

# Behold

4TH Sunday of  
ADVENT



Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

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## PARISH OFFICE

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303-979-7688 Parish Office  
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**24 hrs/day**

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## Pastor

Rev. John Paul Leyba

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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  
will resume at 1pm  
on Monday, January 4th.



**Mass for 65+ and for  
Those Who Are  
Immunocompromised**

**Thursdays at 1:00pm in the Church**

**\*\*Note: No 1pm Mass on Dec. 24th or 31st.**

## Meditating on the Gospel

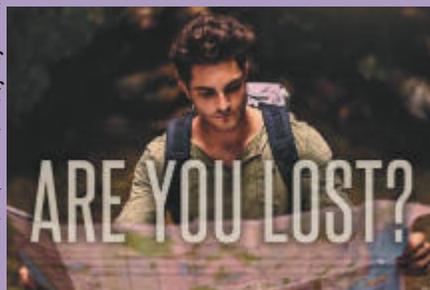
### Fourth Sunday of Advent

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensées*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come. ©LPi



***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**

**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.**

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Advent and Christmas Mass Guidelines

The reason for our hope, Jesus Christ, is especially celebrated during this Advent and Christmas time. It is a time when many people, those estranged from the Church by choice or by pandemic, often come back and revisit their roots. And, for many of us, it is a time when we have the opportunity to renew our own relationship with the Church. So, whether you have been regularly attending Mass or if you have been sidelined by the pandemic or by choice, we look forward to seeing you at the Advent and Christmas Masses.

St. Frances Cabrini will continue to maintain suitable physical distancing requirements. We have provided an overflow space where the Mass is either doubled up or there is a live simulcast so that we can accommodate more persons safely. Holy Communion is brought to the simulcast/overflow space so all may participate fully.

It is important with these additional restrictions that you properly sign up via the website for Masses. Christmas Eve Masses in the church are full. There may still be some availability in the overflow space or on Christmas Day. You may visit [www.sfparish.org](http://www.sfparish.org) to sign up. **Please do not come to church without having signed up.** And it is important, especially as we approach the Christmas Masses, that you arrive to Mass early to ensure you can safely access a place to sit in the church or in the hall.

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.

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

### \*2020 Charitable Contributions\*

In order to meet IRS Regulations, all contributions must be received by Dec. 31st. If you have a donation that you wish to be applied to your 2020 Contribution Statement, please either place it in the offertory at the weekend Masses on **Sat./Sun., Dec. 26th/27th** or place it in the slot in the Parish Office front door on or before **Dec. 31st** **\*Please do not place any checks in the staff mailboxes in the hallway.\***

**For online donations: If you would like to give a donation for Christmas, please identify your gift as a "Christmas donation," so that it will be included in your 2020 contribution statement.**

St. Frances Cabrini appreciates your continued generous support of our parish, especially during these difficult times. Without you, we could not serve the community in so many ways! Have a blessed New Year!  
- Susie Swanson, Business Manager

### The Parish Directories Have Arrived!!!

If you had your picture taken for the parish directory, you may pick up your copy of the directory in the Prayer Room. They are marked with the family name on the envelope.

Please contact JoAnn in the Parish Office at 303-979-7688 if you have any questions or would like to purchase a directory.

### 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.

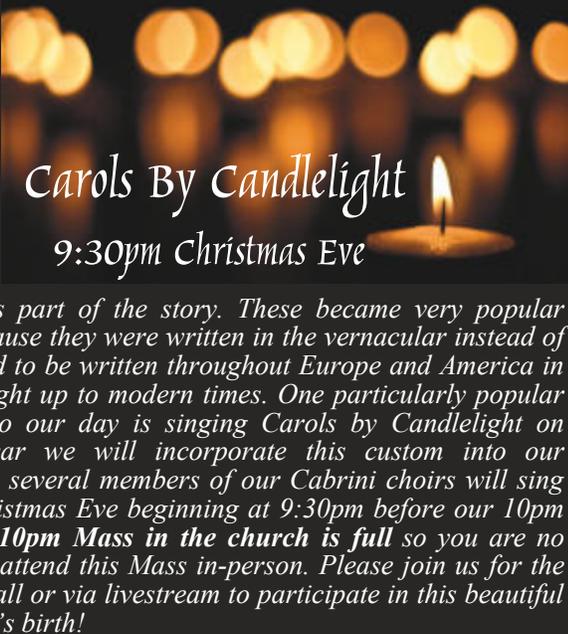
We prayerfully invite you to sign up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

