



SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

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Parish Clergy

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Regular Mass Schedules:

Saturday: 8:30a.m. & 5:00p.m. (anticipated)

Sunday: 9:30a.m, 11:00a.m. & 5pm

Mon.-Fri.: 8:30a.m.

(Please be sure to check the parish website for changes during the week.)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:15pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (*cry room*)

Saturday: 3:30pm to 5:00p.m. (*Reconciliation Room*)



Please see the bulletin on page 7 for information about the parish staff, sacraments, and other services we offer.

A pearl of great price for people in the world may mean anything. It could be a luxury car, a mansion, the latest expensive cellphone, a diamond, or a retreat to an expensive paradise island. Many people would really sacrifice a lot to save just to get their own pearl of great price. For us Christians, we know that the Pearl of Great Price is Jesus Christ, no doubt. For unlike the other pearls of great price, the value of this Pearl is eternal. Nothing can pale in comparison with this Pearl!



Once we are possessed by this Pearl, we come to a glorious life eternal where our happiness is never ending, our joy is constant, and our peace is perpetual. We would not ask for anything more. It's perfect with absolutely no absence of anything! If this was indeed the Pearl of Great Price, then why are a lot of people not thrilled by it in contrast to their excitement for the other pearls of great price in the world? It's because following Jesus and adopting everything who He is ultimately lead us to decisions with potential losses on our part. It has its tradeoffs! We might lose our networks of friends, our comforts, opportunities to be rich and famous if we adhered to the Gospel faithfully.

In other words, compared to the other pearls of great price, following Christ and being possessed by Him has a too great of a price to pay. We get fixated on the losses. But, the tradeoff is well worth it! If we weighed in how much we stand to win in the long run if we let go of other pearls of great price (whose value do not last forever anyway) for the Pearl of Great Price, we begin to see that the temporal goods fade incredibly in the light of eternity, and the wealth of the world loses its luster. It's all a matter of having the right perspective on things. Often, we do not stop to really measure how much it's really worth to sacrifice our wealth to live a simple life, to share our excess wealth with institutions that help the hungry and homeless, to use our resources to build others and the Kingdom of God. With the promise of eternal bliss for doing all these that Jesus has commanded us to do, the Pearl of Great Price is no doubt worth the sacrifice!

- Fr. Michael Syjueco



Mass Intentions for the Week

Deceased (†) Living (L)

July 29	5:00 PM	Zuriel Bailon , Raymond and Nathan Bailon
July 30	9:30 AM	† Adrian Elich
	11:00 AM	Brian Walsh
	5:00 PM	† Felix Pajules
July 31	8:30 AM	Josephine Ciputra; † Araceli Esmana
August 1	8:30 AM	† Cayetana Cabael; † Pacita Cabael
August 2	8:30 AM	† Juliana Tublu; † Scot Austin
August 3	8:30 AM	† Toribia Cabael; † Balbina Cabael
August 4	8:30 AM	† Rodolfo Cabael; † Felicidad Cabael
August 5	8:30 AM	Zenaida Bailon



GROWING IN FAITH



(If you are interested in any of the offerings below, please contact Fr. Gabriel Lee or Fr. Michael Syjueco in the parish office (408 252-7653 ext. 123 or 128)

"ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT!"

July 29, 2023- First Annual Grief Symposium - DSJ. 9-3 p.m. Community Center
Grief Counseling & Spiritual Support, Spiritual Direction. Guest speakers, panels break-out groups, journaling. See flyers outside chapel to sign up

FLOCKNOTE Are you on board? THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

(if you are having trouble getting Flocknote or signing up, email Fr. Michael Syjueco at michael.syjueco@dsj.org)

ACCESS TO "AMEN" APP---Opportunity for prayer Sign up via Formed or download the app free.

This is the Free Catholic Prayer, Meditation, and Scripture App (for questions or more information contact Fr. Michael Syjueco at michael.syjueco@dsj.org; or call 408 252-7653 ext. 123)

KIDS:Formed.Org. The Catholic Heroes of the Faith.

ADULTS: Formed.Org. Footprints: The Path of Your life.

Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday 7:00 pm—8:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am to 12:15pm
(Please check the parish website for changes)

Sacrament of Reconciliation—
Tuesday 7:00 pm—8:00 pm
Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Reconciliation room)
(Please check the parish website for changes)

FLOWER OFFERING: We always need contributions to help defray the cost of flowers. If you would like to donate or donate in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office or use the envelopes in vestibule of church. If you enjoy our beautiful environment of flowers — please donate!

