

## St. Frances Cabrini Parish

3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson, AZ



**MASS INTENTION for 10:30 Mass:**  
**People of the Parish**

### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:00 p.m. (Vietnamese language)

Saturday: 7:30 a.m. (Vietnamese) and

6:00 p.m. (Vietnamese, anticipatory Mass for Sunday)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. (Vietnamese) & 10:30 a.m. (English)

12:15 p.m. Youth Mass (bilingual, English &

Vietnamese) **Note:** Youth Mass at 12:15 is part

of the Sun. schedule when religious education classes are in session. There will be religion classes Dec. 17. There will then be a Christmas/Winter Break, and classes and 12:15 Youth Masses will resume 1/21/2024.

### OUR PARISH AND CLERGY

St. Frances Cabrini and Our Lady of La Vang parishes have combined. Our Pastor is Fr. Dominic Hao Pham, C.S.s.R. Brother Peter Duc Nguyen is also in residence. Msgr. Albert Schifano presides at the 10:30 Sun. Mass in English, assisted by Deacon Charles Gallegos. You may reach Deacon Charlie at [eldiacono64@gmail.com](mailto:eldiacono64@gmail.com), and you may reach Fr. Al at [aschifano@diocesetucson.org](mailto:aschifano@diocesetucson.org). You may leave a message for any of the clergy at the parish office number, (520) 326-7670. To reach Fr. Dominic directly, if you have an emergency requiring a priest, call 520-667-6066.

### THE PARISH OFFICE

The phone # is (520) 326-7670. The office is open MWF mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Eileen Godollei, Donna Madden, Susan Marsala, and Mary Lou Bauer staff it on a volunteer basis. Eileen (Bulletin Editor) may be reached at the parish email address, [cabrini1962@aol.com](mailto:cabrini1962@aol.com).



## Dec. 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent



### MASSES ON DEC. 23-25TH

Sunday, Dec. 24 is both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. The Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent will be at the usual time: 6:00 p.m. anticipatory Mass on Sat. the 23rd (in Vietnamese); 8:30 a.m. (Vietnamese), and 10:30 a.m. (English) on Sunday the 24th.

There will be a Mass in Vietnamese on Christmas Eve, probably at 7:30 p.m. The time for that Mass has not yet been completely settled.

**On Christmas Day, Dec. 25,** we will have a Vietnamese language Mass at 8:30 a.m, and an English Mass at 10:30 a.m.



### NEW CALENDARS

We have 2024 calendars with religious art available now in the church vestibule (hallway on south end of church).

### DONATING \$ TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP)

Did you know that your cash donations to SVDP may qualify you for a tax credit on your AZ State Income Tax Return? The Arizona Qualified Charitable Organization tax credit provides for a dollar-for-dollar reduction on your tax liability: up to \$421 for a single person; \$841 on a joint return. And your donation does not have to be made in a lump sum. It can be made in smaller amounts throughout the year. The credit is claimed on **AZ Form 321** using **Code 20768**. Questions? Call Terry @559-930-2464.



**COLLECTION REPORT** — The total for **Collections** Nov. 23-26 was \$6,466. More recent figures are not yet available. Thank you for your supporting contributions.

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

All the readings may be found on pages  
41-43 of the new Breaking Bread Missals.

Here are the references, in case you want to  
re-read them at home later:

**First Reading** Is 61:1-2A, 10-11

**Responsorial Psalm** Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Today's Psalm is from the beautiful Canticle of Mary in Luke's Gospel:

R. (Is 61:10b) **My soul rejoices in my God.**  
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me  
blessed:

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

**Second Reading** 1 Thes 5:16-24

**Gospel** Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**This quotation about John the Baptist is from  
today's Gospel:**

A man named John was sent from God.  
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
but came to testify to the light.



### Symbolism of the Advent Wreath

The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God. The evergreen is chosen as the base because green is the color that represents hope and new life. The 4 candles represent the 4 weeks of Advent. The first two purple candles symbolize hope and love, respectively. The third candle, which is pink, symbolizes joy. The fourth and last purple candle represents peace. Sometimes a white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath to signify the Savior, but the light of all the candles together also signifies the light of Christ to human-kind, as does the Christmas star, or star of Bethlehem, which appeared at the birth of Jesus.



The Lord is  
Near!

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Usually, the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation is available for half an hour before each of the weekend Masses. Confession times will be increased to one hour before each of the weekend Masses on the Advent weekends of Dec. 9-10, 16-17, and 23-24. Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful way to get ready for the coming of Jesus into our hearts in a special way at Christmas time.