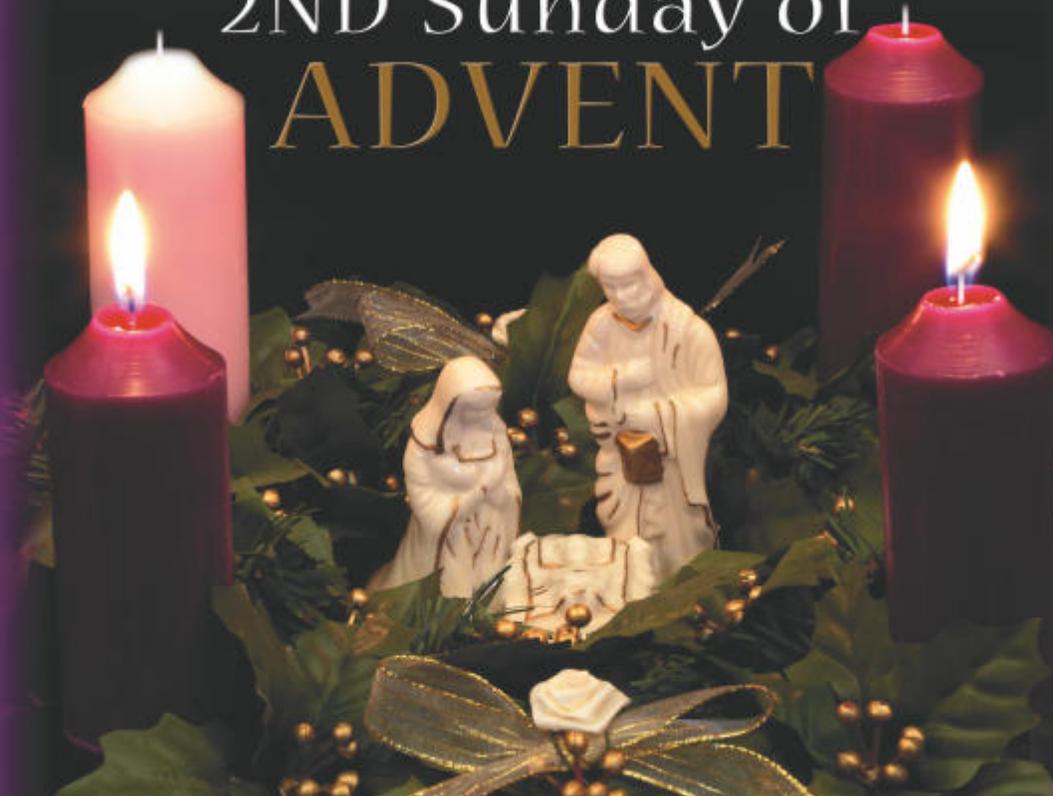


DECEMBER 6, 2020 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Frances Cabrini

# Prepare

2ND Sunday of  
ADVENT



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a

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## PARISH OFFICE

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Open: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm  
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303-953-7777 Youth Office (Jr. & Sr. High, Young Adult)

303-972-8566 Fax Line

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**24 hrs/day**

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## Pastor

Rev. John Paul Leyba - Sabbatical

## Acting Administrator

Rev. Mr. Chet Ubowski

## Parochial Vicars

Rev. Israel Gonsalves, O.C.D.

Rev. Ron Sequeira, O.C.D.

## Clergy

Rev. Mr. Marc Nestorick

Rev. Mr. Brian Kerby

Rev. Mr. Paul Grimm (retired)

Rev. Mr. Witold Engel (retired)

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Infant Baptism:** Please contact Deacon Chet at 303-953-7783.

**Marriage Preparation:** Please contact Trudy at 303-953-7769 at least 9-12 months prior to your wedding to make arrangements.

**RCIA:** Interested in becoming Catholic or questions about the faith? Call Deacon Chet at 303-953-7783.

**Care of the Sick / Dying:** Please call if someone is ill or hospitalized and would like the Sacrament for the Anointing of the Sick. *In case of death, call the Parish Office immediately.*

**Home Communion:** Visits may be scheduled through the Parish Office.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend** ...Saturday (Anticipatory) 4:15 pm;  
Sunday 7:15, 9:15, 11:15am & 5:15pm

**Weekday**.....Monday-Friday 9:00 am;  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 6:30am

Thurs., 1pm for those 65+ and/or immunocompromised

**First Saturday** ..... 9:30am

**Holy Day** .....(Vigil) 5:30pm;  
(Day) 9:00am & 7:00pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 8-9:30am

Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30pm

## ADORATION in the Church

Monday-Friday, 1-7 pm\*

Adoration will begin after the 1pm Mass on Thursdays

Come, spend some time with Jesus!

