Saint Frances Cabrini R.C. Church

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Mission Statement

St. Frances Cabrini Church is a Roman Catholic parish community with ethnic diversity. Our central focus is the Eucharist from which all aspects of parish life emanate. Being a Spirit filled, prayerful and proactive parish, we foster Christian family life, evangelization, and the spiritual nourishment of all parishioners, both young and old. We endeavor to follow the example of St. Frances Cabrini and attend to all God's children in their temporal and spiritual needs in order to alleviate their suffering. We do all in the name of Jesus who is Lord and Savior of us all.

Our parish enjoys a rainbow of activities for all ages in Liturgy and in Service. If you wish to join or volunteer, please contact the rectory.

Pastoral Staff
Rev. Gil Lap, Pastor
Rev. Bill Slater – Weekend Assistant
Rev. Freddy Lozano - Spanish Assistant (631) 415-2767
Deacon Peter Acquaro
Deacon C. Sonny Pagnotta – (631) 698-3149
Deacon Monte Naylor (Retired)
Carol Repetti, Secretary
Doris Gallagher, Receptionist
Louise Prinzivalli, Director of Music
Christopher Catalano, Music Minister
Lynn Zummo, Organist
Jerry Conway, Buildings & Grounds

Rectory Office: (631) 732-8445
Hours: Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00-4:30 PM
Evenings by Appointment Only.
Office is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Religious Formation: (631) 698-3149
Deacon C. Sonny Pagnotta, Director
Barbara Goulding, Coordinator Adult Faith Formation
Cindy DeMeo and Vincent Zambri, Assistants

Regional Catholic School-Holy Angels – (631) 475-0422
Jeannine Stewart, Principal

Parish Social Ministry, Outreach and Pantry
(Mon, Wed, Friday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM)
Denise Bugge, Director (631) 736-6835

Parish Trustees:
Robert Sanfilippo Timothy Green

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Saturday:	5:00 PM
Sunday:	8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass) & 11:00 AM
	1:00 PM (Spanish)
Weekdays:	Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM
	First Saturday 9:00 AM

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM or by appointment

Infant Baptism
Contact Rectory – (631) 732-8445

RCIA (Adults and Children)
Adults and children seeking initiation into the Catholic Church.
Contact Rectory – (631) 732-8445

Marriage
Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.
Please call Deacon C. Sonny Pagnotta at (631) 698-3149

Anointing the Sick
Contact the Rectory for the anointing and/or Eucharistic visits to the sick and the homebound.

Devotions

- Novena to the Blessed Mother and St. Frances Cabrini
  Monday (following 8:00 AM Mass)
- Rosary and Divine Mercy
  Weekdays Monday to Thursday (following 8:00 AM Mass)
- Eucharist Adoration
  First Saturday of every month (1:00 - 3:30 PM)
  Third Saturday of every month (3:30 - 4:30 PM)

Mass Intentions

MONDAY **December 27, 2021**

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697)

8:00 AM Christmas Mass Remembrance

TUESDAY **December 28, 2021**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 (698)

8:00 AM Christmas Mass Remembrance

WEDNESDAY **December 29, 2021**

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 (202)

8:00 AM Christmas Mass Remembrance

THURSDAY **December 30, 2021**

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203)

8:00 AM Christmas Mass Remembrance

FRIDAY **December 31, 2021**

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204)

No Mass

SATURDAY **January 1, 2022**

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18)

9:00 AM Peggy Ann

5:00 PM In Honor of the Blessed Mother
Judith Cunnius

SUNDAY **January 2, 2022**

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20)

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Kathleen & William Murray

11:00 AM Brother Anthony Scotto FSC

1:00 PM Spanish Mass

Wishing All Our Parishioners and Their Families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

Stewardship

Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus is separated from His parents while in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. This event is also the Fifth Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary.

Living Stewardship
Pillar of Hospitality

Share the joy of Christmas to others this season! Fill our community with love, by being hospitable to all around you.

Sincere Thanks for All You Do for the Parish of St. Frances Cabrini
Know you are in our prayers as we together get through this difficult time.

