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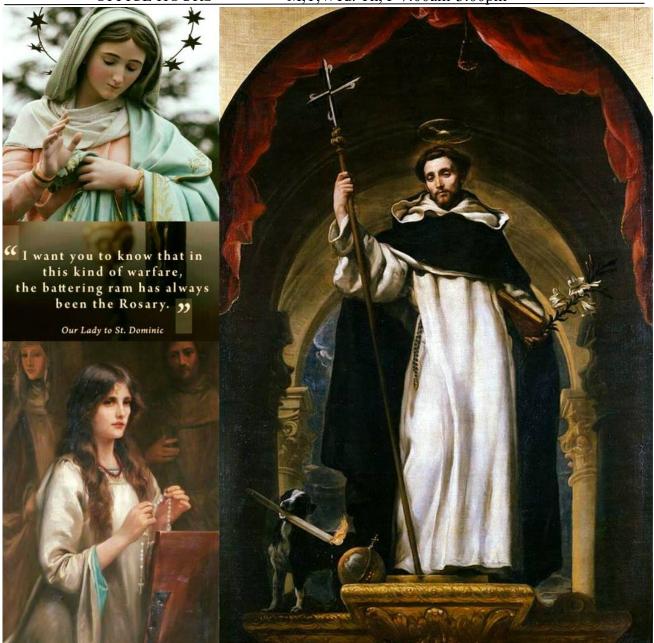
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES Daily Mass: WED.THU, FRI -8:30 am Tuesday 5:30PM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:45 AM Pastor: Fr. Joseph Gates

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TUESDAY AUGUST 29

5:30pm **+PAM SAPRENZA**

Req.By: Dennis & Sheila Montone

2nd Int. +GREG JESELNICK Req. By: Elizabeth Hart **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30**

+FREDERICK BOCCHINO 8:30am Req. By: Dennis & Sheila Montone

2nd Int. **+HARDI HARTANDIE**

Req. By; Joe & Ginny **THURSDAY AUGUST 31**

+THERESA DUMAIS 8:30am

Req. By: Her Family

2nd Int. +MR. & MRS. BERNALDO ENDAYA Children & Grandchildren Req. By: 3rd. Int. **+HARRY & VICKY PIETROCZYNSKI**

Rea.By: Ron & Marilyn FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1

PEGGY & EDDIE BRADY ANN. 8:30am

+JOSEPH CASKEY 2nd Int.

Req.By: Family

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2

+MIKE MANOOGIAN, CYNTHIA 4:00 pm

& DAVID CORREIRA, LAURIE MESSIER

Wife & Mother Req. By: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3

8:00am **+LAURENCE WEIDER**

Rea. By: Rita Weider 2nd Int. **+PAM SAPLENZA** Rea. By: Helen Moran

+SUSAN LOMONACO 9:45 AM

Husband Morris Req. By:

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 121 Is 22:19-232 Psalms 138:1-3.6.8 Second Reading Rom 11:33-36 Gospel Reading: Mt 16:13-20

SACRAMENTS: Contact the Office

Baptism: For registered & active parishioners: Baptism instruction is required for Parents.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM In the main Church Or by Appointment

Weddings: Must be arranged with the pastor at least 6 months before the date desired.

Last Rites & Anointing of the Sick

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Funerals: Please contact the Office for a meeting for Dates, Readings, and Music. There are certain policies in place at St. Frances Cabrini for the respectful burial of your loved ones.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY ST. AUGUSTINE

425: 1Thes 1:1-5,8b-10 Ps 149:1-6,9 Mt 23:13-22 TUESDAY THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

426:1Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-6 634 Mk 6:17-29

WEDNESDAY

427: 1Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b MT 23:27-32

THURSDAY

428: 1Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5,12-14,17 Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY

429: 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2.5-6.10-12 Mt 25:1-13

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Our Goal to support the Diocesan Offices, Missions, and Charities.

Goal: \$198,000.00 Raised So Far: \$146,949.62



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Helping to relieve our Parish of St. Frances Cabrini Debt! Debt Free by 2023

Goal: \$526,460.00

Raised So Far: \$203,151.05

Debt Free by 2023

We'd like to thank everyone for their continued help in lowering our Parish Debt. As of July 31'st 2022 we were at \$485,402.00. As of July of this year we are at \$198,135.02. Thanks to your generosity we were able to pay off \$203,151.05 which is a breath taking amount! Let's us continue to glorify the Lord in this progress and hopefully be Debt Free by the end of 2023!





