



# St. Frances Cabrini Parish

Our Mission: Worship God • Love Others • Make Disciples • Educate the Young

*July 31, 2022 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Mon. – Fri.** - 8:30 am

**Sat.** - 8:30 am, \*5:00 pm Vigil Mass -English • 6:45 pm - Vietnamese

**Sun.**- 8:00 am, 9:30 am, \*11:30 am, 1:00 pm (Assyrian), & 5:30 pm

\* Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass and 11:30am Sunday Mass will  
livestream on Facebook

## RECONCILIATION (CONFESSON)

Saturdays 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm in the church library and by appointment. See page 3 for First Friday Reconciliation times.

**BAPTISM:** Please visit [www.sfcabrin.org](http://www.sfcabrin.org) website under Sacraments / Baptism for more information. If you have questions call Merry Kaelani at 408-879-1120 #14

**MARRIAGE:** Couples must contact the priest they wish to witness the sacrament at least six months prior to the proposed date of the wedding.

**ANOINTING:** 408-912-0440



**St. Frances Cabrini Church**  
15333 Woodard Rd. San Jose, CA. 95124  
Parish Office 408-879-1120

### Parish Office Hours

Tuesday • Wednesday • Thursday  
9:00am to 3:00pm

[www.sfcabrin.org](http://www.sfcabrin.org) • Facebook:

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

— Psalm 90:12

## PARISH CLERGY & STAFF

### Pastor

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## A Note from the Pastor: Fr. James Okafor (Ed.D)

### Riches: Blessings or Vanities?

"If the Lord has gifted you with riches, it is to do lots of good things for others in His name"  
(Pope Francis Tweets, August 28, 2018)

The Eucharistic celebration- the highest form of prayer, is a special moment in which God speaks to us in different ways, namely, the songs, the prayers, and the readings. The word of God we experience through these encourages us in the good we do and challenges us to overcome our lives' weaknesses. This change cannot happen if we do not have the disposition to be present and participate fully in the liturgy. This worthwhile disposition to the word of God helps us to "seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God..." as our second reading (Colossians 3:1 – 5, 9 – 11) for this Sunday invites us.

In our first reading, the book of Ecclesiastes (1:2;2:21-23), one of the wisdom books, it admonishes us on the reality that nothing is permanent. It describes both our life successes and failures as vanities. The tone of this message can make one begin to think that all our toil and labor are in vain. But the main message here is to be constantly mindful of the temporality of everything before us. Similarly, the Parable of the rich fool in the Gospel (Luke 12:13 – 21) brings up the question of Jesus detesting riches and seeing them as mere vanity than a blessing. Is this true? No! Instead, Jesus wants to bring to our awareness the destructive dangers of riches, which do not undermine the blessings they bring.

Jesus wants us to reflect on two things about riches: How we acquire and use them. These two things determine if riches become a blessing or vanity. First, we must ask ourselves: What do we have, and how did we acquire them? Second, how do we use the riches we have acquired? Does our wealth make us arrogant and proud? Are we unduly attached to riches that we evaluate our lives by what? Are we wasteful and extravagant or self-centered and mean with our wealth? Do we remember that the more riches we have, the more opportunities to win God's blessings with them? We pray that the good Lord will give us the wisdom to acquire and correctly use the riches he has given us so that they become for us sources of blessing. Amen.

We thank these parishioners who serve as members of the SFC Parish Pastoral Council: **Sam Nickolas, Maile Figone, Ronda Clark, Linnea Sheehy, Doris Bebla, Lyle Adams, George Midwin, Lee Campbell, and Merry Kaelani.** The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory board to the Pastor. The Parish Pastoral Council advises the pastor on parish issues and directs parish's long-term planning activities. Parish Pastoral Council collaborates with staff members, parishioners, other parish groups, committees, and ministries to carry out the Parish's mission. Currently, the SFC parish council is leading the planning of our Ministry Fair coming up on **August 21<sup>st</sup> after 9:30AM Mass**, the Installation of the Pastor on **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM Mass**. Also, the council will be leading SFC participation in the Diocesan Synod starting this Fall, and the parish listening session that will also happen this Fall. We pray for God's guidance on our council members as they undertake these responsibilities for the growth of SFC. **St. Frances Cabrini - Pray for us.**

Saturday

## September 10th 2022

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF SAINT FRANCES  
CABRINI WARMLY WELCOMES YOU TO THE  
INSTALLATION MASS OF FR. JAMES OKAFOR AS  
THE 9TH PASTOR OF ST. FRANCES CABRINI  
PARISH, BY MOST REVEREND OSCAR CANTÚ,  
BISHOP OF SAN JOSE.

