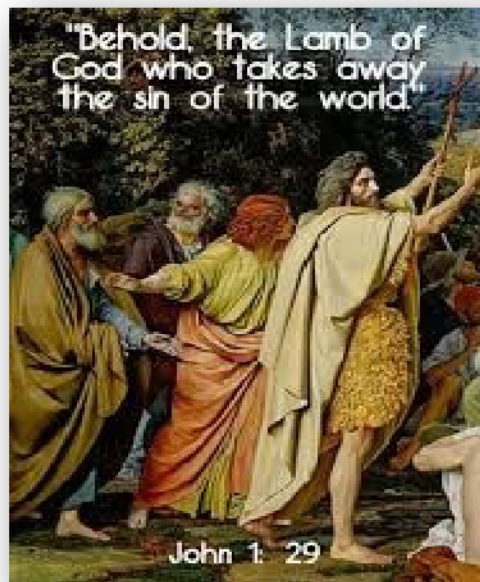


St. Frances Cabrini Parish

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

January 15, 2023 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

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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 February, 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.



St. Frances Cabrini Parish

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday • Wednesday • Thursday

9:00am to 3:00pm

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

In any good story, the author gives a hint at the beginning – a clue about how the story will resolve itself. At the outset of his gospel account St. Matthew records that when John the Baptist observes Jesus he announces: “There is the Lamb of God!” Within the Christian faith, the lamb of God has become a powerful symbol. Our attention is drawn to the sacrifice of lambs and to their innocence and purity. Jesus was without sin - the perfect lamb whose sacrifice offers forgiveness and redemption.

Perhaps John was proclaiming: “Your prophets dreamed of the one who was to love and suffer and die for the people; that one has come.” It was suddenly revealed to John that Jesus was none other than the Son of God. Jesus became a lamb led to the slaughter to show the depth of God’s love for us. Our response to this overture of God’s love for us in Jesus is to love like He did. Sin is the opposite - we fail to love. When we say “I have sinned” – it’s not that we have broken a rule, a regulation, a law – it is the breaking of another person’s heart. We have broken a person, we have nailed him to the cross.

For this reason, the Agnus Dei is sung during the breaking of the consecrated Host at Mass. St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) preached of how this breaking symbolized the Passion of Jesus – how He suffered for us, and also how his sacrificial death is a victory. This triumph is further emphasized when the priest holds up the fractured Host and says, “This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.”

When we celebrate the mysteries of the Mass, we look to the Lamb who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. We gather around the altar of the Lamb, offering to Him our hearts and pledging our love, so that we may welcome Him and become united to Him in the Holy Eucharist. Agnus Dei!



Why lay leadership?

The Second Vatican Council called for the full and active participation of the faithful. In his apostolic exhortation *Christifidelis Laici* (January 1989), Pope John Paul II writes: “the lay faithful must take an active, conscious, and responsible part in the mission of the Church.” The Institute for Leadership in Ministry serves to prepare members of the Catholic laity from the Diocese of San Jose for leadership in the Church.



What is the Institute?

The Institute’s core program is a three-year course of studies which provides a foundation in Catholic theology, spirituality, education and training in leadership.

Foundational to the Institute is that all are called by virtue of baptism, to use our gifts to build the Reign of God. Those whose talents include the ability to lead must be theologically trained and pastorally formed. The Institute has trained individuals for leadership in the Diocese of San Jose since 1997.

In addition to the core program, the Institute shares the responsibility for the Advanced Lay Leadership Formation and the training and formation of Permanent Deacons.

Classes begin September 2023. Please see the [Admissions Page](#) for more information.

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

January 14th to January 22nd, 2023

SAT: 8:30 am - Phillip Mira † - VD
5:00 pm - Trisna Mardy and Subro Sorenson,
Spec Int. - DO

SUN: 8:00 am - David Arena † - PS
9:30 am - People of the Parish - ME
Salvatore Rancadore †
11:30 am - ICF Members Living and Deceased - RM
Ed Bertaccini †
Janice Jones †
1:00 pm - Assyrian Mass - VD
5:30 pm - Kevin C. Ryan † - Kevin J. Ryan † - VD

MON: 8:30 am - Paul Yllana † - VD

TUES: 8:30 am - Donald Okler † - VD

WED: 8:30 am - James Hudson † - ME

THURS: 8:30 am - Theodora Avakoff † - DO

FRI: 8:30 am - David Arena † - VD

SAT: 8:30 am - Jack and Jean Scheffer † - JO
5:00 pm - Janice Jones † - RM

SUN: 8:00 am - Ed Bettaccini † - VD
9:30 am - People of the Parish - VD
Janice Jones †
11:30 am - Arturo Perez Castro † - PS
1:00 pm - Assyrian Mass - JO
5:30 pm - Connor Metz † - JO

