

April 25, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. Frances Cabrini



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.” - Jn 10:17

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24 hrs/day

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Rev. Mr. Witold Engel (retired)

Welcome to Our Parish!

We are glad you are here! 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.

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 10:00am
Holy Day(Vigil) 5:30pm;
(Day) 9:00am & 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 8-9:30am
Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30pm

Meditating on the Gospel

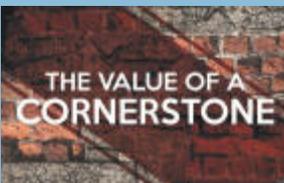
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Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

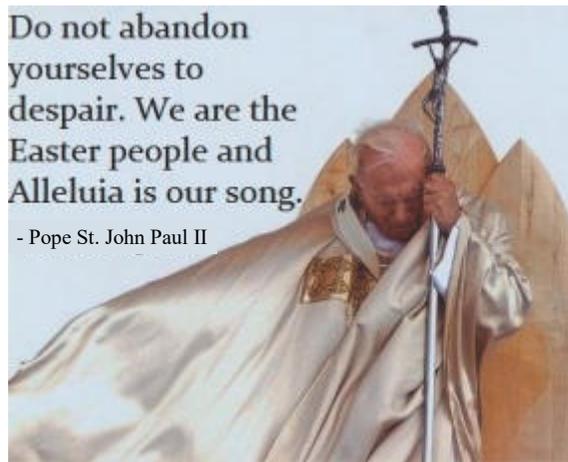
A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true.

It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures. ©LPi



First Saturday Mass Time Change

Beginning on Sat., May 1st, the First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at 10am instead of 9:30am to allow more time for Confessions.



- Pope St. John Paul II

*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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrate Fr. Israel's 25th Anniversary!

Come join us as we joyfully celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Fr. Israel's ordination to the Priesthood this **Sun., April 25th, at the 9:15am Mass**. All are welcome to stop by the Gathering Space after Mass to congratulate Fr. Israel and to share in our parish celebration. A basket will be available for cards, letters and gifts. We look forward to celebrating this blessed event with you!

Updated Mass Guidelines

Happy Easter!! At St. Frances Cabrini, we no longer require signups for any of the Masses. Please plan on arriving early if you would to sit in the Church. When the Church reaches capacity, ushers will be directing people to the overflow space where the Mass is simulcast. Holy Communion is brought to the simulcast space so all may participate fully.

We ask that you continue to maintain physical distancing and wear masks while entering, exiting and moving about in the church, as well as going forward and returning from Holy Communion. You may remove your mask while seated **except** at the 7:15am Sunday Mass and the 1pm Thursday Mass where masks are still required at all times. May God bless you all! - Deacon Chet

Reencounter the Mass

From the Archdiocese of Denver:

The Bishops of Colorado have announced that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will be restored on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. All Catholics who are healthy and without significant risk factors or other serious reasons should resume normal Mass attendance in the coming weeks.

Catholics are encouraged to use the Easter season to prayerfully contemplate why they are called to Mass every week and, if necessary, educate themselves on the Church's teachings on the obligation, including acceptable reasons to still stay home.

It is important for Catholics to know that the Church has always provided for exceptions to the Sunday and Holy Day obligation, and that anyone with a "serious reason" or "grave cause" is excused from the obligation.

In the case of this pandemic, "serious reason" and "grave cause" would include:

- Anyone who is sick, symptomatic, or has been recently exposed to the coronavirus. Protecting the health of others is an act of Christian charity and our moral duty to one another.
- Anyone with significant health risk factors that requires them to avoid public spaces, or if you care for someone with significant risk factors.

- Anyone who cannot attend Mass through no fault of their own, for example, if a parish has reached capacity.

Anyone who isn't able to go to Mass should continue to keep the Sabbath holy with intentional time in prayer including engagement in the readings for the day, which may be enhanced through watching a pre-recorded or livestreamed Mass and making a spiritual communion.

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." ~ St. John Vianney



FAITH DIRECT

St. Frances Cabrini Parish continues to depend on your 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
sfcp parish.org/give

or text "enroll" to 720-713-3309.

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

May Crowning

Sat., May 1st, (Change of Date)
after 10am Mass, Marian Plaza



Give honor to Our Blessed Mother in May, the month of Mary.

Please join the Cabrini Rosary Makers outdoors in the Marian Plaza on this **Sat., May**

1st, following the 10am Mass for a May crowning ceremony with hymns and prayers. Respond to the call of Mary!