5:00 p.m. Mass

Fr. James Okafor Installation  
Reception in Essig Hall following Mass

Seating is limited! Please sign up to attend the reception.



Scan the QR code to sign-up for Reception in Essig Hall or go to <https://signup.com/go/qzFwSPD>

For inquiries please call the Parish Office 408•879•1120 #20

## Mass Intentions

July 30th to August 7th, 2022

**SATURDAY**

8:30 am - Nadia Akiel † - VD  
 5:00pm - Rita Montaño † - VD

**SUNDAY**

8:00 am - Lynne Neibaur † - RM  
 9:30 am - People of the Parish - JO  
 11:30 am - Everett Girotti † - PS  
 1:00 pm - Assyrian Mass - MH  
 5:30 pm - Loretta Lyndon † - JO

**MONDAY**

8:30 am - Chuck and Carmel Ross, Spec. Int. - JO

**TUESDAY**

8:30 am - Hector Salcedo † - JO

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 am - Altagracia Gonzalez † - JO

**THURSDAY**

8:30 am - James O'Connell † - VD

**FRIDAY**

8:30 am - Joan Kolokowski, Spec. Int. JO

**SATURDAY**

8:30 am - For All Parishioners - VD

5:00pm - Rita Montaño † - VD

**SUNDAY**

8:00 am - Pete Garcia † - VD  
 9:30 am - People of the Parish - - JO  
 11:30 am - Lina Ponzo † - RM  
 1:00 pm - Assyrian Mass - JO  
 5:30 pm - Hector Salcedo † - RS

JO = Fr. James Okafor • VD = Fr. Vincent Dang

TM = Fr. Tony Mancuso • PS = Fr. Paul Soukup

RM = Fr. Robert McKay

**NOTHING BETTER**

Nothing . . . is sweeter than love; nothing higher, nothing stronger, nothing larger, nothing fuller, nothing better, in heaven or on earth.  
 —Thomas à Kempis



**Reconciliation** is held in the church library **every Saturday** from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, and on the **First Friday** of each month during **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, from 9:30am to 10:30am and 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

**Let Us Pray** for the people in our parish community who are homebound, sick, recovering, or are confined to rest homes, that Jesus be their strength and comfort. This week we especially pray for: **Bill Cerrato, Kelly Gibson, Maddox Vasquez, Alice Bonvecchio, Chris Aguilar, Elvira Canales, Jim Butler, Bill Smith, Audrey Schenck, JP Shea, Diana Gray, Frieda Flocchini, Helen Shrifin, Michael Oliver, Mark Karrigan, Aiko Karrigan, Yumee Wateska, Charlie Schenck, Sue Coffaro, Alice Mancuso, Joan Kolakowski, and Shelley Lanier.** Please keep them and their families in your prayers. If you wish to have a loved one placed in Let Us Pray, call the parish office at 408-879-1120 #20.

**Birthday Blessings**

Beginning next weekend, the first weekend in August, our Parish will have a birthday blessing at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, for those who celebrate their birthday that month.

God of all creation,  
 we offer you grateful praise for the gift of life.  
 Hear the prayers of your servants,  
 who recall today the day of their birth  
 and rejoice in your gifts of life and love,  
 family and friends.  
 Bless them with your presence  
 and surround them with your love  
 that they may enjoy many happy years,  
 all of them pleasing to you.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Blessings**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

**Gospel** — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21)



The Family Rosary Across America® is a live and interactive radio program bringing together Catholics across the nation to pray the rosary.  
 1260 AM KSFB • 101.7 FM K269FB

**St. Frances Cabrini's****First Friday Schedule of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

- ◆ 8:30 - AM Mass - Celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing within the Mass
- ◆ Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after Mass
- ◆ Community Rosary after the Exposition Confessions - 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- ◆ 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM Private Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- ◆ 12:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction
- ◆ 5:00 PM - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- ◆ Confessions 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
- ◆ 6:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction
- ◆ 7:00 PM Mass - Celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing within the Mass

**Other Fridays**

- ◆ Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after 8:30 AM Mass
- ◆ Community Rosary after the Exposition
- ◆ 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM Private Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- ◆ 12:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction

For questions and inquiries please call the parish office. You can find First Friday's schedule online at  
[sfcabrini.org/adoration](http://sfcabrini.org/adoration)

**“**They who pray with faith have fervour and fervour is the fire of prayer. This mysterious fire has the power of consuming all our faults and imperfections, and of giving to our actions, vitality, beauty and merit.” *St. Frances Cabrini*