July 30, 2023



SJC SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph of Cupertino Preschool
**Inspires Leadership, Faith, Service,
and Academic Excellence**
Enroll today in our TK or K-8 parish school:
sjcschool.org/applications

Call to schedule a tour: **408-252-6441**
St. Joseph of Cupertino School is the educational gateway to your child's future. In the heart of Silicon Valley, our TK, K-8th grade Catholic school are focused on the care of the whole person. We go beyond caring for the educational growth of our students and strive to foster their moral, emotional, and spiritual growth. We take our responsibility for our community's well-being and safety very seriously. Earning the top academic schools in the Diocese of San Jose is one example of reaching our academic goals, and our religious studies, the classes in the Fine Arts, and robust club offerings round out your child's education. As a Catholic school, we are committed to faith, love, service, justice, learning, and growth. Check out our website sjcschool.org.

SJC School Office (408)252-6441

If you have any questions, contact:
(408) 252-6441

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Please join St. Joseph of Cupertino parishioners in honoring Our Blessed Mother on the First Saturday of the month, in the chapel, immediately following Mass. Please note: Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy will precede Mass at 8:00 a.m. Mass is at 8:30 a.m., and First Saturday devotions follow from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! The First Saturdays of the month are specially dedicated to Our Lady. For more information:
<https://www3.nd.edu/~mary/classic/firstsat.html>

Fatima Pilgrimage

Please join on Sunday, August 13, 2023 for a Eucharistic Celebration at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Rosary procession. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the blessing of the sick will take place in the church after the Rosary procession.

CATHOLIC FAITH IS OUR GREATEST GIFT-----ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR COMPLETING INITIATION? WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

If you are an adult or have an older child (age 7 and up) who has not been baptized, or an adult or child baptized in another faith and interested in the Catholic Church, or a Catholic who has not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist,

then the OCIA process is for you! Questions? Please contact Fr. Gabriel Lee at the Parish Office --- (408) 252-7653 Ext 128; or at gabriel.lee@dsj.org for more information.

SJC Catechetical Ministry

SJC Catechetical Ministry Office has officially re-opened its doors for the start of the new 2023-2024 ministry year! In a nutshell: Sunday School Ministry, PreK-6th Grade, IN-PERSON sessions every Sunday (with some holiday exceptions) from 10:50-12:00 noon in our parish school.

Junior High (JH) Ministry, IN-PERSON and will be grades 7th through 8th.

Registrations & calendars are available at stjosephcupertino.org. If you have any comments, questions, or inquiries, please feel free to email or call Primo Martinez-Catechetical Ministry.
Email: primo.martinez@dsj.org

MEANT4MORE: Youth Ministry is open to all students in high school. We meet every Sunday from 6-8pm at the Youth Ministry room at the school except during school break. Come join us and make new friends, learn your faith, play games, sing, go on trips and watch movies. For more information email primo.martinez@dsj.org; or primo.martinez@yahoo.com.

Love to Sing?

Our adult choirs **are looking for new voices!** No prior choir experience necessary. All voices welcome. Contact: Yvonne Casillas at 408-252 7653 Ext 161 or Email: Yvonne.casillas@dsj.org

Choir
News



Do you want to find out what is happening in the parish? Register for Flocknote at stjosephofcupertino2.flocknote.com or Text SJ Cup to 84576



Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino

Sunday Collection for the Week of 07-23-2023

Sunday Collection: \$ 4,828.00
Online Giving: \$ \$2.035.00
Total Collection: \$ 6,863.00
Weekly Collection Goal: \$ 10,922.00
Difference: (\$4,059.00); 37% short of the goal
Thank you to all who have been turning in their contributions. Let's continue to help the Parish. Contribution can be done either online, mail it to the Parish Office, or by dropping off in the drop box outside the rectory door.

Stewardship Prayer

Rev. Gregory Kimm, 2009

God rich in kindness and generous in love,
You call us to be your people, a church, a community of faith.

You have entrusted St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish to our care.

Help us to be good stewards, always worthy of your trust.
As you are attentive to the needs of each of us,
Enable us to be attentive to the needs of our parish,
using the gifts you have given us not just for our own good, but for the good of all.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Brother, and in the Spirit, who makes us one.
Amen.