JO = Fr. James Okafor • VD = Fr. Vincent Dang
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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: **Randal James Farrington, 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, 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.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Calendars

Perhaps you noticed that this year we didn't celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after Epiphany (today), but instead on last Monday, the day after Epiphany. Why the shift? It all has to do with regional calendars. Within certain general boundaries, every national conference of bishops is able to set its own liturgical calendar according to how it is felt to benefit the people in that region most. So, for example, the Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated January 6 on the Church's universal calendar. But the bishops of the United States decided that, for the benefit of the faithful, it would be better for Epiphany to be celebrated on a Sunday every year.

So here in the States we see Epiphany's date vary from January 2 to January 8. The biggest problem this presents is that the Baptism of the Lord, which is normally celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, would push back the whole liturgical calendar by a week on the years when the Sunday celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 7 or 8, putting the U.S. out of sync with the rest of the Catholic world at least until Lent. To avoid that scenario, the U. S. bishops decreed that in those years the Baptism of the Lord would fall on the Monday after Epiphany, leaving the rest of the calendar intact.
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: St. Anthony
Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
Saturday: St. Agnes

Guadalupe Hope Society invites you to our February 10th Rosary & Faith Talk Luncheon on Friday February 10th at 11:30AM with Fr. Joe Kim, Pastor of St. John Vianney Church. He will speak on "Our Lady of Lourdes". Register to attend either in person at the Santa Maria Hall or virtually at <https://rosaryfebruary1023.eventbrite.com>

Call or email to reserve your seat at the Hall. 408-447-5433 admin@ghswomenscenter.com



Young Adults Mass - Sunday, February 4th at 11:30am Mass. The Mass will be followed by brunch at the Parish Center. Please enter at the Rose Garden gate next to the carport. See you there!



Our parish offers adults an opportunity to come together in a small group on Sundays to learn more about our Catholic Christian faith. Nine (9) weekly sessions prepare interested individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of First Eucharist and later Confirmation at 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 Sunday January 29th, and continue on Sundays at 10:30am.** Please register at <https://sfcabrini.org/ministries/rcia/>, or contact Fr. Vincent at 408-879-1120 #12.



The parishioners of St Frances Cabrini are invited to join with the veterans of Santa Clara county on **Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 10:00am** in the church to attend a "Four Chaplains Interfaith Memorial Service" in tribute to four military chaplains, each of a differing faith, who calmed the

fears and handed out life jackets to numerous soldiers aboard their torpedoed troop ship. Each. Each of these 4 chaplains gave his own life preserver to a young soldier as their ship was slipping below the waves. They were last seen arm-in-arm in prayer. These four men gave their life to eternity for their God, country, and fellow man. We welcome you to join us on February 4th to honor their sacrifice.

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.

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

Prayers from the Retreat Notes of St. Frances Cabrini



For Discernment: My Jesus, I have not always recognized your loving plans for me. Every day, with the help of your light I learn more about your loving care. Continue to increase my awareness of the gentleness of your loving plans. I want to follow the purpose for which I was created. See, I am in your hands. Help me to choose the best way to serve you. Walk with me, Jesus. Stay by my side and guide me! Amen

For Anxiety- Jesus, fortify me with the grace of your Holy Spirit and give your peace to my soul that I may be free of all needless anxiety, solicitude, and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to You so that your will may be my own. Amen

Surrender to Jesus- My loving Jesus, I enclose myself to you and surrender myself completely in your loving Heart...Enlighten my mind with a ray of your light, move my heart and soul and make me do whatever pleases you and is for your greater glory. Jesus, I love you so much... but I am so weak that in my ignorance and sinfulness I still do not know how to correspond, even partially, to all the special graces and loving tenderness with which you surround me. I will think of you and rest in you, my beloved Jesus. Behold your servant — do with me whatever you want! Amen

St. Frances Cabrini- Pray for us!

Adoration outside of First Fridays

(The 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 please call the parish office.

You can find First Friday's schedule online at

www.sfcabrini.org/adoration

Baptism is a mystery of God's love.

The New Year is a time that many of us use to restructure our lives. We reorganize priorities and we make resolutions and construct plans for what we want to achieve in the coming year; we take the changing of the year as an opportune time point to 'reset' our lives in order to reach new goals.