Amount needed weekly to meet our budget: $11,300

December 19, 2021

Regular Collection: $9027

E-Giving: $1197

Envelopes: 157 **Attendance: 660**

Bread and Wine

Ron Always
In Our Hearts
With Love Always
Donna, Christopher
& Michael

Have a Heart

Love to Knit or Crochet? Then we need you! This year the St. Frances Cabrini Pro-Life Family is again looking for people interested in knitting or crocheting blankets for babies in need. We had many volunteers create and donate beautiful blankets last year and once again we wish to thank you for your generosity. Blankets donated this year will be blessed by our priests at the Spiritual Adoption Closing Mass on December 26, 2021 at 11am, then distributed to the parents and their precious babies. To find out more about how you can get involved, contact Denise Bugge @ 631-736-0683.

Monthly Intentions and Development for Spiritual Adoption
December (Christmas Closing Prayer)

As we celebrate the Nativity and close this year's nine months of spiritual adoption prayer begun on the March 25th Annunciation feast of Christ's conception, we give thanks for safe deliverance of the newborn Jesus from King Herod, and for safe delivery of all endangered children born during this time, particularly those who have been spiritually adopted. "I am here."

The nine-month journey in my mother's womb is over. Thank you, mother, for allowing me to grow and develop within you. Thanks also to all who have prayed for me and my mother and father through the Spiritual Adoption program.

New Year's Schedule 2022

New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Saturday, January 1st
9:00am

NOTE: Since January 1st is a Saturday, there is no obligation for the holy day
Our regular 1st Saturday mass will be the only mass
However, there will be a 5pm mass on Saturday, January 1st for Sunday's mass of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Patriotic Rosary
St. Frances Cabrini

Join us Tuesday afternoons at 4pm in the Parish Center to pray the Patriotic Rosary as together we pray for our country.

Please enter by the ramp door

May God Bless Us All!

Sanctuary Lamp

Ron Always In Our Hearts With Love
Always Donna, Christopher & Michael

Bread and Wine

In Thanksgiving for
Father Gil
With Our Love
Doris & Werner Debis

Sanctuary Lamp

Robert and Michele Scharf, In Thanksgiving to God for His Abundant Graces

A BASIC EXPLANATION OF THE BIBLE

Old Testament and New Testament

Presented by St. Frances Cabrini Adult Formation

OLD TESTAMENT

FRIDAYS 7:00-9:00pm

IN THE PARISH CENTER

January 7, 14, 21, & 28

February 4

Goal:
To introduce participants to the major themes, events and characters of the Old Testament and to basic principles of Catholic Bible study.

Objectives: The participants will:

1. Gain an essential understanding of the concept of Covenant in general and of the key developments in the people's experience of the Covenant relationship communicated through the stories and books of the Old Testament.
2. Develop a more mature Catholic understanding of the themes, literary genres and process of development within and among the books of the Old Testament.
3. See the Old Testament as a gradual revelation of God and God's will for all creation from the point of view of the Catholic faith.
4. Recognize in the events and characters of the Old Testament cycles of psychological and spiritual growth which occur in the lives of all people.

NEW TESTAMENT

FRIDAYS 7:00-9:00pm

IN THE PARISH CENTER

February 11, & 18

March 4, 11, & 18

Goal:
To introduce participants to the structure, content and themes of the major books of the New Testament.

Objectives: The participants will:

1. Become acquainted with the variety of writings which comprise the Christian Scriptures.
2. Understand the origin, development and purpose of the gospels.
3. Become familiar with the person and message of Saint Paul through an overview of his life and letters.
4. Experience the Christian Scriptures as the living Word of God within which we encounter the risen Christ.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT IN CLASS TODAY (come to one or both)

CALL DEACON SONNY AT 631-698-3149

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2021

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

On December 1, 2019, Our Holy Father Pope Francis issued *Admirabile Signum*, an Apostolic Letter *On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*. It is a beautiful reflection that I draw on every Christmas season and one which I urge you to read and pray.[1]

In it, the Holy Father reminds us that the simple act of arranging our Nativity set links us to the past, opens questions for the present, and orients the future. It is an act that has an existential impact.