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

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

*"Silence is so lacking in this world which is often too noisy, which is not favorable to recollection and listening to the voice of God. In this time of preparation for Christmas, let us cultivate interior recollection so as to receive and keep Jesus in our lives."*

- Pope Benedict XVI



*Early Christians sang Christmas Carols as early as the 1st-2nd centuries. They took over the winter solstice celebrations where carols were sung while people danced. In 1223, St. Francis of Assisi started his Nativity Plays and carols were sung as part of the story. These became very popular across Europe partly because they were written in the vernacular instead of in Latin. Carols continued to be written throughout Europe and America in the following centuries right up to modern times. One particularly popular custom that has lasted to our day is singing Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Eve. This year we will incorporate this custom into our Christmas Celebration as several members of our Cabrini choirs will sing traditional carols on Christmas Eve beginning at 9:30pm before our 10pm Mass. **Please note: The 10pm Mass in the church is full** so you are no longer able to sign up to attend this Mass in-person. Please join us for the simulcast in the Parish Hall or via livestream to participate in this beautiful celebration of Our Savior's birth!*

**Carols By Candlelight**  
9:30pm Christmas Eve

# OUTREACH & ASSISTANCE

## January Project to Focus on the Corporal Work of Mercy, *Shelter the Homeless* Please Drop off at the Table in the Gathering Space Before all Masses on Jan. 23rd/24th



Please join us in collecting recently CLEANED or new sleeping bags and blankets for the children and adults who live in motels, sharing apartments with several families or lowering their heat to meet winter's utility costs. We have seen an increasing number of older adults living in their cars because of skyrocketing rents and unsafe temporary housing. Many of these situations are complicated so the warmth and comfort of a blanket in their time of crisis expresses a message that they are loved and people care about them.

During the month of January, we will also be collecting **travel size hygiene supplies: deodorant, foot powder, Chap Stick, sunscreen, toothpaste and toothbrush, hand warmers, comb, hand sanitizer, nail clippers and shaving cream.** These supplies may be dropped off with the blankets on the weekend of Jan. 23rd/24th or dropped off in the food barrels any time. If you have any questions, please contact Karen L at [klotspeich@sfcparish.org](mailto:klotspeich@sfcparish.org) or 303-953-7765.

## Lunch Bunch is Coming January 30th/31st Open for Entire Parish Participation



The collection of sack lunches to feed the homeless is the weekend of Jan. 30th/31st. Each lunch should contain **2 plain sandwiches, a piece of fruit (no bananas), chips and a sweet of some kind.** No mayo or mustard except in little separate packages!! Please bring lunches to the Gathering Space **before 4:15pm Mass on Saturday or between 7am-11:15am on Sunday only.** Parish volunteers take the lunches collected to the Volunteers of America Shelter on Lawrence Street where they are then distributed to the homeless throughout the week. If you have any questions, please contact Karen L at 303-953-7765 or [klotspeich@sfcparish.org](mailto:klotspeich@sfcparish.org).

## Cabrini Loving Hands



The next gathering will be **Sat., Jan. 16th.** The Loving Hands Knitting and Crocheting group meets once a month (Jan.-Nov.) on Saturday between 10am-3pm in Parish Halls B & C. Join us if you would like to learn to knit or crochet or to share your talents and socialize as we make a variety of items for those in need. This next gathering in January will be a potluck as well as a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Contact Karen S at 303-588-0461 for more information on this ministry.

## 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

**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 [klotspeich@sfcparish.org](mailto:klotspeich@sfcparish.org).

## December Project: Thank You!

Thank you for the tremendous response of our wonderful parishioners. Your outpouring of love on those who cannot attend Mass was spectacular. Please continue to lift them up in prayer for the day we can again safely celebrate the Mass side by side.

## The Delores Project Thank You!

A big thank you goes to everyone who participated by making a part of the evening meal and/or serving the meal last week for Delores House. 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. Please mark your calendars for the next 2021 date: 3/16.

## Cabrini's Cupboard

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

Our very own Rosary Makers were spreading Christmas cheer! These very gracious ladies delivered 40 gifts to be given to families of Cabrini's Cupboard. Stuffed animals, basketballs, footballs, and Barbie dolls were wrapped up and given in beautiful gift bags. So much fun to receive a surprise! Moms and Dads were so touched that the Rosary Makers ministry had thought of them and their children in this very special way. Thank you for continuing to lift families of Cabrini's Cupboard up in your daily prayers.

