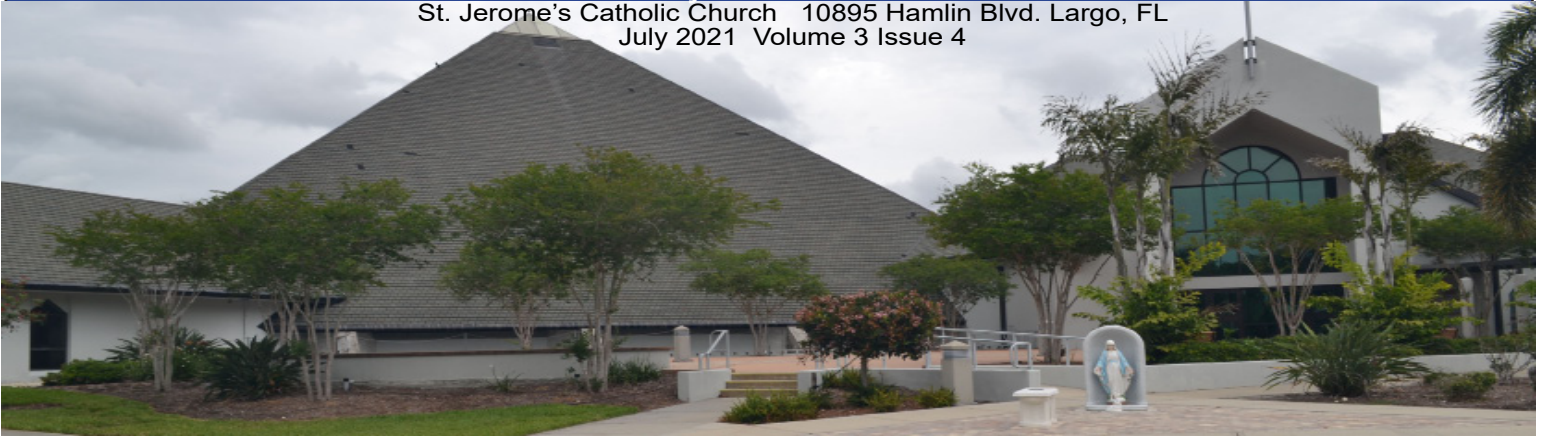


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Divine Mercy of Jesus Council 17249

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17249 DIVINE MERCY OF JESUS ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022



Outside Guard
Joe Moore



Chancellor
Chuck Lake



Deputy GK
Pete McCabe



Grand Knight
Bill McClelland



Advocate
Gregg Appel



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Boone Bowen



Recorder
Jim Hand



Warden
Gene Sanders

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Inside Guard 1
Henry Rodriguez



Inside Guard 2
Ed Wirth



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Jim Hand



Chaplain
Fr. Tom Morgan



Financial Secretary
Fred Belzel



1-Year Trustee
Edgar Lecuyer



2-Year Trustee
Jim Blackwell



3-Year Trustee
Pete Grasso

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND KNIGHT



Pete Grasso

Brothers:

I am writing this as we finish our fraternal council year. It has been challenging to say the least, but we have come out of it strong as brothers in Christ.

We had a great election of officers for the upcoming year and God has led us to an outstanding slate. Congratulations to Brother Sir Knight Bill McClelland as our new Grand Knight. Brother Bill brings great experience and leadership and a desire to make us all better. Most important, he will be doing this in helping us to be better strong Catholic gentlemen.

Deputy Grand Knight, Sir Pete McCabe, will add equal leadership and support, again bringing a great deal of experience as a Knight and manager.

I am so grateful to Our Lord Jesus Christ for bringing all of the council men together and to allow us fellowship with each other and our families. We will continue to grow in our faith and in our love for one another. God bless our officers and members as we go forward.

THE DIVINE MERCY OF JESUS



Things Jesus Revealed to St. Faustina About Divine Mercy

Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy. —St. Faustina's Diary 300

Let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. Diary 848

He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice... Diary 1146

My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. Diary 367

These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. Diary 299

My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; [urge] all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all. Diary 1182

The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy. My mercy is confirmed in every work of My hands. He who trusts in My mercy will not perish, for all his affairs are Mine, and his enemies will be shattered at the base of My footstool. Diary 723

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Knights are Catholic men who build a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR



Fr. Tom Morgan

Dear Friends:

We will continue our tradition of the investiture of the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at our 9:00 am Sunday Mass on July 18, 2021. We invite all who would like to be invested with the scapular to attend this Mass. "The Brown Scapular is a Roman Catholic devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It is worn as a sign of love and devotion for the Mother of God. The Carmelite Order, to which the Scapular belongs, originated on Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land and the Scapular is itself a reflection in miniature of the habit (scapular: a sleeveless outer garment falling from the shoulders) which monks wear as a sign of their vocation and devotion. Over the years the scapular, at least for lay people, became much reduced in size to small pieces of wool cloth suspended front and back.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom Morgan

History:

On July 16, 1251, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock in the town of Aylesford, England. St. Simon was a Carmelite who had been a hermit during the time of the Crusades. He was known for his holiness and miracles attested to this after his death. Eventually, he became Prior General and under his guidance the order spread throughout southern and western Europe, particularly in England. It was St. Simon who founded Carmelite houses at Cambridge, Oxford, Paris, and Bologna – part of the reason why the order grew so widely and quickly. He was very devoted to Mary and always asked her to bestow a singular privilege on the Carmelites.

When Our Lady appeared to him, she granted his desire. She handed him a brown woolen scapular saying, "This shall be a privilege for you and all Carmelites, that anyone dying in this habit shall not suffer eternal fire."

From that time, devotion to the Brown Scapular of the Carmelites increased and before long laypersons wished to participate also. The laity, rather than donning a full habit, embraced a smaller version of it. This scapular symbolizes an allegiance to the Order of Carmel.

Knights to Help Sponsor Fourth of July Celebration

Perhaps the most noticeable way of returning to normal from the pandemic is St. Jerome's intent to hold a July 4th hamburger and hotdog fry in the parking lot and on the church grounds. There will also be a popcorn machine. Our council will be in charge of cooking the food and popcorn. We have much experience doing that. It would be helpful if all of you who are interested and willing to help will let our new GK Bill McClelland know. Tables and chairs will be scattered around since Fr. Tom doesn't want us to use the parish center yet since it hasn't been dedicated. That takes place Sept. 12 after the 11 a.m. Mass. There will be soda, iced tea, and water. We are also hoping to have games for the younger kids. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested, with children under 5 years old free. It will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tickets will cease being sold June 27, so hopefully you have seen the event published around the parish and in the bulletin.



St. Jerome
July 4th Block Party

Saturday, July 3rd
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Dinner by The Knights of Columbus

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips,
Pop Corn & Drinks**
PLUS Music and Games for all!

Tickets \$5 each; Kids under 5 FREE
Buy in office or after weekend Masses

Bring your lawn chair and join us
on the St. Jerome campus to
☑Celebrate our Great Nation☑
under the stars.

☑Courageously living the Gospel☑



St. Jerome
4th of July Block Party

Saturday, July 3rd
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
lawn in back of church

\$5 each/kids under 5 free

Actor Proclaims His Faith

JOURNEY OF Faith

berg reportedly attacked and eye, reports The Guardian. Wahlberg was charged with He pled guilty to assault and two years in jail. Wahlberg re-45 days. However, he still has record. In 2014, Wahlberg ap- for his crime against Trinh. and reckless, but I forgive him serves another chance," Trinh in a 2014 interview. Since then, Wahlberg has movies, such as The Italian and The Fighter. Yet, through focused on his faith and his he stay so focused and cen- when so many around him downs and families are falling to his faith.

Before earning fortune and fame as an actor, Mark- Wahlberg had a troubled past. From 1986 (when he was about 15 years old) to roughly 1992 (when he was about 21), he allegedly engaged in violent and racially motivated acts. One act was against a Vi- etnamese man named Johnny Trinh, whom Wahl- punched in the



Mark Wahlberg

attempted murder. was sentenced to portedly served just a permanent felony plied for a pardon "He was young now. Everyone det- told The Guardian

starred in countless Job, The Departed, it all, he stayed family. How does tered in Hollywood, are having break- apart? It goes back

make it to daily Mass, he stops by the Church for a few minutes at the begin- ning of each day, to spend some quality with Jesus. "The first thing I do when I start my day is, I get down on my hands and knees and give thanks to God," Wahlberg said. "If I can start my day out by saying my prayers and getting my- self focused, then I know I'm doing the right thing. That 10 minute helps me in every way throughout the day."

"Being a Catholic is the most impor- tant aspect of my life," Wahlberg said in an interview with the Catholic Her- ald in the U.K. He continued, "Once I focused on my faith wonderful things started happening for me. And I don't mean professionally – that's not what it's about. These days, I'll be in church and people will come up to me and say: 'Do you mind if I sit and pray with you?' And they'll start praying and it'll turn out they're praying for their new movie to be a success or whatever, and I'm like, this is not what I come here for. For me to sit down and ask for material things is ridiculous. It's a much bigger picture than that. I want to serve God and to be a good human being and to make up for the mistakes I made and the pain I put people through. That's what I'm praying for, and I recommend it to any- body."

