

# Saint Frances Cabrini Parish

*There are no strangers here –  
only friends we haven't met.*

**Rev. Lieu Vu**  
Pastor

**Rev. Eddie Obero**  
Parochial Vicar

**Additional Clergy**  
Rev. Paul Soukup, S.J.  
Rev. Paul Goda, S.J.



## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### Infant Baptism

Parents must be registered in the parish a minimum of 3 months prior to taking the baptismal preparation class. Contact the Parish Office.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please contact the Parish Office if you are baptized in the Catholic Church and seeking confirmation as an adult, or are considering or desiring to become Catholic and are baptized in another Christian church or are not baptized and are 7 years of age or older.

### Marriage

Couples must contact the Priest they wish to witness the Sacrament at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of marriage. Contact the Parish Office.

### Sacraments to the Sick and Homebound

To request Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion at home, hospital, or convalescent facility, contact the Parish Office.

## RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

**Saint Frances Cabrini Parish**  
15333 Woodard Road San José, California 95124  
408 879-1120 [www.sfcabrini.org](http://www.sfcabrini.org)  
Email: [parish\\_office@sfcabrini.org](mailto:parish_office@sfcabrini.org)



## WELCOME

**We welcome you to the Saint Frances Cabrini Parish Community. If you have not done so, you are invited to register by completing a registration form which can be found in the literature rack, on the back of this bulletin or you may come to the Parish Office. In order to be considered an active member of the Parish, you must be registered.**

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday 8:30 a.m.**

**5:00 p.m. Vigil (Life Teen Mass)**

**6:45 p.m. Vietnamese Language**

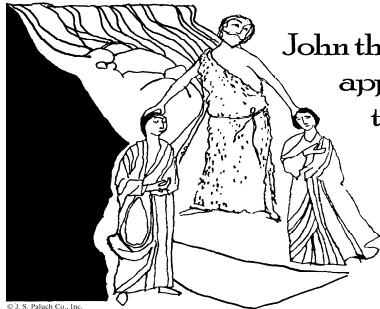
**Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.**

**Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.**

### Please consider

**Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of San Jose**  
Call us to make pre-need or time-of-need arrangements  
Gate of Heaven 650-428-3730  
22555 Cristo Rey Dr Los Altos CA 94024  
Calvary 408-258-2940  
2655A Madden Ave San Jose CA 95116

**Saint Frances Cabrini School**  
15325 Woodard Road San José, California 95124  
408 377-6545 [www.sfcschool.org](http://www.sfcschool.org)



John the Baptist  
appeared in  
the desert

## Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2011

*Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

— Mark 1:3

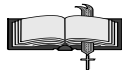
**Parish Office** 879-1120 / Fax: 377-3587  
Mon–Fri, 9–Noon, 1–4 p.m.  
Sylvia Bennett - Secretary  
Jean O'Connell - Receptionist / Facilities Coordinator  
Stephanie Rivera - Bookkeeper (Mondays Only)  
call 879-1129

**School Office** / School days, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Ph: 377-6545 Fax: 377-8491  
Gail Cirone - School Principal  
Chris Siegfried - School Vice Principal  
Connie Tomasello - Receptionist

**Religious Ed / K-12: Rel. Ed. Classes have begun.**  
The Rel. Ed office is open on Wednesdays and or by  
appointment. Please call 377-2111

### Readings for This Week



**Mon:** Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26  
**Tues:** Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14  
**Wed:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30  
**Thurs:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
**Fri:** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19  
**Sat:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sun:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;  
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



### Mass Intentions Dec. 3rd to Dec. 11th

**SAT** 8:30a.m. Charlene, Spec. Int.  
5:00p.m. Anna Ivancovich †  
**SUN** 8:00a.m. Howard Revels †  
9:30a.m. People of the Parish  
11:30a.m. Mary Kolakowski †  
**MON** 8:30a.m. Alice O'Brien †  
**TUES** 8:30a.m. Michael Miller †  
**WED** 8:30a.m. Arlene Burnham †  
**7:00p.m. People of the Parish**  
**THUR** 8:30a.m. Jose C. Mendes †  
**10:00a.m. School Mass**  
**FRI** 8:30a.m. Jacob Micaelson, Spec. Int.  
**SAT** 8:30a.m. Arlene Burnham †  
5:00p.m. Alice O'Brien †  
**SUN** 8:00a.m. Arlene Burnham †  
9:30a.m. People of the Parish



### Second Sunday of ADVENT

St. Frances Cabrini (SFC) church is decorated with the Advent Wreath, symbolizing Jesus Christ as the Light (Jn. 8:12). Customarily, the Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles, three violet and one rose, representing the four weeks of Advent. The number of candles lighted each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, Rejoice Sunday.

