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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I
washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

4º DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

También los fariseos le preguntaron cómo había
adquirido la vista. El les contestó: "Me puso lodo
en los ojos, me lavé y veo". - Jn 9, 15

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Parish Office

**8:30am-5:30pm
Monday-Thursday
(Lunes-Jueves)**

****Closed Daily for
Lunch
12:30 p.m. - 1:30pm p.m.**

Mass schedule/Horario de Misas

Saturday/Sábado Vigil:

4:00 p.m. - English

Sunday/Domingo:

7:30 a.m. - English

9:00 a.m. - Español

11:00 a.m. - English

Daily Mass/Misa Diaria

Mon.- Th./Lun.- Juev. 7:30 a.m.

Communion Service/ Servicio de Comunión:

Friday/Viernes - 7:30 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Exposición del Santisimo Sacramento:

**First Friday of the Month/
Primer Viernes del mes**

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Confesiones:

**Saturday/ Sábado 3:00 p.m.
and by appointment / y por cita**

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The Roman Catholic Community of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is a family of Christian believers filled with faith and hope striving to bring God's love to all people through Word and action.

La Comunidad Católica Romana de Santa Francisca Javier Cabrini es una familia de creyentes Cristianos llenos de fe y esperanza luchando por llevar el amor de Dios a todos a través de Palabra y acción.

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Mass Intentions /Intenciones de MisaKey

† - RIP
 •- Birth
 ♥ - Anniv.
 *- Special
 Intention
 ^- ILL

3/18 to 3/19

Sat.	4:00 P.M.	John P. Shendan II *
		Carissa Banez †
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	For the People
	9:00 A.M.	Saul Reyes *
	11:00 A.M.	Julietta Austin *

3/20 to 3/24

Mon.	7:30 A.M.	Angel Espinoza †
Tues.	7:30 A.M.	Souls in purgatory *
Weds.	7:30 A.M.	Michael J. Lysak †
Thurs.	7:30 A.M.	Andres Gomez *
Fri.	7:30 A.M.	Communion Service

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

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/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38

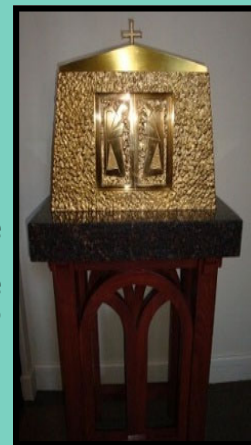
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Daily Mass Chapel/Blessed Sacrament Chapel

You have access to visit the Blessed Sacrament Monday-Thursday 8:30am—4:00pm. All you need to do is enter through the back side door using the code 2746 – then turn the lock and the door will open. Feel free to call the office with any questions.

Capilla de Santísimo Sacramento

No olvide que puede visitar al Santísimo Lunes a Jueves durante las horas de 8:30am—4:00pm. Solo necesita entrar por la puerta de al lado atrás usando el código: 2746 – luego de vuelta al seguro y la puerta se abrirá. Llame a la oficina si tiene preguntas.

**Weekly Bible Study**

Every Monday at 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the Old Cabrini Church & 6:00pm to 8:00pm in alcove 10 of the Parish Center

6 week (Mondays) study beginning April 17th to May 22nd; The Holy Spirit

For more information, contact Colleen Sanchez at yucaipian@yahoo.com or (909) 358-3779



*We pray for your servants who served you faithfully throughout their lives.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Salvador Gomez, Juan Luis Duran,
Juan Jose Duran, Maria Luisa Ochoa, Enrique Reyes,
Secundino Reyes, Encarnacion Medrano, Armando Gutierrez,
Gerardo Villasenor Sanchez, Maria Margarita Irineo Velazquez,
Armando Hernandez, Richard Lammers, Alicia Tellez,
Destiny Chaves Campos, Betty Freeman

Señor te pedimos por estos fieles siervos quienes devotamente te sirvieron durante sus vidas.

Prayer Request/Peticiones de Oración

Please note this list is for those who are ill..
Names will be listed for two weeks, our prayer chain continues for people listed after this time.
Recently we received additional requests for prayers for the following:

**Margarita Noemi Duran, Christopher Longo,
Filemon Velazquez, Gerardo Delgadillo**

If you would like to request prayers for your family, please contact 909-797-2533.

Si tiene alguna petición de oración para algún familiar enfermo,
favor de contactarnos al (909)797-2533.



A special recognition to Joseph Scarite. We want to take a moment to thank you for your service at St. Frances Cabrini. We know how much time, energy and love you put into countless duties here, and it's such a blessing to know that we can rely on you.

