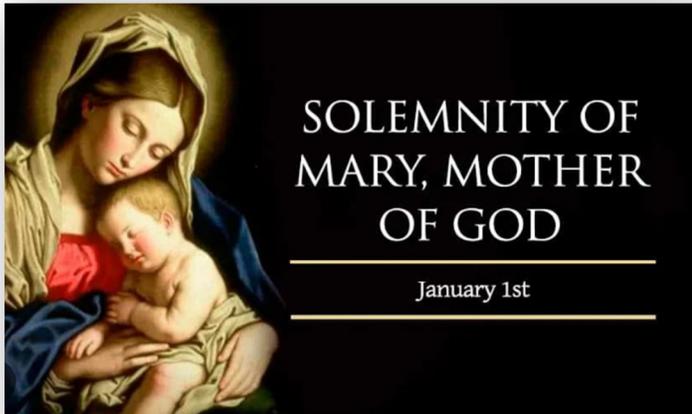


St. Frances Cabrini Parish

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

January 1, 2023 • Mary, the Holy Mother of God



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

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

Mary, Mother of God And Peace-Pray for us!

Seven days ago, we celebrated Christmas, the birth of Jesus. The feast today honors Mary, especially as the Mother of God. If Jesus is the son of God as we believe and profess, Mary undoubtedly is the mother of God. As Catholics, we honor Mary following the honor given to her by God through the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation. Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan. She has a special relationship with the Blessed Trinity as a daughter to God the Father, mother to God the Son, and spouse to God the Holy Spirit. The Church continues to honor Mary. The Church implores her maternal intercession in her devotions and liturgy. She remains the mother of God and the mother of the Church.

Today's gospel (Luke 2:16-21) reads, "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." This helps us to reflect on one of her enduring virtues, continual prayer, which is not devoid of contemplation- hearts pondering things. In Mary's life, we learn different forms of prayer (vocal, mediation & contemplation) and different expressions of prayer (praise, thanksgiving, contrition/ forgiveness & supplication/petition. Prayers and devotions to Mary should have an interior disposition, which should help us to live a good and exemplary Christian life.

Mary is also the mother of peace. He gave birth to the prince of peace (Isaiah 9:5), who brought a hymn of peace to angels (Luke 2:14) and taught about peace in his beatitudes, and called peacemakers the children of God (Matthew 5:9). Today is the World Day of Peace. Our first reading (Numbers 6: 22-27) includes peace as what comes with the blessing of God. Our world needs peace at different levels. Peace with oneself gives room for peace with other people. Let us pray that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of peace, we grow in peace of hearts and minds and be instruments of peace in our world. Amen.

St. Frances Cabrini- Pray for us!



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 31st 2022 to January 8th, 2023

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

MON: 8:30 am - Fr. Bob Kiefer †

TUES: 8:30 am - Janice Jones †

WED: 8:30 am - People of the Parish

THURS: 8:30 am - People of the Parish

FRI: 8:30 am - Kevin J. Ryan †

SAT: 8:30 am - People of the Parish
5:00 pm - People of the Parish

SUN: 8:00 am - Benjamin Nguyen †
9:30 am - People of the Parish
Anna Taormina †
11:30 am - John Pernick †
1:00 pm - Assyrian Mass
5:30 pm - Frank and Elyse Guyre, Spec. Int.

JO = Fr. James Okafor • VD = Fr. Vincent Dang
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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, 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.

BLESSINGS

Today’s readings include another account of the story of Jesus’ birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God’s Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God’s Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing. © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;
World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year’s Day
Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday: St. John Neumann
Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday
Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday;
Julian Calendar Christmas

First Friday Adoration - January 6th, 2023

- ◆ 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

First Saturday Devotions

Join us in the Church on Saturday, January 6th at 8:00 AM for Rosary Procession and 8.30 AM Mass in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Detention Ministry
Victim Services
Reentry Services

"I was in prison and you visited me... I tell you whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me!"

— Matthew 25:36, 40

Detention Ministry: Serving the 5 Santa Clara County Jails.

Victim Services: Victim Street Ministry & Talking Circles for those who have lost loved ones to murder.

Re-entry Services: Journaling for the incarcerated, those who have been released from custody, and their families.