As we continue with the second Sunday of Advent, we have a unique opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors to **"COME HOME TO SFC,"** deepening our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

- "Come Home To SFC" when we gather for Sunday and Daily Masses.
  - "Come Home To SFC" when we celebrate the **FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** which begins with a **Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** and follows with the **Feast Day on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> with 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.** (school) Masses.
  - "Come Home To SFC" when we gather for Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Mass, following with reception organized by the Mexican Catholic Organization (MCO).
- "Come Home To SFC" when we join together with the Men's Club, Italian Catholic Federation (ICF), MCO and students and volunteers at Christmas Food Baskets Giveaway on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.

I thank the SFC Men's Club, Mexican Catholic Organization, Italian Catholic Federation, SFC Students, Volunteers, Benefactors, and especially John Dahl, John Hopkins, Pat Cougill, Steve Crooks, Joan Schenck for a successful Thanksgiving Food Baskets Giveaway. We served our sisters and brothers in our community and Our Lady of Refuge parishioners with more than 250 turkeys, 150 hams, food baskets and clothes. We are going to do it again for Christmas Food Baskets on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you want to give a contribution or donation, please contact Mr. John Dahl (408) 879-9158, who is the key to the overall success of the event. Or you can contact me at the parish office.

Finally, I thank **YOU** for your generosity and gift of faith. May the Season of Advent help us to build up St. Frances Cabrini Community as a community of generosity, compassion and caring where **CHRIST EMBRACES ALL!**

Fr. Lieu Vu

**The Rosary is recited daily following the 8:30am Mass and on Tuesday evenings at 6:15p**

MON	7:00p	Boy Scouts - KH
	7:00p	ICF Board Mtg. - PC/DR/LR
TUE	9:00a	Perpetual Help Devotion - CH
	10:45a	Women's Bible Study - PC/DR
	7:00p	RCIA - PC/LR
	7:30p	MCO Mtg.- PC/DR
	7:30p	5:00pm Mass Music Min. Practice - CH
WED	5:00p	Rel. Ed. Grades K to 6
	6:15p	Rel. Ed. Grades 7 to 12th
	5:00p	Cub Scout Mtg. - KH
	7:00p	Choir Practice - CH
THU	10:00a	Prayer Shawl Ministry - PC/LR
	1:30p	Legion of Mary - PC/LR
	3:30p	Daisy Troop - KH
	7:00p	Bible Study - PC/DR
	7:00p	Ladies League - KH
FRI	3:15p	Girl Scouts TP 60149 - KH
	5:00p	BINGO - PH
SAT	6:00p	Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception - EH
	6:30p	LifeTeen Youth Ministry - PC
SUN		-----

**Altar Society: Dec 9th, 10th**

Dion Hales 559-0861 / Janet Garcia 265-5032

**Thursday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass. Masses will be held on December 7th at 7:00pm and again on Wednesday, Dec. 8th, at 8:30am and 10:00am**



**Special Collection for SFC School / Today**

**There will be a special collection for the SFC school today.** It is necessary for us to reach out to the community to help us bridge the gap between the tuition charged and the actual cost of education. This support allows us to offer the benefits of an SFC education to as many children and families as possible. If you would like more information about how you can help SFC School financially, please contact Development Director, Theresa Mattson at 377-6545 #3004.

**COLLECTIONS REPORT 11/27/11**

**Fiscal Year 7/1/11— 6/30/12**

	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Collection 11.21.11	<u>\$9,731</u>	<u>\$224,930</u>
Collection 11.27.11	<u>\$10,259</u>	<u>\$235,189</u>
Human Development (11.21.11)	<u>\$1,293</u>	

**Thank you for your generosity and support.**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

From outer space, the United States must seem peculiarly aglow these nights: we have strung lights on every tree within reach. Sometimes, even tie tacks and earrings twinkle with "micro lights." Clearly, something is afoot: there is a deep-down yearning for the world to change. Yet, John the Baptist would probably be unplugging most of these lights if he had the chance. In today's Gospel he turns people away from his baptism of repentance. "Give some evidence that you mean to reform!" he cries.