Thank you for the hours you've spent assisting our church. Thank you for being a friend to those who need it most. Most importantly, thank you for helping to make our church a vibrant, spiritual community.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Diocese of San Bernardino

This Year, the Memorial of St. Patrick falls on March 17, 2023, which is during the third week of Lent, and that Catholics are normally obligated to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent.

However, Bishop Rojas of the Diocese of San Bernardino is granting a dispensation from this obligation for that day so that Catholics in the diocese may celebrate the feast day of St. Patrick. Those who wish to celebrate Saint Patrick's day can still practice abstinence on another day during that week of Lent.

Este año, el Memorial de San Patricio cae el 17 de marzo de 2023, que es durante la tercera semana de Cuaresma, y los católicos normalmente están obligados a abstenerse de comer carne los viernes durante la Cuaresma. Sin embargo, el obispo Rojas de la Diócesis de San Bernardino está otorgando una dispensa de esta obligación para ese día para que los católicos en la diócesis puedan celebrar el día de San Patricio. Aquellos que deseen celebrar el día de San Patricio aún pueden practicar la abstinencia en otro día durante esa semana de Cuaresma.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church is starting something NEW and FUN!!!

Do you have a fun hobby, something you really enjoy doing, or a favorite pastime? Do you want to get together with other likeminded individual to share this activity? Then let St. Frances help you get this started with their new and fun SFXC Social Ministry Groups.

Some examples of a "Social Ministry Group" might be board game players, quilting fanatics, LA Lakers Fan Club, SFXC Car Club, Fantasy Book Club, Pickleball Players, under 35 and single, over 60 Fun Seekers, so on and so forth, the possibilities are endless. You could also start a Youth or Children's Social Ministries. For our youth we could have youth basketball, youth mountain biking, youth hiking, youth chorale, so on and so forth. For our children we could have: Park Get-together, children's garden, children's music, and dance, so on and so forth.

The main purpose of a "Social Ministry Group" is to is to revive, refresh and serve each of the individuals in your group. The goal is to provide all members a small fun enjoyable support group that cares about each other and therefore looks after the wellbeing of members in their group.

Currently we have four Social Ministry Groups that have just started in our parish, and we are looking for more. So, if you have a hobby, or leisure activity, or a fun interest and you believe there are others in our Parish and/or outside our Parish that have the same interest, and you would like to get together with them to form a small social group, then please email Melanie Joyce at socialministry@sfxc.org and she will get you signed up, and help you gather members, to start enjoying your own "SFXC Social Ministry Group".

SAN BERNARDINO PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Catherine of Siena, Rialto	Friday, February 24	7:00pm
St. Adelaide, Highland	Thursday, March 9	7:00pm
Christ the Redeemer, Grand Terrace	Monday, March 13	7:00pm
Immaculate Conception, Colton	Wednesday, March 15	6:00pm
St. Bernardine, San Bernardino	Friday, March 17	---
Holy Name of Jesus, Redlands	during Lenten Parish Mission March 13-15	6:00pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe, San Bernardino	Wednesday, March 22	---
St. Anthony, San Bernardino	Thursday, March 23	6:00pm
Our Lady of the Assumption, San Bernardino	Friday, March 24	7:00pm
St. Frances X Cabrini, Yucaipa	Monday, March 27	7:00pm
San Salvador, Colton	Tuesday, March 28	6:00pm
St. Joseph the Worker, Loma Linda	Wednesday, March 29	---
St. Joseph, Big Bear Lake	Wednesday, March 29	6:00pm
St. Mary Chapel, Cabazon	---	---
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, San Bernardino	---	---
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Crestline	Saturday, March 25	11:00am
Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Arrowhead	Tuesday, March 28	6:00pm
St. Anne in the mountains, Running Springs	see Our Lady of the Lake schedule	
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Beaumont	---	---
Our Lady of Hope, San Bernardino	---	---

Breakfast/ Desayuno

El Ministerio de Jovenes Para Cristo los invita a su venta de Desayuno que se estara llevando acabo el Domingo 26 de Marzo despues de todas las misas. Los fondos recaudados seran usados para su retiro de Iniciacion.

De antemano muchas gracias por su apoyo.

Jovenes Para Cristo Ministry invites you to their Breakfast sale that will be taking place on Sunday March 26 after all the masses. The funds raised will be used for their Initiation Retreat.

Thank you very much in advance for your support

Menu:

pozole rojo, birria, quesadillas empanadas- rajitas con queso y calabaza con queso. Agua, sodas, horchata, café, esquites- elote preparado, fruta fresca.

