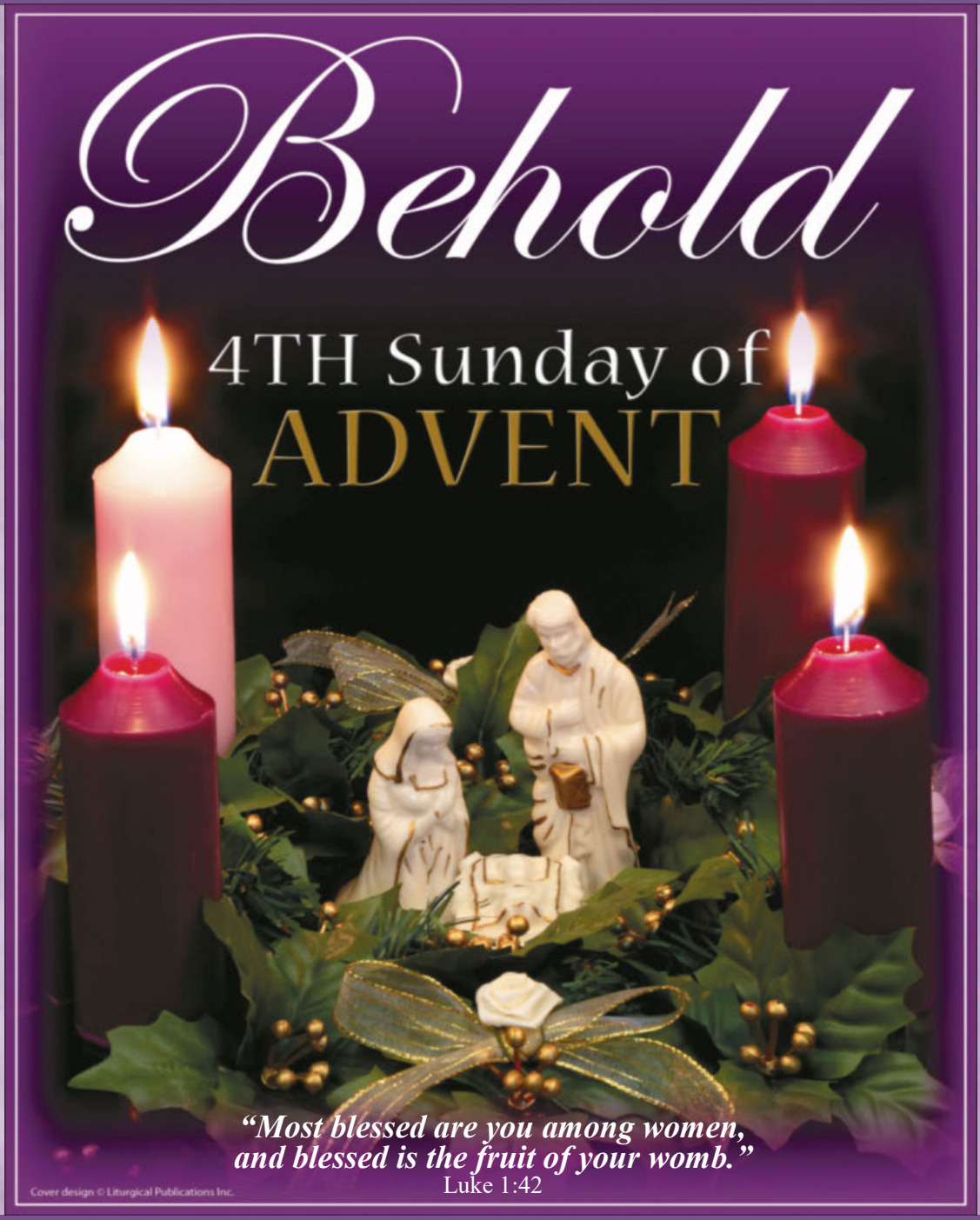
St. Frances Cabrini



Parish Office

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303-979-7688 Parish Office
Open: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm
(closed 12:00 noon-1:00pm daily)
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303-979-7688 SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES
24 hrs/day
303-953-7770 Weather/Emergency Hotline
(for schedule changes due to inclement weather/emergency situations)

Pastor

Rev. John Paul Leyba

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Rev. Jeevan D'Almeda, O.C.D.
Rev. Ron Sequeira, O.C.D.