Archbishop's Catholic Appeal

"A generous person will be prosperous, and one who gives others plenty of water will himself be given plenty." (Proverbs 11:25). Your sacrifice will affirm your desire to make Jesus Christ known to others. Please give to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal.

Visit www.archden.org/givetoday or call 303-867-0614.

Knights of Columbus Parish Burrito Breakfast This Sunday!

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast burritos after the 7:15 and 9:15am Masses **this Sun., April 25th**. The breakfast will be carryout only. Pick up your burritos in the



Parish Hall for \$4 each or 3 for \$10. All proceeds go to help the charitable works around our parish and our diocese.

Knights of Columbus



All men of the Parish are invited to join the Knights of Columbus at Cabrini. Please visit <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> to sign up.

OUTREACH & ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities' Bottom Line Diaper Bank Needs Your Help

**Hey Dads!
\$5 and
done!**

A Mother's Day Card that gives back! In celebration of Mother's Day (May 9th) the Bottom Line Diaper Bank again this year created a Mother's day card. The \$5 donation per card goes to provide 30 diapers to a mother and child served through Catholic Charities. The cards will be available in the Gathering Space on the weekends of May 1st/2nd and May 8th/9th or during the week in the front office. *Did you know that Food Stamps, WIC and Medicare cannot be used to purchase diapers or incontinence supplies for seniors?* The money raised from these cards help struggling families experiencing economic uncertainty. Thank you in advance.



Lunch Bunch is Coming May 29th/30th Open for Entire Parish Participation



The collection of sack lunches to feed the homeless is the weekend of May 29th/30th. 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.

Cabrini Loving Hands



The next gathering will be **Sat., May 15th.** 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. **Contact Karen S at 303-588-0461 for more information on this ministry.**

Cabrini Piecemakers Quilt Group

Fri., April 30th & May 7th, 9:30am-2pm, Hall B
Sat., May 22nd, 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. For more information, please contact Karen at 303-953-7765 or klotspeich@sfcparish.org.

Cabrini Rosary Makers

The rosary belongs among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation. - Rosarium Virginis Mariae by St. Pope JP II



Please stop by Parish Halls B & C on **Tues. May 4th, 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.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Once again, we ask you to collect your loose change in the provided baby bottle for Birthline, Inc. Please pick up a bottle at the Respect Life table in the Gathering Space after all Masses the weekend of **May 8th/9th.** Place your pocket change in the bottle over the next month. Return your bottle to the church the weekend of **June 19th/20th.**

Birthline provides free pregnancy tests and counseling service with love, understanding, and compassion. While their main goal is to save the lives of the unborn, they believe they have an obligation to provide clients with as much information as they can, in hopes they will consider changing their minds and carry their baby to term rather than choosing abortion. Mobile units have been very effective in reaching out to women by going to them. Birthline Inc. has been helping Colorado teens and women since 1969. They are an independent private non-profit corporation, nonpolitical, nonsectarian and interdenominational. If you would like more information please see their website at birthlinecolorado.org.



Cabrini's Cupboard

Give us this day our daily bread...

We want to take a moment to thank the Columbine High School community for their service to Saint Frances Cabrini and Cabrini's Cupboard. Columbine's day of service was Tues., April 20th. Many students took this opportunity to do mini food and blanket drives. What an amazing site to see! Donations of food, shampoo and conditioner, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, diapers and toilet paper were very much appreciated. A heartfelt thank you to Katelyn Barnes, Keierin Dalton, Anna & Andrew Austad, Josie & Clara Williams, and Max Hoelt for their outstanding service.



Current needs: Hearty soups, hamburger helper, chicken/tuna, pasta noodles, peanut butter and jelly, diapers size 4, 5, 6 and wipes



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

Please keep the clients of Cabrini's Cupboard in your prayers! Thank you!!

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.

ADORATION is back in the Chapel
Monday-Thursday: 1-7 pm, Friday: 1-6pm
Come, spend some time with Jesus!

(Note: distancing rules apply - maximum 6 people)



**Mass for 65+ and for Those Who Are
Immunocompromised**
Thursdays at 1:00pm in the Church

Healing Masses at St. Frances Cabrini

The next Healing Mass will be on Mon., May 17th, 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.

Holy Father's April Prayer Intention:

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



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.

