

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of Advent

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OFFICE HOURS

M, T, Th, F 9:00am-3:00pm

Closed Wednesday



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Daily Mass: M, T, TH, F 8:30 AM

Wednesday 6:00 PM

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December 15, 2019

Mass Intentions

Monday December 16
8:30 + Mary Moberg
Req. By: Eddie & Peggy Brady

Tuesday December 17
8:30am +Lisa Fields
Req. By: Kay Grabash

Wednesday December 18
6:00 pm +Alfred W. Allen
Req. By: Maryann

Thursday December 19
8:30am Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday December 20
8:30am +Pat Annable
Req. By: Eddie & Peggy Brady

Saturday December 21
4:00pm Parishioners of SFXC

Sunday December 22
8:00am +Joseph Sivilich
Req. By: Family
10:30am +Mildred Sikorski
Req. By: Anna Petryniec

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: For registered and active parishioners: Please contact the Church Office. Baptism instruction is required for Parents.

Reconciliation (Confessions)
Saturdays 3:00-3:45 PM
Or by Appointment

Weddings: For registered and active parishioners: must be arranged with the pastor at least 6 months before the date desired. Please contact the Church Office for more details.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Is11:1-10
Psalms: 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9
Gospel Reading: Mt 3:1-12

Devotions:

Tuesday 9:00am Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday 9:00am St. Frances Cabrini Novena

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
After Mass M, T, Th, F with the Rosary
Friday 9:00am—2:30pm



Parish Membership: Through baptism we become God's sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters to each other in Christ.

Every family in the parish is encouraged to properly register and receive numbered offertory envelopes.

Registration forms for permanent members can be obtained by visiting the Parish Office during office hours. We appreciate you taking the time to update your parishioner information.

Please email us Secsfxc@verizon.net or call the office at 941-776 -9097 with any updates.

Night Emergencies: 941.201.9741

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Readings for the Week

Monday
Nm24:2-7,15-17a Ps25:4-9 Mt21:23-27

Tuesday
Gn49:2,8-10 Ps72:1-4,7-8,17 Mt1:1-17

Wednesday
Jer23:5-8 Ps72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Mt1:18-25

Thursday
Jgs13:2-7,24-25a Ps71:3-6,16-17 Lk1:5-25

Friday
Is7:10-14 Ps24:1-6 Lk1:26-38

OFFERTORY

Date	Amount	Attendance
12-8-2019	\$13,468.94	1231
12-9-2018	\$10,890.35	1115
CFA		
Collected	\$121,243.30	
Goal	\$164,000.00	

Advent Penance Service

St. Frances Cabrini, Parrish: Dec. 16— 5:30

Sts. Peter and Paul, Bradenton: Dec. 18— 5:30pm

St. Martha's Sarasota: Dec. 23 & 24 — 9:00am —7:00pm

St. Frances Cabrini Christmas Mass Times

Tuesday Dec. 24, 2019 8:30am - Daily Mass

Tuesday Dec. 24, 2019

4:00pm & 6:00pm

12:00am Midnight Mass

Wednesday Dec. 25, 2019

9:00am, 11:00am

Wednesday Jan 1, 2020 10:00am



Learning and Understanding Our Faith

The Tale of the Virgin Martyr—St. Lucy (Dec. 15)

Lucy's history has been lost and all we really know for certain is that this brave woman who lived in Syracuse lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century. Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith.

Because people wanted to shed light on Lucy's bravery, legends began to crop up. The one that has passed the test of time tells the story of a young Christian woman who vowed to live her life in service of Christ. Her mother tried to arrange a marriage for her with a pagan and Lucy knew her mother could not be swayed by a young girl's vow, so she devised a plan to convince her mother that Christ was the better partner for life.

After several prayers at the tomb of Saint Agatha, Lucy saw the saint in a dream. St. Agatha told Lucy her mother's illness would be cured through faith, which Lucy used to persuade her mother to give the dowry money to the poor and allow her to commit her life to God.

While Lucy and her mother were grateful to God, the rejected bridegroom was deeply angered and betrayed Lucy's faith to the governor Paschasius. The governor attempted to force her into defilement at a brothel, but the guards who came to take her away were unable to move her, even after hitching her to a team of oxen. The guards heaped bundles of wood around her but it wouldn't burn so they finally resorted to their swords, and Lucy met her death.

Though details of her life remain unknown, it is widely known that during her lifetime Christians were persecuted for their faith. They were forced to endure horrific torture and often met painful ends during Diocletian's reign. Though the details surrounding her death remain only as legends, it is all modern-day Christians can rely on. Lucy's legend did not end with her death. According to later accounts, Lucy warned Paschasius he would be punished. When the governor heard this he ordered the guards to gouge out her eyes; however, in another telling, it was Lucy who removed her eyes in an attempt to discourage a persistent suitor who greatly admired them. When her body was being prepared for burial, they discovered her eyes had been restored.

