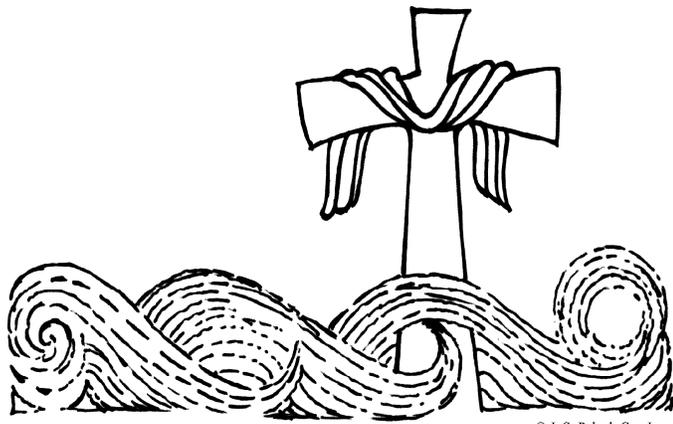




# St. Frances Cabrini Parish

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

*July 24, 2022 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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You were buried with him in baptism,  
in which you were also raised with him  
through faith in the power of God,  
who raised him from the dead.

— Colossians 2:12

**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 (CONFESSION)**  
 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.sfcabrini.org](http://www.sfcabrini.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.

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

## Persistence and Perseverance in Prayer!

Two weeks ago, I was at Notre Dame University, Indiana, participating in a four-day conference organized by School Pastors Institute (SPI). We were about 89 school Pastors from 40 (arch) dioceses across the United States. The conference was very enlightening and enriching. After the conference, I drove to Chicago to visit one of the three National Shrines of St. Frances Cabrini in the United States. The couple of hours I spent at the Shrine was uplifting and inspiring. Of the many endearing virtues of Mother Cabrini, one that was outstanding was her persistence and perseverance in prayer. She believed strongly in the power of prayer and that no prayer goes unanswered; instead, God, in answering our prayers, either grants us our requests or gives us the disposition to accept his will.

Both our first reading (Genesis 18: 20-23) and the Gospel (Luke 11:1-13) this Sunday give us examples of people who prayed with persistence and perseverance. In the first reading, Abraham interceded on behalf of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, leaving us with an exemplary approach to prayer. Similarly, the disciples were edified by Jesus' prayer life and asked him to teach them how to pray. Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer and told them a story to bolster the importance of praying with perseverance and persistence. He also reminded us that God, who loves us infinitely, knows the best for us and answers our prayers according to his best will.

God wants our prayer life to be ongoing and not only when we need something, thereby making him the only God of emergencies. He wants us to pray in season and out of season. Our Catholic traditions have blessed us with different forms (vocal, contemplative, and meditative prayer) and expressions (Adoration-praise, thanksgiving, forgiveness, petitions) of prayers. Of these forms and expressions of prayers, which ones are part of your life? Like the disciples, let us ask the good Lord to help us make prayer part of our daily life and pray with perseverance and persistence. Amen.

We thank these parishioners who serve as members of the SFC Building Committee: **Domenic Onorato, Jim Vergara, Ray Figone, Dave Citrigno, Mike Livingston, Vince Coffaro, Leila Correa, Kristen Sinnott, Jeff Bowman, Sam Nickolas, Joe Piazza, and Maile Figone.** The building committee has been working hard with the parish priests on our parish projects. The current projects we are working on include:

**Relocation of Adoration Chapel** to the library (original baptismal room of the Church)

**Fencing and Gates:** Replace existing electric gate on the Woodard side. Wrought iron fencing and gate across the rectory would complete the grounds' closing. Also, replacing the existing damaged track and concrete for the electric gate of the Camden side.

**Repair** water leak by saw cutting and replacing damaged pipes off Camden side

**SFC Signage:** Update sign with Current mass times by Camden side.

**Replacing** all billboard signage off Camden side with electric marquee signage

**Installation** of new projectors and screens inside the Church.

We will keep you posted on the progress of these and other future endeavors. Please, pray for the successful completion of these projects. **St. Frances Cabrini- Pray for us!**

Mass Intentions  
July 23rd to July 31st, 2022

**SATURDAY**

8:30 am - Wesley Butler, Spec. Int.  
5th Birthday - VD

5:00pm - Rita Montano † - JO

**SUNDAY**

8:00 am - Marcos B. Estrada † - JO

9:30 am - People of the Parish - VD

11:30 am - Everett Girotti † - VD

1:00 pm - Assyrian Mass - RM

5:30 pm - Bonifatio Feliciano, Spec. Int - PS

**MONDAY**

8:30 am - Joseph Orengo Sr. † - VD

**TUESDAY**

8:30 am - Matt and Melissa Shafer, Spec. Int. - VD  
25th Wedding Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 am - Sheridan DeMartini, Spec. Int. - JO  
8th Birthday

**THURSDAY**

8:30 am - Pat Boorn † - JO

**FRIDAY**

8:30 am - Pat Boorn † - VD

**SATURDAY**

8:30 am - Nadia Akiel † - VD

5:00pm - Rita Montano † - 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

JO = Fr. James Okafor • VD = Fr. Vincent Dang  
TM = Fr. Tony Mancuso • PS = Fr. Paul Soukup  
RM = Fr. Robert McKay



The Family Rosary Across America© is a live and interactive radio program bringing together Catholics across the nation to pray the rosary.  
1260 AM KSF8 • 101.7 FM K269FB

**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: **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 408-879-1120 #20.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
- Monday:** St. James
- Tuesday:** Ss. Joachim and Anne
- Friday:** Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
- Saturday:** St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**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)

**LOOK AROUND YOU**

To see the world in a grain of sand  
and a heaven in a wildflower,  
hold infinity in the palm of your hand  
and eternity in an hour. —William Blake

**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**

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Did you know that Mother Cabrini was baptized hours after her birth because she was sickly?