\* Mon., Dec. 7th: 1-5pm & Tues., Dec. 8th: 1-6:30pm



Mass for 65+ and for  
Those Who Are  
Immunocompromised

Thursdays at 1:00pm in the Church

## From Our Pastor

### “Jesus is coming! Look Busy!”

For many, if not most of us, these are dark and anxiety-ridden days. In many ways, it seems like death is winning. It's easy to turn in on the self, to stew in anger, to be paralyzed by fear of the future and to lose hope. Our personal consolation might be to sit back and wait for the apocalyptic signs described in the Book of Revelation to slowly appear on the horizon.

The scene at the Ascension comes to mind: The apostles standing there staring at the skies as Jesus slowly disappears from sight. The words of consolation? “What are you standing there staring at?” Sometimes it seems God refuses to offer “warm fuzzies.” The same happened to Mary Magdalene as it seems she reached out to grasp the resurrected Jesus. His response was “Mary...do not hold on to me.”

The truth is, Jesus has ALREADY won the battle against death. Pope St. John Paul II, who lived through and witnessed the worst century of violence in history, said,

*“Even if all the forces of darkness appear to prevail,  
those who believe in God know that  
evil and death do not have the final say.  
Christian hope is based on this truth.”*

I write this as my sabbatical winds down. I am grateful to you, the parishioners of St. Frances Cabrini and to the staff for affording me the great gift of stepping back into a sabbath time of renewal. Thanks for your many prayers that accompanied me on this pilgrimage. But this stepping back was to serve the purpose of stepping forward. I am TOTALLY EXCITED to return to parish life. I MISS YOU ALL DEARLY and, though disappointed that we are still under the cloud of COVID, I look forward to seeing all your beautiful, though mask-covered, faces again...I look forward to celebrating with you, the coming of Hope incarnate, the baby of Bethlehem.

**Jesus is coming... and so am I! So, look busy!**

By His Grace  
Fr. John Paul Leyba  
Pastor, St. Frances Cabrini

*We must pray without tiring,  
for the salvation of mankind does not  
depend on material success; nor on  
sciences that cloud the intellect.  
Neither does it depend on arms and  
human industries, but on Jesus alone.*

- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

## Welcome to Our Parish!

*If you are a visitor and would like to join  
our parish family, please pick up a  
registration form in the gathering space,  
visit the parish office during the week or you  
may visit our website to register.*

*Our Parish Mission: To **EMBRACE** our  
Faith, to **NOURISH** our formation as  
Catholics and to **SERVE** in a community  
filled with the Holy Spirit.”*

For daily reflections, masses and  
liturgical videos, visit our website:



[WWW.SFCPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.SFCPARISH.ORG)

If you are not receiving the clergy's  
daily Spiritual Encouragement  
emails from the parish, and would  
like to, you may sign up at  
[sfcparish.org/flocknote](http://sfcparish.org/flocknote).

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Updated Mass Guidelines

Recent trends in certain indicators used by Public Health officials have caused our State and County governance to further restrict the numbers of persons who can gather in individual places. In response to these restrictions, we will further limit the numbers of sign-ups we will allow at each Mass offered here at St. Frances Cabrini. The restriction on attendance is designed to help facilitate the trending health indicators.

We will continue to maintain physical distancing requirements. We have provided an overflow space where the Mass is simulcast that can accommodate more persons safely. Holy Communion is brought to the overflow space so all may participate fully.

**It is important with these additional restrictions that you properly sign-up via the website for Masses. Please do not come to church without having signed up.**

St. Frances Cabrini continues to maintain an aggressive germ mitigation protocol in our facility. Hard surface touch points of the pews and chairs are wiped down after each Mass and doorways and touchpoints are continually disinfected. We continue to help disperse people from indoor common areas to prevent congestion and crowding. Hymnals and Missalettes are not being used at this time out of an abundance of caution.

In a spirit of compliance with local governance and out of an abundance of caution and charity, **masks should be worn at all times, while entering, exiting and sitting in the church, as well as going forward and returning from Holy Communion.**

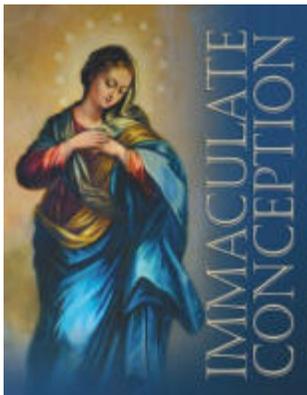
For those who wish to maintain the practice of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, the Archbishop has granted permission for resumption of this venerable practice under the following conditions:

Those receiving on the tongue will wait until those receiving in the hand have received communion;

Distribution on the tongue will only occur in the line where the priest (or deacon) is distributing;

When the minister of communion accidentally touches the mouth or tongue of a communicant, distribution will stop while the minister re-sanitizes his hand before resuming.