**Current needs:** Cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, veggies, fruit, granola bars, breakfast bars, chicken/tuna, hamburger helper, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry soap, toilet paper and size 5 and 6 diapers.

Please be sure to double check expiration dates, as we are not able to shelve or distribute expired food. Thank you!!



# 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.

## Readings for the Week of December 20, 2020

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38  
**Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56  
**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10 & 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66  
**Thursday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27 & 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79  
**Friday: Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25.  
**Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.  
**Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22  
**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40

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

**"Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come - for Him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. The Church encourages us: Ecce veniet! - He is about to arrive!"**

- St. Josemaria Escriva

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday December 21**  
6:30A Bernard Headley Sr. †  
9:00A Martha Kaeck †  
**Tuesday December 22**  
6:30A Anna Abeyta †  
9:00A Dawn Schulze †  
Danica McClelland †  
**Wednesday December 23**  
9:00A Ric Simmons †  
**Thursday December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
1:30P Duke Lopata † (Church)  
1:30P Rose-Marie Fraser † (Hall)  
4:00P Maria Rosengarten † (Church)  
4:00P Parishioners (Hall)  
7:00P Bob Hillen †  
10:00P Clay Thompson †  
**Friday December 25 - The Nativity of The Lord**  
9:15A Helene Menard †  
11:15A Rita Roybal †  
**Saturday December 26**  
4:15P Victor Christie †  
**Sunday December 27 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
7:15A Parishioners  
9:15A Mark Smith †  
11:15A Thomas & Mary Ann Wordekemper †  
5:15P Mike Walters †

Please pray for the souls of our recently deceased loved ones, that they may rejoice in the gift of eternal life:

*Robert Falcone, Frank Kafka, Susan Boydston-Burroughs, Richard Stefanich, Bill Woodley and Elmer Vetter.*

*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.

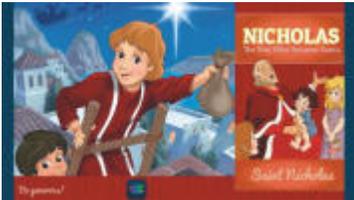
## A Free Gift for You from St. Frances Cabrini!



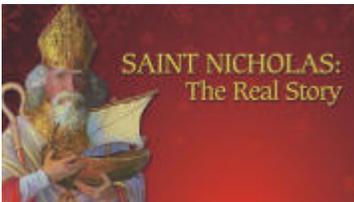
**Already have a FORMED Account? Follow these steps:** 1) Visit FORMED.org, 2) Click SIGN IN, 3) Enter your email, 4) Click the link in your email, 5) You're in! No more passwords! (Remember, when you return to FORMED, just click the *sign in* button.)

**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.

## St. Nicholas for Kids and for Adults



Nicholas was still a young child when he discovered a very special secret that changed his life forever. It was the gift of giving, by which he brought happiness to many people. Nevertheless, in sharing this gift, Nicholas had to face many dangers. Here is the fascinating story of the boy whose love and care for others make him one of the most popular figures of all times. Today, more than sixteen centuries later, the entire world celebrates the kindness and generosity of the man we call Santa Claus. Based on historical facts and traditions, *Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa*, is the beautifully animated film worth watching all year long. Run Time: 27 mins.



Everybody knows the story of Santa Claus, the red-suited figure who lives at the North Pole and distributes gifts to good children every Christmas eve. But is there any historical evidence on which this jolly old character is based? Was there a real Santa Claus? To answer that question, host Mark Wilson, a distinguished historian and archeologist travels not to the North Pole but to modern day Turkey and Italy. There he uncovers clues that lead to the truth about the man behind the legend.

## 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.

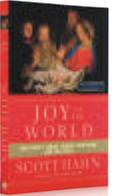
## What's In The Lighthouse Kiosk?



There are many new

CDs and books in the kiosk.

In *Joy to the World*, Dr. Scott Hahn brings the first Noel to new light through his thought-provoking combination of exciting story-telling and penetrating biblical insight. Christmas, as it appears in the New Testament, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child, their relationships, their interactions, their principles, their individual lives, and their life in common. To see the lives of this "earthly trinity" is to catch a first glimpse of heaven. Dr. Hahn shows Christmas to be the story of a family.



