

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

12001 69th Street East, Parrish, FL 34219

4th Sunday of Advent

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Closed Wednesday



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INSIDE IT THAT WAS
BIGGER THAN OUR
WHOLE WORLD"

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THE LAST BATTLE

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

Music Director and Rel. Ed. Coordinator:
David Collins

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December 22, 2019

Mass Intentions

Monday December 23
8:30am + Catherine Sadowsky
Req. By: Loving Family

Tuesday December 24
8:30am +Ken Darga
Req. By: Gail & Children
4:00pm +Brady Family
Req. By: Eddie & Peggy Brady
6:00pm +Anthony Santo Morda
Req. By: Dennis & Sheila Montone

Wednesday December 25
12:00 am Miaya White
Req. By: Loving Family
9:00am A Greater Respect for all
Human Life
+Rachel Rodrigues
Lydia

Thursday December 26
8:30am +Men Nguyen
Req. By: Bella

Friday December 27
8:30am +Therese Dumais
Req. By: Grandson, James

Saturday December 28
4:00pm +Jim Vera
Req. By: T.J. & Cheryl Keegan

Sunday December 29
8:00am Parishioners
10:30am +Manual Fernandez
Req. By: Marina Walton

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: Is7:10-14
Psalms: 24:1-6
Second Reading: Rom 1:1-7
Gospel Reading: Mt 1::18-24

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

4th Sunday of Advent

Readings for the Week

Monday St. John of Kanty
Mal3:1-4,23-24 Ps25:4bc-5ab,8-10,14
Lk1:57-66

Tuesday

Sm7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps89:2-5,27,29
Lk1:67-79

Wednesday Christmas

Is52:7-10 Ps98:1-6 Heb1:1-6 Jn1:1-18

Thursday St. Stephen

Acts6:8-10;7:54-59 Ps31:3cd4,6,8ab,16bc
17 Mt10:17-22

Friday St. John

Jn1:1-4 Ps97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Jn20:1a,2-8

OFFERTORY

Date	Amount	Attendance
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Due to the early bulletin deadline we have no offertory collection information

CFA

Collected	\$121,243.30
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Goal	\$164,000.00
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A wonderful *Thank You* to all who contributed to the decorations in the Sanctuary this year!

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And to all the Parishioners of St. Frances Cabrini who gave in our 2nd Collection!!

~ Thank You ~

Learning and Understanding Our Faith

The Manger and the Cross Point to the Same Truth: Constance T. Hull

Two nights ago, my husband asked me to help him put something in the garage. It was there—out of earshot of our daughter—that he told me that he is coughing up blood again. His new medication is not working as we had hoped it would and he needs to go back on prednisone until we can figure out what to do about his chronic illness moving forward. We both know another flare up means more unseen irreparable damage to his lungs. There we stood on a dark, cold Advent night, the Cross we carry as a family grows heavy once more.

The Cross casts its long shadow over the manger where the Christ-child lays. The same is true for each one of us, even in the midst of the joys and festivities of the season. This reality is more tangible for all of us at different periods in our lives. We come face-to-face with the Cross when we are called to shoulder the burdens of chronic or terminal illness, the loss of a loved one, unemployment, loneliness, poverty, infertility, or any other affliction. It is in those times when we see that Christmas wouldn't matter without the Paschal Mystery.

It would be impossible to accept the painful reality that my husband—over the course of a few years or decades—will slowly drown in his own blood, if it were not for the joy of the Incarnation and the love shown to us on the Cross on Good Friday. Christmas only makes sense in the light of Calvary and Easter morning. The manger and the Cross point to the same truth. That Christ came to die for us, so that we could have eternal life and to free us from the bonds of sin and death.

“It was not so much that His birth cast a shadow on His life, and thus led to His death; it was rather that the Cross was there from the beginning, and it cast its shadow backward to His birth. Ordinary mortals go from known to the unknown submitting themselves to forces beyond their control; hence we can speak of their “tragedies.” But He went from the known to the known, from the reason for His coming, namely, to be “Jesus” or “Savior,” to the fulfillment of His coming, namely, the death on the Cross.”—Fulton Sheen

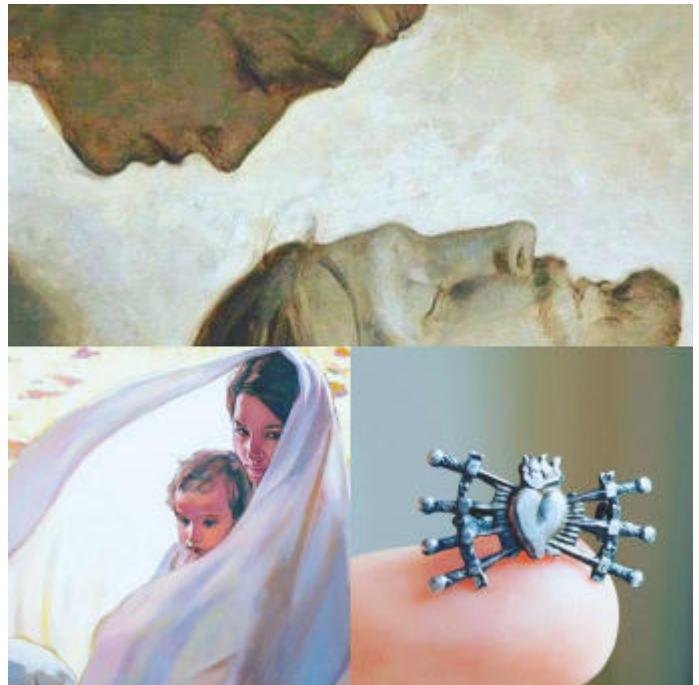
The invitation the Christ-child extends to us each Christmas, is to walk the same path to Calvary. In the mysterious gift of the Incarnation, we come to see what love will cost us. It will cost us everything. This is the road to joy and the ultimate way to happiness: to die-to-self.