Pope Francis says: "Setting up the Christmas creche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospels remain our source for understanding and reflecting on the event. At the same time, its portrayal in the creche helps us to imagine the scene. It touches our hearts and makes us enter into salvation history as contemporaries of an event that is living and real in a broad gamut of historical and cultural contexts."

The beautiful scene of parents and grandparents setting up creches together with children and grandchildren is a powerful multi-dimensional experience of catechesis – the teaching and passing on of our Catholic faith and our belief in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ to the next generation.

Parents and grandparents have that wisdom of teaching children and grandchildren how to assemble and situate the creche, but at the same time, they also have the catechetical and relational sensitivity to let children and grandchildren make choices about where the shepherds, the sheep, the three kings are to be placed.

Children are encouraged to place the Holy Family – Mary, Joseph and the Prince of Peace – with their own hands into the center of the creche. How often children then enjoy, sometimes on their own and sometimes with brothers and sisters and family members, moving and interacting with the figurines. How often their biblical imaginations and souls are set on fire with God's love as they play with their family Nativity sets.

The Holy Father continues: "I would like now to reflect on the various elements of the nativity scene in order to appreciate their deeper meaning. First, there is the background of a starry sky wrapped in the darkness and silence of night. We represent this not only out of fidelity to the Gospel accounts, but also for its symbolic value. We can think of all those times in our lives when we have experienced the darkness of night. Yet even then, God does not abandon us, but is there to answer our crucial questions about the

[1] https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20191201_admirabile-signum.html

meaning of life. Who am I? Where do I come from? Why was I born at this time in history? Why do I love? Why do I suffer? Why will I die? It was to answer these questions that God became man. His closeness brings light where there is darkness and shows the way to those dwelling in the shadow of suffering (cf. Luke 1:79)."

We can drift through life dodging and repressing these critical existential questions of life. We can live blindly and superficially.

Our Catholic belief in the unity of the Nativity and the Crucifixion, the Creche and the Cross, Bethlehem and Golgotha keeps our lives centered and focused on the things that really count in our short time on earth – the Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell) and a belief in the Eternal Joy of Heaven, our true home.

The Holy Father continues to press the existential questions: "The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, 'gentle and humble in heart' (Matthew 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod's palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized."

May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness, and solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering.

May our commitment to "holiness and mission" bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

Sincerely in Christ,

+ John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

With Thanks and Gratitude

"for nothing will be impossible for God." (Luke 1:37)

As a community of believers, we share a faith that tells us God is with us, assisting us as we work to make the world a better place. To all our parishioners, we thank you for helping things to be possible at St. Frances Cabrini. As we continue to feel the effects of the Covid virus, it has been truly remarkable that our parish has managed so well. Without the generosity of your time, talent and treasure, we would not have been able to accomplish all that we have done during this year.

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, Catholic Daughters of the Americas and all our volunteers. May God bless you and your families for your generous hearts and spirits. May we continue to pray for all those in need and trust that with God's help we will continue to weather the storms of life.

Staff of St. Frances Cabrini

Winter Prayer

The icy touch of winter has made our world seem so cold and barren. But as the first light of dawn creeps across the land, we ask that our hearts will not be chilled, but rather filled with the fire of love.

And even as we now long for the cold of winter to be over and for spring to dawn upon us, may we still seek to grow in your likeness. As one of your children, may the prayer in our hearts always express our care for all peoples and all of creation. May this time of prayer awaken us, to all the hidden gifts of your life that are secretly contained in this day.

Call to us frequently throughout this day that we may become aware of the true purpose of life. May we be awake to life as a gift from you that is intended to be enjoyed and experienced with delight. Remove from us any ruts of habit that prevent us from truly seeing, hearing and feeling your presence in this winter day.