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Chet Ubowski
Rev. Mr. Marc Nestorick
Rev. Mr. Brian Kerby
Rev. Mr. Spencer Thornber
Rev. Mr. Paul Grimm (retired)
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 Deacon Marc at 303-667-2428 or deacon.nestorickm@archden.org 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
First Saturday.....10:00am
Holy Day.....(Vigil) 5:30pm;
(Day) 9:00am & 7:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

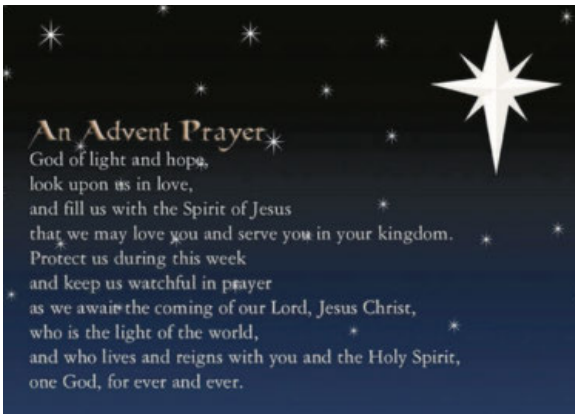
Saturdays: 8-9:30am
Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30pm

Meditating on the Gospel Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be. ©LPi



Morning Rosary

Please join us every weekday morning, Monday - Friday, at 8:15am in the Church to pray the Rosary. *The Rosary is being led by fellow parishioners. All are welcome!*

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 sfcparish.org/give or text "enroll" to 720-713-3309. Thank you for your continued generous support of our parish family!

Special Announcements

You are invited to join with us
in the Archdiocesan-Wide

Advent Kerygma Retreat

An opportunity to encounter Christ and engage Christmas with new eyes.

During All Masses

Dec. 19: Response

Directly following the Sunday 5:15pm Mass

Dec. 19th, in the Church

Fr. John Paul will continue the theme of the week and dive deeper into the *One Great Story.*

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. Again this year, we will incorporate this custom into our Christmas Celebration as our Cabrini choir will sing traditional carols on Christmas Eve beginning at 9:30pm before our 10pm Mass. Please plan to attend this beautiful celebration of Our Savior's birth!

SAVE THE DATE

God Within:
An Introduction to the Spiritual Life

Coming to St. Frances Cabrini:
Feb. 24th-May 26th,
meets weekly, 6:30-8:30pm.

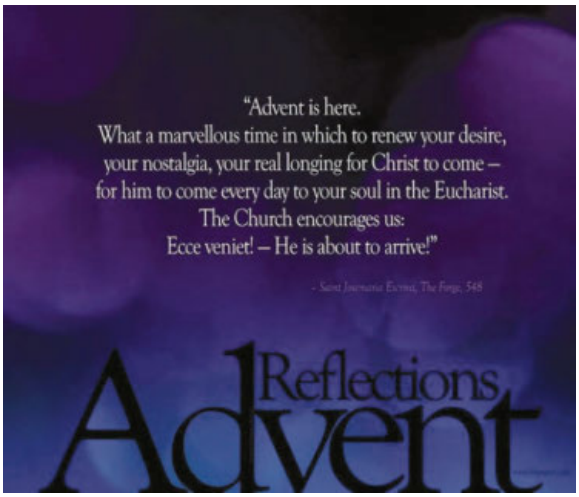
More information coming soon.