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/
Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-14 & 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday April 26
6:30A Angela Fitterer†
9:00A Leonor & Alfredo Pinto†
Tuesday April 27
6:30A Charlotte & Ted Spalding - SI
9:00A Theresa DeLucci†
Martin Erickson†
Wednesday April 28
9:00A Leo Sundberg†
Thursday April 29
6:30A Olga Christie†
9:00A Rev. Israel Gonsalves - SI
Gail Bezdek†
Friday April 30
6:30A Helen (Betty) Darrow†
9:00A Edward Tanzini†
Saturday May 1
4:15P Ann Sliney†
Sunday May 2
7:15A Anthony J. Malara†
9:15A Parishioners
11:15A Virginia Stefanich†
5:15P William Peter Levesque - SI

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

*Florence Pacifico, Regina LeRoy,
Barbara Bott, Kim Kelley, Gerald Mann,
Dorothy Dabkowski, Rich Kellogg
Joyce Hunter and Alice Kloewer.*

*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.

Monthly Stewardship

A heartfelt THANK YOU

for your continued support and generosity!
Your contributions support the continuation of the Parish mission and ministries.

March Offertory Envelopes \$98,309.77
March Online Giving..... \$92,919.25
Total March (4 weeks) \$191,229.02

If you are not a registered parishioner, we are not able to track your contributions.

WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER
FOR VOCATIONS



Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Let us pray for those who the Lord is calling:

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations

of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision.... Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love.

- Pope Francis



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Prayer Request

Please continue to pray for our 21 RCIA participants who were received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. They continue to need of the prayers of our Community to fortify them and to protect them from spiritual attack.

Our Catechumens: Wesley Barber, David Fatovic, Louis Long, Natasha Nowicki and Ariana Reyes

Our Candidates: Will Arthur, Chad Bakken, Donald Bozarth, Michelle Chambers, Vincent Conrad, Donald Drevlo, Jordan Jara, Dustin Korth, Ellie Long, Caitlan Maldonado, Ryker Martin, Gabriel Prado, Jack Ryckman, Bernard Sebastian, Owen Taylor and Joey Tonelli.



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.

A Free Gift for You from St. Frances Cabrini!



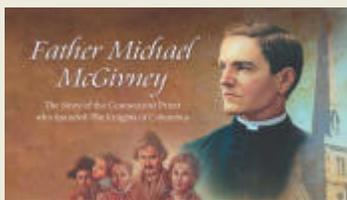
Already have a FORMED Account? Follow these steps:

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 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.

What's on Formed.org?

**Father Michael McGivney:
The Story of the Connecticut
Priest Who Founded the Knights
of Columbus**



Father Michael McGivney is a documentary that brings to life the story of one of America's most extraordinary Catholic priests. Born in Connecticut of Irish immigrant parents just a few years before the Civil War, Michael McGivney grew up at a time when millions of Catholic immigrants were struggling to overcome poverty and prejudice. As a parish priest in the gritty New England manufacturing town of New Haven, he made a deep impact on his community, earning the respect of the Protestant establishment and the love of his parishioners at St. Mary's Church. Emboldened to care for families threatened by the death of the breadwinner, Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, a mutual benefit society that today remains the world's largest Catholic lay organization with 1.8 million members in 13 nations. This film offers a rare glimpse into the life of an extraordinary priest and visionary leader. From defending the persecuted Church to protecting widows and orphans, Father Michael McGivney celebrates the triumphs and tribulations of a priest who may very well be America's first canonized parish priest. This movie is not rated, but is suitable for all ages.

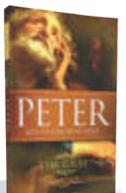
What's In The Lighthouse Kiosk?



There are many new CDs and books in the kiosk. One of the books is **Peter: Keys to Following Jesus**. Renowned scholar Dr. Tim Gray masterfully guides you through the tumultuous and inspiring life of Peter—from his call to discipleship to his eventual martyrdom in Rome. Using Sacred Scripture and tradition, Dr. Gray highlights these important lessons from Peter's life, including:

- How to become a trusting disciple and "cast into the deep"
- The pitfalls of living discipleship at a distance and the eventual denial that will come
- How to recover from sin and accept God's mercy
- How to become a bold witness to others of the love of Jesus

Come to better know, love, and follow Jesus through the Rock on whom he built his Church.



RESPECT LIFE

In the past few years, nearly 200 women in the United States alone have successfully given birth to healthy babies after undergoing the **abortion pill reversal procedure**, which was pioneered by Dr. Matthew Harrison.

If you or someone you know has taken the first dose of the abortion pill, there may still be a chance of reversing the abortion process and saving the baby's life.

Time is of the essence.