Christ entered into the world in poverty on a cold, dark night in a cave. He invites us into that poverty of spirit in our daily lives as we learn to be emptied of our own wants and desires so that we can give everything over to God. Each time my husband tells me that he is coughing up blood, I am reminded of the heavy Cross we have been given. God shows me that my plans and my ways are not His own. It's the same reminder that I'm given each time I want another child, but I once more have to accept that it is not God's will. It's the reminder I am given every time I must battle to offer up every ounce of my suffering for priests. Our lives are not our own. This life is about surrendering in love to the Cross.

To go to the Christ-Child in the manger in the dead of night, to walk that lonely road to the cave, is to be willing to surrender our entire being to Him. We cannot enter into the mystery, awe, wonder, and joy of Christmas without giving ourselves fully to God. The joy we experience in this life and the next is dependent upon how much we are willing to give over to God. He pours His infinite love into us, but we are the ones who must choose to accept it and what is required in that Divine Love. The cost is high in our Fallen state because love is the Cross.

Standing on that cold December night with my husband in the middle of Advent, reminded me that the pilgrimage to the manger, requires a willingness on my part to surrender everything to God on the Cross. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation, but we can only be prepared for the joy of the Incarnation in the measure that we give ourselves over to Christ. We must say “yes” to our own Crosses. We must remember that Christmas is not separate from Good Friday. They are unified in purpose and in the person of Jesus Christ.

Let us take these final days of Advent to surrender our lives more fully to Christ. May He fill us with the comfort, strength, and peace we need to make our pilgrim way to the manger at Christmas no matter the Crosses we are asked to carry in this life. He is always with us, especially on dark nights when the weight of the Cross threatens to knock us to the ground. He is walking with us in these final Advent days and He will be waiting for each one of us in the manger at Christmas. (Catholicexchange.com)



December 22, 2019

2020 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
Diocese of Venice

Blessed is **SHE**
who **BELIEVED**
...what was spoken to her from the Lord.
- Luke 1:45

SPEAKERS:

JIMMY MITCHELL **SISTERS of LIFE** **MARY BIELSKI**



TO REGISTER:
<https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/2020-womens-conference>

WHERE: Bishop Verot High School 5598 Sunrise Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33919	WHEN: 9am-3pm Doors open at 8am	DATE: Feb. 22	COST: Pre-Registration Adults: \$20 Students: \$5 At the Door: Adults: \$30 Students: \$10
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More info: Call (941) 484-9543

2020 MEN'S CONFERENCE
Diocese of Venice

But as for you, man of God...
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of the faith!
- 1 Timothy 6:11-12

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SPEAKERS:

MARK HART **CHRIS PADGETT** **FR. CALLOWAY**



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WHERE: Bishop Verot High School 5598 Sunrise Dr. Fort Myers, FL 33919	WHEN: 9am-3pm Doors open at 8am	DATE: Feb. 8	COST: Pre-Registration Adults: \$20 Students: \$5 At the Door: Adults: \$30 Students: \$10
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4th Sunday of Advent

Council of Catholic Women (CCW)



**CCW
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The Council of Catholic Women of St. Frances Cabrini would like to thank everyone who gave to the Angel Tree this year. Through your generosity, 360 children were blessed to receive Christmas gifts this year. The CCW also collected \$5,470 worth of gift cards which will help provide for the needs of the families this year.

The next CCW meeting is January 19, 2020 at 11:30am Rosary, 12:00pm Mtg. and Luncheon.
All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Knights of Columbus will be leading the Rosary
30 minutes before all the Masses on December 28-29th.



The next blood drive will be Sunday, December 29th from 8:30-1:00pm.

Please consider giving the gift of life.

All male parishioners 18 years or older and a practicing member of the Catholic Church are invited to join our Order. For more information:

Email: grandknight12155@aol.co



Out and About the Parish

Pray for our Military:



Sgt. Amy Cook; Sgt. Thomas Cook; SFC Kevin A. Correia; Sgt. John M. Danko, Jr; Lt. Patrick Devito; Lt. Cmdr. Julie Dumais; P5 Kathleen Foley; Maj. Joseph Gill III; Sgt. Jonathan D. Ginn; Sgt FC Joseph Jackel; CPO Jennifer Keisacker; Sgt. Jeffery Keisacker; 1st Lt. William Knox; Sgt Austin W. Kommick; Seaman Nolan MacDowell; Major Bonnie Meister; Cpl Jaclyn Monnerjahn; Cpl Matthew Monnerjahn; SSgt. Francois Moreau; Sgt. Anthony Mottaz; E1 Brian O'Houlahan; LCpl Patrick O'Houlahan; 2C Rose O'Houlahan; Cpl Timothy O'Houlahan; Cpl Matthew Ortiz; SSgt Jeremy Pelkey; Maj. Allen Pepper; SSgt Alex Dante Ponzi; Sr.A Chelsey Danielle Ponzi; Sgt Steven Popek; Capt. John A. Scott; CPO Kevin Sips; Pfc Jason Stinton; Lt. Cmdr. Stephan Szachta; Sgt. Eric Terlau; 1st Lt. William P. Traeger; Capt. Edward Vazquez; Sgt. Nicholas Weaver, CPL Taylor-Kurlas White; Sgt. Damon White

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.



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