But when is the 'reset' point for us as Christians? Yup! Many of us will answer "It's the day when we were baptized". If given the time to sit and reflect on our lives going from one year to the next, I think we all could agree that life is very much a mystery. We create plans and take actions to enact those plans to achieve our goals. But we are seldom certain if our plans will go the way we expect or desire. The good thing is, even though we know that life is a mystery, if we carefully make the necessary preparations to execute our plans, we have enough confidence to generate expectations. Making plans to achieve goals involves using the resources we have (talents, strengths, knowledge, materials, people around us, etc.). The more we utilize accessible resources to achieve our goals, the more often we can attain our goals, or at the very least get closer to them.

The same ideas can be applied to Baptism. Baptism is a mystery for each one of us. In theology we understand that the Baptism is God's gift to free us from original sin. Being baptized also means a way to say yes to God's love.

We answered yes to our baptisms; we answered yes to be called "children of God"; we answered yes to be Christ followers. We responded to God's call.

Through the Baptism, we received the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is with us at all times, ready to lead us to walk in the new life. With the Holy Spirit in us, we are gifted with many resources that we can use to reach our goals as children of God. We are loved by God in every way. Through grace that is freely given to us, we have faith that everything will eventually be good in our lives.

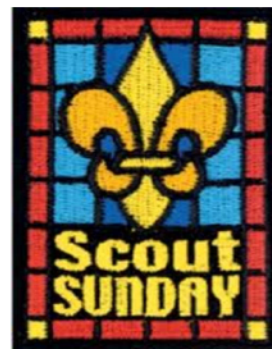
Without God's love, we are nothing. God's love is what enables us to live, to love, and to do good in the world. For this, we need to exercise our gratitude for being Catholic. We can only truly be thankful once we realize that we can do nothing without God. Baptism means we receive the call to be Christ follower. We are plunged into the intriguing mystery of the incarnation of God in Jesus. Baptism is not just one social or family gathering event. It is God's work of showing love to humanity. It defines who we are as Christians. It challenges us to be true to our calling, to follow Jesus daily with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live every day for the glory of the Father, to live every day as a member of the Catholic Church, for each of us to live as Catholics.

Let us make our new year resolution as Christ followers, to achieve our goals as Christians by using the gift of the Spirit who is already in us.

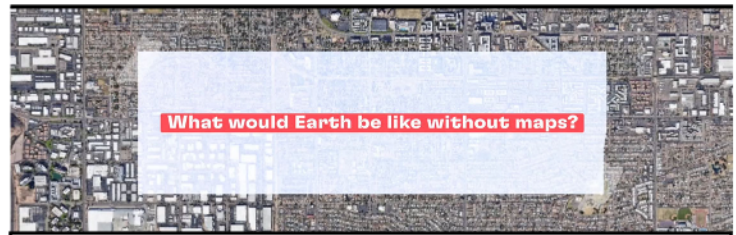
I am grateful to be assigned to help the Baptisms in our parish. Every time parents send me a Baptism request, I am reminded of the joy I feel from the partaking of this mystery of God's love to another person.

Please look at our website for the Baptism process for children under the age of seven. Our next Baptism Preparation Class is tomorrow, February 27th.

Merry Kaelani



On Sunday, February 5th, please join us in celebrating Scout Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. All scouting groups (BSA, Girl Scouts, etc) and individual scouts from the parish are welcome to join the procession in their uniforms. Please contact Elizabeth Drew (Elizabeth.Drew@gmail.com) to coordinate. SFC's Pack 334 will be hosting donuts following Mass.

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Maps are arguably one of the most important human inventions ever, and also probably one of the oldest. Why are humans so fascinated with knowing where we are and where we're going?

When we make mental maps we are concerned about how things are connected, on how places are located in relationship to each other. A map tells you your place in the world, and helps you find where you are going.

We couldn't help but wonder what if maps aren't enough? What if they are a sign of a deeper desire?

Watch [this video](#) to explore the origin of maps, the psychology behind making them, and what clues it gives us about human nature.

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Dr. Gray and Cardinal Pell sit down to discuss the cardinal's time in prison, the journal he kept throughout, and the meaning of redemptive suffering. The cardinal's incredible journey is an inspiration to all who seek to keep the faith amidst persecution and a desire to unite all suffering to the redemptive Cross of our Lord. Click here to watch [An Interview with Cardinal Pell](#) from Formed.org

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1/21/23 First Saturday Devotions / CH
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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. "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9: 6-7)

SFC DateNight

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 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.



A collection of talks in which women encourage and support one another in the vocation of Catholic motherhood. <https://watch.formed.org/catholic-moms-summit>

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