**For more information or emergency medical help,
immediately call
the Abortion Pill Rescue (APR) hotline at: (877) 558-0333.**

Visit abortionpillreversal.com for more information.



ABORTION

In an age of *shout your abortion*, we must recognize the true harm that is done to the most vulnerable and to their mothers: “A part of me died with that child that day”; “During the procedure I kept screaming, ‘I’m sorry!’” Women do not need fake science and feminist platitudes, they need the truth about when life begins and the gravity of the “choice” that lies before them.

Learn the facts! Here are just a few:

- The very moment a male sperm cell penetrates a female egg cell, a new human life comes into being.
- There are many methods of surgical abortion. The procedure used depends largely upon the stage of pregnancy and the size of the unborn child.
- A chemical abortion normally causes several hours of bleeding and cramps and may include various side effects. It may end in about 4 to 5 hours, but in some cases takes as long as two weeks to complete.
- In the past few years, nearly 200 women in the United States alone have successfully given birth to healthy babies after undergoing the abortion pill reversal procedure.
- Breast Cancer Link: During pregnancy, many dramatic changes occur in a woman's body, including in her breasts. An abortion doesn't just interrupt the pregnancy, it interrupts those changes. One result of that interruption is that it leaves her with half-transformed breast tissue that is unstable.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE
FACTS ABOUT ABORTION
AND BE EQUIPPED
TO DEFEND THE UNBORN?**

Visit
[LifeFacts.LifeSiteNews.com/
abortion](http://LifeFacts.LifeSiteNews.com/abortion)

**Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children,
we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion.
Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of
their child's life.**

**Console parents who have lost that
gift through abortion, and lead them
to forgiveness and healing through the
Divine Mercy of your Son.**

**Teach us to cherish and to care for
family and friends until God calls
them home.**

**Help us never to see others as
burdens.**

**Guide our public officials to defend
each and every human life
through just laws.**

**Inspire us all to bring our faith into
public life, to speak for those who
have no voice.**

**We ask this in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy
itself. Amen.**

- USCCB Respect Life Liturgy Guide



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

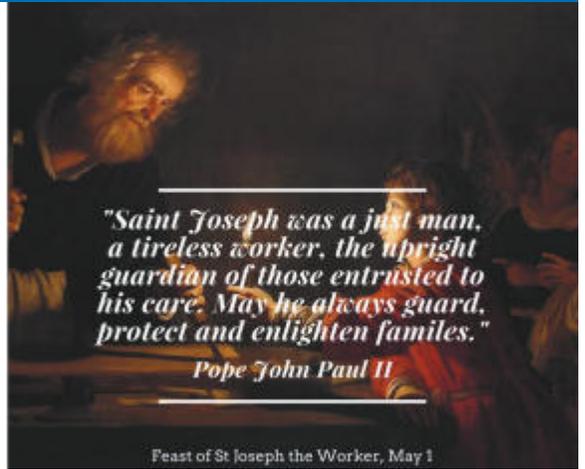
3rd Year Sacrament Mass Rehearsal

Our final opportunity to share specific details about the upcoming Sacrament Masses is **this Wed., April 28th, at 6pm**. All confirmandi are to meet in the Church with their sponsor or their parent. Please contact the C.F.F. Office with questions.

3rd Year Sacrament Retreat Thank You!

God is so good! This past Saturday, our 3rd Year confirmandi, their sponsors and their parents enjoyed a beautiful time spent in prayerful and fun activities and reflection, as the Confirmandi prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in May! We would like to thank our 3rd Year Mentor Catechist, **Julie Dinges**, and **all our dedicated catechists** for their incredible efforts in creating and leading a fruitful and inspiring retreat! A huge thank you to **Brigitte, Peyton and Connor Palinkx** for sharing their generous and energetic spirits in the kitchen! We would also like to share our deep gratitude for **Fr. John Paul** as he closed each retreat session with great wisdom and inspiring teaching on the Mass!

Please hold our 73 confirmandi in your prayers as their Sacrament Masses approach in May!



Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker.

Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support.

Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all.

Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it.

When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world.

(from the booklet "Devotions to Saint Joseph" by Brian Moore, S.J.)

Children's Liturgy of the Word

(3-6 year-olds) Continues This Sunday!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is a program in which the Sunday Scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to younger children. **CLOW continues this Sun., April 25th, and next Sun., May 2nd, at the 9:15am Mass**, for children ages 3 to 6. There is no registration for CLOW and we ask families to **please check-in with our CLOW volunteers, in the Gathering Space, before Mass begins** to receive a nametag for their child. We are looking forward to nourishing the souls of your young children in 2021 through this exciting ministry!