Her whole life, Mother Cabrini suffered from poor health. Maria Francesca Cabrini was born 2 months premature on July 15, 1850, and her parents had her baptized because they feared for her life. As a young adult, two religious communities refused to accept her because of her health. After she founded her community and wanted to found missions outside of Italy, her doctors predicted that she only had a few years to live. Yet, she went on to live over 20 more years and found missions in the United States and Central and South America.

Mother Cabrini's life teaches us how to gracefully accept the crosses we are given and trust God's grace to sustain us in what He is calling us to do. **St. Frances Cabrini -Pray for us!**

**SPEND TIME IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

What we look at has the power to change us. Our eyes are like portals to our imagination. Seeing something has a unique ability to stimulate new thoughts, clarify former ideas and significantly alter our perception. To gaze upon the Grand Canyon, the face of a child or, more problematically, images of war or immoral acts, means we encounter it in a different way than simply hearing about it or reading a description. Our days are filled with a constant barrage of images, videos and other visual stimulants which threaten to overwhelm us and cause us to think only about the here and now, the immediate and, in many cases, the visually pleasurable. As an antidote to the visual storm of the world, the Church has always used imagery to tell the story of salvation history. That is the genesis of the beautiful stained glass windows in so many of our churches, and beautiful art such as the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Ultimately, though, no art, architecture or image can replace gazing upon the face of Christ in prayer, and eucharistic adoration offers us a unique opportunity to do just that.

St. Teresa of Calcutta was famous for inviting everyone to encounter Jesus in the "distressing disguise of the poor," but she was also known for spending significant time, every day, adoring, imploring and loving Jesus in the Eucharist. "Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and he will fill you with his strength and power," she said.

To read more on "Adoration" by Pete Burak, go to <https://thevalleycatholic.org/spend-time-eucharistic-adoration>

Pete Burak is the director of i.d.9:16, the young adult outreach of Renewal Ministries.



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.

If ...Your baptism calls you to share in a ministry that Jesus started.

You believe that our children are the present and the future of our Church,

You love sharing your faith and want to grow together with children in our community,

Then join our Catechetical and Youth Ministry!

You will have opportunities to attend courses and training from the Diocese and learn about teaching techniques from other catechists while growing virtues and knowledge of Catholic teachings. You will be planting seeds of faith and handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives!

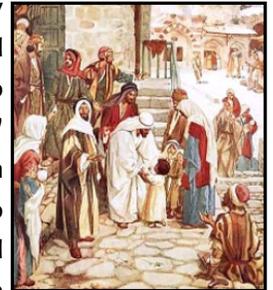
To be a catechist, you must:

- Have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Complete 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.
- Be available for 1.5 hours weekly (Wednesday evening) commitment for Catechetical Formation Program or 2.5 hours bi-weekly (2 Sundays / month after Youth Mass) commitment for Youth Ministry Program. Both programs will start in September 2022.

**Continued next column**

#### Cont. "Become a Catechist"

"It takes a village to raise a child" is an African proverb that means that an entire community of people must provide for and interact positively with children for those children to grow in a safe and healthy environment. It takes parents and catechists to raise children who will accept and follow Jesus' teaching. Let's walk together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to accompany our children to a joyful life in Christ. To tell us that you are



interested in evangelizing with us, please contact Merry at (408) 879-1120 #14x. or merry.kaelani@dsj.org She'll be excited to welcome you to our team!



*National Catholic Youth Conference November 10-12, 2022*  
 NCYC is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. NCYC is the premiere Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from all across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ.

#### 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 application are still being considered for grades K-8 on a needs basis. Contact Blanche Khoshaba if you are interested in learning more at [Bkhoshaba@sfcshool.org](mailto:Bkhoshaba@sfcshool.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@sfcshool.org](mailto:rclark@sfcshool.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.

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### 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.

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**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**SFC Ministry Fair, August 21st**  
 after 9:30AM Mass.  
 Join us for breakfast after Mass  
 in the plaza across from the church and  
 learn about our SFC ministries and organizations.



**Listen to the Voice of Creation**  
 SEASON OF CREATION 2022

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many have become familiar with the concept of being muted in conversations. Many voices are muted in public

discourse around climate change and the ethics of Earth-keeping. These are voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change. These are voices of people who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of a diminishing diversity of more-than-human species. It is the voice of the Earth. Go to [www.dsj/seasonofcreation.org/](http://www.dsj/seasonofcreation.org/)

### 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.





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**The SFC Parish Staff Retreat - July 18, 2022**

The SFC office staff along with Fr. James and Fr. Vincent, went on a day retreat this last Monday, to St Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista. It was a great time of prayer, reflection, fun, and team building.

**Sunday July 31st at 11:00am in the Essig Hall**

Join the Saint Frances Cabrini Community for a church luncheon. All proceeds benefit SFC church and school.

Hosted by the Assyrian Catholic Community

We want you there! Discounted tix! **Vocations Soccer Cup.** July 30, 2022 at Mitty Highschool. \$10 Adult - \$5 child. **If you went to the REVs vs SEMS Game last month you know how fun these events are!!** Tickets are available in the parish office or by going online to <https://www.dsj.org/event/vocations-soccer-cup/>



**Check it out!**

You can now find SFC's Church and Calendar online by going to

<https://sfcabrini.org/calendar/>



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