

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
Email: 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

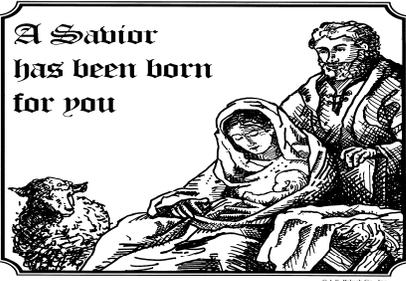
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

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



**The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2011**

*The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.*

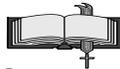
— John 1:5

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: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Tues: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wed: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Thurs: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Fri: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col
 3:12-21 [12-17]
Sat: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Sun: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



Mass Intentions Dec. 24th, to Jan 1st

SAT	8:30a.m. Priests' Intentions 5:00p.m. Priests' Intentions 10:00p.m. Priests' Intentions
SUN	8:00a.m. Priests' Intentions 9:30a.m. People of the Parish 11:30a.m. Priests' Intentions
MON	8:30a.m. John Clark, Sr. †
TUES	8:30a.m. Alfred and Jose DaCosta †
WED	8:30a.m. Raymond L. Donaldson, Jr. †
THUR	8:30a.m. Brendan Maguire †
FRI	8:30a.m. Brendan Maguire †
SAT	8:30a.m. Julian Cheater, Spec. Int. 5:00p.m. Homeless and the Working Poor
SUN	8:00a.m. Margaret Dahl 9:30a.m. People of the Parish 11:30a.m. Avakoff Family, Spec. Int.



THE CABRINI FAMILY

You have been invited to “Come Home to St. Frances Cabrini.” It is a great joy to see you as part of our community/family. As you leave our church to go home, we want you to remember always that we as a parish community/family care about **YOU**. St. Frances Cabrini is your home, your family.

If you are a member of our parish family, we want to say we love you and we will strive even more in 2012 to nourish and nurture your spiritual growth.

If you are not yet a member of our parish family, we want to say a warm welcome to you and we will be there when you come knocking at our door for whatever reason. God's Good News, Jesus Christ, is for everyone and we want to share Him and His Love with you in an ongoing loving relationship.

If you are a visitor from another parish family, we thank you for worshipping with us and for sharing with us the pleasure of your company. Next time you find yourself in this area, please don't forget to stop by and visit us again.

If for some reason you still feel that you don't belong anywhere or to anyone, we promise as a parish community to express the prayer that does not leave your lips, and to share the love that remains bottled up in your heart. God became a human being in Jesus Christ so that no one would ever feel unwelcome or unwanted. We, the parish family of St. Frances Cabrini, would like to always be the joyful heralds of this Good News.

HERE'S WISHING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES

**A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS
&
JOYFUL AND BLESSED NEW YEAR, 2012.**

In God's love and in our Family's caring,

Fr. Lieu Vu

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

MON	----	
TUE	9:00a	Perpetual Help Devotion - CH
	7:30p	5:00pm Mass Music Min. Practice - CH
WED	----	
THU	----	
FRI	5:00p	BINGO - PH
SAT	----	
SUN	----	

Altar Society: Dec 30, 31
 Sally Konopacky 371-8540
 Berni Clesi 377-7109

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Monday: St. Stephen
- Tuesday: St. John
- Wednesday: The Holy Innocents
- Thursday: St. Thomas Becket
- Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



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TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading** — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).
- Psalm** — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).
- Second Reading** — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).
- Gospel** — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

The collection for December 25th will appear in the January 1st Bulletin



A Letter From Bishop McGrath

Once again I am pleased to have the opportunity to write to you at Christmas. In doing so, I would like to extend to you and your loved ones my heartfelt wishes that your celebrations of the Birth of the Lord will be a source of joy for you all.

As our beautiful Valley of Saint Clare moves ever closer to winter's long, cold nights, the darkness is pierced here and there by the lights of the season. These lights are more than decorative; they are signs of hope, offering witness to our celebration of the Birth of the One we call "Light from Light."

The light of Christ pierces the darkness of fear, despair and loneliness. The human condition –with its weaknesses, its struggles and even its sinfulness, yet with its singular inherent goodness – finds new meaning and new hope in the coming of the Christ in the flesh.

The miracle of the Incarnation – of the only begotten Son of God becoming truly human – continues to shine in all of the dark places of our world. Jesus, our Lord, is truly our brother. He became one of us. Jesus, our Lord, was born of Mary and knew a father's love in Joseph. He continues to be present to us in the gift of the Eucharist and all of the sacraments, in His holy Word and in our sisters and brothers, "the least" who are hungry, homeless, ill, in prison; we meet Him in strangers and newcomers, immigrants, orphans and widows.

