

Third Sunday
of Advent
December 11, 2011

Saint Frances X. Cabrini

Catholic Church



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 P.M.
Sunday.....8:00 A.M, 10:30 A.M,
Baptismal Mass every first Sunday of the month12:00 Noon

DAILY MASSES

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.,.....8:30 A.M.
Wednesday.....7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour and Adoration Mondays.....9:00 A.M.—10:00 A.M.
Perpetual Adoration Fridays..... 9:00 A.M.— 9:00 P.M.
B.V.M Novena (Tuesdays).....9:00 A.M.
Novena to St Frances Cabrini (Thursday).....9:00 A.M.
Holy Day (Vigil).....7:00 P.M.
Holy Day.....9:00 A.M.
Confessions (Saturdays)..... 3:00 P.M.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. “Oh, Bill, I’d like you to meet Johnny’s father. And over here, this is Marie’s mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen’s soccer team.”

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: “I’m Ellen’s Dad.”

It’s good to know who you are. Be it someone’s father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it’s important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God’s people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He’s more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God’s reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011

4:00 P.M. †Mary Jo Boyne
Req. by: Nijole Dedinas
Reading 1: Sir 48:1-4, 9-10; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011

8:00 A.M. †David Becher
Req. by: Mr. and Mrs. Peter DeCarlo
Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

10:30 A.M. †James Hill
(In Church) Req. by: Mike and Carol Baldassarre
10:30 A.M. Parishioners of St. Frances Cabrini
(Cabrini Center)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011

8:30 A.M. †Esmeralda Gonzales
Req. by: Lydia Herrera
Reading 1: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011

8:30 A.M. †John and Helen Augustyn
Req. by: Edward Graczyk
Reading 1: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011

7:00 P.M. †Lynn Johnson
Req. by: Mother
Reading 1: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011

8:30 A.M. †Casey Venhuizen
Req. by: His Family
Reading 1: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2011

8:30 A.M. †Lynn Johnson
Req. by: Mother
Reading 1: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2011

4:00 P.M. †Barbara Savoia Giacchi
Req. by: Salvatore Giacchi
Reading 1: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2011

8:00 A.M. †Lynn Johnson
Req. by: Mother
Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50,
53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
10:30 A.M. †Robert Kluth
Req. by: Wife, Robbie
12:00 Noon No Mass

Ministry Schedule Saturday & Sunday, December 17-8, 2011

Lectors

Mass

Sat., 4:00 p.m. Sandy Dorbu, Bill Malloy
Sun., 8:00 a.m. Frank Szachta, Kyle Weott
10:30 a.m. Jack Berg, Kerry Traeger
12:00 Noon No Mass

Altar Servers

Mass

Sat., 4:00 p.m. Betsy Morrison, Buck Buchanan, Linda Vera
Sacristan: Betsy Morrison
Sun., 8:00 a.m. Tyler Weott, Emily Weott, Tyler Needham,
Justin Needham
Sacristan: Ken Darga
10:30 a.m. Kevin Harkins, Shane Harkins, Heather
Korbus, Gabrielle Amoros
Sacristan: Jean Berg
12:00 Noon No Mass

Extraordinary Ministers

Mass

Sat., 4:00 p.m. Mary Mullally, Tom Mullally, Carm
Stapleton, Mary Jo Murray, Tom Murray, Ann
Marie Osika, Jim Vera
Sun., 8:00 a.m. Sylvia Moline, Tom Moline, Karen Opalek, Lisa
Weott, Paul Weott, Michele Lersch, John Quinn
10:30 a.m. Andrea Harkins, David Harkins, Donel Beals,
Michael Lubrano, Lucy Meister, Gary Meister,
Deacon Egendoerfer
12:00 Noon No Mass

Ushers

Mass

Sat., 4:00 p.m. Art Hansen, John Hansen, Al Grybash, Kay
Grybash, Jerry Buscemi, Bea Frambes
8:00 a.m. John Callaghan Group
10:30 a.m. Frank Perry Group
12:00 Noon No Mass

Articles for Bulletin

Information must be received in Church Office in writing by 12:00 P.M. on the **Thursday** the weekend **before** publication. The printer requests a finished, edited copy of the bulletin by noon on Tuesday. Articles can be sent via email to ricardovalvo@tampabay.rr.com. Forms available on parish website.