If these ministries interest you, contact Lee Campbell 408-983-0131 or email leland.campbell@dsj.org

On our Patroness: St. Frances Cabrini (1850-1917).**Feast Day: November 13th**

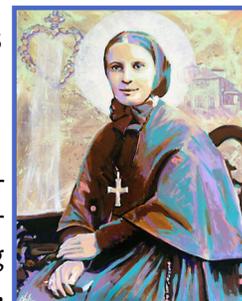
Did you know that Mother Cabrini described her Confirmation as a major turning point in her life? At the time, children were confirmed before they received their First Communion. Maria Francesca was confirmed on July 1, 1857, when she was 7 years old. In her adult life, she described a mystical experience 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!**Prayer to the Holy Family by Pope Francis**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.



New Year of Favor

(Based on Isaiah 61:1-2)

“The Spirit of the Lord
God is upon me.” Consider
the ways God’s Spirit has
been upon you in the past
year.



In what ways has that Spirit
carried you and opened you
up in new and surprising ways?

“... because he has anointed me to bring good
news to the afflicted ...”

We are surrounded on a daily basis with sour news. As
you look around and witness the afflictions of despair,
cynicism, and fear, how might you be a messenger of
hope, affirmation, and joy?

“... to bind up the brokenhearted ...”

Many people have endured various forms of loss this
past year. Some involve the actual deaths of loved
ones, while others suffer the grief of broken dreams,
shattered relationships, and an uncertain future. How
might you “bind the wounds” of others through words
and gestures of comfort and consolation?

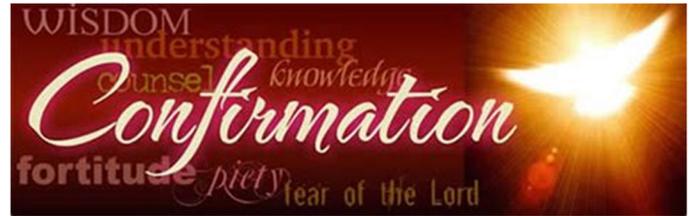
“... to announce a year of favor from the Lord.”

As a new year begins, what will you embrace as you
cross its threshold?

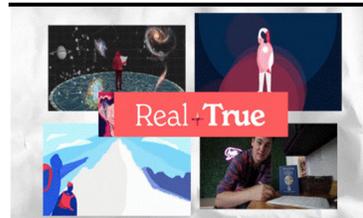
Ponder the kindness, courtesy, and gift you resolve to
accept and pass along to others in the days, weeks, and
months ahead.

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The Catechetical Ministry wishes you all...



Our parish offers adults an opportunity to come
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Pentecost. You are welcome to participate in the
process with your questions, insights, and faith story in
a warm, welcoming setting. Weekly sessions begin with
an information session on 31 January, and continue on
Sundays at 10:30am. Please register at [https://
sfcabrini.org/ministries/rcia/](https://sfcabrini.org/ministries/rcia/), or contact Fr. Vincent at
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SFC's FilAm Group would like to thank those who came and celebrated Simbang Gabi with them on December 21st and 22nd. Your continued support appreciated!
Salamat po!



Upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

When was the last time you did something really special together, just for the two of you? Make the time to enrich and renew your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For over 50 years thousands of married couples of all ages have grown in their love and appreciation of each other. Local 2023 weekends will be held at St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista, Feb. 24-26 and Sept. 29-Oct. 1. For more information or to register please go to wwme.org or call Ken & Claranne at 408-782-1413.

Check out SFC's beautiful new website!

<https://sfcabrini.org/>

NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul. — G. K. Chesterton

Rosary & Faith Talk Luncheon



GHS' is inviting you to our January 13th Rosary & Faith Talk Luncheon on Friday January 13th at 11:30AM with Fr. Andrew C. Nguyen, Pastor of St. Thomas of Canterbury Church and Director of Vocations with the SJD. Register to attend either in person at the Santa Maria Hall or virtually at <https://rosaryjanuary1323.eventbrite.com> Call or email to reserve your seat at the Hall. 408-447-5433 admin@ghswomenscenter.com

- 1/01/23 Happy New Year!
- 1/06/23 First Friday Adoration
- 1/06/23 Bingo / Doors open at 5:00pm
- 1/07/23 First Saturday Devotions
- 1/08/23 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)

21 / 22 IMPACT REPORT

Year of Prayer

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.



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