'Young Ladies' Grand Institute

A Catholic Women's Organization

St. Joseph's of Cupertino Young Ladies' Institute ("YLI") meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fr. Gregory Ng Kimm Community Center. Come join us for a pre-social and recitation of the rosary beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you would like information on how to become a member, please contact maureeninstitute136@gmail.com.

Automated Giving is here—Have you signed up yet? All parishioners are encouraged to give a set monthly amount. There are a number of ways this can be accomplished. You can sign up for online giving by clicking on “Give” tab on the St. Joseph website home page (www.stjosephcupertino.org). You can use your bank’s online bill pay service to set up a recurring monthly payment to St. Joseph, or you can write one check each month and either drop it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office. If you have questions, please contact the parish office.

Bingo:

Bingo is open! We run Bingo game every Saturday night. Bingo is a source of significant funds for our school, along with other donations to Outreach, scholarships and other needed charities. Bingo takes place in the Parish Hall. Warm-up games start at 6:30pm with the regular games at 7:15pm. Come join the fun and spread the news! More information is also on our parish website at stjosephcupertino.org. Go to the “Events” Tab.
Thank you.



ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Parish website:** www.stjosephcupertino.org
You will find the bulletin, a calendar of events including funerals, and links to other resources as well as Sunday homilies.
- **Diocesan Website:** www.dsj.org
- **AmericanCatholic.org** —you’ll find information about the Catholic Faith, Saint of the Day, as well as a place for prayer requests!
- **Vatican—**www.vatican.va in English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish

WAYS TO REPORT MISCONDUCT

Safe Environment *If you suspect abuse in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact:*

- **Child Protective Services** 408.299.2071 / **Police** 911
- Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults—**Anthony Gonzalez 408.983.0141

Financial Mismanagement *If you suspect financial mismanagement or misconduct in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact:*

- **Ethics Point:** dsj.ethicspoint.com or the hotline telephone number 1-888-325-7863
- **The Finance Office—Director of Compliance & Parish Financial Services,** 408.983.0241 or email at julio.bermude@dsj.org

St. Joseph of Cupertino—Staff Information

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July 30, 2023

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Because you have asked for this—
not for a long life for yourself,
nor for riches,
nor for the life of your enemies,
but for understanding so that you may know what is
right—
I do as you requested." (1 Kgs 3:11-12)

Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

For those he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
so that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters. (Rom 8:29)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a
field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and
buys that field." (Mt 13:44)

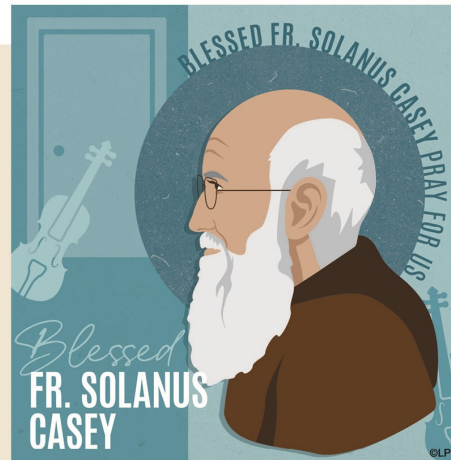
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Following Christ will take everything we have.
Are we ready to give it all? At the end of our
lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we
sold all we had in order to purchase the field
which contained the great treasure.

Observances for the week of July 30, 2023

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter
Julian Eymard, Priest
Friday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major
Next Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord



Saint of the week

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey would have up
to 200 people a day visit him for prayer
and counseling while he worked as a
doorkeeper at his various postings. He also
co-founded the Capuchin Soup Kitchen
during the Great Depression. It still serves
people in Detroit to this day.

Prayer

"Let us, therefore, not weaken. Let us
hope when darkness seems to surround
us. Let us thank Him at all times and under
whatever circumstances. Thank Him for our
creation and our existence. Thank Him for
everything — for His plans in the past, that
by our sins and our want of appreciation,
have so often frustrated — and that He so
often found necessary to change. Let us
thank Him for all His plans for the future
— for trials and humiliations as well as
great joy and consolations; for sickness
and whatever death He may deign to plan;
and with the inspired Psalmist let us call
all the creatures of the universe to help us
praise and adore Him Who is the Divine
Beginning and the everlasting Good — the
Alpha and the Omega."