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My Dear Parishioners,

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My hope and prayer is that the content on FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith. Please pray for our benefactors who have made a FORMED subscription a reality for our parish. Please pray for the people at the Augustine Institute who create this wonderful and much-needed Catholic content for our people.

May the good Lord bless you and all of your loved ones!

Fr. Joseph Gates



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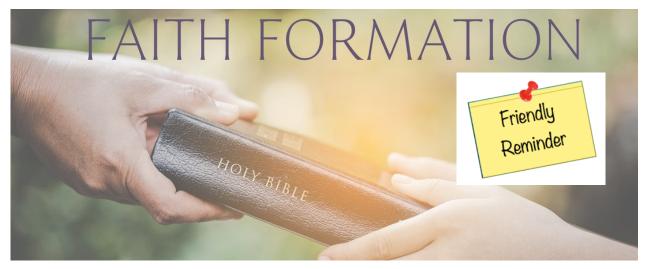
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AUGUST 27, 2023



<u>Grades Pre-K - 5</u>: \$110/family
The foundation of our parish's faith formation will now be structured around the **FAMILY**...enabling the parents

to be the primary teacher of their child's Catholic faith.
"Every Christian family is called to be a small 'Domestic Church' that must shine with the Gospel virtues." - Saint Pope John Paul II

- Three parts of Family Faith Formation:
 1) Families will meet twice a month on Sundays from 11:00-12:30 p.m. Child care will be provided.
- 2) Monthly assignments/activities are to be completed at home with the whole family.

3) Families are to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation regularly.

Year 1 First Reconciliation/First Communion (Typically 1st Grade): No Cost

Sacraments require two consecutive years of preparation. Therefore, the family of a child wishing to receive First Reconciliation/Communion next year is required to do the following:

Enroll in Family Faith Formation (no more than 2 absences accepted) and

Complete one mass journal reflection per month (September through April...8 total reflections).

Year 2 First Reconciliation/First Communion (Typically 2nd Grade): \$30/child Sacraments require two consecutive years of preparation. Therefore, the family of a child wishing to receive First Reconciliation/Communion this year is required to do the following:

Enroll in Family Faith Formation (no more than 2 absences accepted) and

Enroll in Year 2 First Reconciliation/First Communion (no more than 1 absence accepted). Classes will meet on Sundays from 11:00-12:30 p.m. opposite Family Faith Formation and

Complete one mass journal reflection per month (September through April...8 total reflections).

<u>Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6 - 8)</u>: \$30/childAll $6^{\text{th}}-8^{\text{th}}$ graders are highly encouraged to attend Youth Group regardless of sacraments received or yet to receive. Our goal is to provide a safe and fun place for students to enjoy community, receive answers to their faith questions, and experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Classes will meet twice a month on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Year 1 & Year 2 Confirmation (Typically 9th & 10th Grade): \$75/child

Sacraments require two consecutive years of preparation. Y1 & Y2 classes will meet twice a month on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (no more than 1 absence accepted). In addition, Y1 and Y2 students must complete one mass journal reflection per month (September through April...8 total reflections) and within two years complete ten (10) service hours.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9- 12): \$30/child

NEW!! Students in grades 9-12 are invited to join. The group will be led by Fr. Joseph Gates and will focus around one of the works of C.S. Lewis or JRR Tolkien. The group will meet twice a month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Using Scripture references, discussion questions, and related commentary, you will examine the literature through a Christian lens of morality, scripture, and the Catechism.

OCIA (Formerly RCIA): No Cost

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is for anyone wishing to seek full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. Classes will meet from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

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Mary, Star of the Sea: The Light Who Guides Us Home Constance T. Hull

We find ourselves in increasingly more turbulent seas as the world continues to battle the COVID-19 pandemic, economic uncertainty, and in some places, unrest, instability, and violence. That doesn't even include the dictatorship of relativism, hedonism, utilitarianism, violent ideologies, and nihilism that have taken over our culture. The Barque of Peter once more finds herself buffeted by the waves in the fourth watch of the night as we make our way to the eternal shores.

It is precisely in times such as ours when countless Christians down through the ages have turned to Our Blessed Mother for aid. Since we find ourselves in darkness, uncertainty, and at times battling immense doubt about the right course to take, now is the time to turn to Mary, Star of the Sea. We can always trust in her guidance and leadership.

The world is in desperate need of light and Our Heavenly Mother, who radiates the light of Christ wants to guide us to eternity and to the fullness of communion in the Most Holy Trinity we are made for. As we make our way through these troubled times, She is the one who will strengthen us in faith in a way only a mother can. Her tender care, patience, and great love for us is perfectly united to Christ. She desires our salvation. When the seas become stormy and the darkness closes in around us, She comes to strengthen us in faith.