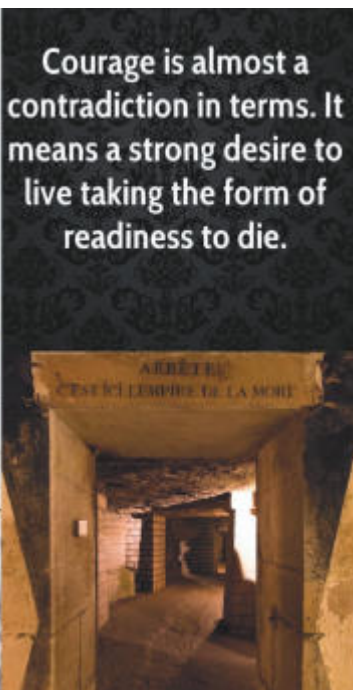
Sigebert (1030-1112), a monk of Gembloux, wrote *sermo de Sancta Lucia*, in which he described Lucy's body as remaining undisturbed in Sicily for 400 years until Faroald II, Duke of Spoleto, seized the island and transferred Lucy's remains to Abruzzo, Italy. It was later removed by Emperor Otho I in 972 to Metz and left in the church of St. Vincent.

There is much confusion about what happened to her body after its stay at St. Vincent's, but it is believed that several pieces of her body can be found in Rome, Naples, Verona, Lisbon, Milan, Germany, France and Sweden. In 1981, thieves stole all but her head but police were able to recover them on her feast day.

Lucy, whose name can mean "light" or "lucid," is the patron saint of the blind. She is often seen with the emblem of eyes on a cup or plate. In paintings, she is often depicted with a golden plate holding her eyes and often holds a palm branch, which is a symbol of victory over evil.

Saint Lucy, you did not hide your light under a basket, but let it shine for the whole world, for all the centuries to see. We may not suffer torture in our lives the way you did, but we are still called to let the light of our Christianity illumine our daily lives. Please help us to have the courage to bring our Christianity into our work, our recreation, our relationships, our conversation -- every corner of our day. Amen

Tradition holds that St. Lucy would wear a wreath of candles on her head so she could see better, her arms full of supplies, as she served the poor Christians hiding from persecution in the dark underground catacombs.



Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die.

December 15, 2019



Come Join Us!

Thursday, December 19 @5:30
In the Mother Cabrini Center.

Please call the parish office at
776.9097 to RSVP with the number
of people who will be
Attending and the entrée, side dish,
or dessert you would like to bring.

Attention:

Doors Open at 5:15 pm
Please make sure your food is hot,
prepared, cut, and sliced with your
own serving utensil.

Food will not be placed in warmers
or plugged in. - Thank you!



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Reserve February 8, 2020 for this *FUN*draising event celebrating fashions & desserts throughout the globe. Presented by our very own Council of Catholic Women - CCW.

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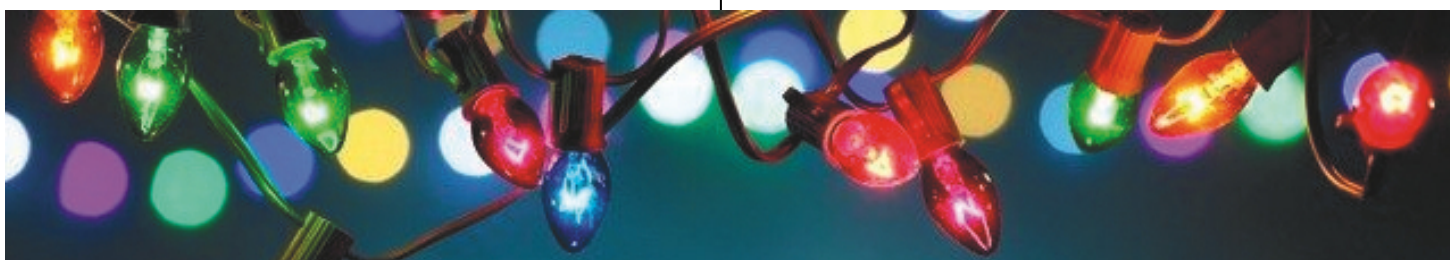
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Health Tips for the Fall and Winter

The cold and flu season is here. I would like to ask that everyone take seriously their own health and the health of our fellow parishioners. Very often we forget how fragile some people's immune system is and that although we mean well, shaking each other's hand while we are ill can very easily spread germs that can make others very sick.

During the coming months please do not feel uncomfortable about not shaking hands at the "Sign of Peace" during Mass—a simple friendly wave or nod of the head is acceptable and could help keep all of us healthy this winter.



The Faith Formation Christmas Pageant

Sunday Dec. 15th at 2 pm in the Cabrini Center.

This year we will be presenting the Nativity of our Lord according to The Gospel of Saint Luke. There will also be a youth music recital prior to the Pageant. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with preparations, please e-mail David Collins at: David.Collins@sfxcparrish.com **Thank you!**

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