

St. Frances Cabrini Parish

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

November 27th 2022 • First Sunday in Advent



All the peoples shall stream toward the
LORD'S house - Isaiah 2:1-5

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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



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

Be Prepared!

“When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 524)

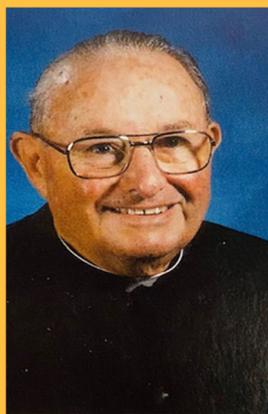
The Church’s five liturgical seasons (Advent, Christmas, Easter, Lent, and Ordinary Time) that begin with Advent avail us grace opportunities through their liturgy, spirituality, and theology. Advent is a grace-filled season in which we prepare to celebrate the most significant event in human history; the incarnation- the birth of Christ- Christmas. The readings of this season will always invite us to prepare for this great feast.

In this season of Advent, we read about two prophets: Prophet Isaiah, who prophesied about the coming of Christ and his mission as the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:5-6), and Prophet John the Baptist, the precursor, and the forerunner of Christ, who announced and called for immediate preparation for Christ’s coming, which the Gospel of Matthew today invites us to be prepared for the coming Jesus Christ. At the foundation of the preparation for Christ’s coming is what St. Paul invites us to do in the second reading: “Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

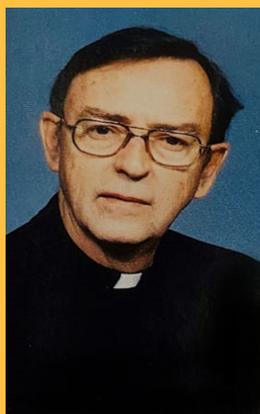
Jesus is the Light of the World. The uniqueness of the Advent wreath and candles for this season of preparation invites us to allow the light of Christ to overcome every darkness in our lives so that we become children of light. As we look at the light of the advent candle, let it be a reminder that Christ wants his presence to shine in our hearts so that now and always, we are prepared to be the light of the world. Amen. **St. Frances Cabrini- Pray for us!**

Pray in Memory

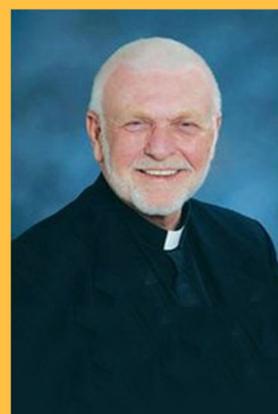
As we pray in this month of November for All Souls, let us remember, in particular, the Pastors of St. Frances Cabrini who have died.



Rev. Robert G. Essig,
Pastor (1955-1987)



Rev. Alfred R. Kelly,
Pastor (1987-1994)



Rev. Robert Kiefer,
Pastor (1997-2010)

Mass Intentions

November 26th - December 4th 2022

SAT:	8:30 am - Chuck and Carmel Ross, Spec. Int. - JO 3:30 pm - Confession - PS 5:00 pm - Estelita Bayuga, Spec. Int. - PS
SUN:	8:00 am - Sue Butler, Birthday - PS 9:30 am - People of the Parish - VD 11:30 am Arturo Perez † - VD 1:00 pm - Assyrian Mass - JO 5:30 pm - Bobbi Luchetta † - JO
MON:	8:30 am - Dorothy Fennewald † - VD
TUES:	8:30 am - Neil Correa † - VD
WED:	8:30 am - Margrat Paul † - JO
THURS:	8:30 am - Pete Gallo †
FRI:	8:30 am - Anna Keever, Spec. Int. 7:00 pm - SFC Parish Community
SAT:	8:30 am - Fr. Tony Mancuso, Anniversary of Ordination 3:30 pm - Confession - 5:00 pm - Karen Dziuba †
SUN:	8:00 am - Alice Bonvechio, Spec. Int. 9:30 am - People of the Parish 11:30 am Margaret Jasper † 1:00 pm - Assyrian Mass 5:30 pm - Howard Revels †

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

First Friday - December 2nd

- ◆ 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

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: **Alice Bonvechio, Denise Duvall, Elizabeth, Aaron James Sosa Gutierrez, Bill Cerrato, Kelly Gibson, Maddox Vasquez, Alice Bonvechio, 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.

