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Fray Luis De Cáncer, the proto-martyr of Florida



By Daniel Esparza

Born in Spain, the Dominican friar was martyred in Tampa in 1549.

Fray Luis De Cáncer is perhaps better known known as **Fray Luis de Barbastro**. Born in Barbastro, Aragón, Spain, he was **the first Dominican to be made prior of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and one of the Martyrs of Florida**. A disciple of the famed Dominican jurist, philosopher, theologian, and

chronicler Fray Bartolomé de Las Casas, De Cáncer arrived in the Caribbean around the year 1517 and, after working in the area for a while, ventured onto the mainland, achieving some missionary success in México and Guatemala. **From there, he proposed to go on a mission to Florida.**

By then, the Floridian peninsula had already been explored and ravaged by Hernando de Soto, the first European to cross the Mississippi river. In fact, he and Cabeza de Vaca were the first Europeans to ever venture deep into what is today the territory of the United States: **De Soto crossed Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and most likely Arkansas**. Cabeza de Vaca crossed what is today's New Mexico, most of Texas, and reached the tip of the Floridian Peninsula.

After De Soto's expedition, native Floridians were reasonably hostile to the Spanish. As expected from a disciple of Las Casas, **Fr. Luis argued that further violence would never bring about the Peninsula's conversion to Catholicism**. In order to avoid further clashes with the natives, Gene M. Burnett explains in his *Florida's Past*, King Charles V approved De Cáncer's Florida mission, yet making it clear that he should travel to the upper east coast, **avoiding the southern territories that earlier conquistadores attacked in the Gulf Coast.**

Cáncer recruited four more Dominican friars, three priests and a brother, and reached Havana in 1549, **where they took a Florida native convert, Magdalena, to be their interpreter**. They then left for Florida on a caravel captained by Juan de Arena who, despite all the warnings to avoid the Gulf Coast and the royal

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demands imposed by the Spanish crown on the expedition, took them to an area south of Tampa Bay, **a few miles away from where previous, violent expeditions had landed.**

As they got there, they encountered a group of natives who told them about the numerous Tocobaga villages around Tampa Bay. The expedition split and a priest, a brother, a sailor, and Magdalena joined the natives and walked all the way to their village. Fray Luis De Cáncer returned to the ship and sailed away to meet them later at the bay.

Burnett's book compiles some early chronicles of De Cáncer's expedition. According to those registers, De Cáncer reached Tampa Bay on June 23, 1549. **Only Magdalena and a group of Floridians greeted him.** Neither the Dominicans nor the sailor who joined them were with them.

Magdalena told Fray Luis that she had managed to convince the Tocobaga that the friars were peaceful, and that they were now their guests. When Fray Luis and his companions returned to the ship that evening, **they found a sailor who had been enslaved by the Tocobaga years before, and had managed to escape.** The sailor told Fray Luis that **the Floridians had killed the two friars and enslaved the sailor.**

Fray Luis' companions wanted to set sail for the east coast of Florida immediately, fleeing the understandably hostile Tocobaga. According to the chronicles, the friar refused to leave a land that was "hallowed by the blood" of his brothers.

The next day, he rowed with two other friars to shore, where they saw a group of Tocobaga. **Fray Luis jumped off the boat, waded to the beach and then kneeled and prayed for a while. When he arose, the Floridians took him and beat him to death.** He is now considered one of the proto-martyrs of Florida.

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September 11, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 | 1 Tm 1:12-17 | Lk 15:1-32
or Lk 15:1-10