INSIDE THE PARISH

BAPTISMAL CLASSES **Mandatory** for all parents of children to be baptized. The next class is **February 2, 2012**, at 6:30 p.m.. Call the office to register, 776-9097. Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of the month. **Arrangements must be made prior to day of Baptism.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in McGivney Hall at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Tom Mullally at (941)776-3899.

SQUIRES Meetings are held every first and third Sunday of each month in McGivney Hall at 11:30 a.m. This organization is for boys, ages 10-18.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION All adults are welcome to attend the Sunday sessions. They are conducted in the Mother Cabrini Center Conference Room. Call Nestor & Sharon Levesque at (941) 776-8573 with questions.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN Meetings are held the second Monday of every month from September to May unless otherwise noted. Call Marlene Yonko at (941) 981-9512 with questions.

Jr. CCW GUARDIAN ANGELS GROUP Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass throughout the school year in the Mother Cabrini Center. This group is for girls, grades 9 thru 12.

RCIA Anyone who has never been baptized or those baptized Catholics who have never completed the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist or other baptized Christians who are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith are welcome. Contact Faith Formation office at 776-9097, Ext. 209.

YOUTH GROUP Young people, grades 6 through 12, may join this organization. Meetings are on Sundays in Charlie's House. Middle School (Grades 6-8) meets 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the High School (Grades 9-12) gathers 7-8:30 p.m. Call the parish office for more information.

FAITH OF GOD PRAYER GROUP Weekly meetings are held on Monday evenings 7-8:30 p.m.. Worship God through prayer, songs and words of praise with inspired scripture readings.

LECCIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP Weekly meetings are held on Thursday evenings 7-8 p.m.. Participants seek to understand what God wants of us through reading and thoughtful prayer, guided by the Holy Spirit. Readings follow the Gospel for Sunday.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. For more information call Betsy Morrison at 776-9097.

BIBLE STUDY Weekly study sessions use "Little Rock Bible Study," a Catholic based program. Call the parish office for more information.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME For those who are new and would like to learn more about what our parish has to offer, call David Covino, a Pastoral Team member at (941)748-7670. The 7 p.m. meeting with the pastor is every third Thursday of the month.

CURSILLO The purpose is to bring individuals into a closer relationship with the Lord by living lives as authentic Christians. The men's Cursillistas grouping occurs on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. in the Mother Cabrini Center while the women's grouping occurs on Saturdays at 1 p.m. at 117 Alamanda Lane in Parrish. For more information about the Cursillo Movement, please contact Carol Valvo at (941) 776-8447.

CHOIR Do you love to sing? The SFXC Church Choir rehearses every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the church from September to May. Come raise your voices in joyful song!

PARISH NEWS BRIEFS

YOUTH GROUP

The Pathway Home

Everyone wants to be home for the Holidays! But what about you? As a young person, there are so many pathways to get "home." In Youth Group we discuss these issues based on our Sunday readings. Now during Advent we are all called "home" to our spiritual connections. If Advent means a coming event, will we be ready for the Christ child when he comes?

We are a Christian Catholic Youth Group and as such spend our Sunday evenings celebrating our heritage with timely activities revolving around the Sunday readings, especially the Gospel teachings of Jesus. Our discussions and activities bring relevant teachings to our attention. For instance, can you imagine seeing a "wild man" dressed in a camel hair coat with a large black belt coming out of the open spaces calling you to reform your life? What would you do? Run? Call the authorities? Just the opposite happened with John the Baptist! People were drawn to him! Certainly not by his looks, but by the message he had to give. How shall we judge others? By what's on the outside or inside?