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

Monday, Dec. 5th at 7:00pm
SFC Parish-wide Advent Reconciliation

Purpose and Symbolism of the Advent Wreath and Candles.

Advent, which begins the Church's liturgical year, began on Sunday, December 3. Advent encompasses the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

What do the 4 candles of Advent represent?

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "**Prophecy Candle**" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "**Bethlehem Candle**" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "**Shepard's Candle**," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "**Angel's Candle**," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "**Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.**"



ADVENT SCHEDULE

Monday, Nov. 28th • Thursday, Dec. 15th
 Visiting the elderly and homebound parishioners

Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 1:00PM
 FHC Reconciliation

Monday, Dec. 5th at 7:00PM
 SFC Parish Reconciliation

Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 7:00PM
 Vigil - The Immaculate Conception

Thursday, Dec. 8th
 8:30AM + 10:30AM (School) 7:00PM
 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, Dec. 12th at 8:30AM
 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, Dec. 15th at 6:30PM
 School Christmas Performance

Friday, Dec. 16th at 8:30AM
 Mass for School Christmas break

Saturday, December 17th at 2:00pm
 Advent Day of Reflection

Wednesday, Dec. 21st - Thursday, Dec. 22nd at 6:00PM
 Simbang Gabi

Saturday, Dec. 24th
 5:00PM (Children's Mass) - 10:00PM Christmas Vigil

Sunday, Dec. 25th Masses
 8:00AM , 9:30AM , 11:30AM , 1:00PM, 5:30PM

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.

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.

The Visitations of the Sick, Elderly, and Homebound Parishioners this Advent

During this coming Advent season, our parish priests will be visiting the sick, the elderly, and the homebound parishioners. Please call the parish office at 408-879-1120 #20 if you would like one of the priests to visit someone in your family.



Simbang Gabi, which literally means evening or night Mass, is a Filipino Christmas tradition. As a devotional practice, it is traditionally a series of

nine evening Masses usually celebrated during advent from December 16-24, in preparation for Christmas Day. **SFC FilAm's Simbang Gabi Masses are on Wednesday, December 21st, and Thursday, December 22nd 6:00pm.** Reception will follow in Essig Hall.

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world. —John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

**On our Patroness:
 St. Frances Cabrini
 (1850-1917)**



Did you know that at 8 years old Maria Francesca (later Mother Cabrini) almost drowned playing near her uncle's home?

As a child, her parents read stories which inspired her from the annals of the Propagation of the Faith (a missionary magazine). As a child, Maria Francesca played a game of putting violets in paper boats and sending the "missionaries" downstream to China. One day when she was alone, she fell into the river and almost drowned before someone rescued her. For the rest of her life, she had aquaphobia (fear of water) though she made 23 transatlantic crossings (about a 5-day journey) and 5 additional ocean crossings. Even as a missionary who frequently traveled, her fear was so intense that she refused to get on a boat for pleasure. Mother Cabrini's life reminds us that faith does not make all fear disappear, but our greatest fears can be used to sanctify us (make us holy).

St. Frances Cabrini- Pray for us!



What is Advent?

(Sunday, November 27, 2022 - Saturday, December 24, 2022)

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). The liturgical color for Advent is purple which means preparation season for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, observe some differences seen in the Mass. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn. Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar above can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/advent>



Calling all Altar Angels! We will be decorating the church for Christmas at 9:30AM on Saturday, December 24th and we need your help. To volunteer, contact Elizabeth Drew (Elizabeth.Drew@gmail.com or 408-242-4598) or just show up. Volunteers must meet DSJ volunteering requirements.