*The Mystery of Christmas* by Fr. Larry Richards. In this inspiring talk, renowned preacher and retreat master Fr. Larry Richards illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found in the greatest gift ever given – the gift of Jesus Christ to the whole world. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to better appreciate the immensity of God's love for us as His children. 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 [sfparish.org/adult](http://sfparish.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@sfparish.org](mailto:dlarson@sfparish.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

## A 'Yes' Then and Now



**On a December morn in our hometown,  
In an apartment room, shaking with fear  
A teen cries in her pillow face down,  
Not wanting to show the roll of her tears.**

**Learning today of a life in her womb  
Trembling and unsure of what do  
Temptations to send her child to the tomb,  
"I can't raise a baby. It can't be true!"**

**Then she recalls a story from Christmastime,  
Of an unwed girl, Mary, not many years old.  
She also had been afraid, troubled by a sign  
As unexpected news of a birth she was told.**

**"Did Mary worry about what people would say?"  
She too had been poor and may have felt alone.  
Still she gave birth to Baby Jesus in the hay.  
Courage and faith is what Mary had shown.**



**Suddenly, the teen has resolve on her face,  
"I know I can do it, I know I'll pull through,  
There will be others to help and heavenly grace.  
I'll protect my child, life I will choose!"**

**And angels rejoice from the skies above  
For one young lady has made a vow  
To respond to the gift of life with love.  
The beauty of a "Yes" then and now!**

~Teresa Gomez

### Reflection Questions:

Do you know of someone who is unexpectedly pregnant or in a crisis pregnancy? How can you reach out to them through prayer and action to give them help that they need?

What are ways in which you and your family can celebrate life this Advent season?

Mary's "Yes" to God's will is a wonderful example for all of us. Where in your life might the Lord be calling you to respond with a deeper "Yes"?



Our Savior is coming.

### Do You Know Roe?

This will be a repeating segment filled with information you may or may not already have. Knowledge is invaluable.

If Roe vs Wade was to be overturned, abortion policy would then be decided through the democratic process in each state. Before Roe, all states permitted abortion if necessary to save the mother's life, and some permitted abortion in additional circumstances.<sup>1</sup> But Roe deemed any prohibition on abortion as unconstitutional.

If Roe is overturned, policy decisions about abortion will be made by the citizens of each state through the democratic process, rather than by courts. Some states will place limits on abortion, in others there will likely be few limits.<sup>2</sup>

Not until Roe v. Wade is reversed will the people again be able to govern themselves on the important public policy issue of abortion.

<sup>1</sup> - Paul Benjamin Linton, "Planned Parenthood v. Casey: The Flight from Reason in the Supreme Court," *Saint Louis University Public Law Review* 13, no. 1 (1993): 24-26.

<sup>2</sup> - Benjamin Wittes, "Letting Go of Roe," *The Atlantic Monthly*, January/February 2005, 48.



# CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



## Reminder – Christmas Break

There will be no classes (both in-person & online) starting Mon., Dec. 21st, through Wed., Jan. 6th, 2021. C.F.F. Classes (in-person & online) for 1st - 5th grade and 6th grade Foundations will resume the week of

Jan. 11th – 13th, 2021.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will resume on Sun., Jan. 10th, 2021, at the 9:15am Mass.

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

## Gingerbread Wrap-it-Up Event – Thank You!

The C.F.F. Office would like to extend our great appreciation to the over 100 “wrappers” that helped conclude this year's *R & M Barry Gingerbread Project* by wrapping 300 of the donated gifts back on Tues., Dec. 1st. It was an inspiring night to watch families and friends enjoy fruitful fellowship as they together served those in need this Christmas season. Our “wrappers” enjoyed a festive environment and delicious “nibbles” at our *Elf Nibbles Café*, hosted by our Cabrini Family Ministry! Our deep gratitude for so many who made this amazing event happen, especially Monica, Andrew & Katie Metz, David, Lorrie, Bell & Joe Pritchard, Beth & Emma Hahn, Garrett Dean, Guy Super, Alyssa Schott, Liliana Tarud, Kris Thompson and Janet Schott.



## CLOW is On Christmas Break

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*, for 3-6 year olds, is on Christmas Break and will resume Sun., Jan. 10th. 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. 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.