That's what Advent is all about. As we examine our pathway, we look inside ourselves and find out where we are going,

Join us on Sunday evenings in Charlie's House. Junior high students meet at 5:30-6:30 p.m. while the senior high teens meet 7-8:30 p.m. We always have room for one more. Need more information? Contact Jack Berg at (941) 776-3732 or look for us on Facebook [sfxcyouthgroup](https://www.facebook.com/sfxcyouthgroup).

Jack Berg
Youth Minister

CCW

Council of Catholic Women announce some activities for the for coming months

All women in the SFXC parish are invited to the CCW Cookie Exchange December 11 in the Cabrini Center at 1 p.m. Everyone who attends is asked to bring two dozen cookies with one dozen to be used for refreshments and the other for distribution. Each attendee will receive a mix of 12 cookies to take home.

Before and after all Masses, the CCW is sponsoring its annual Holiday Nut Sale in the church's ticket office. There are the usual nuts and trail mixes available, but there are also some new items like dried apricots and chocolate-covered pecans. Any of these items would not only be great gifts or snacks for family, friends, and neighbors, but also for yourself. So, stop in and support the CCW Holiday Nut Sale.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**Cabrini Council 12155 will sponsor children's Christmas party Dec. 17**

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor its annual Christmas party for the children of the parish Saturday, December 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be open to all children at St. Frances Cabrini Church who are 4-12 years of age.

Registration forms went home with children in the Faith Formation program, but additional forms are available in the narthex of the church.

This party is free, but the knights ask that each participating child bring a non-perishable food item for the Stillpoint House of Prayer run by Sister Noelle. Suggested items include bags of rice, dry beans, flour, oil, and canned foods. These gifts of food for those who are in greatest need will help us celebrate the birthday of Jesus in a worthy manner.

There are 70 openings for the party, and they will fill up fast. So please submit registration forms quickly. **The deadline is Sunday, December 11.**

CURSILLO CORNER

Pictured left to right are Dot Johns, Karen Opalek, Bob Hanna, Richard Valvo, Georgia Vail, and Carol Valvo. (Photo courtesy of Fran Petrow)

SFXC parishioners participate in Cursillo Fourth Day follow-up

Recently several parishioners from St. Frances X. Cabrini participated in the annual Fourth Day follow-up to the Cursillo Weekends that took place in October.

Bob Hanna gave the witness talk before more than 60 Cursillistas at the Sacred Heart Center in Punta Gorda. Others from SFXC who attended the event were Richard and Carol Valvo and Georgia Vail. New Cursillistas from St. Frances Cabrini who also attended were Karen Opalek and Dot Johns.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on, the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass tomorrow we begin to unfold the story of Jesus' birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today—deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don't miss the change, the parish may take rose-colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose-colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink seashells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God's kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ's life may bloom.

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Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
—1 Thessalonians 5:16



Monday, December 12, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn.

Our Lady, we beg you to protect all mothers of the unborn and the children within their wombs. We plead for your help to end abortion. For more on Our Lady of Guadalupe, go to www.sancta.org on the web.

HELP WANTED: St. Frances Cabrini Church needs a man with a pick-up truck and strong back for part-time work. Please call the church office at (941) 776-9097.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**Collection for the Retirement Fund
for Religious December 10 and 11**

December 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2010, while visiting a senior-care facility, our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI noted, "Indeed, the provision of care for the elderly should be considered not so much an act of generosity as the repayment of a debt of gratitude." The weekend of December 10 and 11, 2011, our Diocesan Parishes will hold the Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This is an opportunity to honor and thank thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests for their faithful service.

So many of us are beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions these women and men have made to the Church. Through hard work, prayer, and sacrifice, they have built Catholic schools and hospitals, initiated programs to promote social justice, and ministered to the neediest among us. As I reflect on the dedication of elder religious, I remain grateful for the tremendous service they have offered our Diocese. Perhaps, you may recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

Today, many religious communities struggle to care for their elderly members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for the Religious provides vital funding for prescription medications, nursing care, and basic services.