Mark's spiritual director is a man named Father Flavin. Father Flavin is a parish priest that has known Wahlberg for years and helped lead him from high-school dropout and ex-con to the successful life he leads today – in his career and his family life. "He's been in my life since I was 13," Wahlberg said of Flavin. "He mar- ried me and my wife and baptized all my children." It's also rumored that Fr. Flavin helps lead and guide Wahlberg in his movie choices, to "honor his religious roots" in the roles he chooses to play.

One of the most powerful things about Wahlberg is his daily faith life. He begins every day in prayer at a local Catholic Church, wherever he is. Even if he can't



JULY BIRTHDAYS



Tom Christy
July 2



Joe Ghezzi
July 18



Jack Fitzgerald
July 19



JOURNEY OF Faith

by Jim Hand

About 15 years ago I was painting the insides of a condo which was empty and being prepared for sale. It looked like an easy job.

A neighbor woman I dealt with (the condo owner lived out of town) must have had a previous bad experience with a contractor. She seemed ready to find any suggestion I made suspicious. She wanted the kitchen cabinets painted. However, the cabinets had previously been painted in oil, which meant that I would have to paint them in oil again or prime them first in preparation for a second coat of latex. For some reason, she concluded I was wanting to put two coats on in order to make more money. I patiently explained the horrible results that can happen when latex paint is put directly on top of an oil-based paint. With a tilted head and one eye squinted, she accepted my explanation and that was that, until the next situation arose.

When we talked about painting the popcorn ceiling, I said I normally use Behr Ceiling White. However, I had to say that painting over a popcorn ceiling can be tricky. On previous jobs I have had the popcorn come loose and roll up on my roller. If this happened, I said I might have to do some repair work on the ceiling for which I would have to charge extra. She immediately smelled

the old bait-and-switch routine, where one price is given and later a second, more expensive fee creeps in. Eventually, after further explanation, she agreed. Eventually a deal was struck, and I returned a few days later to begin.

Luckily, once I began to paint the ceiling, the popcorn behaved itself and the first time she came over to check on me, I shared the good news. She accepted the news with a shrug.

The next few days went well. I did notice, though, that throughout the day a



man periodically walked back and forth out front, peering in at me. I scratched my head and worked on, not caring to go outside and ask him if he needed some help.

Around a rather small Florida room the owner had an accordion-like set of verticals which were joined at both the top and bottom. They were very old. I needed to take them down in order to paint behind them. They were very awkward to deal with and looked a mess lying on the floor. I called the owner and said they should be replaced. He

agreed with me, so I didn't need to care for them at all.

One day as I was painting the Florida room and stepping around the verticals which lay on the floor, the nosey neighbor came storming in, very hot under the collar. Apparently, the neighbor woman I was dealing with had told this guy how I might be trying to swindle the condo owner. This guy hustled over to me and started cussing me out at the top of his voice. I was caught unprepared for the onslaught and just stood there as composed as possible. I did, though, have my putty knife in my right hand holding it to my side just in case I needed to use it as a knife. Among other things, he called me a douchebag. It was clear to me that this guy would not be willing to listen to one word I might say. In time, he ran out of steam, and since I didn't react to him, so he turned around and left.

Discombobulated (is that really a word?) I turned to the neighbor woman and asked her why she didn't step in and stop him. She said he has anger issues and she doesn't know how to deal with them.

In retrospect, I am thankful that I was able to keep my senses about me and not retaliate in like kind. Indeed, as the book of Proverbs chapter 15 says: *A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.* In addition, Jesus told us to turn the other cheek. It certainly worked for me!

"Don't give in to worry or anger; it only leads to trouble." Psalm 37:8

"People with quick tempers cause a lot of quarreling and trouble." Proverbs 29:22

"Keep your temper under control; it is foolish to harbor a grudge." Ec-

clesiastes 7:9

"People with a hot temper do foolish things; wiser people remain calm." Proverbs 14:17

"Get rid of all bitterness, passion, and anger. No more hateful feelings of any sort." Ephesians 4:31

As the Lord's servant, you must not quarrel. You must be kind toward all, a good and patient teacher, who is gentle as you correct your opponents, for it may be that God will give them the opportunity to repent and come to know the truth." 2 Timothy 2:23-25

July 2021 - Overview for the Month

The month of July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the sharing of the Blood of Christ?



