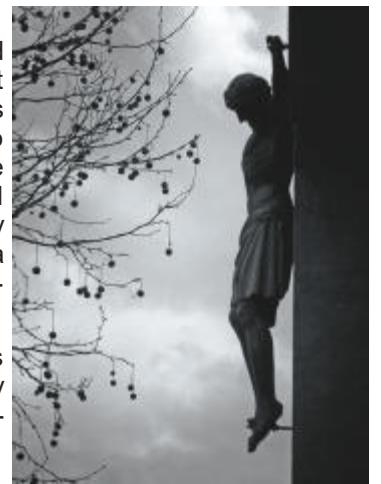
Chesterton is a proponent of a philosophy of common sense because he is a man of common sense. He explains his viewpoint in the following paragraph: "All my mental doors open outwards into a world I have not made. My last door of liberty opens upon a world of sun and solid things, of objective adventures. The post in the garden; the thing I could neither create nor expect; strong plain daylight on stiff upstanding wood; it is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes".

The philosophical enterprise need not begin with something too subtle for the common man. In fact, as we can observe, even children have an innate disposition for philosophy. They will, at a very early age, ask "Where did I come from?" "How did the stars get there?" "Why am I here?" "Where am I going?" We ponder the meaning of Christ's words in Matthew 18:03-4: "I tell you solemnly, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. And so, the one who makes himself as little as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven".

The child and the adult to be share the same basic reality. They are both human beings with human sensibilities. As William Wordsworth has stated in the epigraph of his ode, "Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood," "The child is father of the man; And I could wish my days to be bound each to each by natural piety". Philosophy, like great murals that have faded over the years, needs to be restored. It was alive and vital with the ancient Greek philosophers and with the medieval scholars. And the innate disposition for it is evident in children at a time, according to Wordsworth, when "every common sight to me did seem apparell'd in celestial light". Therefore, philosophy does not need to be created anew. It needs to be brought back to the life it once enjoyed.

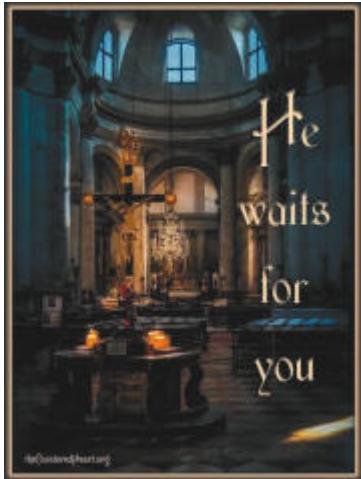
Philosophy, being the love of wisdom, should be as natural as love. We have love for and are filled with wonder at everything we behold, all those various beings that we did not create and stand before us to be cherished and explored. But, as it so often happens as we age, dark clouds obscure our vision. "The things which I have seen I now can see no more", to cite Wordsworth once again. We become ambitious and try to dazzle people with novel ideas. Universities no longer give primacy to philosophy but to job training and to imposing alien ideologies on impressionable students. Or we become excessively concerned about ourselves and forget the glorious world that God created for us. As a result, we accord sovereignty to technological advances, therapeutic innovations, or economic growth. Philosophy is regarded as a relic of the past.

Modern philosophers such as Ralph McInerny, Josef Pieper, Alasdair MacIntyre, James Schall, S.J., Peter Kreeft, and others are all apostles of common sense. It is earnestly hoped that the common man will become more familiar with their thought and help to inaugurate a renaissance in common sense philosophical thinking. Catholicexchange.com



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Eucharistic Adoration will save the World: Constance T. Hull



Eucharistic Adoration will save the world." I've heard these words spoken by multiple priests in social media in recent months and it is the truth. The Church has forgotten her center due to the worldly desires of her members to busy themselves in utilitarian pursuits. The human tendency to constantly be in a state of frenzied work tears us away from our center. This is not typically done out of ill intentions, but this busyness often becomes a false idol. We place it above prayer. We place our own designs, agendas, and tasks above Christ. What does Christ tell Martha when she is frustrated with her sister Mary? He reminds her and us that Mary has "chosen the better part." He shows us the primacy of prayer.

There is a profound crisis of faith facing the Church today. It begins in the hierarchy and trickles down throughout the Church. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI repeatedly points towards this crisis of faith in relation to what is ailing the Church today. It is this crisis of faith that in many ways led to the clergy sex abuse scandals, the loss of so many souls from the Church, and to the mediocrity that has taken over far too many parishes. In many places, the faith has become robotic, lifeless, and worldly.