2021 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 2021 Contribution Statement, please either place it in the offertory at the weekend Masses on **Sat./Sun., Dec. 25th/26th** 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 2021 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!



Office and Adoration Chapel Closures

The Parish Office and Adoration Chapel will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The Chapel will close at 7pm on Thurs., Dec. 23rd, and will reopen at 7am on Mon., Jan. 3rd.

The Parish Office will be closed Fri., Dec. 24th, through Fri., Dec. 31st. The Office will reopen at 8:30am on Mon., Jan. 3rd.

If you experience a Sacramental Emergency during this time, please call our main office number at 303-979-7688.

Ladies of Charity

Come kick off the New Year by joining us at the next Ladies of Charity Meeting on Wed., Jan. 5th, in Parish Hall A. The Rosary begins at 6:45pm, followed by the meeting, which typically ends by 8:30pm. Come a little early, get a seat, and have some time to visit with friends or meet new ones. After the meeting, we will play bingo!

Ladies of Charity is a charitable organization that meets to enrich our faith, have fun with other ladies at Cabrini, and raise money to give away to worthy charities at the end of the year. We usually meet the first Wednesday of the month September through May. The location and dates vary when we have our offsite gatherings for our kick-off in September and our Christmas celebration. Call Charlotte with any questions at 720-624-6701.

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. 22nd/23rd

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. 22nd/23rd or dropped off in the food barrels any time. If you have any questions, please contact Karen L at klotspeich@sfcparish.org or 303-953-7765.

The Delores Project

This is a reminder to all of you who volunteered to prepare a part of the dinner meal for the Delores Project on **Tues., Dec, 21st.** Food should be delivered by 4:30pm to the St. Frances Cabrini Community House. **Please bring enough to serve 10 people.** Thank you, in advance, for shopping, preparing, and delivering your cooking creations to us. We could not feed 60 women such a healthy home-cooked meal without all of you. Feel free to contact Karen L at klotspeich@sfcparish.org or 303-953-7765.

Cabrini Loving Hands

Our next meeting will be in **January (date TBD),** from 10am-3pm in Parish Hall B. 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 meeting will be a catered meal for our post-Christmas party and we will also be having a white elephant gift exchange for those who wish to participate. **Please do not drop off any crocheted or knitted item at the church without first contacting Karen L at 303-953-7765.** ***Contact Karen S at 303-588-0461 for more information on this ministry.***

Cabrini Piecemakers Quilt Group

Fri., Jan. 7th, 9:30am-2pm, Parish Hall B
Sat., Jan. 22nd, 9:30am-3pm, Frassati

In 2021, we made 458 quilts for infants, toddlers, and senior citizens as well as 79 veterans' quilts, for a yearly total of 537. Our grand total since the inception of the group is 5,559! Thank you to all who have donated fabric and encouraged us! If you're interested in joining us, please bring a lunch and attend any of the meetings listed. Please contact Karen at klotspeich@sfcparish.org for more information.

Cabrini Rosary Makers

One thing is clear: although the repeated Hail Mary is addressed directly to Mary, it is to Jesus that the act of love is ultimately directed, with her and through her. - Rosarium Virginis Mariae by St. Pope JPII

You may stop by Parish Halls B & C on **Tues. Jan. 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. For more information, please call Teresa at 303-988-6517, Loretta at 720-981-5114, or Sandy at 303-932-1501.

Lunch Bunch is Coming January 29th/30th

The collection of sack lunches to feed the homeless is the weekend of Jan. 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's Cupboard

Give us this day our daily bread...

Christmas gifts have been coming in for the families of Cabrini's Cupboard. Many moms and dads are so grateful to receive presents for their children. " Our kids are so excited for Christmas, and we are so worried with everything going on in our family. Covid -19 sickness hit us hard, my husband got sick first. He was so sick he couldn't go to work... he just couldn't. Then the kids and I got sick, My mom came to help us. It was so bad. We are behind on bills and rent, and now we have more medical bills than we did before. I am sorry, I didn't mean to complain. God made sure we all were healed and we are so thankful." Your time. talent, and weekly commitment to serving families of Cabrini's Cupboard is amazing! Your gifts are beautifully wrapped and given with love!