What meaning do our holiday lights convey for you? In the deep and dark countryside, a single candle glowing in a window can be seen for miles. It signals welcome and readiness; it is a beacon guiding strangers to the door, a token of a warm hearth, a loving embrace, a sign that those who have placed the candle are awake and waiting. This year, set the timers aside, and each night as you light the candles in your windows, pray: "May Christ find an eager welcome here. May this household be filled with the light of his word." One candle at a time, our faith community can reclaim the meaning of the lights of Advent hope.

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Advent

**Tuesday:** St. Nicholas

**Wednesday:** St. Ambrose

**Thursday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday:** St. Juan Diego

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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**Let Us Pray** for our parishioners who are homebound, sick, recovering, or are confined to rest homes, that Jesus be their strength and comfort. This week we especially pray for **Harry Ninneman, Emily Vierra**, *Please keep them and their family in your prayers.* To place a name on this list (for 4 weeks), contact the Parish Office at 879-1122. You may also write the names in the Book of the Sick, next to Mary's shrine.

## **GOD'S DELAY**

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Just a reminder that the shawls we make are for All occasions, from a joyful celebration to an illness within your family, extended family and friends. It is a beautiful gesture in demonstrating your love, and your support for them from SFC. The blessing of the shawls occurs at the 8:00am Sunday Mass. Please call or email Rebecca Valverde for your request. We are looking forward to hearing from you. (alegrereb@comcast.net or 408.723.1030)

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## **Library Corner**

**Volunteers needed!** The library needs volunteers with or without experience. This would be a great way to earn hours for school. Please contact Fran Whitney at 408-377-2480.

THE MIND OF AN INTELLIGENT MAN SEEKS KNOWLEDGE...Prov. 15:14

**Reminder:** Please return overdue books and audio/visual items so that they can be placed back in circulation for other people to use.

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## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We have begun **our new church year** and will be reading from the B CYCLE for the Masses. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLDER IN THE BOOK RACK.**

**PLEASE FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE RESPONSES TO THE PRAYERS. DURING THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT, WE DO NOT SING OR SAY THE GLORIA.**

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## **SFC Parish School is taking applications .**

SFC parish school is now accepting applications for the 2012/2013 school year. If you would like to request a private tour of the school or have questions, visit our website at [www.sfcschool.org](http://www.sfcschool.org) or call 377-6545.

## **Religious Education &**

Advent is here! As we spend these 4 weeks of Advent preparing for the arrival of baby Jesus, we will be learning the new prayers, responses and songs, and it will be Christmas before we know it! How will we be committed to these weeks of Advent? Let us let the "Word of the Lord" sink deeper into our hearts and minds at Mass, and receive the Eucharist in the state of grace. This Advent make it a point to join us at the Saturday, 5:00pm Life Teen Youth Masses, and also the Holy Day of Obligation, December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Please put it on your calendar to attend the annual Parish Advent Penance Service on Wed. December 14th at 7:00pm. Please find it in your budget to put on your shopping list the purchase of an inexpensive toy or book for a baby, child or teenager, then place the unwrapped present under the annual "Christmas Giving Tree." Put a few extra cans of food in your shopping cart for the "Christmas Food Give-a-Way" to be held on Saturday, December 17th. Whatever happens this Advent season, do something with all your heart! Jesus is coming, and if you prepare well it might just be the best Christmas you have had in a while!

Sign ups for all Religious Education students to join in the annual Christmas Eve "Pageant" at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass will begin on Wed. December 7th. Parents, please give your child's teacher their name and phone number. Practice will be held on Sunday, December 18th at 12:45pm in the Parish Center with Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Schenck. Thank you and Happy Advent!

Bracelet found in church after 9:30am Mass on Sunday, Nov. 13th. Please call the Parish Office at 879-1122.