Please continue to pray for a timely end to the virus threat and for a full resumption of life of the Church, especially here at St. Frances Cabrini. May God bless you all! - Deacon Chet



### *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*The Immaculate Conception was the preparation by God of a human tabernacle for His Son here on earth. Mary is the Immaculate Conception. She was conceived "immaculately" – kept from the stain of original sin, that she might be the vessel to bear the Son of God, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

### **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**is this Tues., Dec. 8th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Mon., Dec. 7th, at 5:30pm (Vigil Mass) and on Tues., Dec. 8th, at 6:30am, 9am and 7pm. You must sign up online at [sfparish.org](http://sfparish.org) to attend these Masses.**



### **Advent Confessions**

*On Thurs., Dec. 10th, St. Frances Cabrini will offer Confessions, beginning at 7pm. Additional priests will be available in the Church and throughout the facility for individuals to have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please remember to wear a mask and keep physically distanced from others.*

***Come and be reconciled to God.***



### **Holiday Mass Schedule**

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24th**

1:30pm	Church (Music: Contemporary)
1:30pm	Hall (Music: Cantor)
4:00pm	Church (Music: Youth Ensemble)
4:00pm	Hall (Music: Small Group)
7:00pm	Church (Music: Life Teen Band)
10:00pm	Church (Music: Sextet Singers)
	(*9:30pm: Carols by Candlelight)

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25th**

9:15am	Church (Handbells & Cantor)
11:15am	Church (Duo Singers)

#### **Feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 26th/27th**

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

#### **Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

Fri., Jan. 1st at 6:30am & 9am

Vigil Mass at 5:30pm on Thurs., Dec. 31st

Office Closed: Dec. 24th (at noon) - Jan. 1st.

Office will reopen: Jan. 4th at 8:30am.

**Important Note: You must sign-up online to attend these Masses.**

# OUTREACH & ASSISTANCE

## The Delores Project and Saint Frances Cabrini Outreach in Action



The Delores Project is an overnight shelter housing adult women who might otherwise have to sleep on the street or in circumstances that put them at great risk. Women seeking shelter at *The Delores Project* are offered a safe, comfortable place to stay while seeking more permanent housing. Saint Frances Cabrini parish is looking for volunteers to help *provide* food for an evening meal for the Delores Household on **Tues., Dec. 15th**. Food should be delivered by 4:30pm to the St. Frances Cabrini Community House. **We currently need:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy or cookies. **Please bring enough to serve 10 people. To sign up for one of the dishes above, please call Karen at 303-953-7765.**



## December Project: Corporal Work of Mercy, Visit the Sick

Since we cannot play BINGO with those in senior housing this year, I thought we could focus on the at-home project instead. You can participate in this Corporal Work of Mercy by sending Christmas cards to the sick, lonely, afraid and isolated. **Next weekend, Dec. 12th/13th**, there will be a table in the Gathering Space full of Christmas cards. Stop by the table and write a loving greeting to a member of our parish. This card will list their first name so your family can pray for them, especially when you attend Mass. If your family participated in the Outreach Connection program connecting families to the seniors in our community, please consider reaching out with a Christmas card to them. **\*\*Additional note:** we are still able to deliver the knitted, crocheted and quilted gifts for seniors. The deadline to receive these items is **Dec. 9th**. Questions? Contact Karen L at [klotspcich@sfeparish.org](mailto:klotspcich@sfeparish.org).



## R & M Barry Gingerbread Project

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners who participated in this year's *R & M Barry Gingerbread Project*. Gifts were wrapped this week and picked up on Fri., Dec. 4th. **Thank you** for your generous sharing of the true spirit of Christmas, which will make this season brighter for many people.

## Cabrini Rosary Makers

*The rosary is a great test of faith. The mark of the Christian is the willingness to look for the Divine in the flesh of a babe in a crib, the continuing presence of Christ under the appearance of bread on an altar, and a meditation and a prayer on a string of beads...*—Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



Please stop by Parish Halls B & C on **Tues. Jan. 5th, any time between 9:30-11:30am** to replenish your supplies and drop off rosaries for distribution and stay if you would like. We will be praying the Rosary. The set-up has been changed to round tables with 3 to a table spread out between 2 rooms. You are welcome to stay if you are comfortable with the physical distancing. Remember to wear your mask. For more information, please call Teresa at 303-988-6517, Loretta at 720-981-5114 or Sandy at 303-932-1501.



## Cabrini Piecemakers Quilt Group

**Sat., Dec. 12th, 9:30am-3pm, Parish Hall B**  
**Fri., Jan. 8th, 9:30am-2pm, Parish Hall B**  
**Sat., Jan. 23rd, 9:30am-3pm, Frassati Room**

We invite new members to join us! When attending a meeting, please wear a mask at all times and be prepared to socially distance at the tables that will be set up in that manner. Bring a lunch if you plan to stay all day. For more information, please contact Karen at 303-953-7765 or [klotspcich@sfeparish.org](mailto:klotspcich@sfeparish.org).

## FAITH DIRECT

Advent is upon us with attendance at in-person services still restricted. St. Frances Cabrini Parish continues to depend on online donations to continue our ministry.

We prayerfully invite you to sign up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting [sfeparish.org](http://sfeparish.org)/give or text "enroll" to 720-713-3309.

Thank you for your continued generous support of our parish family!



## Cabrini Loving Hands

There will not be a meeting in December. The next meeting will be Sat., Jan. 16th. Enjoy your time with Jesus, your family and friends. Contact Karen S at 303-588-0461 for more information on this ministry.

## Cabrini's Cupboard

*Give us this day our daily bread...*

Not so long ago Miss Michelle (not her real name) came to Cabrini's Cupboard. She is terminally ill, there is no cure. She finds herself in the hospital or rehab centers frequently and her only compliant is she has somehow lost her religious articles. Her scapular is nowhere to be found. Father Ron to the rescue! Father immediately blessed one and she was given a scapular. A couple of days later a gallon bag of pearl-like beads were given as a donation from one of our Cupboard clients. Lord, what are we going to do with all these beads? In prayer, the Holy Spirit assured that there was a plan for Miss Michelle. A couple of days later, The Rosary Makers had their gathering. Ask the ladies to make a rosary...that was it! Please make a very special rosary with these pearl beads. Those gals went to work... it was a gallon Ziploc bag full of beads, that's a lot of beads!

The rosary was made with a cream colored pearl with a slight sparkle to it. It was not too heavy and not too light, not flashy, but fit in Miss Michelle's hand just right. The weight was only carried in the metal crucifix. Father Israel blessed this beautiful rosary and said a prayer of healing. Miss Michelle was so surprised and her heart was full of gratitude. "A rosary *made for me*? It's so beautiful. Pearl is my birthstone." Smiles and tears all around. In these small moments we realize God is truly with us. Though Miss Michelle is not well, she was touched by God and felt His love for His beloved daughter.

You are the reason Cabrini's Cupboard is able to serve so many people. Your prayers, food donations, and thoughtfulness mean so much to those who have so little. For your continued generosity, there are no words to express how thankful we are.

**Current needs:** Cereal, soups, hamburger helper, fruit, tuna/chicken, pasta noodles and spaghetti sauce, shelf-stable milk, toilet paper, diapers, shampoo, toothpaste and laundry detergent.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*

# WORSHIP MINISTRY



## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and  
I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally, come  
at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were  
already there and unite myself  
wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated  
from You. Amen.

## Healing Masses at St. Frances Cabrini

The December Healing Mass has been canceled.

The next Healing Mass will be on Mon., Jan. 11th, 7pm.

*God is always with us to heal us and comfort us in our sufferings. These Masses are special opportunities to invite the Holy Spirit to touch you deeply and heal those emotional, physical or spiritual places that are in need of God's healing graces. Please join us to praise God and be open to how He wishes to work in our lives as we humbly come before Him, who is rich in mercy. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Israel at [frisrael@sfcparish.org](mailto:frisrael@sfcparish.org).*

## Weekly Vocation Prayer Intentions

*Sunday: Seminarians in their 2nd Theology and 1st Theology years*  
*Monday: 2nd Philosophy and 1st Philosophy*  
*Tuesday: Spirituality Year and Itinerancy*  
*Wednesday: College Sophomores and Freshmen*  
*Thursday: Vocations Ministry*  
*Friday: Applicants and Prospective Seminarians*  
*Saturday: 4th Theology and 3rd Theology*

## Holy Father's December Prayer Intention:

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



Deacon Brian, with the Intercessors of the Trinity, has been live streaming every Tuesday from 7-8:30 pm. They are able to take your prayer requests and pray live with you. You can connect at their website: [IntercessorsoftheTrinity.org](http://IntercessorsoftheTrinity.org).

## Readings for the Week of December 6, 2020

*Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8*  
*Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab & 10-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26*  
*Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38*  
*Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8 & 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30*  
*Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 & 9-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15*  
*Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4 & 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19*  
*Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47*  
*Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*

*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path. - Psalm 119:105*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday December 7**  
6:30A Souls in Purgatory†  
9:00A Joseph Rotole†  
5:30P The Swanson Family - SI

**Tuesday December 8**  
6:30A Geraldine Imbriani†  
9:00A Mary Pat Coughlin†  
Martin Erickson†  
7:00P Richard Stefanich†

**Wednesday December 9**  
9:00A Dawn Schulze†

**Thursday December 10**  
6:30A Souls in Purgatory†  
9:00A Frank Armstrong†  
Kenney Gentry†

**Friday December 11**  
6:30A Gloria Tripp†  
9:00A Augustin Fitzgerald†

**Saturday December 12**  
4:15P Shelby Grace Giles†

**Sunday December 13**  
7:15A John Stefanich Sr.†  
9:15A David Traylor†  
11:15A Parishioners  
5:15P Mike & Karen Smoody - SI

Please pray for the souls of our recently deceased loved ones, that they may rejoice in the gift of eternal life: *Hilda Rodriguez, Robert Weins, Jim Rowden, Robert Falcone, Frank Kafka, Susan Boydston-Burroughs and Richard Stefanich.*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## Prayer Line

If you have a prayer request for yourself or for someone else, call the prayer line at 303-953-7794 and leave your name, phone number and prayer intention (spelling all names for clarity) on the voice mail. Also, if you would like to join our ministry, please leave your name and phone number on the voice mail and Karen Smoody will contact you.