Highlights of the Month

July 16

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

The Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, holding in her hand a scapular, and directed him to found a Confraternity whose members should wear this scapular and consecrate themselves to her service. The Sabbatine privilege will then insure their early release from Purgatory on the Saturday after their death.



Symbols St. Ann



The mother of Our Lady, whose loving care of her daughter is shown by the silver border with black masonry. The lily refers to the girlhood of the Virgin.

St. Ignatius



The Founder of the Society of Jesus, and writer of the "Spiritual Exercises." "IHS" and rays, with the letters "AMDG" meaning "To the greater glory of God".

The Gospel readings for the Sundays in July 2021 are taken from St. Mark and St. John— all are from Year B, Cycle 1.

July 6th - 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our Lord teaches in the synagogue and is rejected by those present.

July 11th - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus sends out the twelve apostles and gives them authority over unclean spirits.

July 18th - 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus invites the Apostles to "come away and rest a while."

July 25th - 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Gospel tells the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

Tips on Getting the Most out of Your Eucharistic Meditation

Do it consistently — day after day. Like running, playing tennis, or lifting weights, meditation requires regular practice if you want to build the appropriate muscles and skills — in this case, the muscle of present-moment awareness and the skill of coming back to what's happening right now, again and again.

Be kind, gentle, and patient with yourself. You wouldn't push or hurry a child who was learning to ride a bicycle, would you? You've spent a lifetime multitasking and focusing on the past and future, and you're not going to find it easy to come to rest in the simplicity of the present. Apply the same kindness and patience to your meditation.

Drop your perfectionism and self-judgment. Notice the tendency to compare your meditations to some standard you think you're supposed to live up to, and your ongoing judgments that you're not doing it right. Then set them aside and just do your best. In any case, there's no right or wrong way to meditate, just your way.



1. Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
2. Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
3. Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

4. Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating.
5. Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
6. Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
7. Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
8. Decafhalon (n): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
9. Glibido: All talk and no action.
10. Dopeler Effect: The tendency of

- stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
11. Arachnoleptic Fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
12. Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
13. Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn when you discover half a worm in the fruit you're eating.
14. Flabbergasted, adj. Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.

BITS AND PIECES

Brothers:

Here are some bits and pieces of information that has come my way that I think you'll be interested in.

1. The golf tournament

This is still being scheduled for the Largo Golf Course for no later than July 24. This seems to be a magical number for Fr. Tom, and we don't know why. Art Corby, who is heading up this endeavor, also wants two Knights to step up, one to be a Banquet Manager, and the other one to be a person who seeks out advertising sponsorship, to help defray costs and build us some equity. After all, this is basically a money-making proposition, plus a fellowship gathering. As soon as more information comes my way, I will relay it to you.

3. Yearly dues should be paid by now. The deadline is the first of July. The fee is \$40. You can mail your payment to Jim Blackwell at 110 18th Street Bellaire Beach, FL 33786.

4. There will be an officers' meeting Wednesday, July 7, starting at 7 p.m. followed by a Holy Hour. Then on July 14, there will be a general meeting starting at 7 p.m. Meetings

will now be held in the Ed Kilroy Building. Installation of new officers will be Saturday, July 24, after the 4 p.m. Mass. A meal will follow, location yet to be determined.

5. Inscribed bricks for the grotto can now be purchased at Masses or in the parish office, or the parish website under the tab of Knights of Columbus. They are \$60.00 apiece. This is a great way to be forever remembered. At this moment, there is no deadline on when the bricks will stop being sold. Also, officers are moving forward to get the bricks placed in the grotto.

