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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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She broke the bread into two
fragments and gave them to her
children, who ate with eagerness.
“She hath saved none for herself,”
grumbled the seargeant.
“Because she is not hungry,”
said the soldier.
“No,” said the seargeant,
“because she is a mother.”
-Victor Hugo

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Mass: T, W, TH, F - 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:15 AM

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: 51:Acts 13:14.43-52

Psalms: 100:1-2,3,5

Second Reading: Rv 7:9,14B-17

Gospel Reading: Jn 10:27-30

Tuesday

8:30am

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Wednesday

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SUNDAY

9:00 am

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Mass Intentions

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MAY 11

+EDISON NEWMAN

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+TED KREGER

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Mom & Dad

MAY 12

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Frank & Susan Ward

+JAMES MILLER

Philip & Mike

MAY 13

+WAYNE & DORIS KREUGER

Richard & Carol Valvo

+BARBARA VIZZARI

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MAY 14

+JACK KILEY

Antoinette Mangini

+NANCY FERRELL

Theresa & Jack Ziegler

MAY 15

+FRED RAMOS

Family

+STELLA LENNERT

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+TIMOTHY NINERELL

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Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM

In the main Church Or by Appointment

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DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE

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Readings for the Week

MONDAY

279: Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10

TUESDAY STS. JOAN OF AVILA & DAMIEN deVEUSTER

280: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY

281: Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

THURSDAY STS. NEREUS, ACHILLEUS PANCRAS

282: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY OUR LADY OF FATIMA

283: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6



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St. Francis of Assisi



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Looking for a few good Team Members!

Ever been through RCIA?

Looking to teach others about the truth of the Catholic Church?

St. Frances Cabrini is looking for knowledgeable Catholics who might like to help teach future RCIA Candidates. If your interested please give the Office a Call!

Young Catholic Leaders is a program for fully initiated young Catholics in the Diocese of Venice who share a passion for catechesis, worship, leadership and service. During the year, members will have an opportunity to exercise their leadership skills while learning about prayer, spirituality, moral decision making, stewardship and Catholic social teachings.

The Young Catholic Leaders program is inspired by the vision of Blessed Carlos Acutis, the 15-year-old Italian teenager whose use of technology to spread devotion to the Eucharist prompted Pope Francis to hail him as a role model for young people today. Being young and Catholic is a wonderful gift to our church.

Through the use of online classes and in person gatherings, participants engage in a series of leadership development sessions led by a variety of successful Catholic leaders from the Diocese of Venice. All sessions experiences focus on virtues like prayer, gratitude, hope, integrity, empathy and courage.

Throughout the YCL journey, Catholic leaders from the Diocese will have an opportunity to share their experience of being Catholic in the workplace, community, and parish. Through their shared experiences, the members will gain valuable insight to how to be a Catholic in our secular world. Young Catholic Leaders will meet four times during the year.

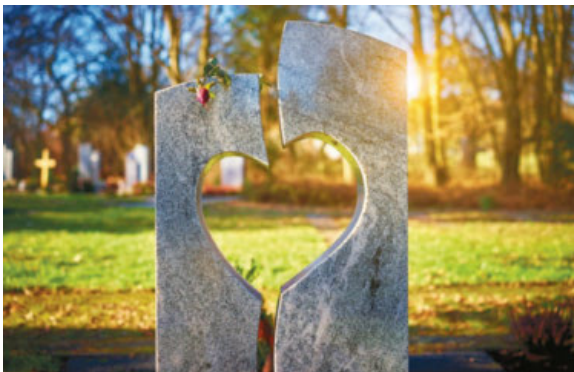
Session One: St. Agnes, Naples

Session Two: Our Lady of Grace, Avon Park

Session Three: Our Lady of Angels, Lakewood Ranch

Session Four: St. John XXiii, Fort Myers

For more information contact your DRE, Youth Minister or Anne Chrzan, chrzan@dioceseofvenice.org.



Memorial Garden Cleanup

If you have left any Statues, fake flowers, candles, etc. in the Memorial Garden, Please take them home. We will begin removing them this week!

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St. Frances Cabrini Church has an active Homebound and Nursing Home Ministry. Extraordinary Ministers visit our Parish Members who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or physical incapacities bringing them the Eucharist on a weekly basis. If you know of a parishioner who would like to have a Eucharistic Minister visit them please call the Church Office at (941-776-9097).



