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by Giotto (c.1266-1337)

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AN ADULT FAITH FORMATION LECTURE SERIES
at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

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and how to live it in the modern world.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

DEATH AND FUNERALS

This talk will cover topics like the symbols of a Catholic funeral, proper Catholic burial rituals, cremation, the theology of the resurrection of the body, praying for the dead, “Last Rites,” burying the dead is a corporeal work of mercy and the difference between a Catholic funeral and a “Celebration of Life.” *Presenter: Rev. William Novak, V.G., pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

THE DIGNITY AND SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

This talk will answer questions like: Why are baptized Catholics obligated to be married in the Catholic Church? What are the requirements for marriage in the Catholic Church? Who is the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Marriage? What is the origin of marriage? What are the fruits of marriage? What happens if a Catholic gets married outside the Church? Can a divorced Catholic receive Holy Communion? What is an annulment? What is a convalidation? Why did Jesus perform his first miracle at a wedding? *Presenter: Rev. William Novak, V.G., pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

THE TRADITION OF CATHOLIC CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

“A Catholic church is a unique place, a place which must transcend the bounds of our earthly experience and provide a foretaste of the heavenly realm.” (Arthur Lohsen) Traditional church architecture reveals in stone, marble, and stained glass our Catholic faith. This talk will focus on the various architectural elements that define a church and what they represent beyond just bricks and mortar. *Presenter: Art Lohsen, the architect of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in Oklahoma City*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, QUEEN OF THE AMERICAS

You won’t want to miss this powerful and inspiring telling of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego in December 1531 was the most significant event in the evangelization of the continent. St. John Paul II expressed that his first trip as a Pope, precisely to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, had shaped all the succeeding years of his pontificate. She is the Queen of the Continent and the Star of the New Evangelization. This talk will cover the history, symbols, meanings, and messages the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe has left for us Catholics. *Presenter: Luis Soto, Associate Director of the Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

WHY DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CARE ABOUT POLITICS?

You've heard the adage "never discuss politics or religion in polite company." The reason is obvious: they're the most divisive subjects, and Americans' penchant for sharing opinions on everything inevitably leads to discord. So, in the midst of following Christ's Great Commission to "make disciples of all the nations," why does the Church delve so deeply into such a divisive arena? The connection between making disciples and political engagement may surprise you. This talk will explore topics like: What is the Great Commission? How does the Magisterium and Tradition relate to the Great Commission? What is Catholic Social Teaching? How does CST lead inexorably to politics? What are the Church's political priorities? *Presenter: Mr. Brett Farley, Executive Director of the Catholic Conference of Oklahoma*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

AN EVENING WITH FLANNERY O'CONNOR

Come and listen to excerpts from and a discussion of the writings by Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964), an American novelist, short story writer, essayist and devote Roman Catholic. Learn about her unique understanding of how Grace enters our life. Experience the depth of her faith and why she once wrote, "What people don't realize is how much religion costs. They think faith is a big electric blanket, when of course it is the cross." *Presenter: Fr. James Goins, pastor of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Norman*

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

"FORGIVE ME FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED"

This talk is a "How to Guide for Going to Confession." It will cover everything you need to do before, during and after confession. Topics will include why Catholics confess their sins to a priest, the difference between a mortal sin and a venial sin, the reason we say an Act of Contrition, examination of conscience, how often must we go to confession. *Presenter: Fr. William L. Novak, V.G., pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church*

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

PARTICIPATO ACTUOSA: LITURGICAL PARTICIPATION AT THE MASS AND BEYOND

"Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy." The famous words of the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, have been widely interpreted over the past 60 years. In this talk, we will develop an authentic reading of the transformative quote with the help of Pope Benedict XVI. Furthermore, we will investigate how appropriate liturgical music, gestures, postures, preaching and architecture can all facilitate fruitful interior and exterior participation at the Mass and beyond. *Presenter: Rev. Zak Boazman, Associate Director of the Secretariat of Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Catholic Church, Ponca City*



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