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I think I lose more things than the average person. Car keys. That magic security card that gets me into my office. My son's birth certificate (the night before the driver's test). And my wedding ring, more often than I care to admit. I can't rest until I find them. Oh, the elation when the missing item turns up! So this is one parable I think I "get." Of course, these items pale in comparison to our value as human beings – sons and daughters of God. Even – or perhaps especially – us sinners. As Jesus tells us, "There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." What good news for all of us! Rather than wallow in our failures or close ourselves off to God, we are challenged to follow Paul's example and turn to God for our strength – we can turn to him knowing we are loved, valued, and cherished.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I confess I sometimes feel unworthy to become very active in my parish. I've made more mistakes than I can count; so, no, I'll pass on volunteering to be a lector or a catechist. That's a job for the "good Catholics." As we see time and again in Scripture, ours is a Church of sinners. As was the case with Paul, "once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant," the Lord has mercy upon us, and his grace is abundant. Just as he considered Paul trustworthy to lead the Church, he trusts us; we need only trust ourselves. Gaining our strength from God, we can share our gifts through ministry and service. What's more, we can actively reach out to those on the fringes of our parish or those who have left the Church feeling as though they don't belong. Jesus reminds us that all are welcome at his table.

ENGAGE At Sunday Mass, make a point of welcoming newcomers and strangers with a smile or greeting. Consider getting involved in a parish ministry.



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Matrimony

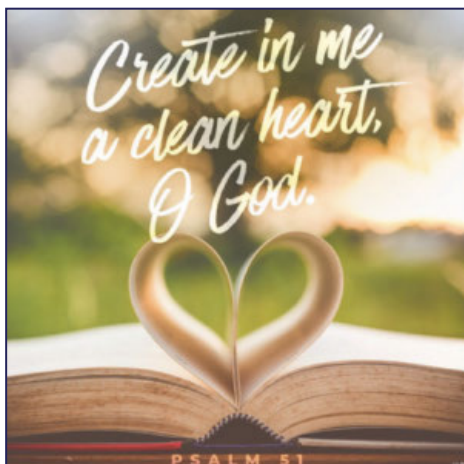
Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10, Weekday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Kristin Boss (Dec)

Sunday, September 11, The Twenty-fourth Sunday in OT

8:00 a.m. Rylee Casey (Liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Monday, September 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Dolores M. Ciminera (Dec)

Tuesday, September 13, Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Charlie & Susan Ankerberg (Dec)

Wednesday, September 14, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, September 15, Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Dolores Ciminera (Dec)

Friday, September 16, Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Rosanna Frogala (Dec)

Saturday, September 17, Memorial of Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Kristin Boss (Dec)

Sunday, September 18, The Twenty-fifth Sunday in OT

8:00 a.m. Raymond Gustke (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

09/11 • Rev. Michael R. Smith

09/12 • Rev. Michael Suszynsk

09/13 • Rev. William J. Swengros

09/14 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

09/15 • Rev. Martin Okoro

09/16 • Rev. Jose Tejada

09/17 • For All Bishops

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

SALESIAN SISTERS MISSION APPEAL



As part of the Diocesan Mission Cooperative Plan, a Salesian Sister of St. John Bosco will speak at our Parish on **Sunday, September 24-25, 2022** on behalf of their foreign mission ministries.

The Salesian Sisters are a worldwide Community counting over 11,000 Sisters spreading the Gospel on the five Continents, in 97 countries. Many of their Sisters work strictly in mission areas affected by great poverty, diseases, political unrest, violence, war and other difficult conditions, such as, areas of natural disaster and refugee camps.

The Salesian Sisters were founded by St. John Bosco in 1872 and started their mission work in 1877 when they departed from Italy for the farthest tip of South America called Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. Ever since, they have continued to provide missionaries for Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and other places not yet evangelized or in need of re-evangelization.

Their Congregation was specifically founded for the service of poor youth; consequently, most of their ministries will have an educational thrust. They are grateful for the opportunity of sharing their mission work here at Blessed Trinity and of benefiting from your generosity.