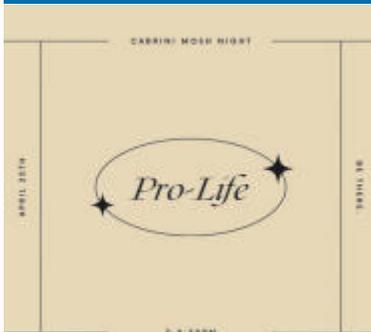
Volunteers Still Needed! If you are interested in becoming a part of this new and exciting ministry, please contact Kristen at 303-953-7775 or kconrad@sfcparish.org. Curriculum and training are provided.

Are You Ready For This?? VBS is Back at SFC!! Volunteers Needed!!

Mark your calendars for **June 21st-25th, 2021** to climb aboard for mountains of fun at our **VBS week at SFC!!** More information to come on how to purchase your tickets (*registration*) and how you may help "engineer" this faith-filled adventure for our passengers (*3-year-olds through 5th grade*)!

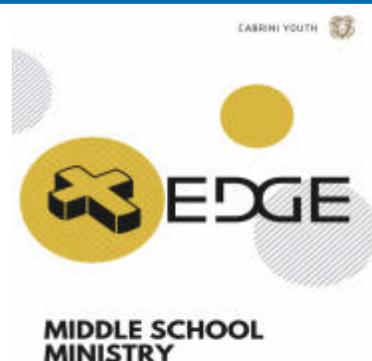
We are currently looking for volunteers (6th grade - Adult) interested in sharing their gifts and talents of music, arts & environment, crafts, hospitality and teaching. Please contact Kristen at 303-953-7775 or kconrad@sfcparish.org to learn more!

TEEN/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Highschoolers!

Please join us for our next Mosh Night this Sun., April 25th, from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. We will be talking about all things Pro-Life.



EDGE (7th & 8th Graders)

We have EDGE this Thursday night, April 29th, 7-8:30pm. See you there!

The Prayer Wall

172. Why must the Church proclaim the Gospel to the whole world?

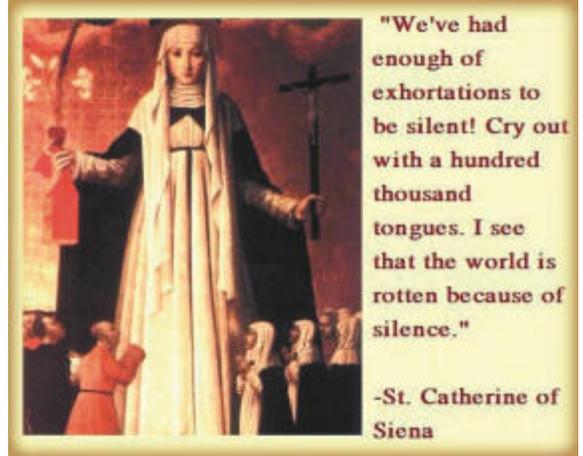
The Church must do so because Christ has given the command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

(*Matthew 28:19*).

The missionary mandate of the Lord has its origin in the eternal love of God who has sent his Son and the Holy Spirit because "he desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

(*1 Timothy 2:4*).

Further reading: CCC 849-851 excerpt is from the *Compendium of the CCC*, Copyright © USCCB



"We've had enough of exhortations to be silent! Cry out with a hundred thousand tongues. I see that the world is rotten because of silence."

-St. Catherine of Siena



Magnificat Moms: A St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Moms Group

Next Meeting: May 6th, 9:45-11:45am

Hello fellow mamas of Cabrini! Did you know that there is a group at Cabrini designed specifically for you? 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, too!

Mag Moms meets twice a month, offering both in-person and Zoom options, to listen to wonderful guest speakers, discuss our faith and help lift each other up through friendship and prayer. You can also join our community on Facebook, Instagram or email for encouragement, connections and resources for moms. We look forward to connecting with you soon! You and your families are in our prayers!

Our next meeting is Thurs., May 6th, from 9:45-11:45 am IN-PERSON (Frassati Room) and via Zoom. Please note that childcare is not provided this year due to COVID-19, but feel free to bring children along.

Future meeting dates: 5/6 and 5/20.

