

St. Frances Cabrini Parish

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

December 25th 2022 • The Nativity of the Lord



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 website under
Sacraments / Baptism for more information. If you have
questions call Merry Kaelani at 408-879-1120 #14.

Next Baptismal Preparation Class is on January 16, 2023

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 - SFC Emergency Line: 408-912-0440

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Tuesday • Wednesday • Thursday

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I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. ~ Philippians 4:13

Christmas Is Here!

We are gathered here with joy to begin the celebration of the birth of Christ- Christmas. Christmas is a celebration of the great mystery of our faith. The mystery of incarnation, God coming to become one with us so that we could become one with God. It is the celebration of God's great love for us from creation. The mystery of Christmas is the most remarkable event of humanity. Little wonder that the years of history are calculated either before or after the birth of Christ- BC & AD.

Christmas invites us to welcome and recognize God's presence in our lives with joy. He is Emmanuel - God is with us. God's presence reminds us constantly of the great love through which He created us and invited us always to be with Him. The word spoken through the patriarchs and prophets is now dwelling with us. It is a presence that boosts our confidence and endurance amidst the storms of life. The joy of this season has to be grounded on the acceptance of God's gift of Himself to us and His ever-dwelling presence among us.

While wishing each other a merry Christmas, let us continue to live and share this joy through a life of gratitude, generosity, and recognition of God's presence. We, the priests (Frs. James, Vincent, Paul, & Robert) who minister here at SFC, wish you and your families a joy-filled Christmas and the blessings of the coming year. **St. Frances Cabrini- Pray for us!**

Congratulations on your retirement, Sue!

Sue moved from Chicago to San Jose in 1981 with her husband, Jim and her 1 year old son, Eddie. In no time, Sue joined Las Madres and Activity Group. From these, she gained life-long friends and kid playmates that she and her family still see today! Camping with these groups was a constant activity and there is one group that still goes to New Brighton every year.

Sue has 2 children, Eddie (42) and Jen (40) who both attended SFC. Sue was always on campus-volunteering in almost every capacity. She was the school nurse, flower arranging instructor, field trip driver, Girl Scout leader, Boy Scout den mom; you name it --she did it! People always knew when Sue was on campus because the trademark maroon 1984 Ford Club Wagon would be in the parking lot. With the parish, she was the wedding coordinator for many years (still has all of the wedding favors too!) She was also Eucharistic minister and would bring hosts to patients in the hospital.

In more recent years, Sue has been blessed with 4 grandchildren: Sheridan (8), Samantha (7), Wesley (5), and Lorelei (4). And every week since the birth of the first, she has been able to spend Tuesdays with the grandkids. A day she cherishes. Sue and Jim recently celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary this past November.

Sue is kind, thoughtful, dependable, and never hesitates to help. If you need something done-, ask Sue. While she may be retiring from the workforce, you can bet she will not be sitting still. She will continue to touch people's lives in various capacities, all the while smiling and saying "no problem". SFC school and parish was her home in many ways, but Sue's family is quite eager to have her all to themselves!

Congratulations on your retirement, Sue! Thank you for all the years of dedicated service and endless compassion. May your next chapter when you retire December 31st, 2022, bring you much peace and happiness! You will be missed! (Go Sharks!)



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 9:30 to 10:30am and again at 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Mass Intentions

December 25th 2022 to January 1st, 2023

- SAT:** 8:30 am - Felicidad Mendija † - VD
5:00 pm - Children’s Christmas Mass - JO
10:00pm -Roberta Solie † - VD
- SUN:** 8:00 am - Margaret Jasper † - JO
9:30 am - People of the Parish - PS
11:30 am -Tom Howden † - RM
1:00 pm - Assyrian Mass - VD
5:30 pm - Lorraine Basuino † - VD
- MON:** 8:30 am - For our Christmas Flower Donors
- TUES:** 8:30 am - Frank and Lorraine Basuino †
Peter Jeong †
- WED:** 8:30 am - Sue Butler, Spec. Int. Congratulations
- THURS:** 8:30 am - David Mower †
- FRI:** 8:30 am - For children of domestic abuse
- SAT:** 8:30 am - Joan Darcy Kuenzli †
5:00 pm - Roberta Solie †
- SUN:** 8:00 am - David Mower †
9:30 am - People of the Parish
11:30 am -Carol Anderson †
1:00 pm - Assyrian Mass
5:30 pm - The O’Connell Family, Spec. Int. Healing