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## Come Join Us on Tuesday Evenings!!



The RCIA process is for anyone (adults, children, teens) who was baptized Catholic and never received their First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is also

for our brothers and sisters who were baptized in a different Christian faith and would like to be received into the Catholic Church and for those who were never baptized and would like to be baptized into the Catholic faith. **We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Frassati Room!** For more information, please contact Deacon Chet at 303-953-7783.

## A Free Gift for You from St. Frances Cabrini!



Already have a FORMED Account? Follow these steps:

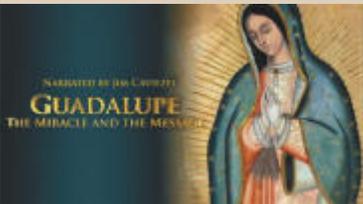
1) Visit FORMED.org, 2) Click SIGN IN, 3) Enter your email, 4) Click the link in your email, 5) You're in! No more passwords! (Remember, when you return to

FORMED, just click the *sign in* button.)

Want to create a *new* FORMED account with your parish? Follow these steps: 1) Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) 2) Select "St. Frances Cabrini" by entering name, city or zip, 3) Register with your name and email address, 4) Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

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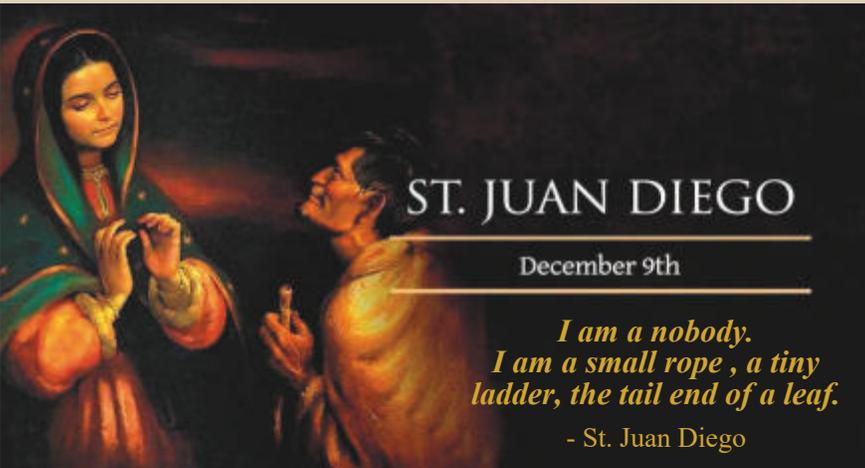
### Our Lady of Guadalupe



The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December, 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a

result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love had replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztec culture and built a bridge between two worlds.

*Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message* traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. Featuring interviews with leading theologians, historians and experts on the scientific inquiries into the miraculous image, this gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world. Narrated by Jim Caviezel. Run Time: 58 minutes.



## Baptism Classes

*Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. -ccc 1213*

It is a requirement that parents attend a baptism class prior to the baptism of their child so they may be adequately prepared and understand the spiritual obligations. Godparents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Parents are also invited to register in the parish. We celebrate many baptisms in our community, so we recommend contacting us prior to the birth of your child. To register for the class or to schedule your child's baptism, call Deacon Chet at 303-953-7783.

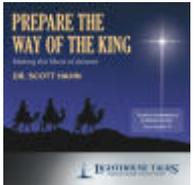
## What's In The Lighthouse Kiosk?



There are many new CDs and books for Advent in the kiosk.

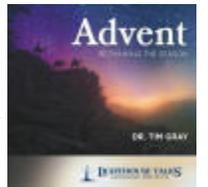
*Prepare the Way of the King* by Dr. Scott Hahn.

Dr. Scott Hahn - one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today - reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind - Jesus Christ.



*Advent: Rethinking the Season* by Dr. Tim Gray

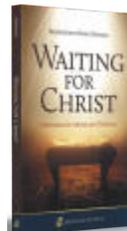
Advent is an odd season. Unlike most other seasons, it's a season that isn't about itself, but is instead about preparing for Christmas. But that reality often gets lost in the shuffle and stress of trying to find all the right gifts, decorations, and



dinner ingredients. In this talk, Dr. Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live the 'pre-season' of Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.

*Waiting for Christ* by Dr. Christopher Blum

Blessed John Henry Newman was one of the most beloved and well-known preachers of his time. In this new and compact compilation of his sermons, you're invited to journey with Bl. John Henry Newman through Advent into Christmas and Epiphany, meditating on the coming of Christ and the Christian life.



For more information about Lighthouse offerings, contact DeAnn at 303-953-7792.

## Adult Sacred Scripture and Formation Classes!

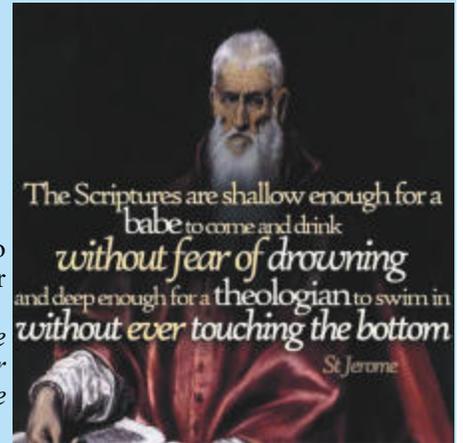
*When I found your words, I devoured them; your words were my joy, the happiness of my heart...* Jer 15:16

Numerous Sacred Scripture and formation studies are starting in January and both in-person and virtual options are being offered. Each of the studies can also be done on your own as a home-study. Please join us and register by **January 4th!**

- \* **Receiving and Extending God's Mercy**; Mondays at 6:30pm (in-person or personal study)
- \* **Letter to the Hebrews**; Tuesdays at 7pm (in-person or personal study)
- \* **St. Paul's Letter to the Romans**; Wednesdays at 9:45am (zoom or personal study)
- \* **The Mass with Bishop Barron**; Thursdays at 9:45am (in-person, via zoom or personal study)
- \* **The Prophets**; Wednesdays at 4pm (in-person, via zoom or personal study)

Visit [sfcp parish.org/adult](http://sfcp parish.org/adult) for more details and to register for in-person, virtual (zoom) or to do the study on your own. For registration assistance, to request a scholarship or any other questions, please contact DeAnn at [dlarson@sfcparish.org](mailto:dlarson@sfcparish.org).

**Please Note:** *Workbook orders are placed promptly at the close of registration to ensure the materials arrive by the first class. Subsequent orders cost more for shipping and, for this reason, we will do our best to accommodate late registrations, but will ask those registering after the deadline to order their own workbook. Thank you!*



## RESPECT LIFE

### Life Begins At Conception

It is an error to claim, "It's not a human, it's a fetus." That would be like saying, "It's not a human, it's an infant," or, "It's not a human, it's an adolescent." These are category fallacies.

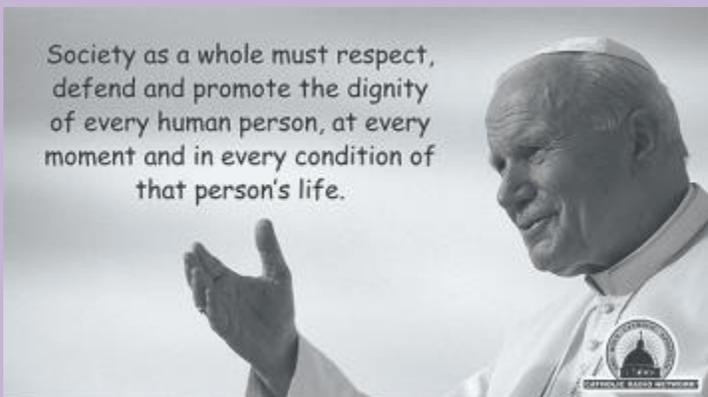
The proper answer to these assertions would be, "Sure it's a fetus, sure it's an infant, and sure it's an adolescent. It's a *human* fetus, a *human* infant, and a *human* adolescent." These are simply stages of development in the human life cycle.

A human starts as an embryo, becomes a fetus, is born an infant, develops into a child, grows into an adolescent, matures into adulthood, and eventually dies.

Scientifically and philosophically, there is no good reason to believe a human being is created at birth, because nothing is created at birth. At birth, a fetus simply changes location and changes its mode of acquiring food and dispensing waste, but at no point does the child become something entirely new or different.

Life begins at conception and proceeds through its stages until death. From the moment of conception, the unborn are human beings.

By Pro-Life Articles Author



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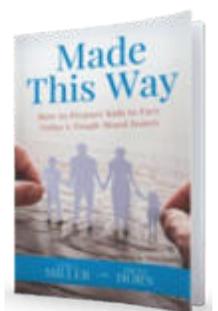
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### "Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues"

In *Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues*, Leila Miller and Trent Horn give parents (guardians and teachers, too!) crucial tools and techniques to form children with the understanding they need—appropriate to their age and maturity level—to meet the world's challenges." You can find out more at [MadeThisWayBook.com](http://MadeThisWayBook.com). The book addresses specific topics at age-appropriate levels.

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# CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



## Reminder – Christmas Break

The last C.F.F. class for grades 1st - 6th (Foundations) will be December 14th – 16th. There will be no classes starting Mon., Dec. 21st, through Wed., Jan. 6th, 2021.

