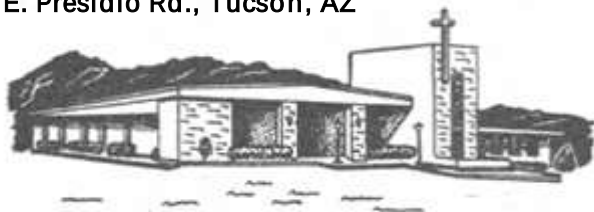


St. Frances Cabrini Church
Our Lady of La Vang Parish

3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson, AZ



MASS INTENTIONS

For 10:30 a.m. Mass:

For the Repose of the Soul of Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Relly-Forman, b. 4/01/1947, d. 4/02/2026

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

6:00 p.m. (Vietnamese)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. (Vietnamese)

10:30 a.m. (English)



Note: We have a 12:15 bilingual Youth Mass when children's religion classes are in session. Youth Classes and the 12:15 Mass will resume August 23.

OUR PARISH AND CLERGY

St. Frances Cabrini and Our Lady of La Vang parishes are combined. Officially, the name of our Parish is Our Lady of La Vang, but our church is St. Frances Cabrini Church. Our Pastor is Father Dominic Hao Pham, C.Ss.R. Brother Peter Duc Nguyen and Brother John the Baptist Dai Ho are also in residence. All are members of the Redemptorist Order. Fr. Dominic currently presides at all of the Masses, although we hope Fr. Al Shifano may be able to do some of them again. Deacon Charles Gallegos assists at 10:30 Mass. You may leave a message for any of the clergy at the parish office number, (520) 326-7670. To reach Fr. Dominic directly, call 520-667-6066. Deacon Charlie may be contacted at eldiacono64@gmail.com. Deacon Binh Ly may be reached at binhly@cox.net. Fr. Al may be contacted at aschifano@diocesetucson.org.

THE PARISH OFFICE

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. The phone # is (520) 326-7670. Eileen (Bulletin Editor) may be reached at the parish email address, cabrini1962@aol.com.

July 19, 2026
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND THE WEEDS

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



July 7, 2026 was the 80th Anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Frances Cabrini. We will celebrate her life and legacy in the Parish Hall after 10:30 Mass today with a cake, in addition to our usual coffee and donuts, and we will show a recently made film about her remarkable, inspiring life. Attached to this bulletin is an article detailing some of the facts about who she was and what she accomplished. As she herself was an immigrant to our country, the Catholic Church has named her the patron saint of immigrants.



FINAL WEEK OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SUMMER

FOOD DRIVE — Summer is a busy time for the Cabrini/La Vang Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We hope you can bring food items

from the following list to church this coming week and place them in our black collection box in the church vestibule: **canned vegetables and fruit, pasta sauce (cans or bottles), boxed pasta, canned chicken and tuna, canned refried beans, boxes of cereal, and toilet paper.** Hungry neighbors need our help.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It's time for our annual drive. Our parishioners are so kind & generous to the students in our neighborhood! We take supplies to 2 elementary schools and 1 middle school in our area. These are appreciated. If you can, please buy a few school supplies when shopping to help the students in our neighborhood. Many of them live in families with low incomes. **Pencils, paper, backpacks, pens, folders, binders, notebooks, colored pencils, markers, crayons, & facial tissues are needed.** Boxes will be in the church for your school supply donations beginning July 12. Our last day to collect will be Aug. 16. Questions? Call Mary Lou at 520-488-3213. Thank you for your support!

CONFESSIONS— are available for half an hour after the 10:30 Mass and half an hour before the other weekend Masses. You may also call Fr. Dominic (520-667-6066) to make an appointment.



The complete Readings for today, on which celebrate the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, may be found on pages 181-183 of the Breaking Bread missals. In today's Gospel Reading, Matthew 13: 24-43, Jesus tells three parables: the parable of the weeds growing among the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the small amount of yeast leavening a whole batch of flour for baking bread. Sometimes today's Gospel Reading is shortened to Matthew 13: 24-30, in which Jesus tells the first parable about the wheat and the weeds.



The Parable of the tiny mustard seed that grows big, like a tiny seed of faith that grows into a beautiful spiritual life that blesses many others.



In the longer form of the Gospel, Jesus explains that the weeds that will be pulled up and burned are "evildoers" and "those who cause others to sin," whereas the wheat gathered into the barn represents the good people who will be gathered into heaven.



O.C.I.A. CLASSES BEGIN HERE SOON — check your bulletin in weeks ahead for more details about these classes to prepare adults for Sacraments they have not yet received: Baptism, First Eucharist, and/or Confirmation.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Tucson — Sept. 4-6, 2026

Are you or is someone you love struggling emotionally or spiritually following an abortion? Rachel's Vineyard Ministry offers confidential, supportive retreats for people wanting to find their way back to Christ's peace and healing after an abortion. Visit www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org for more information or to register for the retreat, or call or text 520-743-6777.