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

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).
Psalm — The whole world has seen God’s salvation (Psalm 98).
Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God’s being (Hebrews 1:1-6).
Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

WINTER WILD

It was winter wild
While the Heav’n-born child
All meanly wrapt in the rude manger lies.
—John Milton, On the Morning of Christ’s Nativity

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: **Christine Vodicka, Janice Jones, Aaron James Sosa, Alice Bonvechio, Denise Duvall, Elizabeth, Aaron James Sosa Gutierrez, Bill Cerrato, Kelly Gibson, Maddox Vasquez, Chris Aguilar, Elvira Canales, Jim Butler, Bill Smith, Audrey Schenck, 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.

WHAT ALL THE WAITING HAS BEEN FOR

Today’s readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul’s letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Monday:** St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
- Tuesday:** St. John
- Wednesday:** The Holy Innocents
- Thursday:** St. Thomas Becket;
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
- Friday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Saturday:** St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel
- Isaiah 7:10-14

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

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. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/guadalupe-the-miracle-and-the-message>

Click on the link below to read the Story of the Apparitions:

<https://vivaguadalupe.org/story-of-the-apparitions>



JANUARY DATE NIGHT- THE VIRTUES for COUPLES

"As a couple grows in virtue, they grow in holiness."

Saturday, January 21, 7-9 pm in the St. Frances Cabrini Church Parish Center Join us as we continue the series "The Virtues for Couples." This month we'll be discussing JUSTICE – the source of peace and harmony in our homes.

Please bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage to share. Free babysitting with RSVP by Wednesday, Jan. 18. Contact Chris and Ann Aguilar at aguilarbus@yahoo.com or (408) 748-4761.

Date Night is a monthly gathering for Engaged and Married Couples offering opportunities to meet other couples, learn about God's plan for marriage and spend quality time with the one you love. Each month has a different topic, so join us when you can!

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be prayed after the Rosary following 8:30 AM Wednesday Masses, except the first Wednesday of the month.

DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023

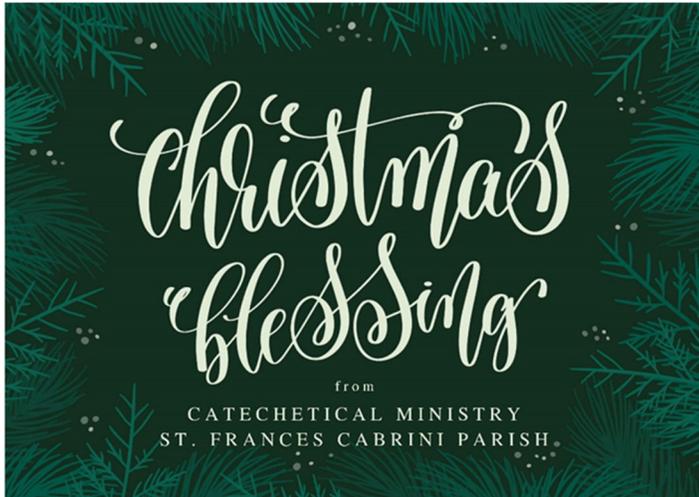
As we prepare for our Diocesan Synod 2023, Bishop Cantu has asked that all Catholics in the diocese to join in praying for the success of our diocesan synod and for the growth and deepening of the Catholic faith in our diocese.

