

**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2018**

*Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
-- 1 John 3:2a*



How St. Vincent de Paul Serves Those in our Parish

This weekend, a collection will be taken up for our St. Vincent de Paul outreach program. The money collected for this quarterly collection is given directly over to the people who run this program particular to St. Frances Cabrini. Not every church in the Diocese of San Jose has an SVdP program where money is collected although each church has its own way of dealing with the needs of those in their parish community. Help is available to those in our local community because we have a comprehensive SVdP program.

When Don Crooks, who ran a dedicated SVdP outreach program here at SFC for well over 25 years passed away in 2007, Ken and Joan Kolakowski stepped in and offered to do what it was Don did but in way that was better suited for the privacy needed to take on what is a research-intensive, always on call for those in need, ministry. Talking with a landlord or property management, working with PG&E or the water company, etc. is par for the course on any given day.

We would not have an outreach program here at SFC were it not for Ken and Joan. Mr. Crooks would go to he homes or apts. to see what was going on with those in need of help. At that time there were St. Vincent de Paul stores where one with a voucher, could get a bed or couch or appliance.

The parish office starts with gathering and scanning information from those who are in need and have been referred to SFC. A phone call comes in, paperwork is scanned for a PG&E bill, help with rent, clothes needed for a child's school year, a dental bill, a car repair; these can create a domino effect that will see one fall short in their ability to pay other bills. Nowadays, more often than not, people have lost their homes or a rental and find themselves with children in tow, living in shelters or in the family car. In some cases, SVdP will help with a motel room for a few nights, maybe a week to give respite to a family in crisis. Work is always being done behind the scenes to ensure people are helped to the best of the ability of a small but dedicated crew.


Speaking of a dedication! SFC's SVdP Ministry has a team of women who come in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of each month and set up to give away bags of food. On occasion, we have the good fortune of fresh lemons from Shirley Corbari. Always a treat to give away fresh fruit! The living room in the parish center is a warm welcome to those coming through the garden gate where they are met with 2 or 3 of the following ladies: Carol Sakaguchi, Diana Gray, Dorothy Heimgartner, Mary Lanier, Yvonne O'Connell, Robbi Stroup, Jennifer Nickolas & Teresa Adams.

The faces of those we serve are more than names noted on a clipboard and they come where they know they will be met with a warm smile, kind conversation and a solid bag of food. We don't always know to what extent our ministries go when it comes to serving those in need. Much time and effort is put forth to serve but the reward is great. Thank you ladies as you serve the homeless and working poor in our community! Thank you Ken and Joan for all you do to keep this important ministry alive and well!

Mass Intentions

Dec. 29, 2018 - Jan. 6, 2019

- SAT 8:10a Morning Prayer - GL
- 8:30a Sue Coffaro, Spec. Int. - GL
- 5:00p Sherry Ross, Spec. Int. - DU
- SUN 8:00a Joe Preston † - GL
- 9:30a People of the Parish - PS
- 11:30a Marvin Wittry † - GL
- 5:30p Liz Donaldson † - GL
- MON 8:10a Morning Prayer - LM
- 8:30a Matthew Portillo † - GL
- 7:00p Miguel Banzon † - PG
- TUES (Jan 1)** 8:10a Morning Prayer - GL
- 8:30a Michael Miller † - GL
- 10:00a** John Smith, Spec. Int- MH
- WED 8:10a Morning Prayer - MH
- 8:30a Fr. Bob Kiefer † - MH
- THUR 8:10a Morning Prayer - -
- 8:30a Rev Robert Kiefer † - DU
- FRI (1st Fri)** 8:30a Michael Miller † - MH
- 7:00p** Marvin Wittry † - GL
- SAT 7:00a CMA Mass - MH
- 8:30a Melania Serrano Nilo † - GL
- 5:00p Alona Hinz † - GL
- SUN 8:00a ICF Living & Deceased - PS
- 9:30a People of the Parish - GL
- 11:30a Helen Ross † - MH
- 5:30p Marvin Wittry † - MH