**First Saturday Devotions**

In the church on Saturday, August 6th - 8.00 AM. for Rosary Procession and 8.30 AM Mass in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Our Lady of Fatima**

Come to the church on **Wednesday, August 13th**, where there will be rosary, procession, and Mass to commemorate the 4th (of 6) appearances of Our Holy Mother at Fatima, Portugal, before the three shepherds - Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco (Oct. 13, 1917)

**On our Patroness:**

**St. Frances Cabrini (1850-1917)**

**Feast Day: November 13th**



Did you know that Mother Cabrini described her Confirmation as a major turning point in her life? At the time, children were confirmed before they received their First Communion. Maria Francesca was confirmed on July 1, 1857, when she was 7 years old. In her adult life, she described a mystical experience that occurred on that day: “The moment I was being anointed with the sacred chrism I felt what I shall never be able to express...I seemed no longer on earth. My heart was replete with a most pure joy. I cannot say what I felt, but I know it was the Holy [Spirit].” (Maynard, 30)

Mother Cabrini’s life teaches us to be attentive to moments of grace when we experience God’s presence and allow that grace to shape our lives.

Quote from **Too Small A World: The Life of Francesca Cabrini** by Theodore Maynard (copyright 1945)

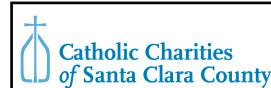
St. Frances Cabrini- Pray for us!



**Honoring Jubilarians with a  
Mass Celebration and Reception  
Sunday August 7, 2022 3pm  
Holy Cross Parish**

We congratulate all the priests and religious celebrating their milestone anniversaries for their tireless dedication in serving the Lord through the Diocese of San José and the Catholic Church.

They often wear many hats, such as administrator, maintenance man, cook, accountant, friend. They have served mostly within the Diocese, with some also serving as teachers, chaplains and counselors. We gratefully thank you for your many years of Ministry Service.



**Catholic Charities  
of Santa Clara County**

Through Catholic Charities, sisters from our diocese working at the borders with migrants.

For the Catholic Charities Religious web page, visit  
[www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)



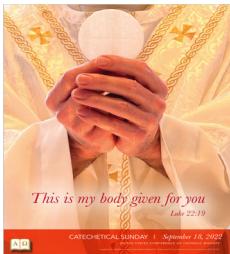
Are you looking for another way to share your love for Jesus by becoming a volunteer catechist? We still need catechists and catechist aides for our Catechetical Formation, Mentors, and Youth Leaders for Youth Ministry Programs.

**To be a catechist, mentor, and youth leader, you must:**

- ◊ Have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- ◊ Complete the proper background screening and clear the criminal history check before engaging in ministry.
- ◊ Complete the appropriate Diocesan Safe Environment Training.
- ◊ Intend to complete the **Introduction to Catechetical Ministry** course offered by the Diocese of San Jose (for catechists and mentors).
- ◊ Be available for 1.5 hours weekly (Wednesday evening) commitment for Catechetical Formation Program or 1 hour weekly (on Sundays/month after youth Mass) commitment for Youth Ministry Program. Both programs will start in September 2022.

To tell us that you are interested in evangelizing with us, please contact Merry at (408) 879-1120 # 14 or [merry.kaelani@dsj.org](mailto:merry.kaelani@dsj.org)

## Catechetical Formation Registration Opening Soon!



**Catechetical Formation  
Sessions will be held on  
Wednesdays 5 PM – 6:15 PM**

We open registration for ongoing Formation year-round (3rd to 7th grade).

To receive First Eucharist, your child must attend 2-year program. If your child is in 1st grade, this is a good time to enroll them!

**To receive First Eucharist or Confirmation Sacrament in 2023, registration must be done no later than November 1, 2022.**

Please contact Merry at [merry.kaelani@dsj.org](mailto:merry.kaelani@dsj.org) or call 408-879-1120 # 14 for more information.

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Push Through the Challenges to Remain Prayerful

## PERSISTENCE AND PERSEVERANCE

By Michael St. Pierre, Ed.D.

Every once in a while as we leave church, my 18-year-old complains that the homily did not speak “directly” to him as a teenager. While I agree with him that a perfect homily every week which speaks directly to our hearts would be ideal, my Dad-voice chimed in with some words of reason and reality: The homilist must address the Scripture passages of the day, not to mention other themes or liturgical seasons when preparing a homily. And then we found common ground: We both admire and respect our priest.

But this sense of dissatisfaction can well up in any of us from time to time. Situations like this can test our perseverance in our faith lives as well as in other areas of our lives. When things aren’t the way we want it in the way we want it, we can feel like a disgruntled teenager.