Please offer what you can and join me in supporting this Annual Collection, and in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+**Frank J. Dewane**
**Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida**

HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLES: December in Florida brings crisp, fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like December because it's a weekend full of fresh air and a time to rejoice in the beauty and blessings of our marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 10-12, 2012, in Ft. Myers. For more info, email swflwwme@yahoo.com or call (239) 495-1803 or visit wwme.org.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Reflections from Mother Teresa

(Editor's note. The following is reprinted with permission from the Missionaries of the Blessed Sacrament, P.O. Box 1701, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.)

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration." "Our hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins, and intercession for the needs of the whole world, exposing the sin-sick and suffering humanity to the healing, sustaining and transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist."

Hours of Adoration at St. Frances Cabrini Church are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every Friday. If you would like to join the SFXC Adoration program or have any questions about it, please call the parish office at 776-9097. Again, the hours of adoration are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every Friday.

SCRIP PROGRAM

The Perfect Christmas Present

There is a gift that is perfect. It is never too large. Getting more than one is all right. The user will like receiving it. You will not have to return it. The receiver will like what he gets. It is a gift card. And, at the same time, you are giving a gift to the church.

Now is the time to order your gift cards for Christmas. There is a thousand different gift cards which you can order. Stop by the Scrip table after Mass for some ideas as we have a book with all the establishments.

Orders must be placed by December 11 to receive the gift card for Christmas. You can even get food cards for the Angel Tree at the table.

You can also see all the establishments by going to the Scrip site, www.glscrip.com and hitting the retailer list in the upper left of the page.

If you have any questions, please call Richard Wolkowicz at (941) 721-0843.

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH: The search is on for the Longest Married Couple in the U.S. and each of the 50 states. If you know a couple with a long marriage, please **nominate** them for this honor. This annual search is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. More information (how to nominate) can be found at wwme.org.

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Please pray for those of our parish, our families and friends who are ill, suffering, hospitalized, or homebound, and for all who care for them.

Sr. AnneMarie	Lottie Johnson	Lisa Nordhaus
Barbara Atwell	Alton Kersey, Sr	Wanda Nowak
June Beaster	Joan Kock	Louella Paradis
Donald Bissonnette	Geri and Don Kopp	Nancy Pellegrino
Richard Blake	Helen Koval	Marie Pechet
Sue Bradley	Sarah Kraemer	Larry Pelletier
Brad's Sister	Josephine Kurina	Thomas Quinn
Kate Brantner	Charlotte Lane	Rissa Reavis
Cheryl Ann	Rudi Lang	Thania Regis
Bronder	Jim & Family	Bob Reid
Bill Carson	Eddie Livingston	Beth Riegle
Donna Lee Casto	John Leonard	Craig Shafer
Amy Charny	Laurie Massey	Dorothy Swast
Deirdre Clark	Jerry McCormick	Grace Taubitz
Billy Clark	Donna McGrath	Sam Telech
Joyce Dolan	Lucille Merendino	Marie Vargo
Ava Ebling	Hazel Mulkern	Fred Venhuizen
Patricia Evans	John Mulkern	Anna Whipple
Kathleen Fabec	Dorie Mullen	Philip Wilding
Annette Falkner	Grace Murphy	Esther Wold
Sam Fogo	Emily Murphy	Carson Womer
Ann Gaglione	Pamela Schaefer	Linda Wright
Timothy Howard	Nance	Reva Young



Remember in your prayers those serving our country

Lt. Col. David Bissonnette
Sgt. Max E. Buchanan-McGrath
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Sgt. Amy Cook
Sgt. Thomas Cook
SSgt. Kevin A. Correira
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PO1 Timothy Dumais
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BAPTISMS: Please call Parish Office to attend the Preparation Class.

MARRIAGES: Please call the Pastor six months in advance to make an appointment.

ANGEL'S CORNER (Religious Gift Shop)

Open after all weekend Masses

MOTHER CABRINI COTTAGE: Monday thru Saturday from 9:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M. We accept furniture and clothing in good condition. Please do not drop off donations after hours. The phone number is 713-0038.