The Church holds up Our Lady as a model of perfect faith. In his beautiful encyclical on Mary, Redemptoris Mater, St. John Paul II states:

But above all, in the Church of that time and of every time Mary was and is the one who is "blessed because she believed"; *she was the first to believe*. From the moment of the Annunciation and conception, from the moment of his birth in the stable in Bethlehem, Mary followed Jesus step by step in her maternal pilgrimage of faith. She followed him during the years of his hidden life at Nazareth; she followed him also during the time after he left home, when he began "to do and to teach" (cf. Acts 1:1) in the midst of Israel. Above all she followed him in the tragic experience of Golgotha.

Our Lady guides us to her Son through her example of faith. From the mundanity of daily life to the difficulties of discipleship and all the way to the Cross, Our Blessed Mother seeks to safely guide us to the safe haven of heaven.

She stands with us at the foot of the Crosses of our lives. She wants to lead us away from anger, hatred, division, and despair in the face of the difficulties we are facing. She wants to draw us to her Son who can cast out all of our fears. There is no other human being who understands the transformative power of the Cross with all of its agonies and darkness than Our Blessed Mother. She can leads us into the depths of Christ's love for us in our darkest moments.

The Church has always sought her aid. The Apostles fearful and uncertain in the Upper Room turned trustingly to her firm faith in the nascent Church. Christian disciples throughout Church history suffering every form of affliction have turned to her for strength, wisdom, and peace. Sailors turn to her to light the way home, just as we must today. **Redemptoris Mater** again:

As the Council says, "Mary figured profoundly in the history of salvation....Hence when she is being preached and venerated, she summons the faithful to her Son and his sacrifice, and to love for the Father." For this reason, Mary's faith, according to the Church's apostolic witness, in some way continues to become the faith of the pilgrim People of God: the faith of individuals and communities, of places and gatherings, and of the various groups existing in the Church. It is a faith that is passed on simultaneously through both the mind and the heart. Therefore, "the Church in her apostolic work also rightly looks to her who brought forth Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin, so that through the Church Christ may be born and increase in the hearts of the faithful also."

As we find ourselves tossed about on the waves of the storms of this life we must seek her heavenly aid. We cannot go it alone. She knows the trials, tribulations, and agonies of this life. She who held the infant Son of God in her arms and later held her Crucified Son in her grief-stricken arms knows our suffering. She who held Him with a tenderness and love that cannot be matched by any other human being will hold us in her loving arms and shine brightly in the darkness to light the way. She will stay close to us when all hope seems lost and when we become afraid that we will be capsized by the fierce waves.

Oftentimes when things become uncertain or difficult in this life, we want to find our own solutions. We want to find a way through the storm, but we forget to turn to Christ and His Mother. We forget that it is Christ who steers the boat and Our Lady who lights our way. There is a scene in J. R. R. Tolkien's **The Lord of the Rings** when the fellowship is about to leave Lorien. At their parting, Galadriel hands gifts to each member. She ends with Frodo and gives him a most fitting gift for the one who is called to be the Ring-bearer:

'And you, Ring-bearer,' she said, turning to Frodo. 'I come to you last who are not last in my thoughts. For you I have prepared this.' She held up a small crystal phial: it glittered as she moved it, and rays of white light sprang from her hand. 'In the phial,' she said, 'is caught the light of Earendil's star, set amid the waters of my fountain. It will shine still brighter when night is about you. May it be a light to you in dark places, when all other lights go out. Remember Galadriel and her Mirror!'

The star who shines bright for us in dark places and in the dead of night while we are caught in stormy seas is Mary, Star of the Sea. There is no darkness in this life that can overtake her light because She always reflects the light of her Son. She wants to shine that light into these dark times we find ourselves in. May we turn to her with even greater devotion and love so that She can guide us to the white shores of heaven.

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners (Catholicexchange.com).



Memorial of the Queen ship of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Roman Catholic Spiritual Direction

What a beautiful salutation to call upon Our Most Blessed Mother! One may be tempted to think that these words are an exaggerated expression of piety as they apply also to her Son, whose sacrifice on the Cross obtained our Redemption.

However, God's Redemption began not with an imposition upon an unworthy humanity, but through the free gift of a woman's *fiat* that first opened the door of heaven to bring down the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. This is why St. Bernard, and the Church throughout the ages echoing his words, refers to Mary as the "cause of our salvation", for she is the instrument through which God entrusted His plan of Redemption to enter into the world – just as it was through Eve that Original Sin passed on from Adam to every generation.

