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makes no difference.

— *Flannery O'Connor* —



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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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Mass Intentions

JANUARY 11

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Sawyer & Ritter Families

JANUARY 12

+JACK SPENCER

Dottie Gannon

+MARION GADAI

Halpin Family

JANUARY 13

+ROBERTO ARENA

Christina & Anthony Juliano

+CHARLES DEITZLE

Gail Darga

JANUARY 14

+THERESA WANGRYCHT

Lucy & Tony

JANUARY 15

+Christine DeVries

Loving family

JANUARY 16

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: 21:1s40:1-5,9-11

Psalms: 104:1b-4,24-25,27-30

Second Reading: Ti2:11-124;3:4-7

Gospel Reading: Lk 3:15-16,21-22

Thank
you 

A wonderful "Thank You" to all those who made the Christmas Masses a success.

Our Ushers, Greeters, Liturgical Ministers—to the Knights of Columbus and Hospitality group. And all the other Volunteers who remain unseen, but help out in so many ways.

Fr. Joseph & the Staff of St. Frances Cabrini would like to thank you for the kindness you bring to our parish !
- Fr. Joseph & Staff

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.

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Readings for the Week

Monday

305:1Sm1:1-8 Ps116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

306 1Sm1:9-20 Ps 1Sm2:1,4-8 Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

307:1Sm3:1-10,19-20 Ps 40:2,5,7-10 Mk1:29-39

Thursday ST. HILLARY

308:1sM4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday

309:1sM 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12

Jesus, I Trust in You.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Reflections on Divine Mercy and the Eucharist

Saturday, January 15, 2022

9:00-2:00pm

Guest Speaker Bryan S. Thatcher, MD, of Tampa, Florida, is a retired medical doctor who travels the world speaking on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the message of Divine Mercy, and his personal conversion. He and his wife, Susan have seven children, ages 34 to 11.

In 1996 he founded Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy (EADM), now a lay apostolate of the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. EADM is now active in more than 45 countries, and the ministry has received three special apostolic blessings for its work from the late Holy Father, St. John Paul II.

Lunch will be provided.

To register, contact Diane Creel at 941-981-5136 or dicreel@aol.com.

Registration closes January 10, 2022 There is no fee,
but a **Free Will** donation is appreciated.



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Monthly Update - January 2022 Knights of Columbus

CHARITY — UNITY — FRATERNITY — PATRIOTISM

FAITH IN ACTION - FAMILY (Part Three) -

Which are the Knights Family Programs?

This month we culminate highlighting the Knights' Family programs. Father McGivney, the Knights' founder, sought to strengthen the bonds of families in his parish and the Knights of Columbus. These programs, created for families by families, help us to live this call.

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION

Bring families into a more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Triduum. In an effort to increase parish attendance and involvement, councils conduct a promotional campaign to educate their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS - Promote the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes and communities. Councils will evangelize society through their faithful acts, celebrations and a variety of activities.

Mother Cabrini Council 12155 partnered with St Frances Religious Education to conduct Las Posadas, a great cultural event that highlights the travels of Joseph and Mary prior to Jesus birth. We used this event to introduce the Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer to more than 30 families.

Want to Join? Learn more about what we do and our mission by scanning below with your phone's camera.



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Council 12155 Knight and Family of the Month

Each month we celebrate a knight and a Knight's family for their service to our programs and to our community. This month we want to highlight the following brothers:

Knight of the Month: Brother Paul Dadowski. Paul is a member of several praying groups, has volunteer for multiple events, and was instrumental in the success of the Las Posadas event in December.

Family of the Month: The Matson Family. The Matson Family supported the Las Posadas event in multiple ways. They are a key part of this community and their efforts are critical to our success.

JAN 2022 KoC Calendar Highlights

- JAN 15: Divine Mercy Reflection 9-2pm
- JAN 17: Planning Meeting 7pm
- JAN 18: 4th Degree Assembly 7pm
- JAN 21: Holy Hour and Breakfast
- JAN 25: Council Meeting
- JAN 28/30: 5th Sunday Rosary before Mass
- JAN 31: Virtual Rosary

Council 12155 Contributions Quarters 1 and

As a council, to close the calendar year, we made the following donations to our community:

- \$1,000 for our Parish
- \$500 for the Food for Families Programs (Five Different Food Pantries in the Manatee County area)
- \$500 for the migrant workers' long-sleeve shirt program.
- Voted to buy five high chairs to support our Parish's Pot Luck Events, so young families can feel included and provided for.