Our 50th Jubilee of the Diocese of San Jose in 2031 happily coincides with the 500th anniversary of Mary's appearance and message to St. Juan Diego, which set in motion an unimaginable, unforeseen, dynamic evangelization of the Americas where previously response to the Gospel message had been rather limited. Through her presence, message, and intercession, the Gospel message spread deeply and broadly.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, let us ask the Lord to guide us and to accompany us, to give us renewed strength and determination in facing the challenges ahead as we proclaim and live the Gospel.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

The prayer to Saint Joseph will be prayed after the 8:30 AM Mass on the first Wednesday of the month.



As we celebrate Christmas, we celebrate the coming of Jesus, the source of joy, peace, and love. So many things have happened in our lives up to this very moment. But of all the moments we felt uneasy going through, we always find hope in a new beginning. The birth of Christ is a celebration of new hope, the celebration of God's incarnation in Jesus, the greatest gift from God for us.

To end the 2022 year in our Faith Formation program, we had a friendly gathering with families and the catechists. It was an evening where the students and their families met with each other and enjoyed the delicious food they brought to share with all. We filled the evening with getting-to-know-more conversations; kids, and teens shared jokes and laughter, accompanied by soft Christmas music. It was a lovely evening. It was a gift for our Ministry.

Fr. James took his time from his busy day, joined us, blessed the families, and said grace for the meal. He reminded us that we are thankful for the families who trusted our program to guide their children in growing their faith. He thanked all the catechists for their dedication to teaching the children.

I am incredibly grateful for the tremendous support I receive from the catechists. They are an everyday Christmas gift for me. They come every week not just with the lesson plan but with a love to create activities to make the children learn and enjoy each session.

My prayer is that all of us will feel God's presence throughout this holiday season; as we receive the gift from God, may we become a gift to one another.

Peace, Joy, and love to you all!

Merry

A Christmas Blessing

May all the days of all the years
That God has still in store
Be filled with every joy and grace
To bless you more and more;
May hope of heart and peace of mind
Beside you ever stay
And that's the golden wish I have
For you, this
Christmas Day!

Our Lady of Guadalupe • Littlest Saints

A boy, his sneakers, and a giant sombrero take up the story of St. Juan Diego's miraculous encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary. How far will Our Lady ask him to reach out in faith, trust, and confidence?

[Watch Episode 1 of Littlest Saints](#)



There is great content to be heard on Formed. [Check it out!](#)



Check out SFC's beautiful new website!

<https://sfcabrini.org/>

SFC Building Project Update

Construction crews have been hard at work finishing up the outside walkway, ADA ramps, and flower beds of the church. Railings for the new steps on the Woodard Rd. side of the church should be completed by next week. Just in time for Christmas. The clean-up, planting, framing, and pouring of concrete curbs will be underway on the Camden side of the property. We are hopeful this can be completed by



Projects going forward

- Confessionals
- Gates & Fencing
- Electric Marquee Sign
- Sealing of Parking Lot
- Security System
- Adoration Chapel
- Exterior ADA Door for New Adoration Chapel Entrance
- Walkway on Camden Side of Church
- Church Carpeting
- Heating & Air Conditioning Unit in Church
- Clean Up of the Red Barn & surrounding area



Do Not Reply to Scammers!!

If you receive an email that appears to be from one of our priests here at SFC, asking you to take some kind of unusual action – click a link or download an attachment you didn't request, wire money to a specified account, purchase gift cards and reply with the serial numbers, or simply to reply quickly, watch out! (and do not reply!) Please be vigilant and even be skeptical of emails such as these. Our priests will never email you with such requests.



- 12/28/22** Funeral Mass / Lillian Harrington / 11:00am
- 1/1/23** Happy New Year!
- 1/6/23** First Friday Adoration
- 1/8/23** Revs vs Sems Basketball Challenge / St. Francis HS

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)



Diocese of San José 2021-22 Impact Report

This past year, as we wrestled with the global pandemic and the inequalities and divisions in our communities, we continued "growing together in faith" and shining the light of Christ throughout our diocese. In this annual Impact Report, you will read how the Chancery, the diocese's central administration, worked to support the parishes and Catholic schools in the Diocese of San José. Learn more by viewing our [Impact Report](#) for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

SAVE THE DATE

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Saturday, January 8, 2023

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