Current needs: We have an abundance of Cheerios. We would like kids fun cereal (fan favorites: Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Lucky Charms, Fruitloops, Frosted Flakes), canned chicken/tuna, Hamburger Helper, canned corn and mixed veggies, canned fruit, jelly, kids snacks, sugar, flour, size 5 & 6 diapers and wipes, shampoo & conditioner, toilet paper, toothpaste, small laundry detergent. Your gifts of $10 grocery gift cards are greatly appreciated for milk, eggs, and prescriptions.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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!

Worship Ministry

Adoration Chapel Hours

The current hours of the chapel are:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 7am (after 6:30am Mass) - 7pm
Wednesday: 9:45am (after 9am Mass) - 7pm
Friday: 7am (after 6:30am Mass) - 6pm

If you would like to sign up to be a new adorer, please visit www.sfcparish.org and click on "Adoration Chapel" under "Get Involved" or you may contact Lauri at limbriani@sfcparish.org to sign up or for more information.

"Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love."
(Pope St. John Paul II)
Come spend some time with Jesus! He is waiting for YOU.

Healing Masses at St. Frances Cabrini

The next Healing Mass will be on Mon., Jan. 10th, at 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. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Ron at frron@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:

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Deacon Brian, with the Intercessors of the Trinity, has a Healing Prayer Service every Tues., 7-9 pm, at the 3 Trees Chapel, 13416 W. Arbor Pl. in Littleton. We also livestream the service. Connect at the website: IntercessorsoftheTrinity.org.

Readings for the Week of December 19, 2021

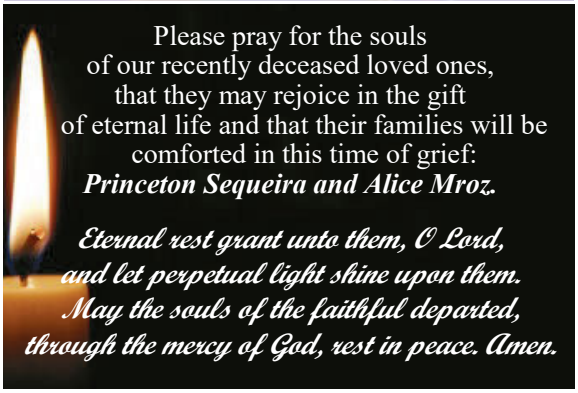
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10 & 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27 & 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: 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
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-5

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 20**
6:30A **Luigi Fisher✝**
9:00A **Josephine & Julio Gonsalves✝**
Tuesday **December 21**
6:30A **Stephanie Neibauer✝**
9:00A **Armando Salzano✝**
Virginia Scarimbolo✝
Wednesday **December 22**
9:00A **Pat Froechtenigt✝**
Thursday **December 23**
6:30A **Souls in Purgatory✝**
9:00A **Kay Ubowski✝**
Kevin Barkley✝
Friday **December 24 - Christmas Eve**
4:00P **Joe Chocole Jr✝**
Pat Froechtenigt✝
7:00P **Matthew & Marya Pouliot - SI**
10:00P **Clay Thompson✝**
Saturday **December 25 - The Nativity of Our Lord**
9:15A **Lou Sugo✝**
11:15A **Bob Hillen✝**
Sunday **December 26 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
7:15A **Parishioners**
9:15A **Victor Christie✝**
11:15A **Lou Sugo✝**
5:15P **John Michael Gatewood - SI**



Please pray for the souls of our recently deceased loved ones, that they may rejoice in the gift of eternal life and that their families will be comforted in this time of grief:
Princeton Sequeira and Alice Mroz.