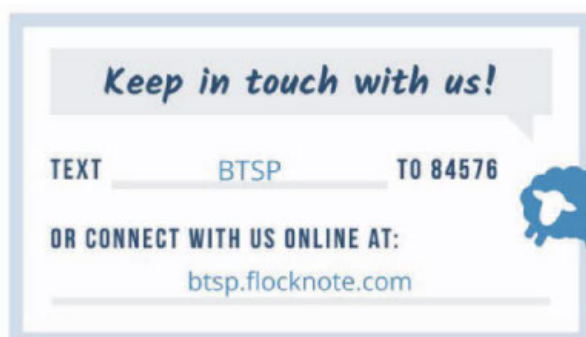


St. Vincent de Paul Training Event

You are invited to our St. Vincent de Paul training event. Join fellow parishioners to learn how we can help care for those less fortunate through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are sent to see Christ in the poor, to visit the Poor, to see the depth of needs, to respond to needs, to provide in-person help, to be a voice of the poor, and to give witness to Christ.

You are invited to the Ozanam Orientation, Saturday October 8, 2022 at St. John Vianney Parish Hall. Training begins 9:30am and runs until 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided, there is no cost.

Please call or text your RSVP, or any questions to 727 488-5604.



Patriot Day

Heavenly Father, Creator of All,
You have created the human person as good.
You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers.
We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body,
for their mourning family members,
for the repose of their souls.

Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies,
and to pray for those who persecute us.
Give us the strength and courage to forgive.
Remove all lingering desire for revenge.

Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God.
Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding.
Amen.



The Blessed Trinity Choir has begun rehearsals! Previous or recent singers are certainly welcome; but now is the perfect opportunity for new members to join as well! No auditions! No interviews! Only a love of music and the desire to be part of this wonderful ministry is necessary. If you have ever considered singing in the church choir, NOW is the time!

Rehearsal for Adult Choir will be Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Music Room in the Ministries Center, and the Contemporary Group will meet in the church on Fridays at 3:00pm.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Rise, and Go to Your Father

“If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you're sure not picking anything up.”

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron's “8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter,” (that's Rule No. 5, by the way).

There's a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it's not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace? Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. *I haven't been given half of that*, he thinks, *and I've worked so hard*.

But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father's indulgence to boldly ask for it. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell?



— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

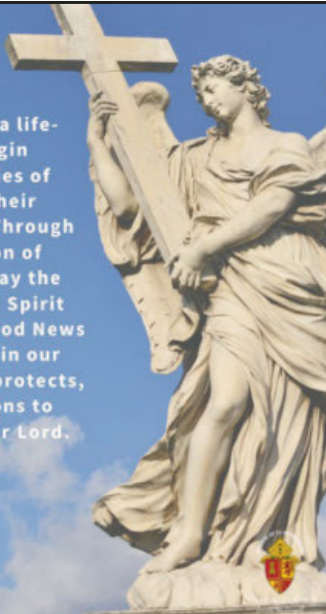
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PRAYER FOR MEDIA MINISTRY

St. Gabriel the Archangel, delivered a life-changing message to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We pray for our media ministries of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, that their message will also be life-changing. Through the intercession of St. Gabriel, patron of communicators and broadcasters, may the ministries of Gulf Coast Catholic and Spirit FM be successful in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. May we be generous in our support of media that strengthens, protects, and promotes our faith for generations to come. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

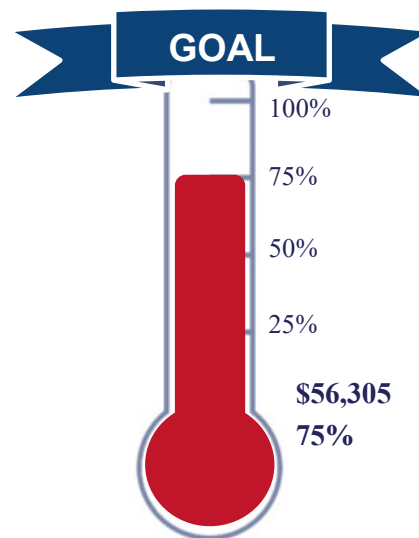
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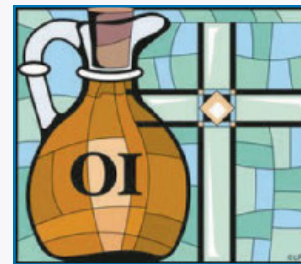
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