REGULAR COLLECTION REPORT

The collection total for July 11-12, 2026 is \$4,453. Thank you for your contributions to help support our parish.



The parable of the bit of living yeast within a large amount of flour that results in much good bread.

Mother Cabrini's Life and Legacy— from the website of cabinationalshrine.org

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini's life is a testament to how fragile beginnings, tenacious hope, and a daring faith can reshape the world. Born into poverty and marked by physical frailty, Mother Cabrini was raised amid hardship—but also fed by stories of missionaries, the rhythm of rural Italian faith, and a family courageously faithful in the face of loss. From childhood, her heart burned to serve God's people and reach "the ends of the earth." In time, that desire would make her the first American citizen saint, the Patroness of Immigrants, and a universal symbol of mercy in action.

Maria Francesca Cabrini was born on July 15, 1850, in the small town of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Lombardy, the 13th child of Agostino and Stella Cabrini. Born two months premature, she would struggle with poor health all her days. Only four Cabrini children would reach adulthood—a family shaped by grief yet grounded in faith. As a girl, she was captivated by missionary tales. Educated at home by her sister Rosa and later at the Daughters of the Sacred Heart school in Arluno, Cabrini became a certified teacher at age eighteen. Despite her longing to enter religious life, she was turned away repeatedly due to her poor health—first by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, then by the Canossian Sisters, and even at the request of her parish priest, who feared losing her as a teacher. Francesca did not let disappointment become despair; she remained confident that "God has a plan for every obstacle."

In 1874, Cabrini took on the directorship of a struggling orphanage in Codogno, Lombardy. She made religious vows, adding "Xavier" to honor her missionary hero, St. Francis Xavier, and brought new discipline, warmth, and dignity to the orphanage's operation. When the orphanage closed in 1880, due to circumstances beyond her control, she gathered several loyal women and, with the support of her bishop, founded her own community: the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC). The young congregation, under Cabrini's leadership, opened schools, orphanages, and a hospital in northern Italy, with the sisters becoming known for their practical charity, devotion, and work ethic. They cared especially for abandoned children and the poor. As they stitched embroidery and taught needlework to earn money, Cabrini instructed her Sisters to be humble, inventive, and passionately spiritual: "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me," became her motto. Though frail, Cabrini's energy was legendary. In September 1887, she traveled to Rome to request papal approval for her new community and permission to launch missions in Asia. Instead, Pope Leo XIII—disturbed by the spiritual and physical plight of Italian immigrants flooding into New York and the Americas—told her, "Not to the East, but to the West!" He commissioned her to serve in the United States.

Mother Cabrini's early work in New York was marked by adversity: poverty, suspicion, language barriers, and prejudice within the Church and society. Cabrini and her Sisters begged for food, funds, and shelter—sometimes going door-to-door in the Italian ghetto. With the help of donors like the Countess DiCesnola, they established the Sacred Heart Orphan Asylum, which soon required relocation to the countryside (West Park, NY) due to cost and growing need. Cabrini set up schools, a novitiate, and a safe haven for girls, refusing to turn them out at 14 as other institutions did. With seemingly inexhaustible energy, she expanded the mission: in New York, the Bronx, Newark, Scranton, and beyond, the Sisters opened clinics, schools, and eventually a hospital. Her ministry in New Orleans during the violent anti-Italian riots of 1891 was both dangerous and holy: she established schools and an orphanage amid outbreaks of yellow fever and distrust. Cabrini arrived in Chicago in 1899 to find Italian immigrants facing isolation, poverty, and limited opportunities. She and her Sisters opened Assumption School, the city's first Italian parish school (always tuition-free), and would soon add Columbus Hospital in Lincoln Park (1905) and Columbus Extension Hospital on the city's west side (1910). Mother Cabrini's resilience extended beyond charity—she was a canny businesswoman. Her example inspired both religious and laity; her leadership style was firm, cheerful, and highly practical.

Requests for the Sisters came from across the hemisphere. Mother Cabrini traveled to Nicaragua, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, and Grenada—often by mule and in harsh conditions. In every new place, Cabrini formed communities dedicated to spiritual and material support for the most vulnerable. By the mid-1890s, the MSCs were an international congregation. By the end of her life, Cabrini had crossed the Atlantic no fewer than 24 times. She had founded 67 institutions on three continents: schools, hospitals, orphanages, and missions. She championed education, healthcare, women's dignity, and the fundamental Christian call to treat every stranger as Christ Himself. Her institutions became sanctuaries for immigrants, women, children, the sick, the marginalized, and anyone left out by society or the systems of her day. In December 1917, Cabrini, suffering chronic heart disease, returned to Chicago to be cared for by the Sisters she trusted and loved. She died unexpectedly on December 22 in her private room at Columbus Hospital, surrounded by the Sisters she had inspired and led. After her death, many miracles through her intercession were reported, and she was canonized as a saint by Pope Pius XII on July 6, 1946. Her Feast Day is celebrated on Nov. 13 in the U.S.