

# 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)



## Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2011

*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.*

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

**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

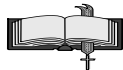
**School Office / School days, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

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:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38  
**Tues:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32  
**Wed:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thurs:** Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30  
**Fri:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36  
**Sat:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
**Sun:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



### Mass Intentions Dec. 10th to Dec. 18th

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
MON	8:30a.m. Barbara Miller, Spec. Int.
TUES	8:30a.m. Rose Sarlo †
WED	8:30a.m. Pauline Chrastkaus † 7:00p.m. Penance Service
THUR	8:30a.m. Rita Mayer †
FRI	8:30a.m. Michael Miller †
SAT	8:30a.m. Teresa Antuzzi † 5:00p.m. Robert Loomis †
SUN	8:00a.m. Kathy Dzuiba Martin † 9:30a.m. People of the Parish 11:30a.m. Roger Carroll †



### Third Sunday of ADVENT

This is Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, joyful Sunday. We rejoice because Christmas is near. As we prepare to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ and look forward to His coming again in glory, we are enabled to come to an ever-deepening awareness of Christ's presence to us now. Thus, we are invited to **"Come Home To St. Frances Cabrini (SFC) Parish."**

1. "Come Home To SFC" for gathering at Sunday and Daily Masses.
2. "Come Home To SFC" for reaching out to the poor in our community with gifts through our Annual Giving Tree Program.
3. "Come Home To SFC" for experiencing God's mercy and compassion as we gather for the Parish Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will have many priests available to celebrate individual confessions.
4. "Come Home To SFC" for sharing with our sisters and brothers with bags of food and giving our children toys to play with through our annual Christmas Food Baskets Program on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. We do need food, clothes and toys. You can bring your donation to the parish office before the date or to the parish hall on the date.

I have invited Fr. Kiefer to spend Christmas with us, and he will be at our parish from December 16<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. Welcome back, Fr. Kiefer.

Thank you, Mr. John Hopkins. I am grateful to Mr. Hopkins for his faithful service as President of the Parish Council for the past two years. He will remain with the Parish Council as a liaison for parish-school. Mr. John Dahl will succeed Mr. Hopkins as President of the Parish Council. Thank you, Mr. Hopkins; and welcome aboard, Mr. Dahl.

If you want to support St. Frances Cabrini Parish on line, you can go to the Parish-Pay, <https://www.paritypay.com>, or call toll free number (866) 727-4741; a representative will be happy to assist you.

May God bless you and your family for your continued support to St. Frances Cabrini Parish **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	Men's Club - EH
TUE	9:00a	Perpetual Help Devotion - CH
	10:45a	Women's Bible Study - PC/DR
	6:00p	Liturgy Comm. Mtg. - PC/LR
	7:00p	RCIA - PC/LR
	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
	7:00p	Choir Practice - CH
THU	1:30p	Legion of Mary - PC/LR
	3:00p	Brownie Troop 160 - KH
	7:00p	Bible Study - PC/DR
	7:00p	Cub Scout Comm. Mtg. - PC/GR
FRI	5:00p	BINGO - PH
SAT	10:00p	Christmas Food Giveaway - EH
	12:30p	Sacred Heart Fraternity -
	6:30p	LifeTeen Youth Ministry - PC
SUN		<b>Tentative</b> MCO Holiday Pictures - PC
		All day—Call MCO (in back of bulletin for details)

**Altar Society: Dec 16th, 17th**

Deborah Tracy 377-6299 / Linda Hellett 269-4070

**Open House**

St. Frances Cabrini Parish School will be hosting an Open House for prospective parents on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Essig Hall (gym). 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.

We are actively collecting gently used clothing, new toys, and of course FOOD for our upcoming December 17th Food Basket Giveaway. We will be happy to take donations of Turkeys and Hams the day of the event, but if you cannot make it that morning, please bring to the Parish Office Thursday the 15th or Friday the 16th. Thank you for helping to make this year another great success in helping the needy of our local parish community.

**Morning Bible Study at SFC Parish Center**

Ladies! Have you been looking for a morning bible study? (Tuesdays- 10:45 AM- 12:15pm.) We hope that you can join us! Call Donna Tkach if you have any questions at 356-2582.

**COLLECTIONS REPORT 12/4/11  
Fiscal Year 7/1/11— 6/30/12**

	Last Week	Year-to-date
Collection	\$11,419	\$246,608
School	\$1,548	
Christmas Flowers	\$1,129	

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

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass tomorrow we begin to unfold the story of Jesus' birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today—deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don't miss the change, the parish may take rose-colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose-colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink sea-shells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God's kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ's life may blossom.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).


**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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**Catholic Charities**

Food insecurity is a too familiar experience for the poor elderly. Seniors who come to the three nutrition sites operated by Catholic Charities, one in Gilroy and two in San Jose, not only have a healthy meal, they also find companionship and programs that help them stay active. Learn more about Catholic Charities' Older Adult Services at [www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org)



**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 **Santa Moran, Emily Vierra, Gus Jansons, Harry Ninneman**. 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.

## There will be a Parish Penance Service on Wednesday, December 14th in the church at 7:00pm.

If you have had a change of address and or phone number, please call the parish office at 879-1122 so that we may update your information. Thank you!

### JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team."

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### Special Collection / Next Week

**Support elderly religious.** A donor to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** writes, "We thank God for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God." Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Please **Share in the Care** and give generously to next week's special collection.

### 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.*

### **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 &

These days many teens have a GPS (Global Positioning System) which tell them how to reach their destination. Christians have their own model of a GPS called "God's Positioning Signs." The Holy Spirit speaks to us and leads us along the right road if we would just stop and listen with our hearts.

The Holy Spirit will let us know when to turn or move on along on our journey. Every week we can follow the lights of our advent wreath, and attend Mass to receive the Blessed Body and Blood while we wait for Christ's coming. You can check your GPS by taking advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (December 14th at 7:00pm) when you feel lost and you can be reconciled to God. Like the Magi, what are you searching for?

This season of Advent prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths (Luke 3:4-6) and if you get lost go back to what you know, Jesus. Fix your GPS and come back to church mind, heart and soul, and make this Christmas one of the best you have ever had. Use your GPS to direct your way, with gratitude, towards Jesus Christ and stay centered on the road. Please join us at the Life Teen Youth Mass every Saturday at 5:00pm. Mrs. Schenck 377-6545 x3051.



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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent

**Monday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Tuesday:** St. Lucy

**Wednesday:** St. John of the Cross

### Friends in Need (Time and Talent at its best!)

"Friends in Need" is a year-round program that aims to help those that find themselves going through a family crisis or any other unexpected and difficult time. If you would like to get involved with this program, or if you know of anyone who would benefit from "Friends in Need", please **contact Michele Johnson, the Ladies League Community Outreach Chair, at 408-799-9517.**

# 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>	
Joanne Dobrzynski .....	960-4142

## 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 Dahl .....	879-9158

## 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.