**C.F.F. Classes for 1st - 6th grade will resume the week of Jan. 11th – 13th, 2021.**

*Have a joyous and peace-filled Advent and Christmas season!*

## Foundations (6th Grade) Family Prayer Night

Our second Foundations Family Prayer Night is on **Mon., Dec. 7th**, from 6:30-8pm. We look forward to seeing our 6th graders and their families for a night of inspiration and reflection on the true meaning of Christmas!

## CLOW Resumes This Sunday! Catechists Still Needed!

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*, for 3-6 year olds, will resume this **Sun., Dec. 6th** and will gather next **Sun., Dec. 13th**, before heading into **Christmas Break**. Thank you to all our volunteers and families for their flexibility and charity as we continue to reassess and rework some of our logistics to make the students' experience welcoming and fruitful. Please continue to visit our ministry web page at [www.sfcp parish.org/cff](http://www.sfcp parish.org/cff), to view the C.F.F. and Foundations calendars and details on upcoming events throughout the year. \*\*The C.F.F. Ministry is in need of several volunteers: a **2nd Year (1st Reconciliation) online catechist on Tuesdays from 4:15pm-5pm**, a **5th Grade in-person catechist on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:30pm** AND **leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the 9:15am Mass**. Please contact Kristen at 303-953-7775 or [kconrad@sfcparish.org](mailto:kconrad@sfcparish.org) to learn more about this fruitful opportunity to share Jesus with these beautiful young souls! Please contact the C.F.F. office at 303-953-7786 or [kthompson@sfcparish.org](mailto:kthompson@sfcparish.org) with any questions regarding registration.

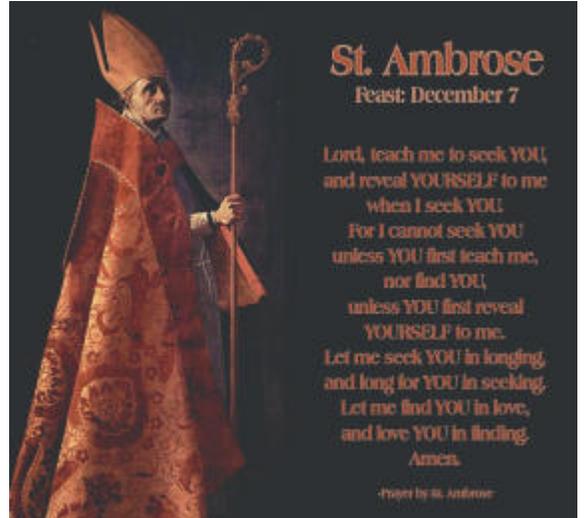
## Still Wanting to Register Your Child for C.F.F. in 2020-2021?

Even though our C.F.F. registration deadline has passed, the C.F.F. Office is still welcoming late registrations for grades 1st-6th., We currently have availability in most of our in-person classes and home study is also an option. Our online re-enrollment/registration forms are no longer active, however parents may still **contact the C.F.F. Office at 303-953-7786 or [kthompson@sfcparish.org](mailto:kthompson@sfcparish.org)** to register their child for a weekly C.F.F. class.

Due to COVID-related health requirements, we **will not** be able to accept any students in-person whose parents **have not** completed a re-enrollment form via online or through the C.F.F. Office.

## Gospel & Glory—Let Us Praise Him!

New to our C.F.F. ministry this year is **Gospel & Glory!** The vision of bringing our C.F.F. students, catechists, volunteers, and families together each week to praise God through Sacred Scripture and music began 3 years ago as we anticipated changes from the Restored Order. With the onset of the pandemic, our vision was not deterred, and **Gospel & Glory** is now a fixture at the start of each of our C.F.F. in-person classes! As C.F.F. students arrive for class, they find their catechist's assigned pew in the sanctuary, and prepare their hearts to receive the Word of God. **Gospel & Glory** begins with praise and worship music led by our Children's Music Coordinator, **Stefania Elmore**, and is followed by a brief reflection on the Saint of the Week and the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. A 4th or 5th grade C.F.F. student reads the Gospel, and Ms. Stefania leads the children in age-appropriate *lectio divina* on what Jesus is saying to them through the Scripture. Before dismissing to classes, we end our **Gospel & Glory** time with more praise and worship music and the St. Michael the Archangel prayer. God is good and let us praise Him!



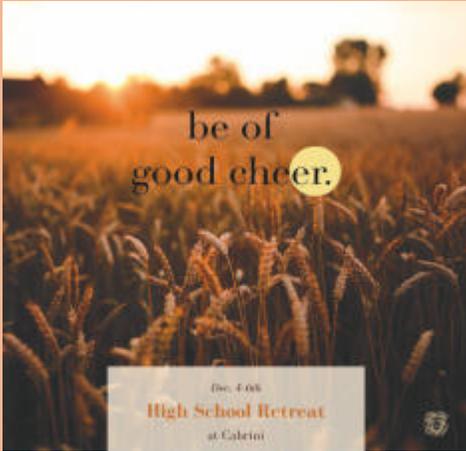
## All You Holy Men & Women, Pray For Us!