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The Feminine Genius: Mary Beth Bonacci

Previously I talked about how men and women are *different*. In later articles I want to talk about *how* we're different, and how our essential natures as men and women are twisted and warped by a society that doesn't "get" the importance of those differences. At first I was planning to start by discussing men, because in general I find men much more interesting than women. But then I thought maybe I'd be better off analyzing my own gender first.

John Paul II had a *lot* to say about women and feminine nature. (Honestly, I wish he'd had a little more to say about masculine nature, but I guess we take what we're given.) He wrote an entire apostolic letter, *On the Dignity and Vocation of Women*, about us. He wrote about how women have been given very unique and specific gifts. As he put it, "woman is endowed with a particular capacity for accepting the human being in his concrete form" (cf. N. 18). We are intuitive. We are relationship-oriented. Tenderness and empathy often come more naturally to women than to men.

Science has affirmed much of what JP II observed. Studies show that women are better able to determine a person's feelings simply by seeing facial expressions. The corpus callosum the "connector" between the two halves of the brain is larger in women than in men, making us better able to access our feelings and perform tasks that require the simultaneous use of both sides of the brain. (Men, meanwhile, are more adept at tasks that require the concentrated use of one side of the brain. I figure that's because their feelings can't squeeze through their smaller corpus callosum to bother them while they're working.)

Please understand that these are not "stereotypes." These are *tendencies*, many of which are due to the different physiologies of the male and female persons. Of course you may find one particular man who is more "in touch with his feelings" than one particular woman, just as you may find one particular woman who is physically stronger than one particular man. But just as men, overall, have a higher percentage of muscle than women do, so women's emotional and cerebral make-up gives us different emotional tendencies.

JP II said that this is a good thing. He, in fact, called out particular gifts the "feminine genius." He also said that there is a reason for these differences. Many of women's gifts are about *relationships*, about nurturing. Just as our female bodies are oriented to the creation and nurturing of new human life, so our emotional make-up is oriented toward the continuing nurturance of that life.

Hold the phone! Is JP II saying that women are really just made for baby-making?

Heavens, no. The Holy Father was clear that women's specific and unique gifts are important in the family. He was equally clear that those same gifts are needed in the larger world. As he said in a 1995 *Angelus* message, "In fact, woman has a genius all her own, which is vitally essential to both society and the Church." *Society* needs women's gifts. It is good that we are present in business, in government, in *life*. We bring a balance, a perspective that is needed in every facet of life.

What is important, however, is that whatever we do, we do it *as women* 1 bringing those specific and unique feminine gifts. If those gifts become distorted, or if we abandon them altogether in favor of attempting to cultivate masculine gifts in ourselves, we lose the whole point.

This is not about baking cookies for the board meeting. This goes a whole lot deeper. Society has never been particularly good at appreciating women's gifts. We seem to fall to one extreme or the other. In one era we were weak and fawning, unable to think for ourselves or take care of ourselves. We couldn't vote, couldn't own property.

All of that changed with the advent of the women's rights movement. A lot of those changes needed to happen. But the "women's lib" movement of the 1960's bought into one of the essential fallacies of the old discrimination that the male gifts are somehow "better" than female gifts. Women were assumed to be "liberated" to the extent that they behaved like men. A career was presumed to be "better" than staying at home with children. Women in the workplace were expected to behave like stereotypical "men" tough, aggressive, unfeeling. They were expected to become promiscuous, again like the worst male stereotype. And, because men's bodies don't get pregnant, women suddenly "needed" birth control and abortion as a back-up in order to achieve "equality."

As JP II said in *Mulieris Dignitatem*, "In the name of liberation from male 'domination' women must not appropriate to themselves male characteristics contrary to their own feminine 'originality.' There is a well-founded fear that if they take this path, women will not 'reach fulfillment' but instead will *deform and lost what constitutes their essential richness.*"

I have definitely concluded that we women all of us have been poisoned by these "deforming" attitudes so prevalent in the social air that we breathe.

Source: Catholicexchange.com



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I spoke at a conference a few years ago where I did a question and answer session with single adults. One guy raised his hand and talked about the difficulty of finding the right woman as he got older. He said that all of the women he met had been in careers for a long time. They were hard, they were tough, and they were already able to give themselves everything they needed. Why would they need him?

It was a good question, one that has me thinking to this day. I answered him by saying, first of all that, in our defense, a lot of us single women have had to support ourselves for a long time. We have thus become very accomplished in an environment that rewards more “masculine” behavior. We can’t exactly break down crying in the boardroom. And so, we can sometimes lose touch with our more vulnerable sides. It’s not gone forever we just may need a little help and patience to find it again.