LENTEN SCHEDULE/ ITINERARIO DE CUARESMA ASH WEDNESDAY MASS MISA DE MIERCOLES DE CENIZA

7:30 AM ENGLISH MASS/MISA EN INGLÉS
12:00 PM ENGLISH SERVICE/SERVICIO EN INGLÉS
5:00 PM/ENGLISH SERVICE/SERVICIO EN INGLÉS
7:00 PM/SPANISH MASS/MISA EN ESPAÑOL

STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ LENTEN SUPPERS VIACRUCIS/ CENAS CUARESMALES

Starting on February 24-March 31
Del 24 de febrero al 31 de marzo
EVERY FRIDAY/CADA VIERNES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS/VIACRUCIS
7:00 PM/Church/Iglesia
LENTEN SUPPERS/CENAS CUARESMALES
6:00 PM/Parish Center/Centro Parroquial

Religious Education

As we approach Easter, we are seeking donations of plastic Easter eggs and candy to distribute to children at our parish.

To make a donation, you can drop off your plastic Easter eggs and candy donations at the parish office. You can also make a monetary donation to help us purchase additional plastic Easter eggs and candy for the children. Thank you for considering our request.

A medida que nos acercamos a la Pascua, estamos pidiendo donaciones de huevos de plástico y dulces para distribuir a los niños de nuestra parroquia. Para hacer una donación, puede dejar sus huevos de plástico y candy en nuestra oficina parroquial. También puede hacer una donación monetaria para ayudarnos. Gracias por apoyarnos.

Happy Birthday!

Respect Life

40 Weeks - End of Month 9 "Here I am!" It's my birthday! Thank you so much for all your prayers! Because you prayed for me, I got the best of all gifts! Life! Our spiritually adopted babies are born this month. They are truly a miracle. They began as a 46- chromosome cell and have grown over the past nine months into these unique human babies we can now see and hold in our arms. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Thank you for your participation in the Spiritual Adoption program! The time and energy you put into supporting babies and parents in our community by your prayers is greatly appreciated! Please join in my Birthday Party this weekend on Sunday, March 19 at 12noon.

"¡Aquí Estoy!" ¡Feliz Cumpleaños bebé! Su bebé espiritual ha nacido este mes. Nueve meses después de que su madre lo concibió. No es diferente ahora de lo que fue antes de nacer, a excepción de que ahora respira y come de una manera diferente. Ella es realmente un milagro. Empezó como 46 cromosomas y ha crecido durante los pasados nueve meses, convirtiéndose en este bebé, un ser humano único. Nunca antes en la historia existirá alguien que sea exactamente como su bebé espiritual. Sus oraciones le han salvado la vida. Gracias en nombre del bebé y sus padres, por sus oraciones amorosas que los ha ayudado a traer al bebé al mundo << Para que pueda tener vida y tenerla en abundancia



Catholics Returning Home

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us know people in our circle of family and friends. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home? As baptized practicing Catholics we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with these folks. First, we need to pray for them. Secondly, we need to extend a personal invitation to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most of these people are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons.

Many Baptized Catholics who are not in the pews on Sunday carry a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church so they are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to our Church family. We have a special program to help people return to the Church called Catholics Returning Home. This 6 week series begins Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM and is being held at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Hall, 1234 Palm Ave., Beaumont CA 92223 in room 4. Please pass this article on to anyone who might be interested. For more information about Catholics Returning Home Call or Text Bill Thurin at 909-225-4498. There are also fliers in the vestibule of the Church with more information.

¿Conoces a alguien que haya dejado la Iglesia? La mayoría de nosotros conocemos personas en nuestro círculo familiar y de amigos. Obviamente, la mayoría de ellos están buscando, pero ¿cómo podemos ayudarlos a encontrar su camino de regreso a casa? Como católicos bautizados y practicantes, tenemos un precioso regalo de fe y amor del Señor que debemos compartir con estas personas. En primer lugar, debemos rezar por ellos. En segundo lugar, debemos extenderles una invitación personal para que regresen a la Iglesia Católica. Muchos de estas personas están esperando una invitación para regresar. Muchos piensan erróneamente que están excomulgados y que no son bienvenidos por una variedad de razones.

Muchos católicos bautizados que no están en los bancos de la iglesia el domingo cargan una tremenda cantidad de culpa y desinformación sobre la Iglesia, por lo que temen acercarse a la Iglesia por miedo a ser rechazados. Puedes hacer una gran diferencia en la vida de alguien simplemente acercándote a ellos y diciéndoles que los extrañamos y que nos gustaría que regresen a nuestra familia de la Iglesia.