Let Us Pray for the people who are in our parish community who are homebound, sick, recovering or confined to rest homes. Let us pray Jesus be their strength and comfort. This week we especially pray for **Sam Ajam, Nan Feiferek, John Mackey, Sue Coffaro Charles Sanchez, Maria Petruzzo, Jim Butler, Brian Gregory, Dean Reno, Bishop Patrick McGrath, Marie Dalldorf, Hector Salcido, Joan Kolakowski, Larry Lapointe.** Please keep them and their families in your prayers. To place a name on this list or if you see that you or a loved ones' name has been taken off and would like it placed back in "Let Us Pray" again, please contact Sue at 408-879-1130. We welcome you to write the names in the Book of the Sick, next to Mary's Shrine.

Special Collection / Today / St. Vincent de Paul

Please consider those who do not have the same opportunity as us in celebrating Christmas with loved ones, friends & family; a home-cooked meal because the cost of such a dinner is needed for the PG&E bill. Medication, car repair and / or coats for the kids. Please give what you can next Sunday, Dec. 30th. so that SFC can continue to help families in our local community. Thank you.

Dec. 31st 2018 - Jan. 6th 2019

- MON New Years Eve (parish office closed)
- TUE New Years Day (parish office closed)
- WED 9:15a Mid Week Moms - PC/LR
- THUR - - - - -
- FRI 5:00p BINGO - EH
- SAT 10:00a Sacred Hearts Third Order - KH
- SUN 9:30a CLOW - PC
- 11:00a Religious Medals Class / Ad Altare Dei
- 6:30p Youth Ministry - PC

Altar Society: Jan 4th, 5th Shirley Corbari

“FAITH IN ACTION” - A powerful and touching movie of Vincentians living their faith to air Sunday, Jan. 6th on EWTN. The National Council is proud to announce that our feature-length film, "Our Faith in Action," will make its network premiere on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) on Jan. 6, 2019. "Our Faith in Action" tells the spiritually uplifting, personal stories of our Vincentian members in direct service with people in need across the country. The spirit and charisma of a 400-year-old French saint lives on through the examples of charity by nearly 100,000 dedicated men and women of the Society of SVdP, Jan. 6. 12:30p PST



St. Joseph Devotion / January 2nd, 2019

Devotion to the Most Chaste Heart of Saint Joseph. 1st Wednesday of the month, 7 to 8 pm in the church. This beautiful devotion to the Foster Father of our Lord, Jesus is approximately 45 minutes.

Parish Town Hall Meeting on January 9th

Fr. Michael Hendrickson, the Parish Council, and other SFC community leaders invite all parish and school families to two Town Hall meetings on Wednesday, January 9th in the church. One session will be from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM and the other from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. At these meetings we will field questions regarding a broad range of concerns. These include SFC's efforts to shield and protect the most vulnerable members of our parish and school; address the controversies regarding the most recently publicized church clergy abuse scandals at every level—international, national, diocesan, and parish; steps being taken to preclude future coverups; and how the parish and school are working to make our campus an exceptional and welcoming environment for all its existing and prospective members. We expect and encourage questions to be asked at the meetings on other topics of concern to our parish and school community as well.

If you are unable to attend the Town Hall or desire to pose questions anonymously, complete this form and place it in the collection basket. Need more time? Feel free to drop it off at the parish office or place it through the parish mail slot at the entrance to the Parish Center. You can also email questions to the Parish Office using parish_office@sfcabrini.org with "Town Hall Questions" in the Subject Line of your email. It is our intent to answer as many questions as possible at the meetings, and in time we will post all submitted questions and answers online. We hope you will join us on January 9th!

SFC TOWN HALL JANUARY 9th

Name (optional): _____

School Parent (Yes or No, circle one)

Please check one:

I will ___ attend the 9:30 AM Session. I will ___ attend the 7:00 PM Session. I will not ___ be attending.

Question:
