

# St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

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**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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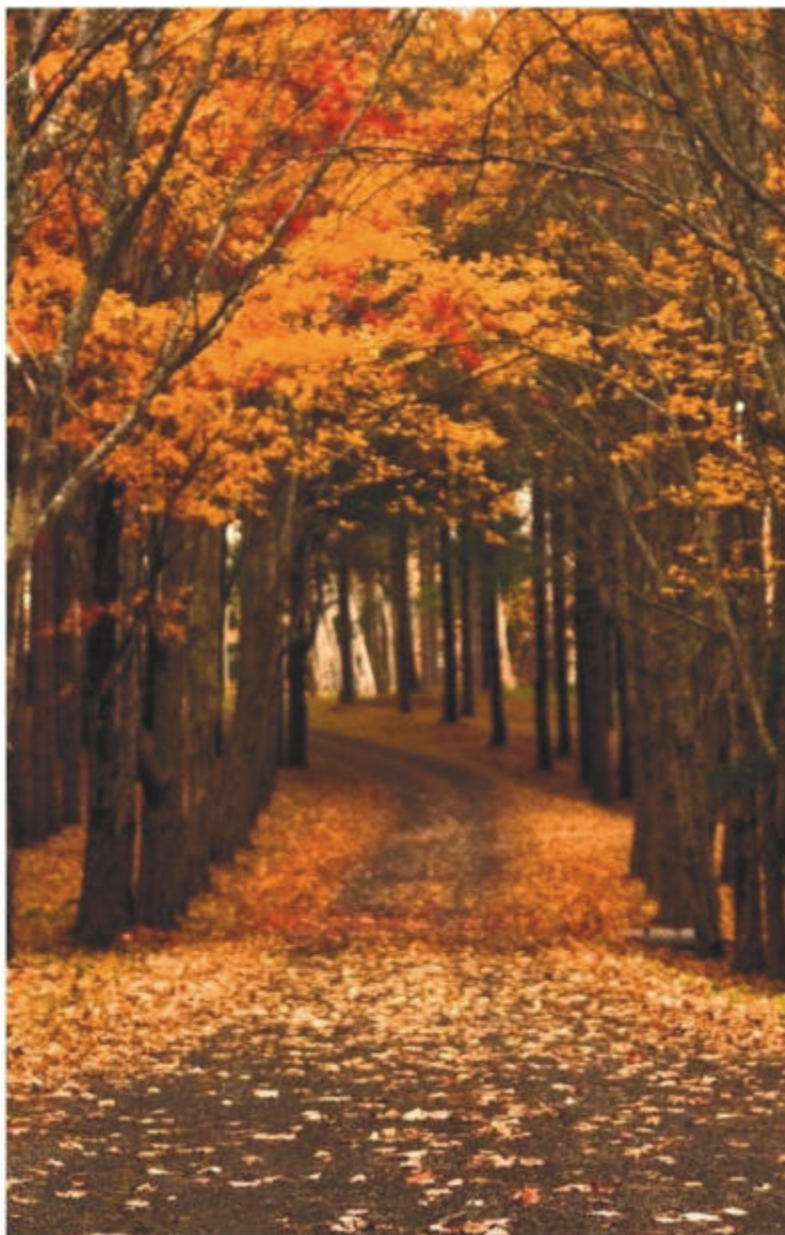
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OFFICE HOURS

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

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The days in which we live now require heroic Catholicism, not casual Catholicism. We can no longer be Catholics by accident, but instead Catholics by conviction.

