# St. Frances Cabrini



who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

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# 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.

#### Pastor

Rev. John Paul Leyba

#### Parochial Vicars Rev. Ron Sequeira, O.C.D.

Rev. Jeevan D'Almeda, 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)

# **PARISH OFFICE**

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	www.sfcparish.org
303-979-7688	Parish Office
	Open: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-5:00 pm
	(closed 12:00 noon-1:00 pm daily)
303-979-7688	Voice mail access after 5:00 pm
303-953-7778	Youth Office (Jr. & Sr. High, Young Adult)
303-972-8566	Fax Line
303-979-7688	SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES
	24 hrs/day
303-953-7770	Weather Hotline (for schedule changes due to
	inclement weather/emergency situations)

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



#### 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!

#### Mass Schedule

WeekendSaturday (Anticipatory) 4:15 pm;		
Sunday 7:15, 9:15, 11:15am & 5:15pm		
WeekdayMonday-Friday 9:00 am;		
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 6:30am		
First Saturday10:00am		
Holy Day(Vigil) 5:30pm;		
(Day) 9:00am & 7:00pm		

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



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

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



#### Office and Adoration Chapel Closures

The Parish Office and Adoration Chapel are closed for the holidays. The Chapel will reopen at 7am on Mon., Jan. 3rd. The Parish 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.

# Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!

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# Special Announcements

# ARCHDIOCESE ADVENT KERYGMA RETREAT ON OUR WEBSITE

If you missed or would like to review any of Fr. John Paul's Advent Kerygma Retreat, please visit **www.sfcparish.org/Retreat**. This page includes Fr. John Paul's Advent weekend homilies, the participant guides for each week and his Sunday evening "dive deeper" presentations.



# Save the Date! Friday, January 21st Day of Adoration and Mass for the Sanctity of Human Life

Please join us for a very special Day of Prayer for Life to be held in the Church on Fri., Jan. 21st. If your small community or ministry would like to adopt one hour during the day, please contact Karen at kmandolfo1@gmail.com or 303-523-9760. More information to follow.

#### **Attention Married Couples**



Are you looking for that opportunity to spend quality time with your loved one and explore God's plan ur winter low Filled

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. 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.

The Epiphany of the Lord



God Within: An Introduction to the Spiritual Life is an 8-12week course, conducted one evening per week, and presented by the founder of In Ipso, Peter Stur. The Discovering God Within Us series is an introduction to authentic Catholic spirituality. Explained in language common to every Catholic who desires the freedom to follow Christ wherever he leads them, this course is offered in conjunction with programs offered for the spiritual formation of seminarians in dioceses around the United States. It draws from the wisdom of great theologians of the last century, including Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange OP, Fr. John Arintero OP and Fr. Jordan Aumann OP. Together, they provide a wonderful summary of the spirituality of the Saints and doctors of the Holy Mother Catholic Church that includes St. Catherine of Siena, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and St. Ignatius of Loyola.



#### **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.

#### **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!* 

#### 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. Call Charlotte with any questions at 720-624-6701.

"Coming from a land that worshipped stars... They fell down and worshipped Him Who made the stars." - Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



#### **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!

#### Venerable Fulton Sheen on the Nativity

Bethlehem became a link between heaven and earth; God and man met here and looked each other in the face. In the taking of human flesh, the Father prepared it, the Spirit formed it, and the Son assumed it. He who had an eternal generation in the bosom of the Father now had a temporal generation in time. He who had his birth in Bethlehem came to be born in the hearts of men. For, what would it profit if he was born a thousand times in Bethlehem unless He was born again in man? **"But all those who did welcome Him, He empowered to become the children of God."** John 1:12

Now man need not hide from God as Adam did; for He can be seen through Christ's human nature. Christ did not gain one perfection more by becoming man, nor did he lose anything of what He possessed as God. There was the Almightiness of God in the movement of His arm, the Infinite Love of God in the beatings of His human heart and the Unmeasured Compassion of God to sinners in his eyes. God is now manifest in the flesh; this is what is called the Incarnation. The whole range of the Divine attributes of power and goodness, justice, love and beauty were in Him. And when our Divine Lord acted and spoke, God in his perfect nature became manifest to those who saw Him and heard Him and touched Him. As He told Philip later on: "Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father." John 14:9

No man could love anything unless he can get his arms around it, and the cosmos is too big and too bulky. But once God became a babe and was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, men could say, "This is Emmanuel, this is God with us." By His reaching down to frail human nature and lifting it up to the incomparable prerogative of union with Himself, human nature became dignified. So real was this union that all of His acts and words, all of His agonies and tears, all of His thoughts and reasonings, resolves and emotions, while being properly human, were at the same time the acts and words, agonies and tears, thoughts and reasonings, resolves and emotions of the eternal son of God.