The fourth habit of a prayerful person, Persistence and Perseverance, answers the question: “How can I push through the challenges of life and still remain prayerful?”

**Michael St. Pierre, Ed.D.** is the executive director of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association, the founder of Nonprofit Productive and the author of *The Five Habits of Prayerful People: A No-Excuses Guide to Strengthening Your Relationship with God*. To read the rest of PERSISTENCE AND PERSEVERANCE in the series Your Faith - Spiritual Fitness, go to <https://thevalleycatholic.org/persistence-and-perseverance>

## Become a Fully-Initiated Catholic.

Are you curious about becoming Catholic? Or, a Catholic who wishes to receive Confirmation and/or First Eucharist? Or, are you interested in accompanying those that are on this path? Our parish offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our Catholic Christian faith. Weekly sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and later prepare interested individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm, welcoming setting. Weekly sessions begin in the Fall. Please e-mail [rcia@sfcabrini.org](mailto:rcia@sfcabrini.org) or contact Fr. Vincent at 408-879-1120 #12





Our parish school is preparing for the 2022-23 school year. We are pleased to announce that Laura Breiten, our current 8th-grade teacher, has been selected as the Vice Principal. Laura is a veteran teacher who was instrumental in implementing our current advanced math program. She served as the chair of our 2018 WCEA Self-Study and has experience teaching primary, intermediate, and junior high students. Laura earned her master's degree in Educational Leadership from Santa Clara University. I am thrilled that Laura has accepted this new challenge.

Our school is continuing to accept applications for many grades throughout the summer. We have recently added an additional preschool classroom and have openings for 3 and 4 year olds. Financial aide applications are still being considered for grades K-8 on an as-needs basis. Contact Blanche Khoshaba if you are interested in learning more at [Bkhoshaba@sfc-school.org](mailto:Bkhoshaba@sfc-school.org).

We have employment opportunities in our after school Extended Care program. This is a great job for anyone looking for a few hours of work each week between 3:00pm and 6:00pm on school days. The job requires that you enjoy working with children of all ages. Please contact Ronda Clark at [rclark@sfc-school.org](mailto:rclark@sfc-school.org) if interested.

Our office is closed for walk-in business during the month of July, however our Business Manager, Mrs. Bebla, Office Manager, Mrs. Dickey, Development Director, Mrs. Khoshaba, and I are actively answering emails and taking appointments. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with your questions.

**Please save the date: Our Back to School Mass and social is scheduled for 9:30am on August 21.** Please join us and celebrate the new school year.

## Saint Frances Cabrini School

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School Office 408-377-6545

[www.sfc-school.org](http://www.sfc-school.org)

Instagram @sfc-school\_sj

Facebook: <https://bit.ly/sfc-school>



## SAVE THE DATE!!

### SFC Ministry Fair, August 21st

after 9:30AM Mass.

Join us for breakfast in the plaza across from the church following Mass.

Learn about our SFC ministries and organizations!

## Stewardship

In practicing stewardship, we are called to do God's work, to be a steward of the many gifts He has given us. Everything is a gift from God that we should receive gratefully, cherish, and tend responsibly, share with others and return to God with increase. We encourage all to become stewards of His gifts to us. We thank all those who are generous with their gifts of time, talent, and treasure for the growth of our St. Frances Cabrini Parish community and school. "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9: 6-7)

## Your ADA Gifts at Work in Our Diocese & Our Parish

The Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) provides funding for training & support for Parish Staff and Volunteers, Special Diocesan Masses & Events, as well as the ongoing formation for our current and future Priests.

Youth & Young Adult Leader Formation • Institute for Leadership in Ministry • California Catholic Ministry Conference • Catholic Schools Week Mass • Chrism Mass • Saints in the City Awards Banquet • Youth Liturgical Music Leadership Camp • Ongoing Priest Development • V Encuentro • Catholic Green Initiative • Diocesan Layette Program Saint Pius X Catechist Awards Banquet. Visit [www.dsjs.org/ada](http://www.dsjs.org/ada) to see more programs made possible by your gifts.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Are you tech savvy?** Looking for a way to give of your Time and Talent? We need you! Please call the parish office 408-879-1120 #20.



Special Collection Next Week, August 1st • SFC School

## Sunday Collections from July 1 - 15th 2022

Church..... (2 week total) .....\$18,825.00

Budgeted Per Week ..... \$10,500.00

**School** \$471

**Peter's Pence** \$223.00

**Faith Direct**...(2 week total).....\$10,185.00

Budgeted Per Week ..... \$10,500.00

**School** \$1564.00

Thank you for your generous support of  
St. Frances Cabrini Church

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES****Altar Servers**

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