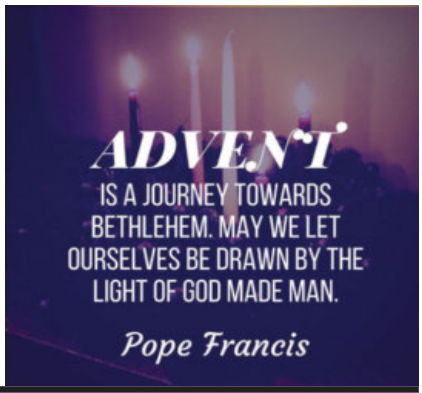
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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.

Attention Married Couples

Are you looking for that opportunity to spend quality time with your loved one and explore God's plan for your marriage? Join us on our winter Joy-Filled Marriage Enrichment Retreat that will be held on Jan. 28th, 29th, and 30th. The retreat will be held at SFC on Friday from 6-8:30pm, Saturday from 8am-7:30pm, and Sunday from 8am-1pm. Join other married and engaged couples as we explore God's plan for marriage and apply that to our relationships. This is the third time we are offering this retreat and the reviews from the previous retreats have been outstanding. The cost of the retreat is $180 per couple, which includes all materials and meals. To register, please contact Deacon Marc at 303-667-2428 or at deacon.nestorickm@archden.org or go to the SFC website marriage page (www.sfcparish.org/marriage) to register.



Adult Faith Formation

Winter/Spring 2022 Bible Studies and Formation Classes
Registration Open through January 3rd

Are you desiring to renew or deepen your relationship with the Lord? We have several studies starting after the new year and we would love to you have you join us...and bring a friend!

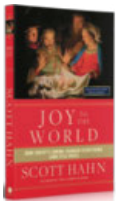
- Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible (Great Introductory Study); Mondays 4-5:30pm starting Jan. 24 (8 sessions)
- The Mass (a Bishop Barron study); Mondays 6:30-8pm, starting March 7 (6 sessions)
- First Corinthians; Tuesdays 9:45-11:15am; starting Jan. 18 (11 sessions)
- Hebrews; Thursdays 9:45-11:15am; starting Jan. 27 (8 sessions)
  (Note: Romans was advertised for Thursday morning but has been changed to Hebrews.)

For more details and to register, visit www.sfcparish.org/adult or contact DeAnn at dlarson@sfcparish.org or 303-953-7792. **Thank you for registering by January 3rd**, as workbooks will be ordered on January 4th, to ensure arrival by the first class. (Late registrants are welcome, but will need to order their workbook directly from the supplier.)

RCIA Process

The RCIA process is for anyone (adult, teen, child) 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, **For more information, please contact Deacon Chet at 303-953-7783.**

What's 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.

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.

We meet in the Frassati Room. Doors open at 6am, program begins at 6:30. You will be out by 8am, renewed in the faith. Contact Deacon Chet at 303-953-7783 or dcnchet@sfcparish.org for more info.

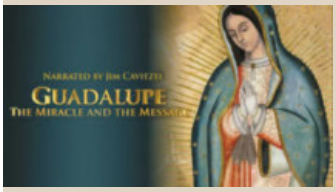
Baptism Classes

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 on Formed?

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.

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

Celebrate Life Rally and March

Saturday, January 15, 2022!

Colorado State Capitol

Rally - 1pm
March - 2pm

There are still seats available for the bus to the March for Life, but they are going fast. Save your seat by contacting Karen at kmandolfo1@gmail.com or 303-523-9760.

Children's Faith Formation

Reminder – Christmas Break

There will be no classes starting Mon., Dec. 20th, through Wed., Jan. 5th, 2022. **C.F.F. Classes for 1st - 4th grade and 5th & 6th grade Foundations will resume the week of Jan. 10th – 12th, 2022.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word (C.L.O.W.) will resume on **Sun., Jan. 9th, 2022**, at the **9:15am Mass.**

Family Rosary will resume **weekly** at **5:45pm** on **Wed., Jan. 12th,** in the Church.