# **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

MERCY IN MOTION.

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 sized 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.



#### Lunch Bunch Outreach Project 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 Loving Hands

Our next meeting will be on Sat., Jan., 8th, 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 will not be a potluck, but lunch

will be provided. We will also be having a white elephant gift exchange for those who wish to participate. The gift can be funny or serious, homemade or purchased, but preferably no more than \$15 value. Please wrap or bag your gift. 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

We wish all SFC parishioners a most blessed and healthy 2022! 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.

# Cabrini's Cupboard

Give us this day our daily bread... "Let all that you do be done in Love" - 1 Corinthians 16:14

The sound of laughter and filled Cabrini's joy Cupboard. Kids running through the doors with joyful anticipation of what food they will be receiving. "I want spaghetti and my sister likes Cinnamon Toast



Crunch cereal. We like juice and breakfast bars too, please." Moms were thinking about meals: Chicken tacos, tuna sandwiches, hamburger helper, spaghetti, spam and eggs breakfast burritos, and macaroni & cheese. Kids were making plans to bake muffins, cookies, cakes, and make pancakes for mom. A little boy was so amazed at all the food, "Where does all this food come from? Is it for us? Is it free?" He was mindful about his choices and said thank you many times. His mom's eyes were getting teary and her heart was full. We talked about Jesus, Mother Mary and Joseph, and God. "Where is God?" he asked. "He lives inside our hearts." He looked down to his heart and replied, "Wow! God is good!"

A truly heartfelt thank you for your continuous support for the families of Cabrini's Cupboard. We are called to serve our fellow brothers and sisters who are most in need. You have been kind and very generous through extremely difficult times.

Current needs: Spaghetti sauce and pasta noodles, fruit, peanut butter and jelly, ravioli and Spaghetti O's, chili, kids' snacks, granola bars, breakfast bars, kids' cereals, (Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Lucky Charms, & Fruit Loops), smaller-sized laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, toilet paper, bar soap, size 5 & 6 diapers and wipes. Your gifts of \$10 grocery gift cards are greatly appreciated for milk, eggs, and prescriptions.

> Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

# 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) - 7pm



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, 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.

#### Holy Father's January Prayer Intention:

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

## **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



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 January 2, 2022		
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt	
Monday:	2:1-12 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44	
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52	
Thursday: Friday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16	
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-5 & 6a & 9b/Jn 3:22-30	
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-	
	16, 21-22 OR Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30	
	[1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	

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



#### Mass Intentions for the Week Monday **January 3** 6:30A Joan Johnson<sup>‡</sup> 9:00A David Sequeira# Tuesday January 4 6:30A Mary Bushnell+ Jerry Boswell中 9:00A Rich Kellogg Wednesday January 5 9:00A Lonnie Wilson Thursday **January 6** 6:30A Llovd & Margaret Peters 9:00A David Sequeira Marianne McRae₽ Fridav **January** 7 Ann Picarello# 6:30A 9:00A Mike Berlin# Saturday **January 8** 4:15P Gerald Mann<sup>‡</sup> January 9 - The Baptism of the Sunday Lord 7:15A David Sequeira# 9:15A Nicole Casados Axt<sup>+</sup> 11:15A Jerry Boswell





Please pray for the souls of our recently deceased loved ones, that they may rejoice in the gift of eternal life: Alice Mroz, Pat Carmen, Dick Adams, Amanda Gauthier, and Kendra Motten.

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**



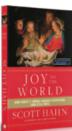
#### **RCIA Process**

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? INSTITUTE 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.

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.

# They were overjoyed at seeing the star.

Chet at 303-953-7783.

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 and godparents 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

Matthew 2:10



The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-

away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas.

Discover the many offerings (movies, documentaries, studies, talks, fiction and nonfiction books and more) on Formed for yourself!

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# Winter/Spring 2022 Bible Studies and Formation Classes

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 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.)