Each week during **Gospel & Glory**, our in-person C.F.F. students learn about a special friend they have in heaven. We ask each week for a particular Saint to pray for all of our C.F.F. students and volunteers while they are in class. To honor these holy souls who pray constantly for our intentions, our C.F.F. students have created a beautiful Saint wreath in our C.F.F. hallway to honor these men, women, teens, and children of heroic virtue. We can all agree that our children need role models of heroic virtue to help them realize and turn away from the ones that lead to lies and brokenness. The Saints and their shining examples of trust and love for the will of God opens all of our hearts to the truth...we can all become saints!

Come visit our C.F.F. hallway as our "wall of Saints" continues to grow, and ask for the prayers of these heavenly friends to cover our children in His protection and love!

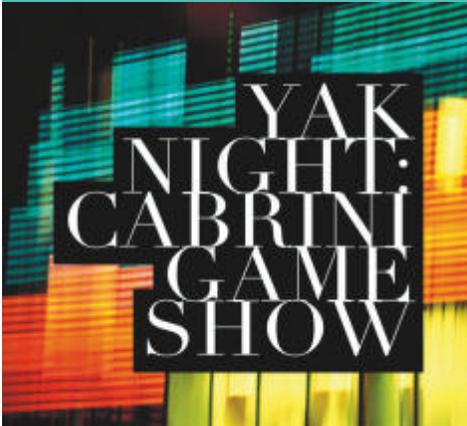


# TEEN/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



This weekend our High School Teens are on retreat! We ask that you please pray for all the retreatants that this weekend may be a weekend of intimacy with Jesus Christ and true Christian community. Likewise, please continue to pray for our teens following this retreat, that they may continue to foster their relationship with the Lord and live a life of true discipleship.

High Schoolers, mark your calendars for next Sunday! We have our final Yak Night of the semester: The Cabrini Game Show! As always, we will meet following the Life Teen Mass. Dinner will be served and the night will run until 8:30pm. Come take a study break and see who will be the Cabrini Game Show champion!



This Thursday, we do not have EDGE. We, instead, want to give all of our teens the opportunity to attend our Advent Penance Service. We will meet again on December 17th from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Halls. We will be concluding our teaching on Salvation History in the Old Testament by sharing the Covenant with David and how it prepares the way for the coming of Jesus Christ.

# COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRY

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## Magnificat Moms: A St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Moms Group

Thurs., Dec. 17th, 9:45-11:30am in Frassati



The holiday season is upon us and it is crazier than ever this year. Set aside some time for yourself to visit with other moms who understand what an amazing, and sometimes challenging, vocation motherhood is!

SFC's Magnificat Moms is a group of women who desire to grow in holiness and friendship as we explore our Catholic Faith together. Our group is made up of moms of all kinds - moms who work outside the home, stay-at-home moms, moms with babies and moms with school-age kiddos. There is definitely a place for you!

The group meets twice a month and will be meeting remotely for the month of December. Please join us at any of our meetings to listen to amazing guest speakers, discuss our faith, and help lift each other up through friendship and prayer.

Join our community on Facebook, Instagram or email for encouragement, connections and resources for moms.

Future meeting dates (9:45-11:45am, Frassati Room): 12/17, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6 and 5/20.

We look forward to connecting with you soon! You and your families are in our prayers!

Thanks, Theresa & Rachel

Facebook: *Magnificat Moms Group St. Frances Cabrini*; Instagram: *cabrinimagmoms*  
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For unto **YOU** is  
**BORN** this day, in the  
city of David, a  
**SAVIOR**, which  
is **CHRIST**  
the Lord.

Luke 2:11

## Christmas Masses at St. Frances Cabrini

Christmas Eve Masses-  
The Vigil of Christmas  
Thurs., Dec. 24th

1:30pm in the Church (Contemporary)  
1:30pm in the Parish Hall (Cantor)  
4:00pm in the Church (Youth Ensemble)  
4:00pm in the Parish Hall (Small Group)  
7:00pm in the Church (Life Teen Band)  
10:00pm in the Church (Sextet Singers)  
\*9:30pm: Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Day Masses-  
The Nativity of the Lord  
Fri., Dec. 25th

9:15am in the Church (Handbell Choir/  
Cantor)  
11:15am in the Church (Duo Singers)

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\*\***

*You must sign up online to attend  
any of the Christmas Masses.*

## Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thurs., Dec. 31st, 5:30pm (Vigil Mass) & Fri., Jan. 1st, 6:30am & 9am

*Office will be closed Thurs., Dec. 24th (at noon) through Fri., Jan. 1st.*

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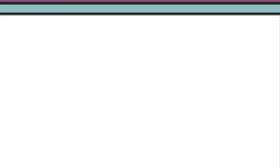
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