(Prayer Source: An exhortation by Fr. Solanus
Casey)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 30, 2023

Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday:

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

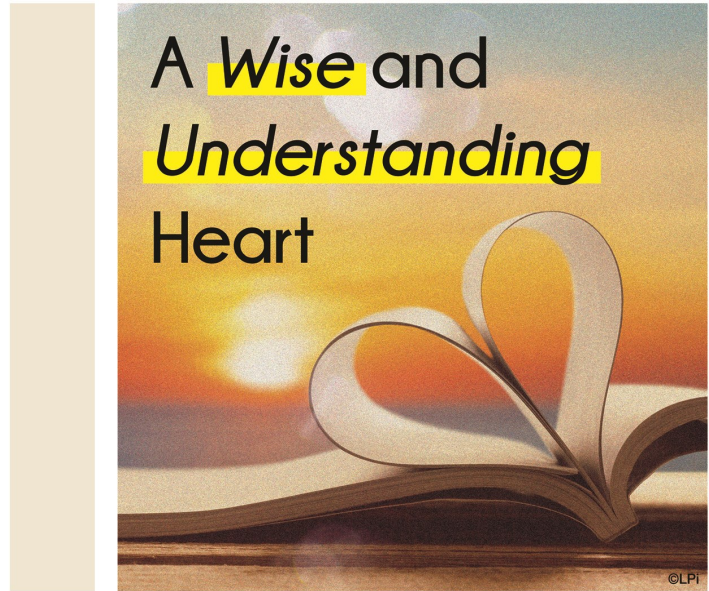
Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests “an understanding heart” (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn’t ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth “both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it’s much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we’ll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Falling Action and the Field

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are *both* equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

"Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple." — Psalm 119

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer:

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" — we read: "The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist" (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the "Book of the Gospels" after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the "living stone" (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the "household of faith" (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1382-1383).



ST JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO CHURCH

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Sunday, August 13th

5.00 pm Mass

Church

followed by

Rosary Procession

Eucharistic Procession and
Eucharistic Blessing of the Sick

Guadalupe Hope Society is inviting you to our August 11th Rosary & Faith Talk Luncheon on Friday August 11th at 11:30AM with Fr. Joseph Tran, Parochial Vicar at St. Frances Cabrini.

Register to attend either in person at the Santa Maria Hall or virtually by emailing admin@ghswomenscenter.com or Call to reserve your seat at the Hall. 408-447-5433;

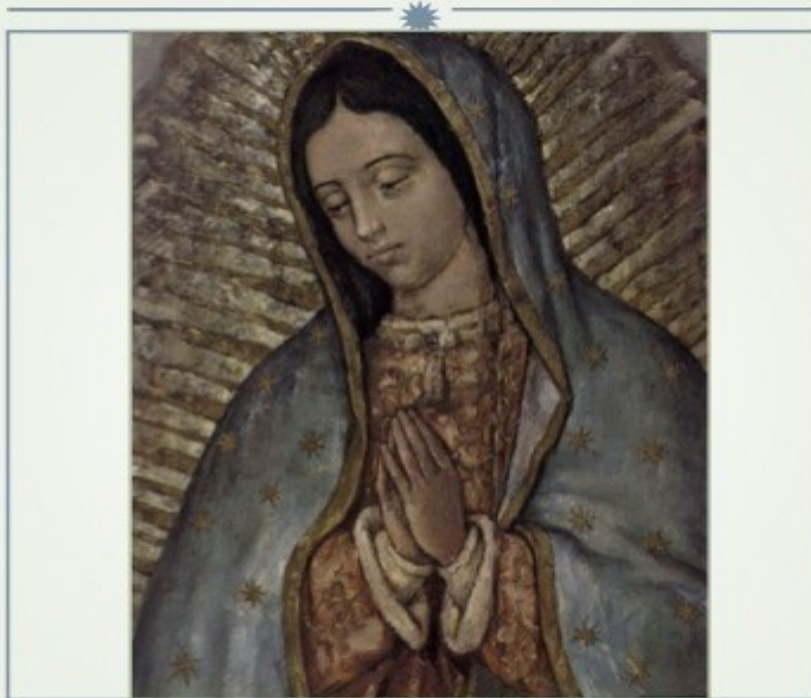


The Guadalupe Hope Society presents



ROSARY AND FAITH TALK LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023 @ 11:30AM – 1:00PM



Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Fr. Joseph Tran, Parochial Vicar at St. Frances Cabrini Church, will lead the Rosary and share a faith talk.

This event is free to attend; free will offering graciously accepted.

Please call (408) 447-5433 or email admin@ghswomenscenter.com to reserve your seat at the Santa Maria Hall in Campbell. This event will be streamed online too.