Extraordinary Stories for Children

Although ordained a priest, Blessed Solanus Casey never received permission to hear confessions or preach a sermon. He celebrated the Eucharist each day and carried on his apostolic work not in a pulpit or confessional, but in a tiny office. He was the friary doorkeeper whom people by the thousands visited, seeking counsel and spiritual guidance. Blessed Solanus spent his life in the service of people. He was always ready to listen to anyone at any time, day or night. He faithfully served the people by providing soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled, and a healing touch for the ill.

Solanus and the Bees

In this episode we learn the story of Brother Bob and Father Solanus's encounter with a swarm of bees! Father Solanus had a special gift for taking care of the Lord's beautiful creation. He shows us how to be good stewards of nature, and how to appreciate the wonder of God's gifts in the world around us.

<https://watch.formed.org/extraordinary-stories-for-children>

Need a Mass intention?
Call Jean in the parish office at 408-879-1120 #20

Sign up to stay updated!
Did you know we now have a weekly E-Newsletter? If you would like to receive the SFC Newsletter, we would like to send it to you! Click the tab below or go to www.sfcabrini.org, and click on the tab on the Home Page.

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Advent Wreath Family Prayer

Parents: Lord, you are the light of the world.

Children: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Parents: Heavenly Father, we long for your plan of rescue and redemption to be realized. Give us hearts that see Your beauty and wait in hope for You to make all things good and new again.

Children: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Parents: May Your light and love shine brightly in our hearts, spreading hope and peace to those around us.

Children: Amen.





Honoring Mother Cabrini

Thank you for supporting our first annual Cabrini Kindness Week. The multi-cultural Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday, November 12th was a beautiful celebration of our diverse Cabrini community and a true tribute to our patroness, Mother Cabrini.

I am so proud of our students and families for their willingness to support others. Students donated \$1,029.00 to the Ritter Foundation. On Wednesday, 11/9, our entire student body, pre-school (3 & 4 year-old) through 8th grade, celebrated Mass and participated in service projects for the school and community. This special Mass was celebrated by Father Joe Kim, SFC alum, class of 1994. During Cabrini week, we also learned about Mother Cabrini and ways to honor her and our dear former student, Conner Metz, through acts of kindness. SFC was indeed the place to be!

Thank you to those who donated to our Day of Giving. Through the community's support, we have completed several projects and are working on others.

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Don't forget! Pick up an SFC 2023 calendar and SFC pen this weekend. Available on the back of the church.

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Sunday Offertory and Faith Direct collections for the month of October, 2022
 Received - \$57,821
 Budgeted - \$47,128
 Total ADA collected as of October 31st - \$148,932.93
 Thank you for your generous support of
 St. Frances Cabrini Church.

SFC'S FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

"If you cannot feed a HUNDRED people, then feed just ONE." - Mother Teresa

SFC Food Pantry is in need of food. The food pantry needs your donation of non-perishable foods to help restock our pantry that serves over 15 families a week in our community including our Cambrian School District: Ida Price, Fammatre, Farnham, Sartorette and Leigh HS. These boxes of food are delivered weekly to the listed schools to help families in need. We also serve the local community on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month here at SFC. Please consider donating on a weekly or monthly basis. All food donations help!

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." - Dr. Loretta Scott.

Bins will be placed in the Church Foyer/Vestibule or you can bring food at the Parish Center offices. We collect canned goods year-round!

FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.
 —Anonymous

SFC's Annual Holiday Food Drive - DEC. 17th!

With the November 19th Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution wrapped up, we set our sites on the December 17th Food Box Distribution. Our goal is to provide a box of food to all individuals and families who come to us for assistance this Christmas. We will also be providing gift cards in lieu of toys this Christmas.

The event will be a drive-thru where guests will line up in their vehicles. We would appreciate volunteers to assist us with sorting the food, boxing it up and distributing to those who show up for help. Sign-ups for helping at Christmas can be found at www.sfcabrini.org. [SFC Holiday Food Drives — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#) Hours for volunteering will be 8:00am to 1:00pm, on both dates. We would appreciate your support financially. Please make checks out to SFC MEN'S CLUB, with a note on the memo line "HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE".

Donations of hams can be made the day of the distributions. Can't make the day of distribution but want to donate a ham? Contact John Dahl SFC Men's Club - 408-807-5756

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