Facebook: *Magnificat Moms Group St. Frances Cabrini*;

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1 John 3:1-2

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Two points are being made in this noticeably short second reading today from 1 John 3:1-2. The first point is his reference to "children of God." He is specifically referring to those who are baptized in Christ, not to all humanity that is created by God. The second is about the Beatific Vision or seeing God as He is. "...but we know when He appears we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." (1 John 3:2)

In order to understand what John is saying, we need to do a little look back in the Scriptures to Gen 1:26: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..." Due to sin our likeness to God is more like muddy waters after a storm instead of clear water after a peaceful snow fall. But when Christ comes, we will be like Him in morals, virtues and clearly acting like Him in all things. John says we shall also "see Him as He is." We can look back to any of the Gospel readings on the Transfiguration. Peter, James and John see Jesus' human nature but also his Divine glory and power, a glimpse of the Beatific Vision. Looking back at these two Scripture passages gives us a clearer understanding of John's point of what we can look forward to, namely our heart's anticipation of eternal life being in the image and likeness of God and seeing God face-to-face once our final purification is complete. (reference: Brant Pitre Mass reading explained 4th Sunday of Easter)

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.

How to Honor Mary This May

May is the month we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God. During my faith journey, from my childhood through becoming a Carmelite, I have been blessed by Our Lady in so many ways. I always tell people that I love to pray my way through everything, whether it's a crisis or a moment of joy, by always praying the "Hail Mary."

In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22nd, while May 31st became the Feast of the Visitation of Mary. Let us consecrate our lives and our families to our Blessed Mother by praying a family Rosary daily. Get your children involved by praying the Rosary as a family each evening. Consider purchasing a rosary for each child, so they can get excited about having their own, personal rosary. ***The family that prays together stays together.***

In Fatima, Our Lady appeared six times to the shepherd children: Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. She appeared in 1917, on the 13th day of each month from May to October. In each and every apparition, Our Lady insisted upon the praying of the most Holy Rosary. Pope St. John Paul II, in his document on the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary insisted, pleaded, that the whole world pray the Holy Rosary for the salvation of the family and for world peace. ***A world at prayer is a world at peace.*** Why not obey this beloved Pope and Saint, Pope St. John Paul II? Why not obey the Mother of God, Our Lady of Fatima's requests? If done, the family will be saved and there will be peace that the human heart so longs for.

Let us imitate Blessed Mary. If we truly love someone, then we want to get to know them better, follow them more closely and imitate their good qualities, or virtues. St. Louis de Montfort in his classic *True Devotion to Mary* gives us a list of the ten principal virtues of Mary. Imitate them and you will be on the highway to holiness. These virtues are: Her deep humility, lively faith, blind obedience, unceasing prayer, constant self-denial, surpassing purity, ardent love, heroic patience, angelic kindness and heavenly wisdom.

Temptations? Call on Mary. **"If you invoke the Blessed Virgin when you are tempted, she will come at once to your help, and Satan will leave you."**

-St. John Vianney

St. John Vianney knew this to be true, since he was spiritually attacked more than once. Satan comes to us in all forms to tempt us and to destroy our relationship with God. Whenever we are tempted, let us invoke the name of Mary, perhaps in a simple prayer to her, such as, "Mary, please come to my aid right now in this temptation" or pray one Hail Mary.

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

-St. Maximilian Kolbe

Your love for Mary will always lead to a deeper love for Jesus, so be bold in your relationship with her. In her humility, she points the way to her Son rather than pointing to herself. So remember that your love for her can never be too much, only too little.

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."
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**SFC May Crowning
Sat., May 1st
Marian Plaza
After the 10am Mass**

So dear brothers and sisters, no one will ever be the servant of the Son without serving the Mother. Mary is the gateway to Jesus. Recall that she was the First Tabernacle, safely carrying the Word Incarnate in her womb. Therefore, she is the means by which we return to Jesus, as well. We cannot fully know Jesus without knowing His mother. We may partially understand particular spiritual tenets or grasp an aspect of Jesus' humanity and divinity, but we will never obtain the entire picture of who Jesus is without Mary.

Finally dear brothers and sisters, if you have a statue of the Blessed Mother at home, why not put some flowers at her feet and crown her, to honor her and love her. It's a sweet way to honor Our Lady and let her know you are thinking of her. **We will have our traditional May Crowning here at the parish on Sat., May 1st, after the 10am First Saturday Mass, outside in the Marian Plaza.**

Pray the rosary every day. Pray as a family as often as you can, in order to obtain peace for the world, the end of war and the end of the deadly coronavirus. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. I love Mama Mary.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Ron Sequeira, OCD



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