**Are you listening?  
Tune into 1260 AM - Catholic Radio**



## **10 Building Blocks for a Solid Family (Today!)**

Sunday, Dec 4, 3-5pm Church of the Resurrection, Sunnyvale, come enjoy this video presentation by Jim Burns Ph.D., where he teaches the 10 building blocks for successfully living, loving and playing together as a family. Whether your children are infants or teens, you'll learn valuable information from Dr. Burns' lessons. To benefit the most, recommended for parents to attend together – children's activities provided. Contact Chris and Ann Aguilar, 356-7642 or [aguilar-bus@yahoo.com](mailto:aguilar-bus@yahoo.com). Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

# Parish Ministries and Contacts

## Liturgical Ministries

<b>Altar Society</b>	
Sally Konopacky .....	371-8540
<b>Altar Servers</b>	
Joan Schenck .....	377-6545 ext. 3051
<b>Eucharistic Ministers &amp; Liturgy Committee</b>	
Bob Dodds .....	377-9725
<b>Lectors</b>	
Edith Gallant .....	371-9629
<b>Ushers</b>	
Dick Hawkins .....	879-1122
<b>Home Ministries</b>	
Grace Rivero .....	265-1380
<b>11:30am Choir</b>	
Maria Sarmiento .....	281-2407

## Spiritual Enrichment

<b>Adoration Chapel</b>	
Barry & Charlotte LeMay .....	379-6510
<b>Evening Bible Study</b>	
Dave & Sue Keller .....	879-1122
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	
Sally Konopacky .....	371-8540
<b>Library</b>	
Fran Whitney .....	879-1122
<b>RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</b>	
Nadine Mackey .....	356-6429
<b>Director of Religious Education &amp; Youth Ministry</b>	
Joan Schenck .....	377-2111
<b>Franciscan Order / Secular</b>	
Barbara Mastrini .....	272-4074

## Administration

<b>Finance Council Chair</b>	
Jennifer Nickolas .....	879-1122
<b>Scheduling of Facilities</b>	
Jean O'Connell .....	879-1122
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	
Stephanie Rivera (Mondays only) .....	879-1129
<b>Parish Council</b>	
Chair, John Hopkins .....	371-4651

## Parish Life

<b>Bingo</b>	
Joe Roulin .....	266-6982
<b>ICF Bocce Ball</b>	
Betty Antuzzi .....	559-4268 - Aldine Grisenti.....559-1242
<b>Hospitality/coffee &amp; donuts</b>	
Kathleen Sundaram .....	391-6211
<b>Italian Catholic Federation</b>	
Emily Corral .....	723-2377
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	
Carl Mack .....	267-7414
<b>Men's Club</b>	
President - Mike Campbell .....	813-6902
Secretary - Thomas Knapp .....	910-4951
<b>Mexican Catholic Organization</b>	
Alicia Gonzales .....	857-0523
<b>Serra Club/Vocational Awareness</b>	
Art Swain .....	269-2589
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	
Parish Office .....	879-1122
<b>Ladies League</b>	
Jennifer Avila / Pres. ....	858-9362
<b>Fiesta</b>	
Dave Citrigno .....	667-1737
<b>Stewardship Committee</b>	
John Dahl .....	879-9158
<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	
Rebecca Valverde .....	723-1030

## St. Frances Cabrini Parish School

<b>Principal</b>	
Gail Cirone .....	377-6545 ext. 3003
<b>Vice Principal</b>	
Chris Siegfried .....	377-6545, ext. 3005
<b>School Office</b>	
Connie Tomasello .....	377-6545, ext. 3001
<b>Activities Director</b>	
Helen Gengras .....	377-6545, ext. 3038
<b>School Development Director</b>	
Theresa Matson .....	377-6545, ext. 3046
<b>School Advisory Council</b>	
Ryan Mills, President .....	242-6085
<b>Parent Teacher Group</b>	
Debbie Casey .....	209-9297

### Welcome to St. Frances Cabrini Church

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We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. If you wish to register, please fill in the information below and drop this form into the collection basket. A registration form will be mailed to you.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you are coming to St. Frances Cabrini Church on a regular basis, we encourage you to register in the parish and become active in one of our ministries. Anyone over 18 years of age who wants to be considered a member of the Parish must register.