Tenemos un programa especial para ayudar a las personas a regresar a la Iglesia llamado Católicos que Regresan a Casa. Esta serie de 6 semanas comienza el miércoles 12 de abril de 2023 a las 7:00 p.m. y se llevará a cabo en el Salón Parroquial de Santa Kateri Tekakwitha, en el 1234 Palm Ave., Beaumont CA 92223 en el salón 4. Por favor, pasa este artículo a cualquiera que pueda estar interesado. Para obtener más información sobre Católicos que Regresan a Casa, llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Bill Thurin al 909-225-4498. También hay folletos en el vestíbulo de la iglesia con más información



COME & JOIN OUR DIVINE MERCY LENTEN RETREAT!

THEME: "DIVINE MERCY AND HEALING"

DATE: April 01, 2023, Saturday, 8am to 3:30pm. Check-in starts at 8 am. First Talk on "Healing of the Family Tree starts at 9am & Holy Mass starts at 10:00am.

VENUE: St. Frances X Cabrini Catholic Church Hall, 12687 California St., Yucaipa, CA 92399.

SPEAKERS: FR. MICHAEL BARRY, SS.CC.; DEACON STEVE GRECO; ANGEL & ESTRELLA MIJARES

MUSIC: DONNA LEE

CONTACTS: Kathie Hynes (909) 289-0693; Mary Abiari (858) 527-5762

Email: datusol@gmail.com

Registration Fee: \$15 per person (No Lunch Provided). Deadline for pre-registration: March 25, 2023. Walk-in will be waitlisted as pre-registered participants get priority for seating. First come, first served seating. Registration Payment by check or cash only. (No credit cards, No Zelle/Venmo/Pay pal). CHECK PAYABLE TO: St. Frances X Cabrini Catholic Church (CHECK MEMO--SS.CC. SB).

MAIL TO: Divine Mercy Retreat, Attn: Sol Datu, 1546 Rio Grande, Beaumont, CA 92223.

SEATING IS LIMITED. REGISTER EARLY!



Liturgical Environment/Ambiente Liturgico

The ministry of Liturgical Environment is asking for donations for Easter flowers. You may drop off your donation in the collection basket and make sure to specify that your donation is for Easter Flowers. You also have the option of making your donation at the parish office. We thank you for your support!

El ministerio de Ambiente Liturgico está pidiendo donaciones para las flores de Pascua. Pueden incluir su donación en un sobre y depositarlo en la canasta de la colecta. Le pedimos por favor que en el sobre indique que su donación es para las flores de Pascua. Gracias por su apoyo y cooperación. Le recordamos que también puede hacer su donación en la oficina parroquial.

22 y 23 JULIO, 2023
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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: **“How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?”** Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It’s painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won’t let us wallow our pity-party forever. **“I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,”** announces the Lord, **“for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”** Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it’s the golden age of Israel’s earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won’t fail us. He’ll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— *Father John Muir*

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA (Gospel Meditations)

19 de marzo de 2023

4^o Domingo de Cuaresma

El Señor nos llena de luz por medio de la curación del ciego de nacimiento y nos ayuda con su milagro a estar bien preparados para llegar a la Pascua. Dentro de poco estaremos celebrando el Domingo de Ramos, para luego entrar a la Semana Santa. La fe viva se manifiesta en nuestro corazón y la entrega generosa que durante la Cuaresma hemos vivido por medio del ayuno, la oración y la caridad, se agranda para celebrar las fiestas de la Pascua.

El Papa Francisco recordó que este IV Domingo de Cuaresma es conocido como *“el domingo Laetare, es decir, Alégrate”*. Por esa razón, la liturgia eucarística inicia con la invitación a la alegría. *“Alégrate, Jerusalén, y todos ustedes los que la aman, reínense. Regocijense con ella todos los que participaban de su duelo y quedarán saciados con la abundancia de sus consuelos” (Ver Isaías 66,10-11).* Además, agregó: *“Este mensaje gozoso es el corazón de la fe cristiana: el amor de Dios ha encontrado la cima en el don del Hijo a una humanidad débil y pecadora. Quien camina en la luz, quien se acerca a la luz, no puede hacer nada más que obras buenas. Es lo que estamos llamados a hacer con mayor empeño durante la Cuaresma: acoger la luz en nuestra conciencia, para abrir nuestros corazones al amor infinito de Dios, a su misericordia llena de ternura y bondad, a su perdón...”*. Él afirmó que Dios siempre nos perdona, solo pide abrir el corazón y toda la persona a ese perdón infinito de Dios Padre.