St. Frances Cabrini

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to noon Closed Sat. & Sun. Please note: To help keep you and our staff safer, please wear a mask if you come in person to our parish office.

Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society are available at 881-3075 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. on weekdays. Call that number if you need a food box or other practical assistance.



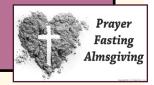
Our Christian Mission: Love God intentionally! Serve each other unreservedly! Live our faith joyfully!



St. Frances Cabrini, born in Italy in 1850, founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She immigrated to New York in 1887 to assist Catholic immigrants, died in 1917 and was the first American citizen to be canonized.



March 14, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent



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GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "minihistory" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the de-

served punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or Psalm 23*.

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or Ephesians 5:8-14*.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;

In 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47 Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or

Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;

In 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Our Current Services

Currently, our parish has two Masses on Sundays: 8:30 a.m. (Family Mass) and 10:30 a.m. (encouraged for healthy people over 65). Face masks and social distancing are still required. Mass is in the church, but Holy Eucharist is distributed at the end of Mass on the west patio. Collection baskets for contributions are at the west doors. Fr. Martin Barnum will preside at the Masses until it is safe for Fr. Jay to do so again. We remind you that the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation is still in effect in our diocese. You are urged not to go to Mass if you have underlying health conditions making you more susceptible to severe complications if you were to become ill with COVID-19, or if you are a caregiver for such a person., especially if you have not yet been vaccinated. In addition to the Masses, our parish will continue to have the drive-through distribution of Holy Communion in the west parking lot of the church. on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. For the Communion distribution service, please enter the parking lot from the entrance closest to the Rectory on Presidio Rd., drive behind the Hall and Education Building, and from there to the northwest entrance of the church. If you roll down your window (please wear a mask if this is possible for you), Fr. Jay or another Eucharistic Minister, wearing a protective mask, will hand you the blessed hosts for as many people as are in your vehicle. On the way out through the marked exit, a volunteer will also have a basket for financial contributions. The first Sat. of each month we will also have the blue barrel for St. Vincent de Paul items available.

The parish office is still closed to the general public. If you need something from the office, please call ahead on a weekday to make sure someone is there. We will make arrangements to meet you, masked, at the door to assist you. We will be unable to invite you inside. Please do not put contributions through the mail slot if no one answers the door; the security is not reliable.

Fr. Jay sends weekly letters via email to everyone for whom we have email addresses. In addition to posting them on the parish website, we also send Father's letters and this bulletin by regular mail to those who request them. Call (520) 326-7670 and leave a message.

2020-2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection Total for 02/14/2021: \$4,094 Collection Total for 02/21/2021: \$3,950 Collection Total for 02/28/2021: \$3,118

ABSTINENCE





Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

The following information comes from the website of the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops. Ash Wed. and Good Friday are obliga-

tory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon Catholics from age 14 onwards.

HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The annual Catholic Relief Services collection is March 26-27. Some of the things this collection provides include aid for victims of natural disasters around the world, trauma counseling and education for children in refugee camps, and pastoral care and legal assistance to refugees and immigrants. You can donate through www.usccb.org/national collections or the special envelope you received if you get collection envelopes through our church. The parish office also has these envelopes.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: PERSEVERING IN HOPE

Each year, at this time, we are encouraged to consider the needs of our Church and of the Diocese as one family in Christ. Every family in St. Frances Cabrini Parish is invited to make a gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, *Persevering in Hope.* You may receive the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Bishop Weisenburger. If not, the brochure and special contribution envelope will be available at the drive-through Communion Service. Michael will have them alongside the collection basket — just ask for an ACA packet. You can also contribute online by visiting www.cathfnd.org/donate, or you may call (520) 838-2504 or text ACA to 41444. Our parish office can also mail you the special contribution envelope upon request. On behalf of those served by the ministries, programs and services funded by the Appeal, we thank you for your prayers, support, and participation in the ACA. Our own parish received a grant in 2020.

To arrange for a bulletin ad, contact Claudia Borders at 1-800-231-0805 or <u>bordersc@jspaluch.com</u>.

Some Meaningful Upcoming Online Events:

March 18, "St. Joseph: With a Father's Heart," a presentation by Fr. Jim Baraniak, O. Praem., pastor of Old St. Joseph Church, home of the National Shrine of St. Joseph in De Pere, Wisconsin. Offered via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Pacific Time through the Jordan Ministry of the Diocese of Tucson. Cost \$18.00. To be sent the required link, please register on or before March 17, at www.jordanministryteam.org/upcoming events. Questions? Call the Jordan Ministry Team at (520) 623-2563.

March 19, <u>Stations of the Cross</u> via a Zoom meeting at 6:30 p.m. Use Zoom meeting ID 821 8731 0138 (pass code 685964). For help, send a text to Diana at 520-981-8800 or see instructions at https://TucsonCCR.org. Free. Hosted by the Diocese of Tucson Renewal Committee.

March 27, "Lift High the Cross: A Retreat for Holy Week," offered via Zoom by the Jordan Ministry at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Cost \$18. Registration information same as presentation on St. Joseph listed above. Register on or before March 26.



MAR. 13TH- 21ST

Sat. - People of the Parish 5:00 PM Sun. 8:30 AM - First Responders, Doctors and Nurses Sun. 10:30 AM - Members of the O'Brien and Hare Families Wed. - Seminarians of Our Diocese 8:00 AM Thurs. 8:00 AM - All Wounded Veterans

Sat. 5:00 PM - Catherine Julia Hare O'Brien†
Sun. 8:30 AM - People of the Parish

10:30 AM - Randy & Michelle Clark, Special Intention

> Jane Finerson, First Anniversary in Heaven†



Fr. Martin Barnum will preside at the Sunday Masses. Fr. Jay Jensen will say the other Masses in private. We invite you also to pray for the people for whom the above Masses are offered.



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