## RESPECT MED

Celebrate Life **Rally and March** Saturday, January 15, 2022! **Colorado State Capitol** 



#### Rally - 1pm March - 2pm

#### LAST CALL:

There are still a few seats available for the bus downtown to the March for Life. Save your seat by contacting Karen at 303-523-9760 or kmandolfo1@gmail.com.

# **New Year's Pro-Life Reflection**

#### "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End." - Rev. 21:6

**Reflection:** God gives us the gift of life, in units of years, months and days, and we likewise give it back to Him, in days and months and years of fruitful service. In the New Year, let us put the defense of the unborn at the top of our priority list. **Prayer:** Lord, enable me to devote more time, energy, and resources to the greatest human rights movement of our day, the pro-life movement. From Pro-Life Reflections, Fr. Frank Pavone

Amazing Fact About Life in the Womb Did you know that babies cry in the womb? Check it out by watching this Discovery Channel video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qi-01eITZaU

#### **PRAYER IN THE SQUARE**

Join the faithful each first Saturday at 10 am to pray a Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. We pray for God's love, mercy and peace through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Guadalupe for the healing and sanctification of the Church, for peace in our hearts and in the world, for



an end to persecution of Christians and for the sanctity of all human life. Visit prayerinthesquare.com.

Next Prayer in the Square: January 1st. Nearby locations: Bega Park, 2250 W Main St. in downtown Littleton, Light of the World west parking lot (near Bowles) or Civic Green Park in Highlands Ranch.

#### What is Prayer in the Square?

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." - Matthew 18:20

Prayer in the Square is a lay movement in the Archdiocese of Denver with the blessing of Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila. It is a movement of public prayer which is offered in community as a witness to the world that God cannot and will not be removed from public life. The voices of the faithful will continue to be heard.



# **CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION**



#### Reminder – Christmas Break

C.F.F. classes are on Christmas break. 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 Christmas season!

#### 3rd Year Sacrament Prep Parent & Sponsor Meeting #2 -Change in Format, Date & Time!

Third Year parents and sponsors are invited to our 2nd Sacrament Prep Parent & Sponsor meeting on Fri., Jan. 14th, at 6pm. This meeting will be held online, over Zoom, and a link will be emailed to families the week of January 10th. We look forward to seeing all our 3rd Year parents and sponsors at this meeting! If you have any questions please call Kristen in the C.F.F. Office at 303-953-7775.

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

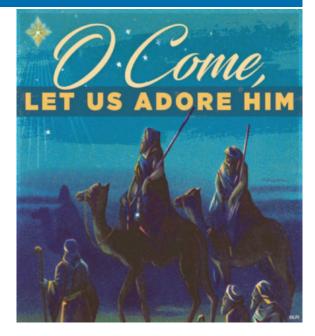
#### **1st Year Nativity - Thank You!**

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 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!



#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed

Due to the observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, there will be *no* Children's Faith Formation classes or 5th & 6th grade Foundations on **Mon., Jan. 17th**. All C.F.F. classes for grades 1st – 4th will meet, as scheduled, on Tues., Jan. 18th, and Wed., Jan. 19th. Please contact the C.F.F. office at 303-953-7786 with any questions.





The Epiphany of the Lord

# **SEEN/YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**



Love came down

Thank you to all of our teens, parents, families, and Core Team for a phenomenal end to 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.

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# Bearers of Baby Shower Gifts S

The Magi, what do we know about them? For starters we know there was more than one since the word Magi is a plural of the Greek noun magos. How many there were? That is unclear. The accepted number is three since three gifts are described in Matt 2:11. We also know they are from the east. Where exactly they are from is also unclear. We do have one clue in that text that they are not Jewish because of the title they use when asking King Herod the question, "Where is the environment of the Jews?" This is a title that is used by Gentile nations. (Romans inscribed this title above the Cross.) This seems to confirm that they were not Jewish, or they would have asked for the newborn King of Israel. So these were Gentiles coming to see this newborn king. The third thing we read is they were following a star. They seemed to have significant knowledge of astronomy. This star that they follow has been the cause of significant debate. (Might I suggest a movie to watch called The Star of Bethlehem by Frederick Larson.) So many details left out seems to point to a deeper meaning of their search for this baby king. This is the first sign of Jesus gathering all nations unto himself. Those that truly encounter the Lord Jesus are never the same. Where might the Lord be inviting you to go? What direction do you feel the Lord Jesus is inviting you to extend yourself? (Resource: The True Meaning of Christmas by Michael Barber Chapter 9)



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.) 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.





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