From the moment of her *fiat* to the Angel, Mary was inseparably bound up in God's work of Redemption, both in its accomplishment and in the distribution of its merits. And she exercises these roles as the New Eve, acting as both Spouse of the New Adam (Jesus Christ) and His Mother. Her motherhood extends over both His earthly life, and in His Mystical Life prolonged in the Church – as Jesus made crystal clear on Calvary.

And as the mother of the King, she assumed a powerful role in the administering of His Kingdom – the distribution of graces which flow from the pierced Sacred Heart of Jesus to a world in desperate need of His Divine Mercy. So powerful and vast is her *jurisdiction* (as one might call it), that Jesus has entrusted to her the entire treasury of His graces. This is why the Church has called Mary the Dispensatrix and Mediatrix of all graces; for just as God found her worthy to be the woman in whom and through whom He would bring grace upon the world via the Incarnation and Redemption, so also does He continue His perfect way when

He distributes the merits of the Redemption, through Mary. The Church has hailed this singular prerogative of Mary from the earliest days of Christianity. In his encyclical Ubi Primum (1849) Blessed Pius IX summarizes the Church's belief of this truth by making the famous teaching of St. Bernard that of the papal magisterium when he says: The foundation of all our confidence... is found in the Blessed Virgin Mary. For, God has committed to Mary the treasury of all good things, in order that everyone may know that through her are obtained every hope, every grace, and all salvation. For this is His will, that we obtain everything through Mary [St. Bernard, In Nativit. S. Mariae de Aquaeduct].

With these words, Blessed Pius IX provides a concise commentary on the first line of the *Hail, Holy Queen* highlighting why she is "our life, our sweetness and our hope." At the same time he was launching the Church into the extraordinary Marian age in which we are living. An age in which we have seen the power of Mary's queenship over the cosmos as she demonstrated in Fatima on October 13, 1917 when she made the sun "her play thing," as Venerable Fulton Sheen described it, before thousands of observers.

With the miracle of the sun at Fatima, one cannot help but think of Revelation 12 in which we see the heavenly reality underlying our current earthly battle, "A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars . . . and behold a great red dragon . . ."

This is the real war we see being played out the in the world today . . . and in every human heart. That is why Mary, the Queen Mother of Jesus Christ, is being sent to us today. She is her Son's last resort for a rebellious world, for nobody ever held the hearts of a king's people more than a loving and solicitous queen.

And she is very solicitous . . . and powerful . . . for wherever she is sent by her Son she obtains conversions by the hundreds of thousands. Wherever she is sent, she "crushes the head of the serpent" (Gen 3:15) and firmly establishes the banner of the Kingdom of God, with churches and basilicas erected and millions of new converts to fill them as the sign of her victory. Nowhere was this seen so vividly than in 1531 when she appeared in Guadalupe, Mexico. She left behind a heavenly imprint of Revelation 12 on the tilma of St. Juan Diego and through her powerful mediation, she obtained the conversion of over eight million Aztecs – basically a Pentecost a day for seven years!

St. Louis De Montfort summarizes why this is the common *Marian effect* wherever she is sent and welcomed: When the Holy Spirit, her spouse, finds Mary in a soul, he hastens there and enters fully into it. He gives himself generously to that soul according to the place it has given to his spouse. One of the main reasons why the Holy Spirit does not work striking wonders in souls is that he fails to find in them a sufficiently close union with his faithful and inseparable spouse. . [True Devotion, 36]



Let us therefore open our hearts for the most gentle, yet powerful, of Mothers to carry into them the greatest gift, which she alone was entrusted to give to the world; the gift that makes Mary "our life, our sweetness and our hope" – the gift of the grace of Jesus Christ, which alone can transform and satisfy this deeply wounded and thirsting world.



This prayer can be traced to St. Anthony of Padua.

Make the sign of the cross on the + symbol.

Jesus Christ a King of Glory has come in Peace. + God became man, + and the Word was made flesh. + Christ was born of a virgin. + Christ suffered. + Christ was crucified. + Christ died. + Christ rose from the dead. + Christ ascended into Heaven. + Christ conquers. + Christ reigns. + Christ orders. + May Christ protect us from all storms and lightning. + Christ went through their midst in Peace, + and the Word was made Flesh. + Christ is with us with Mary. + Flee you enemy spirits because the Lion of the Generation of Juda, the Root of David, was won. + Holy God! + Holy Powerful God! + Holy Immortal God! + Have mercy on us. Amen!

from the Pieta Prayer Book - Protection from Storms





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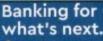


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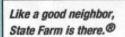
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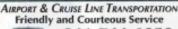
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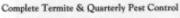
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