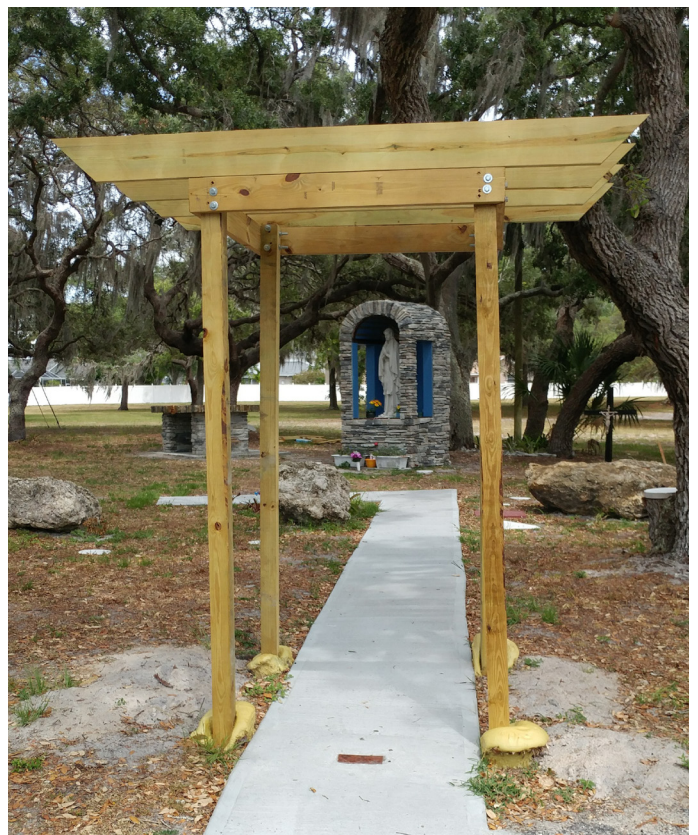


6. There are three pictures at the bottom of the page: a pergola, a small garden with a bench next to it for meditation or prayers, and a plant next to an angel. Joe Ghezzi and his band of workers have worked a miracle with the grotto.

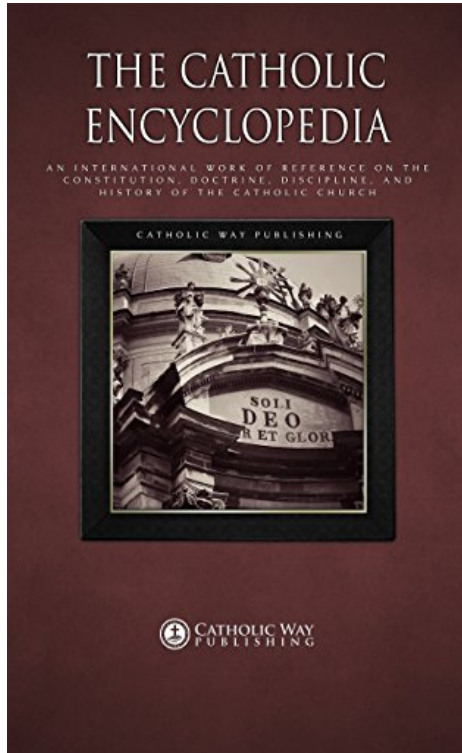
7. The Fellowship Committee has been busy planning events for the parish calendar. There will be such things as a July 4th celebration, a Transitus of St. Clare, a Thanksgiving dinner, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Wine and Cheese Tasting (we hope), a 50s auction and dinner dance, St. Patrick's luncheon (Shepherd's Pie), a Lent Simple Supper, a Fish Fry, a Mother's Day Bake Sale, and a Father's Day celebration. As Knights are needed, we will be sure to ask for help. We are used to being counted on and readily respond.

8. There are still plans in the works for Stations of the Cross around the pond. We think Joe Ghezzi will make the images and that they will be on stands in the ground. They should last for a long time.

9. Being a Knight is very rewarding. Thank you for being a part of our team as we serve this parish and the community. Vivat Jesus!



What Does the Catholic Encyclopedia Say about Relics?



Part III and the end

Items directly associated with the events of Christ's life (manger, cross, etc.) or the physical remains of a saint (a bone, a hair, skull, a limb, etc.) are often prized as relics. Traditionally, a martyr's relics are often more prized than the relics of saints. Parts of the saint that were significant to that saint's life are more prized relics. For instance, King St. Stephen of Hungary's right forearm is especially important because of his status as a ruler. A famous theologian's head may be his most important relic. (The head of St. Thomas Aquinas was removed by the monks at the Cistercian abbey at Fossanova where he died.) If a saint did a lot of traveling, then the bones of his feet may be prized. Catholic teaching prohibits relics to be divided up into small, unrecognizable parts if they are to be used in liturgy (i.e., as in an altar; see the rubrics listed in Rite of Dedication of a Church and an Altar).

The sale or disposal of sacred relics without the permission of the Apostolic See is nowadays strictly forbidden by canon 1190 of the Code of Canon Law. Relics may not be placed upon the altar for public veneration, as that is reserved for the display of the Blessed Sacrament (host or prosphora and Eucharistic wine after consecration in the sacrament of the Eucharist).

Relics play a major role in the consecration of a church. The consecrating bishop will place the relics on a paten in a church near the church that is to be consecrated. They will then be taken in a cross procession to the new church, carried three times around the new structure and then placed in the altar as part of the consecration service.

In cases of fixed altars, the relics are built in the altar table itself and sealed with a special mixture of wax.

Relic is also the term for something that has survived the passage of time, especially an object or custom whose original culture has disappeared, but also an object cherished for historical or memorial value (such as a keepsake or heirloom).