The foundation for growing in our faith comes from the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass where we come together to be nourished by God's Word and His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. Somewhere down the line the People of God lost sight of God in our worship. We turned it into something about us and how we feel. Priests saw it as an opportunity to force their own personalities upon the liturgy, which led the laity to do the same. We no longer have a transcendent sense

of the Real Presence of Christ in our churches and in the Mass.

Most of our parishes are a sea of unfamiliar faces who come together to worship once a week and then never see one another. This is not authentic communion, but too often it is seen as the status quo that should not be changed. Never mind that we are losing people at astonishing rates because this counterfeit cannot hold the hearts and minds of people in competition with the lures of the world. We don't want to rock the boat; to our own detriment and the cost of countless souls.

We have been given the greatest gift imaginable in Christ's Real Presence. He left us His body, blood, soul, and divinity to nourish and guide us. While a renewal of authentic worship in the Mass is of the utmost importance, an increase in Eucharistic Adoration is an essential piece to this renewal. We must become a people who adores Christ. Who comes before Him with our entire being and who no longer seeks to hide from His face. All of our busyness is a fleeing from His face. It is a flight from the Cross because His Real Presence and the Cross are inseparable.

It is in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration that we as individuals and we as the Church are laid bare. We are led to confront all of the darkness within us. Everything that keeps us from Him. All of our attachments to the devil, the flesh, and the world. It is here that the Church must come to seek the light of Christ that will penetrate every dark part of us that keeps us from Him. In all of the scandals, corruption, worldliness, and difficulty this is precisely what we have been avoiding. The silence of His burning love and His Eucharistic Face.

The abysmal statistics on Catholics' belief in the Real Presence are heart-wrenching. What's even more heart-wrenching is that many priests who confect the Holy Eucharist no longer believe either. This is not only a problem in the laity. This crisis of faith runs very deep and goes to the heart of every vocation Christ extends to the members of His Church. The answers will not come from more procedures and bureaucratic reforms. They will only come when we are willing to be still and return to His Presence. The answer to the crisis of faith is a return to deep prayer as a community before Our Eucharistic Lord.

Families and priests alike flee from task to task in their daily lives with no thought of stopping to spend even 10 minutes with Our Lord's Real Presence either in the Tabernacle or in the monstrance at Adoration. We have placed the things of the world above Christ. He is abandoned in countless Tabernacles throughout the world. We are much too busy for Him even as we claim to be going about His work. Our works are dead if they are not born of the fruit of prayer and in seeking His face, as Cardinal Robert Sarah has often sought to remind us.

This frenzied pace betrays a deep-seated sloth that has taken over us. This has led us to remain asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane as Our Lord suffers in His Mystical Body today. Christ warns His Apostles to stay awake because He knows the Cross is at hand. For us, the Cross is always at hand. This life is the Cross, which means tragedy, difficulty, and affliction awaits us at any moment. If we are not seeking to stay awake with Him in prayer and in Eucharistic Adoration then we will not be prepared to undergo the tests of this life. This is why the responses to the clergy sex abuse scandals, lack of faith of the people, and even COVID-19 have been so poor. Faith withers if it is not nurtured through a deep prayer life that is centered on Christ's Real Presence.

We can continue to have meetings, agendas, and plans within our parishes and families, but until we re-center ourselves on Our Eucharistic Lord, all of those plans will be but dust. They will not bear lasting fruit. We will continue to hemorrhage people out of our pews. We will continue to accept mediocrity, comfort, and sentimentality instead of the radical call to holiness. We are made for more than this world can offer us, but that truth is not lived in our parishes. We by and large look the same as the prevailing culture, which is why we cannot evangelize others.

It is not our manmade plans that will save the Church and the world. It is Jesus Christ. He has given us the answer to the longing of the human heart. He has given us the solution to all that afflicts us. That answer is His Presence waiting for us in all of the Tabernacles of the world. It is time to bring Him out for His people to adore Him. It is time for all of us to commit to adoring Him and to placing Him as the greatest priority in our lives. There is nothing more powerful in this world than Our Lord's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. When will we start living this truth in a radical way? It's time to stop planning, talking, and strategizing. It's time to kneel before Him in silent adoration, so He may renew His Church and the world.



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