I also told him that our “needs” aren’t necessarily material, but that we still definitely want and need men in our lives. Some of our less-healthy sisters may have lost touch with that need (Gloria Steinem famously said that a woman needs a man “like a fish needs a bicycle”) but it’s still there.

Since that day, it has struck me how many women I see especially women approaching middle-age who really are bitter and hard. I think some of it stems from this anger with men that we have inherited from our radical feminist sisters. Some of it is the result of real disrespect or harm at the hands of men. Much of it comes from the abuse our feminine sexuality that runs so rampant in our culture. But all of it represents a departure from our true feminine nature.

And it doesn’t make us happy.

Real feminine nature isn’t weak or fawning. It isn’t about wearing frilly dresses or reading romance novels. Real femininity is strong, confident, vibrant. But it is strong, confident and vibrant in a uniquely feminine way.

Women – pray to find, live and strengthen your *authentic* feminine nature. Men, encourage that in the women in your lives.

St. Rita of Cascia: Small In Stature, Great In Holiness: Claire Dwyer

It was the year 1450, and it the first Holy Year declared in the Church. Lay and religious pilgrims joyfully converged upon Rome – including a band of Augustinian nuns from Cascia, in the region of Umbria in central Italy known for its saints, as the birthplace of St. Benedict and St. Francis. Among them was an elderly nun, weak and exhausted from the long journey, but rejoicing to be the great Holy City.

Little did Rita of Cascia know that 550 years later, during another Jubilee year, she would return to Rome – or, her mortal remains would – by a police helicopter, to be venerated by pilgrims and the Pope himself, in honor of the 100th anniversary of her own canonization. Pope John Paul II reminded the crowd gathered there Saturday, May 20, 2000, that she was the first woman to be canonized in the Great Jubilee year of 1900. She was, he said, “small in stature but great in holiness, who lived in humility and is now known throughout the world for her heroic Christian life as a wife, mother, widow and nun. Deeply rooted in the love of Christ, Rita found in her faith unshakeable strength to be a woman of peace in every situation.”

His voice, trembling with age and suffering, spoke of one of his famous themes. “Rita well interpreted the ‘feminine genius,’” the Pope said, “by living it intensely in both physical and spiritual motherhood.” And so she did. It had been a long journey, her pilgrimage, not just physically, but in spirit as well. Rita’s life was a series of sufferings, of twists and turns, of losing everything and finding it again.

Born Margherita Lotti in 1381 to aged parents who rejoiced to finally have a child after years of infertility, Rita grew up in a devout home. Anxious to have her future secured as they neared old age, her parents arranged for a marriage when she was a very young teenager. Her husband, Paolo Mancini, was an angry man at first, embroiled in the feuds common between Italian families at the time. Rita’s goodness and prayers softened him. Still, he became a victim of the violence and was murdered in a blood feud, leaving her a young widow with two sons.

Adding to her grief, Rita’s anguished sons swore revenge for their father’s death. Her pleas for forgiveness for the killers went unheard. So she turned to the God who always hears, and begged Him to spare her sons from the stain of mortal sin. Shortly after, they both died, probably of the plague, and Rita was utterly alone.

She longed to enter the Augustinian monastery of St. Mary Magdalen but faced a serious obstacle: one of the medieval requirements for admission was that a childless widow have her relatives’ permission to enter. Her husband’s family would have withheld their permission unless she joined the bitter vendetta. Rita turned again to prayer, and received the grace, miraculously, to forge a peace between the two families. She became a nun, devoted the last half of her life to intense prayer, and received the stigmata on her forehead in the form of a wound from the crown of thorns. It caused her unspeakable pain and would have prevented her from making the pilgrimage to Rome during that first Holy Year. When it was time for the nuns to leave, though, the wound disappeared. Rita set out with them, making the difficult journey with joy.

She would live just a few more years before her final pilgrimage to heaven in 1457. The day of her death is her feast day: May 22.

Who knew, at the time, that this simple woman of the Beatitudes – a woman of peace and meekness, who mourned but showed mercy – would hundreds of years later be invoked by millions as patroness of impossible causes? Who knew then that one of the greatest popes, a Saint himself, would esteem her as a model of the feminine genius and both kinds of motherhood, physical and spiritual? St. Rita reminds us that our Church is rich in men and women who show us what is best about ourselves, whose qualities of holiness transcend time and place. Even now she makes little pilgrimages into our own situations of sufferings in our homes, she journeys with us in our pleas for seemingly impossible resolutions in our marriages and families, and she joins us in



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