May wakefulness be our watchword as we dedicate our desire to be more mindful of your glory for the intentions of all who are in need this day. May our prayer this day be one with all the prayers that rise up from our hearts and may it join the great chorus of praise that rises up from all those who love you.

May your light be our sun this winter day. Amen

Social Ministry Happenings

outreachsfc@gmail.com

December 26, 2021

"Every mother, when she picks up the young life that has been born to her, looks up to the heavens to thank God for the gift which made the world young again. But here was a Mother, a Madonna, who did not look up. She looked down to Heaven, for this was Heaven in her arms." Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

We at Outreach wish our parish family a very blessed Christmas season.

Please do not leave food or any items outside of the pantry which may be ruined if left in inclement weather. We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

OUR GROCERY LIST IS AS FOLLOWS

Jam/Jelly	Cookies/Snacks	Diapers
Canned Pasta	Bottle Juice	Canned Fruit

When possible please purchase cans with pop tops. Many of our clients are homeless and this will enable them to easily open the cans.

Be sure to check our parish website sfccoram.org for emergency hotline direct links, updates on community assistance information and employment opportunities.

HOTLINES / HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous 24– Hour Hotline	631-669-1124
Birthright	631-821-9727
Brighter Tomorrow	631-395-1800
Brookhaven Dept of Housing and Human	631-451-6600
Brookhaven Youth Bureau (Counseling)	631-451-8011
Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info)	631-789-9546
Child Abuse	631-439-0480
Child Protective Service	1-800-342-3720
Crisis Stabilization Center Hotline	631-952-3333
Domestic Violence Hotline – The Retreat	631-329-2200
Elder Abuse	631-761-7470
Fidelis (Family Health Plus)	1-888-343-3547
Good Shepherd Hospice	631-465-6300
Hope House Ministries	631-473-6030
Jobs for Veterans	631-824-6385/631-824-6386
Long Island Women's Coalition	631-666-8833
Narcotics Anonymous	631-689-6262
Nassau Suffolk Law Services	www.nslawservices.org
Rachel's Hope (Post Abortion)	888-456-HOPE
Suicide Prevention	1-800-SUICIDE
Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk	631-360-3606

Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Lamp

If you wish to offer the Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Lamp for any special week for a loved one or in thanksgiving, please contact the rectory at 631-732-8445. A donation of $25 is requested

Altar Flowers

If you wish to donate flowers for the Altar in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, please contact the rectory at 631-732-8445 A donation of $75 is requested

We Pray for the Recently Deceased Members Of Our Parish

Lynda E. Kelly, Lucina Machiski, Raymond Fujarski, Marion Borg, Dennis Killoran, Anne Marie Contri, Dennis Shivers, Jorge Garcia Gomez, Agnes G. Kuberzig, Phoenix Elizabeth Corozza, Laura Hipp, Peter J. Engel, Deborah Catherine Shea, Robert Walsh, Ginette Wood, Angela Mauro, Juanita Wuttke, Ralph H. Francois, Jr., George Stokes, Alfonso Taormina, John Joseph Funk, Sr., Gathan Traina, Christopher Shiel, Leanne M. Smith

Adoration

Could you not stay with me one hour...Matt 26:40

Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the church on the first Saturday of each month between the hours of 1 and 3:30pm and on the third Saturday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30pm whenever possible. If you are interested in devoting one hour any month to Adoration, please call the Outreach Office @ 631-736-6835 so we may ensure there is always someone present to sit with Jesus during this time.

We Welcome Our Newest Members

Alanis Feliz Paez, Jhoyner Lora Genao, Tristan Mora, Gianna Skye Quintanilla, Alina Ramirez, Isabella Zambrano Veloz, Kairi Michele LaRocca, Jamie Brielle LaRocca, Natasha McKenzy Ortega Rodriguez, Vanessa del Carmen Ortega Rodriguez, Christopher Jose Reyes Guevara, Dylan Armando Reyes Guevara, Eduardo Israel Reyes Guevara, Hailey Bare Zelaya, Rebecca Elizabeth Viscarra, Michelle Ayde Garcia Berroa, Joseph Emmanuel Pineda Kuhfeld, Jayden J. Vasquez

Please note that “Prayers for the Sick” will be announced from the altar for 4 weeks. Then the names will be in the bulletin for as long as possible. Please inform the Rectory if you wish to add a loved one for prayers, or to have someone’s name removed.