*To all our devoted volunteers who serve so faithfully each week in our Children's Faith Formation Ministry, we want to extend to you all many blessings and much peace and joy this Christmas season! Please know that we are forever grateful for each one of you and hold you in our hearts and prayers always!!*

*Love and Peace,  
Kristen, Kris And Janet*

## 1st Grade Nativity - Thank You!

Special thanks and blessings to our 1st grade students, catechists, assistants, and Mentor Catechist, Kathleen Lacy, who worked diligently in sharing such beautiful Nativity performances! We also extend our gratitude to Stefania Elmore for the sharing of her musical talents with our Monday 1st Year performances. God bless each of you for bringing the spirit of the season into perspective by presenting the story of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!



O COME, O COME,  
EMMANUEL AND RANSOM  
CAPTIVE ISRAEL.



# TEEN/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

*Happy Advent! Thank you to all of our teens, parents, families, and Core Team for a phenomenal end to 2020 at Cabrini Youth! We are continually filled with immense gratitude for the continued prayers and support for this ministry from our parish community.*

As always, Cabrini Youth will take a break from regularly scheduled ministry to celebrate Christmas and New Years with all of our families. EDGE, our Middle School Youth Group, will restart with our Kick-Off on January 21st from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Halls and Frassati Room. Our High School Cabrini Youth will begin on January 24th with Frassati and Little Flowers hosting Mens and Ladies Nights from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Halls. Due to current restrictions, we have made a few adjustments for our High School Spring 2021 Calendar. Unfortunately, we will no longer be attending the March for Life in Washington, DC, nor hosting the Aux Night on January 17th. It is our desire to return to these events in future years!



# COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRY

## Conceal and Reveal

Many of you have probably heard the *New Testament is concealed in the Old and the Old Testament is revealed in the New*. This 4th Sunday of Advent is a perfect example of this. In the Gospel reading, Gabriel's announcement to Mary has four parts to it. The first is *He will be great...* The second is *the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David*. The third is *and will be called Son of the Most High*. Finally, Gabriel announces *of his kingdom there will be no end*. Now let's look at the first reading from 2 Sam 7, the Prophecy to David. At this point in the book of Samuel, David wants to build a house for God so he can give God the glory that he rightly deserves. It also has four parts. The first, *I will make for you a great name*. The second, *I will establish a house for you... I will make his kingdom firm ... your throne shall stand firm forever*. The third, *I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me*. Finally, *Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever*. Can you see how the prophecy spoken to David by God, through the prophet Nathan, was for David at the time but was also alluding to the future perfect fulfillment of the prophecy by Jesus? This is what Gabriel is announcing. By the way, Joseph is from the royal house of David. He just does not look like it as a poor carpenter. One needs eyes to see.

Resource: Brant Pitre's Mass Reading Explained Catholic Productions 2020, The New American Bible, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 484-506, Denver Catholic Biblical school.

## S.F.C. Corner

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

Thurs., Jan. 7th, 9:45-11:45am 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 next in January. 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. **Our next meeting is Thurs., Jan. 7th, from 9:45-11:45am via Zoom.** Feel free to tune in for any portion of the meeting that you are available for.

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

Future meeting dates **(9:45-11:45am)**: 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**  
Email: **CabriniMagMoms@gmail.com**

## Support Groups

Groups are welcoming and offer support, prayer and fellowship to those in need. If you have general questions, please call 303-953-7765.

**Abortion Healing/Forgiveness:** Caring, confidential group. Open to anyone who has had or been affected by an abortion. Call Lori at 303-904-7414.

**Adoptive Families:** Looking for support, fellowship & education in a faith-filled atmosphere? Contact Teresa at 720-988-7847 or gogotree@q.com for more information.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** For more info, call Eddie at 303-917-8992.

**AI-Anon:** Meetings: Fri., 9-10:30am via Zoom. Adults only. Contact Karen at 303-953-7765 for the Zoom invite.

**Counseling Referrals:** Our Parish has a number of counselors we refer to for a wide range of issues. For a referral, call Karen at 303-953-7765.

**Sexual Purity:** Join a group of men who are finding hope, healing and freedom from their sexual sin through Christ. For more information, call 303-587-6239.

For unto **YOU** is  
**BORN** this day, in the  
city of David, a  
**SAVIOR**, which  
is **CHRIST**  
**the Lord.**

Luke 2:11

**Christmas Eve Masses are almost entirely full. There may still be some availability on Christmas Day. To sign up, please visit our website at [sfcp parish.org](http://sfcp parish.org). Keep checking back as cancellations may occur.**

**\*\*Important Note: You must sign up online to attend any of the Christmas Masses. Please do not come to church without signing up first.**

## **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.*

*Office will reopen on Mon., Jan. 4th, at 8:30am.*

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