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

1st Year Nativity - Thank You!

Special thanks and blessings to our **1st year students and catechists** who worked diligently in sharing such beautiful Nativity performances! We also extend our gratitude to **Stefania Elsmore** for the sharing of her musical talents with our 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!

Foundations (5th & 6th Grade) Family Prayer Night - Thank You!

We extend our gratitude to Don & Janet Spond for sharing the *True Meaning of Christmas* with our 5th and 6th grade Foundations students and families at our 2nd Foundations Family Prayer Night!

Praise and worship, Scripture, ornaments, lighting of the Christmas tree and Jesus cupcakes brought light and filled all hearts with joyful anticipation for Our Savior to be born on Christmas Day!

To all our devoted volunteers who serve so faithfully each week in our Children's Faith Formation & Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry, we want to extend to you all our prayers for abundant blessings, 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

Teen/Young Adult Ministry

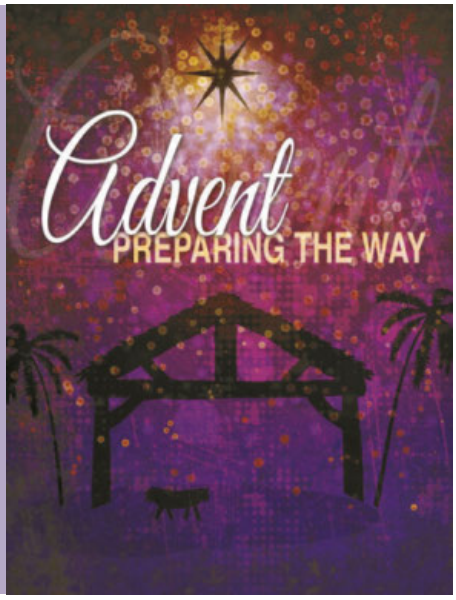
Happy Advent! Thank you to all of our teens, parents, families, Core Team, and Staff for a phenomenal 2021 at Cabrini Youth! We are continually filled with immense gratitude for the continued prayers and support Cabrini Parish gives this ministry.

As always, we will be taking a short break from our regularly scheduled Cabrini Youth events to take finals and celebrate Christmas and New Years with our families.

EDGE, our Middle School (7th-8th grade) program, will resume on Thurs., Feb. 3rd, from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Halls.

Discipleship, our High School program will begin on Sun., Jan. 9th, with Frassati and Little Flowers hosting Men and Ladies Nights from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Halls.

We are thrilled to begin another semester of Cabrini Youth after we welcome the Lord into our hearts on Christmas and eat a few too many Christmas cookies.



Happy "Holy Days" S.F.C. corner

One discussion that seems to happen every year around this time is over the greeting "Happy Holidays" vs "Merry Christmas." Christians have been known to display their fierce "holiday happiness" through suspicious glances that the religious meaning is being trivialized by a greeting such as "happy holidays." Did you know that "happy holidays" is actually derived from the term "holy days"? Therefore, it is not inherently unsuitable or trivializing Christianity, since it reflects the Catholic understanding that Christmas is a series of holy days, not just one single day. The Christmas season includes holy days such as the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Epiphany, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, and the Baptism of Our Lord. So the next time you receive a greeting of "happy holidays," keep the spirit of Christmas alive in you by responding with "Happy Holy Days to you too."

Reference: *The True Meaning of Christmas* by Michael Barber

Cabrini Library

We have some great Advent books ready to be checked out in the Library! Visit our library on Tuesday afternoons and a volunteer will be available to assist you in finding your next great read. Come and see what we have to offer!