We Believe in The Power of Prayer

Deacon Peter , Rosanne Amari, Christopher Amato, Paula Arbaiza, Bob Arnet, Marie Ashby, Alyssa Baisch, Shawn Barela, Taylor Bedell, Gloria Beekman, Chris Beekmann, Mary Bocchimuzzo, Alicia Bonavita, Joan Brennan, Bob Brown, Debbie Brown, James Brownfiel, Laura Bugge, Carl Bugge, Ann Maria Butcher, Richard Butler, Anisa Cadesca, Patrick Cahill, Kelly Cahill, Barbara Campo, Jimmy Carroll, Frances Carter, Pasquale Cervini, Jen Cestaro, Baby Addy Chambers, Barbara Chase, Leo Christian, Kenneth Cook, Elisa Cortes, Osvaldo Cortes, Erica Craig, Eileen Crawford, Allison Crist, Gerard D'Ambrosio, Janett Darnel, Joseph De Filippo, John De Vito, Nancy Delilo, Vincent DeVito, Vivian Di Blasi, Maryanne Douglas, John Doyle, Christine Edouard, Judy Esparra, Thebold Family, Janet Farrell, Kristy Farrell, Greta Fernandez, Robert Fettinger, Carol Fettinger, Stephanie Gagliardi, Frank Garguilo, Philip Gerbino, Louis Gerbino Jr., Marilyn Graham, Laura H, Stephany Hafner, Kenneth Hall, Loretta Harvey, James Havern, Francine Hinton, Felicia Hinton, Joseph Huwer, Murphy John, Kenneth Johnson, Dan Johnson, Norma Johnson, Al Kellner, Janet Langro, Sally Maggio, Michael Manchise, Maryann Manelski, Marissa Mastrangello, Michele Mc Carthy, Alison Mc Donald, John Mc Elroy, Evelyn Mc Parlin, Albert Merkle, Vincent Messina, Ann Messina, Gene Milmoe, Anthony Mirando, Frank Moscatiello, Tom Murdolo, Paige Nardo, Jeanette Nardo, Jessie Newman, Bobby Nimmo, Patricia Nimmo, Jack Nuccio, Nancy Obermeyer Burpee, Dorothy Okray, Connie Palmieri, Richard Payea, Ernie Pennino, Donna Pirich, Tricia Popielaski, Roseanne Potter, Jessica Pozzolano, Frank Raffaele, Mary Reilly, Walter H Remsky, Maureen Remsky, Marge Rende, Chuck Rende, Barbara Rice, Marina Rodriguez, Jake Rothman, Anna & Lou Russo, Lenora San Fratello, Barbara Sapanaro, Ben Scannella, John Schlauraff, Danny Shea, Francine Silva, Joseph Silva, Georgette Smith, Mary Ann Spollito, Gail & Robert Strouse, Glenn Tarquinio, Ann Marie Vaccaro, Jean Vazguez, Jenny Vicondoa, Joseph Volpe, Mary Webb, Kathy Weghorst, Don Wheeler, Carole Wilburn, Carla William, Robert Wojcik, Tom Yonkes

Pro Life Rose

Happy Birthday in Heaven

Cesare Marini

Cabrini’s Pro-Life Family

Invites you to dedicate a Pro-Life Rose for any intention by calling Denise Bugge at 631-736-6835. Your participation helps bring a greater awareness to the sacredness of all human life, especially the unborn. Cost is $5.00.

A fresh rose will be placed at the statue of the Blessed Mother each week.