- Bishop Daniel Jenky -



## **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 7:00 PM**

Music Director and Rel. Ed. Coordinator:  
David Collins

## **PARISH STAFF**

Administrator: Fr. Joseph Gates  
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November 3, 2019



<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 4</b>
8:30	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 5</b>
8:30am	+Jerry Gorman
Req. By:	Cheryl Wyler & Matt Felice
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 6</b>
7:00 pm	+Emily Peotrowicz
Req. By:	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Montone
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 7</b>
8:30am	+Roy Lansing
Req. By:	Joanne Nelander
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 8</b>
8:30am	+Ben Long
Req. By:	Pitcher Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 9</b>
8:30am	+Geraldine Venhuizen
4:00pm	Loving Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 10</b>
8:00am	+David Wyler
Req. By:	Cheryl Wyler
10:30am	Parishioners of SFXC

#### 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: Wis 11:22-12:2,8-11,13-14  
Psalms: 145:1-2,8-11,13-14  
Second Reading: 2Thes 1:11-2:2  
Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

#### 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](mailto:Secsfxc@verizon.net) or call the office at 941-776 -9097 with any updates.

**Night Emergencies: 941.201.9741**



## The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### New Mass Times for Holy Days

#### *Thanksgiving Day*

Mass 8:30am

#### *December 24*

**Regular Scheduled Daily Mass 8:30am**

#### *Christmas Eve*

Mass 4:00pm, 6:00pm,  
and Midnight (12:00am)

#### *Christmas Day*

9:00am & 11:00am

#### *New Years Day*

10:00am

### OFFERTORY

DATE	AMOUNT	ATTENDANCE
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10-27-2019	\$8,456.30	1099
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10-28 -2018	\$8,139.28	921
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### CFA COLLECTED

10-20-2019	\$ 112,113.58
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CFA GOAL	\$164,000.00
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Greetings!

My name is Fr. Joseph Gates and I am your new Parish Administrator.

I was born in Austin, Texas and claim Mobile, AL and Ann Arbor, MI as home. I am the oldest of 8 children and grew up raising sheep, pigs, and chickens for 4-H. In High School I pursued Electives in Musical Theater and Stage Production as well as Culinary Competitions.

In College I attended Ave Maria College in Ypsilanti, MI and Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. Entering into my path to the Priesthood I attended the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN attending St. John Vianney Minor Seminary. I then finished my Seminary studies at St. Vincent De Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, FL.

As a younger priest I have experienced many different aspects of the Church growing up; from the Traditional Latin Mass, Charismatic Renewal, and a lot of different liturgies in between. Many from my generation struggle with their faith – if they have any faith at all. I've taken that experience and reflected how that has affected and shaped our current world view. In my experience I have found that what was missing was the sacred. Generations before people were told what to believe with no explanation, therefore when something considered "Pre-Vatican II" appears again, many shy away from it or give it a look of disdain. I have found when an explanation is given, especially using the voice of Vatican II, the old becomes new and it becomes a very beautiful and powerful tool of faith.

I find beauty in Old things and I like to present them in a New way. One of my favorite scripture verses comes from the Book of Jeremiah 6:16 – This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls." It is my hope to build the community of St. Frances Cabrini with you, to restore timeless traditions of our faith, that our young people might learn from them and our experienced members be encouraged by them. Through our prayer at the Liturgy to our celebrations in the Parish Hall, I pray we might be a lighthouse of faith and fellowship to our extended Parrish community.

Peace and Blessings

- Fr. Joseph Gates

# Learning and Understanding Our Faith

## The Altar as Threshold: Romano Guardini

The real God speaks in the plain, exact words of His messengers through the person, life, and death of Jesus Christ. He challenges the world, arousing it from its captivity, demanding that it recognize the truth and be converted.

The otherness of that conversion is stressed by the fact that the celebration of God's mystery does not take place just anywhere: neither in the spaciousness of nature, nor in the intimacy of a home, but in the unique, clearly circumscribed area of the church. Thus we find the constantly repeated procedure: the believer goes to the house of God, crosses the threshold, and enters the sacred room within. This is an important part of genuine piety. He remains present, listens, speaks, acts, serves.

There is also a special order established within the sacred interior. It is essential to the Liturgy that the important acts of which it is composed are not left to chance or to the momentary spiritual situation, but are arranged and specified with the greatest care. The Lord's memorial sacrifice cannot take place anywhere in the church, but only at one particular spot: the altar.