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Dear Parishioners,
Because of Flu Season and many people coming back from visiting family members and friends over the holidays, runny noses and coughing seem to be prevalent. Looking at the best interest of you and our Hospitality Team, we are postponing our Monthly Potluck to February. So drink that Chicken Soup, sip on some ginger tea, and remember to wash your hands and say your prayers, because Jesus and germs are everywhere!

St. Frances Cabrini Church Blood Drive

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

All donors will receive a OneBlood Long Sleeve T-Shirt and a \$10 eGift Card! Plus a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Appointments encouraged

www.oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code #14358



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Why Do We Need Baptismal Classes? Cathy Caridi, J.C.L.

Q: My wife and I are both Catholics and are expecting our first child in three months. Our parish requires all parents who want their baby baptized to attend an evening class, which conflicts with my work-schedule. Otherwise they told us we cannot have our baby baptized. But both my parents and my in-laws have told us that they never had to attend any such class before we were baptized! Why do we have to do this? The pastor knows us, and can see that we regularly attend Mass on Sundays. Does he have the right to refuse to baptize our baby if we don't attend this class? — Tony, Annapolis, MD

A: In...according to [canon 843.1](#), Catholics have the right to receive the sacraments if they opportunely ask for them, are properly disposed, and are not prohibited by law from receiving them. On the surface, therefore, it would appear that your pastor may not refuse to baptize your child if you sincerely wish it.

But with every right comes a corresponding obligation, and this right to receive the sacraments is no exception. [Canon 843.2](#) states that pastors of souls have the duty to ensure that those who ask for the sacraments are prepared for their reception. In the case of parents who present their infant child for baptism, it is the parents who must be adequately prepared, as they are asking for a sacrament on behalf of another person who is too young to request it for himself.

What is the primary purpose of baptizing an infant? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes that Christ Himself affirmed that baptism is necessary for salvation ([CCC 1257](#)), and that even innocent children, who are born with original sin, need baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and to become children of God ([CCC 1250](#)). Since canon law follows theology, it should not be surprising that this teaching also appears in the *Code of Canon Law*, as [canon 849](#). Parents should want their children baptized because they want them to be freed from original sin, and made members of the Church.

But unfortunately, in many cases nowadays, parents who ask for their children's baptism do so for cultural reasons rather than spiritual ones. Too often, religiously indifferent parents ask for their child's baptism merely because they are being pressured by their own parents to have their child baptized. In some cultures, the celebration of an infant's baptism is an important social event, quite separate from its religious significance, and baptism is for this reason requested by parents who no longer practice their Catholic faith themselves. In such cases the spiritual importance of this sacrament is being lost.

The Church seeks to avoid situations in which a child is baptized a Catholic, but then, due to the negligence and indifference of his parents, is not raised to practice the Catholic faith. For this reason [canon 868.1 n.2](#) notes that for a child to be baptized, there must be a realistic hope that he will be brought up in the Catholic religion. If such hope is lacking, the baptism is to be deferred — and if, at some point in the future, the parents can provide grounds for hope that their infant will in fact be raised as a Catholic, the priest may then proceed with the baptism.

This requirement routinely presents practical problems for pastors who are faced with non-practicing Catholic parents seeking baptism for their children. A priest is obliged by law to determine that there is reason to believe that somehow the child will in fact be raised Catholic, or else he must tell the parents that their baby may not be baptized. At the same time, denying the parents' request requires great pastoral sensitivity and tact, since a priest does not want to drive such parents away from the Church for good.



Deciding what constitutes a "realistic hope" that the child will be raised Catholic is often a difficult judgment call, and sincere priests may at times differ about what to do in a particular case. It cannot be automatically assumed that there is no hope of the child's Catholic upbringing simply because the parents themselves are less than perfect Catholics. For example, the fact that the child's parents were not married in the Catholic Church, or perhaps are not even married at all, may not necessarily indicate that they have no intention of raising their child as a Catholic. God alone knows whether, in some cases, the decision of lapsed-Catholic parents to educate their children in the Catholic faith may actually bring about a return to the Church on the part of the parents themselves! Over the years, some pastors have told me that they feel that the mere fact that such parents phone the rectory to arrange a baptism, is in itself an indication that they have not totally severed their connection with the Church, and constitutes a reasonable hope that they will bring up their child as a Catholic. Others will disagree, wanting to see stronger evidence that the baptism is not simply being sought to please other family members, or to satisfy social expectations.