During Lent, the rose will be in the Parish Hall

Pray the Rosary with us After the 8 AM Mass Monday thru Thursday and First Saturday after the 9 AM Mass

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Monday	**December 27, 2021**	
7:30 PM	NA Meeting	Rms. 5/6
Tuesday	**December 28, 2021**	
7:00 PM	Emmaus Women	Rm. 2
7:30 PM	Emmaus	Rms. 7/8
Wednesday	**December 29, 2021**	
	NO BINGO	
Thursday	**December 30, 2021**	
	Have A Blessed Day	
Friday	**December 31, 2021**	
	Have A Blessed Day	
Saturday	**January 1, 2022**	
10:00 AM	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Rm. 1
11:00 AM	NA Meeting	Rms. 5/6
Sunday	**January 2, 2022**	
10:00 AM	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Rm. 1

Pray for Our Troops

Alex Clark Army
AZ-2 Robert Murdolo US Navy
Staff Sergeant Kyle Roberts Air Force
Lt. Commander Thomas Brown-Navy
Bosun's Mate Christopher F. Wetzel
Senior Master Sgt. Kori Jackson Air Force
Chief Master Sgt David Jackson
Daniel Hennessy Army
Douglas J. Hodgens Marine
Matthew Talibon Marine
John Maresca
Ryan LaBlanc Iraq
Michal Mark
C.P.O. Jesse Deery U.S.C.G
Sgt. Justin Wanat Nat. Guard
Sgt. Jason Mc Kevitt Nat. Guard
Lt. Col. Andrew Eanniello USMC
Kent Korunka
Matthew R. Cotter Air Force
Nicholas Byrd
Staff Sgt John Paul Esposito Air Force
Stephen Brewster Air Force
Kyle Brewster Marines
Col. David Harney
Doug Hennessy Army
1st Sgt. Julio Tomas Santos Army
Kelsey Desz Air National Guard
Michael Desz Air Force
Sarah Desz Air Force
Joseph Marotta Air Force
Benjamin Marotta Army Police
L/cp Andrea Franco USMC
Nicolas Gomez U.S. Navy

Tomorrow is Promised to No One
Rejoice in Each and Every Day
Stay Safe and Keep Praying!

A Blessed Christmas to All!

Kindly call the Rectory Office at 631-732-8445 if you know of anyone that is on this list and has returned home Thank you

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Navidad 2021

Para el Pueblo de Dios de la Diócesis de Rockville Centre:

En diciembre 1ero, 2019, nuestro Santo Padre Francisco publicó *Admirabile Signum*, una Carta Apostólica *Sobre el Significado y la Importancia del Nacimiento*. Esta es una hermosa reflexión a la que yo recurro cada temporada navideña y a la que les exhorto a leer y rezar.[1]

En ella, el Santo Padre nos recuerda que el simple acto de arreglar nuestro pesebre [Belén, Nacimiento] nos vincula con el pasado, nos abre interrogantes para el presente y nos orienta al futuro. Es un acto que tiene un impacto existencial.

El Papa Francisco dice: "Instalar el pesebre en nuestras casas nos ayuda a revivir la historia que tuvo lugar en Belén. Naturalmente, los Evangelios siguen siendo nuestra fuente para comprender y reflexionar sobre el acontecimiento. Al mismo tiempo, su representación en el pesebre nos ayuda a imaginar la escena. Nos toca el corazón y nos hace entrar en la historia de la salvación como contemporáneos de un acontecimiento vivo y real en una amplia gama de contextos históricos y culturales."

La hermosa imagen de los padres y de los abuelos preparando juntos el pesebre con sus niños y sus nietos es una poderosa experiencia multidimensional de la catequesis – de enseñar y transmitir nuestra fe Católica y nuestra creencia en la Encarnación de Jesucristo a la próxima generación.

Los padres y los abuelos tienen esa sabiduría de enseñar a sus niños y a sus nietos a montar y colocar el pesebre, pero al mismo tiempo, ellos también tienen la sensibilidad catequética y la afinidad para dejar a los niños y a los nietos que tomen la decisión de dónde van a colocar los pastores, las ovejas y los tres reyes magos.