The altar is a great mystery. Its religious archetype is to be found in almost all faiths; indeed, I doubt that it is fundamentally absent from any. It appears in the Old Testament. In the catacombs we find it in its earliest form. What then is the altar? Its meaning is probably most clearly suggested by two images: it is threshold and it is table. Threshold is door, and it has a double significance: border and crossing over. It indicates where one thing ends and another begins. The border that marks the end of the old makes possible entry into the new. As a threshold, the altar creates first of all the border between the realm of the world and the realm of God.

The altar reminds us of the remoteness in which He lives beyond the altar, as we might say (meaning "divine distance") or above the altar (meaning "divine loftiness"), both of which are to be understood of course not spatially, but spiritually. They mean that God is the Intangible One, far removed from all approaching, from all grasping; that He is the all-powerful Majestic One immeasurably exalted above earthly things and earthly striving. Such breadth and height are founded not on measure, but on God's essence: His holiness, to which man of himself has no access.

On the other hand, this is not to be understood merely spiritually, or rather, merely intellectually. In the Liturgy everything is symbolic. But symbol is more than a corporal form representing something incorporeal. Let us take, for example, a representation of justice: a woman, blindfolded and holding scales in her hands. The meaning of such a statue is not apparent. First one must be instructed that the bandaged eyes mean that a judge is no respecter of persons; and the scales mean that to each is to be measured out his exact due. This is allegory, whose meaning is not directly perceived.



The Liturgy also contains allegories, but its basic forms are symbols. Their meaning is actually hidden, yet it reveals itself in a particular thing or person, much as the human soul, itself invisible, becomes perceptible, approachable in the expression and movements of a face. So it is in the church. The altar is not an allegory, but a symbol. The thoughtful believer does not have to be taught that it is a border, that above it stretch inaccessible heights and beyond it the reaches of divine remoteness; somehow he is aware of this. To grasp the mystery all that is necessary on the part of the believer is intrinsic readiness and calm reflection; then his heart will respond with reverence. It is essential for every one of us to experience at some time or another the fear of the Lord, to be repelled by Him from the sacred place, as Moses was at the burning bush (Exod. 3:2-5), that we may know with all our being that God is God and we are but man. Trust in God, nearness to Him, and security in Him remain thin and feeble when personal knowledge of God's exclusive majesty and awful sanctity do not counterbalance them. We do well to pray God for this experience, and the place where it is most likely to be granted us is before His altar.

Threshold is not, however, only borderline; it is also crossing over. One can step over it into the adjacent room or, standing on it, receive Him who comes from the other side. It is something that unites, a place of contact and encounter. This too is contained in the symbol of the altar. The essence of revelation is the news that God loves us. God's love is not simply the love we find also in ourselves, infinitely intensified. Inconceivable mystery, it had to be revealed: an unheard-of act that we can begin to fathom only when it is clear to us who God is and who we are. Its real expression is to be found in the tremendous event of the Incarnation, when God abandoned His sacred reserve, came to us, became one of us, sharing with us human life and human destiny. Now He is with us, "on our side." Such is His love, and it creates a nearness that man alone never could have conceived.

All this is expressed by the altar. It reminds us that God turns to us; from His heights He steps down to us; from His remoteness He approaches us. The altar is the sign of God's presence among us, in us. The same altar also suggests that there is a way leading us — remote, isolated creatures that we are — back to our Creator; from the depths of our sin up to His holiness; that we can follow it — to be sure, not on our own strength, but on that which His grace supplies. We can cross the border only because God crossed it to come to us. His descent draws us upward. He Himself, the One-Who-Has-Come, is "the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Threshold really lies everywhere in the simple fact that God is Creator and man creature; and this fact is heightened by man's sinfulness, which makes him unable to stand before the Holy God. Yet God has stooped to us in an act of saving love and laid out for us the road to Himself. Thus everywhere we are confronted by sacred barriers repelling us, but also by the possibility of their opening for us. What we call prayer is the mysterious process of that opening.