In reaching out to Christ who continues to suffer as long as the least suffer, you and I have the wonderful opportunity of being bearers of light, Jesus, "the true light which gives light to everyone" (John 1:9). May we do so always.

I pray that the coming Feast of Christmas allows you to experience the grace, light and peace of the Lord and to share these gifts with all whom you encounter in this blessed season.

With every best wish and kind regard, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
 Patrick J McGrath
 Bishop of San Jose



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 **Linda Bullard, Santa Moran, 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.



A New Year's Eve Retreat SATURDAY- DECEMBER 31, 2011

7 PM WELCOME & SESSION -

9 PM NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

10 PM POTLUCK RECEPTION

[Bring a dish to share]

11-12 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME!

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MSJ MOTHERHOUSE

43326 MISSION BLVD. FREMONT, CA. 94539

(ENTRANCE ON MISSION TIERRA PL)

Please **RSVP BY MON. DEC. 26th**

To **S. Frances Mary Pierson** at

[blessings@msjdominicans.org](mailto: blessings@msjdominicans.org) or 510-933-6335



Religious Education &

Merry Christmas! Jesus repeatedly said that a true disciple is one who hears the word of God and lives it. We are all called to be His disciples. Mary was the first disciple, when she said "yes." So as we celebrate Jesus' birthday today, I would like to thank the school and Religious Education children and all the families and parishioners for all of the birthday gifts that organizations received in Jesus' name. "Mary brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7)

Thank you for all the wonderful donations of food and toys, both given at school and those that were placed under the "Christmas Giving Tree" by our most generous parishioners for the new parish "Our Lady of Refuge," and for our own SFC community. Thank you to everyone who donated adorable little clothing and diapers to the annual DSJ Layette drive along with the almost \$300 in donations from the 4th graders. It is held every year the first week of Advent for us to think of baby Jesus while we help clothe newborn infants who otherwise would have nothing to go home in. The Public Health Nurses of the County of Santa Clara distribute these layette items to the new moms in need. A shout out to the 2nd graders who went to "Build A Bear" at the mall (each created a new bear to donate to the children at the new parish and to our SFC community, whose children could use a new bear to hug this Christmas); the 6th graders who brought brand new pillows to the homeless shelter, and then raised funds for a large family in Mexico; the Jr. high students who raised funds for breast cancer with "Goals For A Cure" and also for the "Alzheimer's Association Walk"; the 3rd graders who did chores to raise almost \$900 to buy food for Thanksgiving so that families could have a turkey or chicken on their table to feast on.

A thank you to the first **and eighth graders** who answered the need to collect an incredible amount of new and slightly used blankets for the Scared Heart Community Service through the American Legion. The list goes on; and we are so happy to do so, to truly be the face and hands of Jesus to others. Happy Birthday, Jesus, we love you!

RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a program that allows interested individuals an opportunity to examine the Catholic faith in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. The people on this faith journey need a fellow traveler to be a support and presence during the process. St. Augustine referred to the Church as a community of "Christians begetting Christians." In the early days, the Church was dependent on the witness of every member. Welcoming new Catholics was not only the responsibility of the clergy, but belonged with the entire community of the faithful. Today the RCIA gives each person in our parish the opportunity to share the gift of his/her faith with someone who is seeking to know God through our Church. Please consider sharing your time, talent and experience of God's love by becoming a sponsor. Please Call Nadine at 356-6429 for further information.

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. or call 377-6545.



Save the date! Our sixth annual Glamour & Glitz dinner dance/auction will be held on Sat. Feb. 11, 2012 at the Santa Clara Marriott. Please contact the school office for more information at 377-6545.

Parish Ministries and Contacts

Liturgical Ministries

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

Spiritual Enrichment

Adoration Chapel	
Barry & Charlotte LeMay	379-6510
Evening Bible Study	
Dave & Sue Keller	879-1122
Legion of Mary	
Sally Konopacky	371-8540
Library	
Fran Whitney	879-1122
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	
Nadine Mackey	356-6429
Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry	
Joan Schenck	377-2111
Franciscan Order / Secular	
Joanne Dobrzynski	960-4142

Administration

Finance Council Chair	
Jennifer Nickolas	879-1122
Scheduling of Facilities	
Jean O'Connell	879-1122
Bookkeeper	
Stephanie Rivera (Mondays only)	879-1129
Parish Council	
Chair, John Dahl	879-9158

Parish Life

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

St. Frances Cabrini Parish School

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