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To avoid confusion and inconsistency, it has become the norm for US dioceses to require parishes to hold mandatory classes for parents requesting infant baptism, in order to ensure that (1) all parents truly understand the spiritual obligations that their child's baptism will place on them, and (2) the pastor may have the opportunity to determine whether it may be unrealistic to hope that the children of the parents attending the class will be raised as Catholics. The development of these classes no doubt took place after you and your wife were baptized, which explains why your own parents were not required to take one. Attending such a class, and participating in it, shows your pastor that you are properly disposed for the baptism of your child; adamantly refusing to attend it may be interpreted as a sign that you are not.

Keep in mind that, while you may have a right to have your baby baptized, your pastor simultaneously has an obligation to ensure that the sacraments are celebrated properly in his parish. In fact, [canon 851 n.2](#) notes that the pastor is required to see to it that the parents of a child who is to be baptized are suitably instructed on the meaning of this sacrament and the obligations connected with it. A mandatory class is an obvious way to do this.

It may require some inconvenience and sacrifice to make arrangements to leave your workplace in order to attend the class. But given the tremendous spiritual importance of the sacrament of baptism to your child, surely it will be well worth it! (Source Catholicexchange.com)

Catholics! Keep those Trees up

New Year's Day promises two certainties: college football bowl games and Christmas trees on the curb. To Catholics, of course, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It's a Holy Day of Obligation, and the final day of the Octave of Christmas.

The Church, however, is so generous with joy. She does not end our celebration of the Incarnation with the conclusion of the Octave of Christmas. She extends it to Epiphany. Twelfth Night, as our English-speaking brethren call it, is an event Catholics in America should celebrate with more enthusiasm (think: roaring bonfires, grilled meat, lots of singing, red wine, brown ale) and might very well do if it were observed here on the Liturgical Calendar on January 6 as it is England, Australia, and Canada, to say nothing of Vatican City.

But the celebrating doesn't stop there! After Epiphany, the revelry continues until the Baptism of the Lord, the first Sunday after January 6 (usually). This year, Catholics may very well wish to keep their decorations up through January 11. And if you want to be really traditional, you can celebrate what the faithful called "Christmastide" before the liturgical reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In the old rite, or what we today call the Extraordinary Form, Christmastide lasted for 40 days to correspond with the 40 days of Lent, and the 40 days from Easter to Ascension Thursday.

A 40-day party? *Gloria in Excelsis!* (And people say Trad Cats are a dour bunch.) Christmastide ended on February 2, [which is] the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also called Candlemas Day. On this day, the faithful take candles that they will use throughout the year in their homes to Mass to have them blessed. Here is how the brilliant Benedictine Abbot Dom Prosper Guéranger helps us understand the totality of the mystery of Christmastide:

We apply the name of Christmas to the 40 days, which begin with the Nativity of Our Lord, December 25, and end with the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, February 2. It is a period, which forms a distinct portion of the Liturgical Year, as distinct, by its own special spirit, from every other, as are Advent, Lent, Easter or Pentecost. One same Mystery is celebrated and kept in view the whole 40 days. Neither the Feasts of the Saints, which so abound during this Season; nor the time of Septuagesima, with its mournful Purple, which often begins before Christmastide is over, seem able to distract our Holy Mother the Church from the immense joy with which She received the glad tidings from the Angels (Luke 2:10) on that glorious Night for which the world had been longing for 4000 years. The custom of celebrating the Solemnity of Our Savior's Nativity by a Feast of 40 days' duration is founded on the Holy Gospel itself; for it tells us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, after spending 40 days in the contemplation of the Divine Fruit of Her glorious Maternity, went to the Temple, there to fulfill, in most perfect humility, the ceremonies which the Law demanded of the daughters of Israel when they became mothers. The Feast of Mary's Purification is, therefore, part of that of Jesus' Birth; and the custom of keeping this holy and glorious period of 40 days as one continued Festival has every appearance of being a very ancient one, at least in the Roman Church.

The feast in the new rite is called the Presentation of the Lord—same joyful event, different emphasis, but if you really want to be a "sign of contradiction" (get it?) do as they did in ages past! Keep your tree and your decorations up until Candlemas! (Catholicanswers.com)



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