Every time we invoke God, we approach His threshold and pass over it. In the altar the barrier presents itself in a form symbolizing God's revelation, for there in the mystery of the Mass it comes to its own in a very special way. Through Christ's self-sacrifice in salutary death, a sacrifice that presupposed the Incarnation of God's Son, the altar-threshold appears most clearly as the borderline that shows who Holy God is and what our sin is. But the altar-threshold is also the crossing-over par excellence, because God became man so that we might become "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pet. 1:4). The altar is indeed the holy place before which we can say as we can nowhere else: "I am here, O Lord." (Catholicexchange.com)

November 3, 2019

November 9



December 8

The Council of Catholic Women  
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On the weekend of November 9, please consider taking one of the Angels from the tree in the Narthex which will provide clothing for Migrant Families.

Please purchase the items needed listed on the Angel and return it by December 8, with the Angel attached to the wrapped gift.

If you would like to give a wrapped toy as well; please list the toy on the Angel attached to the clothing items.

If you would like to provide a gift card—please placed it in an envelope and deliver it to the Office.

*For it is in giving that we receive.  
-Francis of Assisi*



## The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Readings for the Week

Monday: St. Charles Borromeo  
Rom11:29-36 Ps 69:30-36 Lk.14:12-14  
Tuesday:  
Rom12:5-16b Ps 131:1-3 Lk.14:15-24  
Wednesday:  
Rom13:8-10 Ps 112:1-9 Lk14:25-33  
Thursday:  
Rom14:7-12 Ps 27: 1--14 Lk15:1-10  
Friday:  
Rom15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk16:1-8



### *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

### Prayer for the Sick

In the back of the Narthex there is a book in which you may write the names of your loved ones who are sick and in need of prayer. Each weekend the Book of the Sick will be placed at the ambo and will be remembered in each of the prayers of intercession at Mass. You may also Call the Office to give a name as well. Thank you !



Parish Calendar

4 – CCW Board MTG

6, 13, 20 – Youth Group  
(Every Wednesday 6:30-8pm)

7, 14, 21 - Divine Mercy  
(Every Thursday 9:30)

8, 15, 22 – Bible Study  
(Every Friday 10:30)

3, 17 - Faith Formation  
(Every Sunday 9:10-10:10am)

17 – CCW General Meeting  
and Thanksgiving Potluck 11:30-2:00

18 – Knights of Columbus (K of C)  
Officers MTG 7:30pm

19 – K of C General Assembly  
(Every Third Tuesday 7-9pm)

No Faith Formation (10 & 24)

No Youth Group (27)

No Divine Mercy (28)

No Bible Study (29)

# Out and About the Parish and Diocese

## ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is the prayerful recognition of the presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. As a member of the St. Frances Parish family, you are invited to spend one hour (of your choosing) every Friday in Eucharistic Adoration. Talking with Jesus Christ in the presence of the Holy Eucharist you will find your life filled with graces beyond expectations.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Adoration is available for all Parishioners any time from 9:00AM to 2:30PM every Friday. Please indicate your preferred Hour.

9:00-10:00 AM \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00-12:00 Noon \_\_\_\_\_ 1:00-2:00PM \_\_\_\_\_

10:00-11:00 AM \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00-1:00PM \_\_\_\_\_ 2:00-3:00PM \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a full time resident? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be a:

Division Leader	Yes: _____	No: _____
Hourly Captain	Yes: _____	No: _____
Or Substitute	Yes: _____	No: _____



**“ IF YOU LISTEN, GOD WILL ALSO SPEAK TO YOU, FOR WITH THE GOOD LORD, YOU HAVE TO BOTH SPEAK AND LISTEN.”**  
- St. Catherine Laboure



## Mother Daughter Advent Retreat & Tea

### Location:

St. Ann Catholic Church - Rooney Hall  
995 Third Street South  
Naples, FL 34102

Time: 9am - 12:30pm

Cost: \$25 mom & daughter\*

\$30 each additional daughter (\*suggested age is 10 and up)  
Cost includes lunch/tea.

Join us in preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and enjoying some Mother-Daughter time!

November 30, 2019

Online registration: [www.dioceseofvenice.org/calendar](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/calendar)

Contact: Kim Elamore | [elamore@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:elamore@dioceseofvenice.org)



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