Christ is Coming: Celebrating Advent, Christmas & Epiphany by Theresa Cotter
Walk with the Lord by Fr. Anselm Romb
In Joyful Expectation: Advent Prayers and Reflections by Laurin Wenig
Prepare - Don't Wait: Daily Scriptural Readings and Reflections for Advent by Alonso de Blas, O.F.M.
Advent Reflections: Come, Lord Jesus by Archbishop Timothy Dolan

Magnificat Moms: An SFC Catholic Moms Group

Thurs., Jan. 6th, 9:45-11:45am in the Frassati Room

Moms of Cabrini, you are invited to join us for Magnificat Moms! Being a mom is a wonderful, and sometimes challenging, vocation. Take some time to invest in yourself and meet some other moms who are going through the same things you are! We are a group of women who desire to grow in holiness and friendship as we explore our Catholic faith, supporting one another along the way. We have all kinds of moms in our group - 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!

Get involved via Facebook, Instagram or email for encouragement, connections and resources. Join us for any of our meetings in-person, to listen to amazing guest speakers, discuss our faith and help lift each other up through friendship and prayer. Childcare will be available this year. We look forward to connecting with you soon! You and your families are in our prayers!

Facebook: *Magnificat Moms Group St. Frances Cabrini*;
Instagram: *cabrinimagmoms;*
Email: *CabriniMagMoms@gmail.com*

Homeschooling Community

Do you homeschool your children? We are looking for you! We are hoping to start a homeschool group for the Cabrini parish. We are a new(ish) family to homeschooling and would love to build a community of support and friendship here at Cabrini. We homeschool all of our kids - high school, middle school, elementary and wee ones, so we have many different age group possibilities!!! If you are currently homeschooling your children and have any interest at all, please contact Michele at 303-817-3854 (call or text.) I would love to start up a group for Fall 2021. St. Monica, pray for us.

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.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30pm Sat. in the lower level. For more info, call Eddie at 720-917-8992.
Al-Anon: Meetings on Mon., 1-2:30pm and Fri., 9-10:30am **in person** and via zoom, Adults only. Contact Karen at 303-953-7765.
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 info, call 303-587-6239.

Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Parish Breakfast in the Parish Hall from 8-11am, after the 7:15am and 9:15am Masses on **Sun., Jan. 29th.** Everyone is welcome to attend. Adults: $6; Children 5-14: $5; Family Maximum: $15; Seniors: $5. Proceeds will benefit our parish and various Knights of Columbus charities. Cash, check and all major credit cards are accepted. ***Don't miss the Ladies of Charity Bake Sale at each breakfast!***

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.

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
Fri., Dec. 24th

4:00pm in the Church (Youth Choir)
7:00pm in the Church (Life Teen Band)
10:00pm in the Church (Adult Choir)
*__9:30pm__: Carols by Candlelight (Choir)

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

9:15am in the Church (Handbells/Cantor)

11:15am in the Church (Vocal Duo)

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on Sun., Dec. 26th:
Regular Sunday Mass schedule (no 4:15pm Sat. anticipatory Mass on Dec. 25th)

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Fri., Dec. 31st, 5:30pm (Vigil Mass) & **Sat., Jan. 1st, 10am**

The Parish Office will be closed Fri., Dec. 24th through Fri., Dec. 31st.
Masses during this week: Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 6:30am & 9am;
Wed.: 9am; Fri.: 6:30am, 9am, 5:30pm
The Office will reopen on Mon., Jan. 3rd, at 8:30am.

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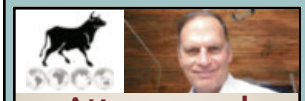

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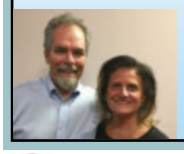

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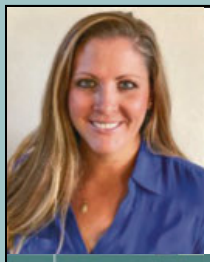
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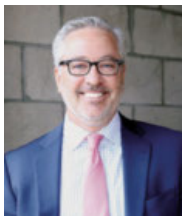
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