

St. Frances Cabrini Church

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Dear Parishioners,

Many people – here, throughout our country and around the world – have offered suggestions on various ways the Catholic community can respond to the newly-surfaced reports of sexual abuse of minors by priests, as well as the role of bishops in covering up and re-assigning predator priests. Key among these suggestions has been a call to prayer: prayer for victims and survivors, prayer for the purification of the Church, prayer to continue to strengthen efforts aimed at the safety of children and all vulnerable persons and, finally, prayer to build up in Christ the Church as an instrument of God's peace.

To this end, Bishop McGrath has mandated that all parishes in the diocese have weekly prayer services for these purposes in the month of October.

St. Frances Cabrini Church will be holding these prayer services on Sundays. The first Sunday, October 7th, the prayer service will begin at 10:45 a.m. The remaining Sundays in October the prayer service will begin at 6:45 p.m. The prayer leader for each service will be either Fr. Gabriel or myself.

The Diocese of San Jose will begin an evening of prayer at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Each church has two representatives attending, but all are welcome to attend.

Yours in Christ,

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Fr. Michael Hendrickson

Pastor