Se anima a los niños a colocar la Sagrada Familia -María, José y el Príncipe de la Paz- con sus propias manos en el centro del pesebre. Con qué frecuencia los niños disfrutan, a veces solos y a veces con sus hermanos y familiares, moviendo e interactuando con las figuras. Cuántas veces su imaginación bíblica y sus almas arden con el amor de Dios mientras juegan con sus belenes familiares.

El Santo Padre continua: "Me gustaría ahora reflexionar sobre los distintos elementos del belén para apreciar su significado más profundo. En primer lugar, está el fondo de un cielo estrellado envuelto en la oscuridad y el silencio de la noche. Lo representamos no sólo por fidelidad a los relatos evangélicos, sino también por su valor simbólico. Podemos pensar en todos los momentos de nuestra vida en los que hemos experimentado la oscuridad de la noche. Pero incluso entonces, Dios no nos abandona, sino que está ahí

[1] https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/es/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20191201_admirabile-signum.html

para responder a nuestras preguntas cruciales sobre el sentido de la vida. ¿Quién soy yo? ¿De dónde vengo? ¿Por qué he nacido en este momento de la historia? ¿Por qué amo? ¿Por qué sufro? ¿Por qué moriré? Para responder a estas preguntas, Dios se hizo hombre. Su cercanía trae luz donde hay tinieblas y muestra el camino a quienes habitan en la sombra del sufrimiento (Lucas 1:79)."

Podemos ir a la deriva por la vida evadiendo y reprimiendo estas cuestiones existenciales críticas de la vida. Podemos vivir a ciegas y superficialmente.

Nuestra creencia católica en la unidad de la Natividad y la Crucifixión, el Pesebre y la Cruz, Belén y el Gólgota, mantiene nuestras vidas centradas y enfocadas en las cosas que realmente cuentan en nuestro corto tiempo en la tierra - las Últimas Cosas (Muerte, Juicio, Cielo e Infierno) y una creencia en la Alegría Eterna del Cielo, nuestro verdadero hogar.

El Santo Padre sigue insistiendo en los asuntos existenciales: "La presencia de los pobres y de los humildes en el belén nos recuerda que Dios se hizo hombre por aquellos que se sienten más necesitados de su amor y que le piden que se acerque a ellos. Jesús, 'manso y humilde de corazón (Mateo 11:29), nació en la pobreza y llevó una vida sencilla para enseñarnos a reconocer lo esencial y a actuar en consecuencia. El belén nos enseña claramente que no podemos dejarnos engañar por la riqueza y las promesas efímeras de felicidad. Vemos el palacio de Herodes al fondo, cerrado y sordo a las noticias de alegría. Al nacer en un pesebre, Dios mismo lanza la única y verdadera revolución que puede dar esperanza y dignidad a los desheredados y marginados: la revolución del amor, la revolución de la ternura. Desde el pesebre, Jesús proclama, de manera mansa pero poderosa, la necesidad de compartir con los pobres como camino hacia un mundo más humano y fraterno en el que nadie sea excluido ni marginado.

Que nuestra oración, nuestra silenciosa contemplación y la creativa catequesis familiar del Pesebre nos ayude a ser los instrumentos de una revolución evangélica de humildad, caridad, misericordia, ternura y solidaridad con los enfermos, los pobres y los que sufren.

Que nuestro compromiso de "santidad y misión" bendiga nuestra escucha sinodal contemplativa y nuestro renacimiento eucarístico y de evangelización.

Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo para ustedes y sus familias!

Sinceramente en Cristo,

+ John O. Barres

Reverendísimo John O. Barres
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Misa

Nuestra comunidad Hispana celebra la Misa a las 1:00 p.m. todos los domingo en la Iglesia. Antes de la Misa a las 12:45 rezamos el Rosario. Todos están cordialmente invitados.

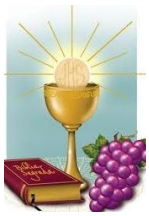
Monaguillos

Son niños, niñas y jóvenes de la edad de 10 a 17 años. Necesitan tener los sacramentos de Bautismo y Comunión. Para poder servir durante la misa. Para más información hablen con la Señora Hirayda Piña, después de la misa.

Ministerio de Musica

Tenemos el Ministerio de Música durante nuestra Misa. En el ministerio de música pueden estar personas de cualquier edad. Pueden hablar con el Señor José Mosquea después de la Misa.

Ministros de Eucaristia



Los Ministros de Eucaristía asisten a los sacerdotes con la distribución de la Eucaristía. Una vez que la persona que esta activa en la Iglesia, se requiere tomar unos talleres para empezar este ministerio. Y ser aceptada por el Pastor Gil Lap. Para más información ver al encargado de este ministerio el Señor Santo Almonte .

Ministerio de Hospitalidad

Este Ministerio saluda a las personas que entran a la Iglesia y los guían para que puedan sentarse antes de comenzar la Misa. También ellos recogen las donaciones de las personas en la Asamblea y distribuyen, volantes, y los boletines dominicales. También ellos se encargan de ver que todo este ordenado en la Iglesia. Por favor hablen con el Señor Ismael Peralta después de la misa.

Ministerio de Lectores

Cualquier persona que está interesado en proclamar la Palabra de Dios deben tomar un entrenamiento de como proclamar la Palabra y como usar el leccionario. Por favor de comunicarse con el Señor Roberto Piña después de la misa.

Ministerio del Altar

Son personas que ayudan a preparar el altar. Por favor de hablar con el Señor Santo Almonte después de la Misa.

Damas del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y Maria

Las Damas del Sagrado Corazón es una sociedad de mujeres que se dedican a la vida espiritual y especialmente a visitar a los enfermos. Para información hablen con la Señora Martha Alvarado Castillo después de la misa. Las reuniones del Sagrado Corazón, son el primer domingo del mes a las 10am, RM 1 y el primer miércoles del mes a las 6pm.

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Oficina de Provisiones (Outreach Office)

Voluntarios representa la parroquia en su misión de aliviar la necesidad de los pobres. Las áreas de participación son evaluación de familia o cliente, distribución de comida, trabajo de secretario e intercesión. Pueden hacer contacto con la oficina de outreach tel.: (631) 736-6835

RICA

Rito de Iniciación Católica para adultos ofrece a todos los que quieran conocer su fe católica o quienes ya han sido bautizado y quieran completar todos los sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Comunión) la Confesión es parte de la preparación a los sacramentos de iniciación. Ver a la señora Emperatriz Cuesta después de la misa

Pre-Cana

Este ministerio ayuda a las parejas a tener el compromiso del sacramento del matrimonio. Ofrecemos talleres por favor de ver a Roberto o Hirayda Piña después de la misa.

Bautizo

Preparación para los padres y padrinos para el bautizo de sus hijos con instrucción y participación litúrgica. Ver a la señora Adalinda Ramírez después de la misa.

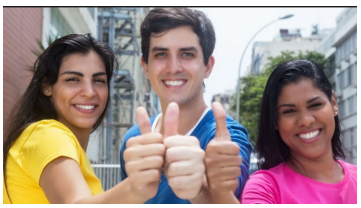
Grupo Carismático (circulo de oración)

Él Circulo de Oración sé reúnen todos los jueves en la Iglesia a las 7:00 p.m. Cada segundo jueves hay exposición del Santísimo. Todos están cordialmente invitados.

Cursillo de Cristiandad

Este grupo se reúne para la ultrella el ultimo Domingo de cada mes, en un salón del Parish Center.

Grupo de Jóvenes



Todos los jóvenes de la parroquia están invitados a ser parte de este grupo. Hablen con la señora Orquídea Delgado o Angelina Romero

El Rosario

Las personas interesadas en rezar el rosario, pueden ver al Señor Bruno Batista después de la misa. Novena Navideña al Nino Jesús comienza el 16 de diciembre a las 12pm domingo antes de la misa los demás días a las 7pm hasta sávado 22 de diciembre.

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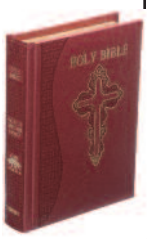

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