

## Nov 13: Feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Mother Cabrini, the first United States citizen to be canonized, was born in Italy of parents who were farmers. She was the thirteenth child, born when her mother was fifty-two years old. The missionary spirit was awakened in her as a little girl when her father read stories of the missions to his children. She received a good education, and at eighteen was awarded the normal school certificate.



For a while she helped the pastor teach catechism and visited the sick and the poor. She also taught school in a nearby town, and for six years supervised an orphanage assisted by a group of young women. The bishop of Lodi heard of this group and asked Frances to establish a missionary institute to work in his diocese. Frances did so, calling the community the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. An academy for girls was opened and new houses quickly sprang up.

One day Bishop Scalabrini, founder of the Missionaries of Emigration, described to Mother Cabrini the wretched economical and spiritual conditions of the many Italian immigrants in the United States, and she was deeply moved. An audience with Pope Leo XIII changed her plans to go to the missions of the East. "Not to the East, but to the West," the Pope said to her. "Go to the United States."

Mother Cabrini no longer hesitated. She landed in New York in 1889, established an orphanage, and then set out on a lifework that comprised the alleviation of every human need. For the children she erected schools, kindergartens, clinics, orphanages, and foundling homes, and numbers of hospitals for the needy sick. At her death over five thousand children were receiving care in her charitable institutions, and at the same time her community had grown to five hundred members in seventy houses in North and South America, France, Spain, and England.

The saint, frail and diminutive of stature, showed such energy and enterprise that everyone marveled. She crossed the Atlantic twenty-five times to visit the various houses and institutions. In 1909 she adopted the United States as her country and became a citizen.

After thirty-seven years of unflagging labor and heroic charity she died alone in a chair in Columbus Hospital at Chicago, Illinois, while making dolls for orphans in preparation for a Christmas party. Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago officiated at her funeral and in 1938 also presided at her beatification by Pius XI. She was canonized by Pius XII in 1946. She lies buried under the altar of the chapel of Mother Cabrini High School in New York City. — *A Saint A Day*, Berchmans Bittle, O.F.M.Cap.

**Patron:** Hospital administrators, immigrants and orphans.

### Things to Do:

- If you pass through Colorado, visit the western Mother Cabrini Shrine.
- Read more about St. Francis Cabrini.
- Prepare an Italian dinner in honor of St. Francis Cabrini.
- Say the Little Rosary of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini.
- Read the Encyclical, On Consecrated Virginity, by Pius XII and if you are single consider the possibility of a vocation to this life.
- Read the Pope Benedict XVI's Address for World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2007.
- If you know someone who has immigrated to this country, try to help them feel welcome, perhaps by inviting them over for the Italian dinner.

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### MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday: 5pm

(Anticipated Mass)

Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm

Monday – Wednesday 8am

Thursday Mass/Novena:

8am & 7pm

Friday, Saturday, Holidays: 9am

(Fridays in July & August: 8am)

Children's Mass: 9am 1st

Sunday of the month Oct-June

Children's Liturgy: 11am

All Sundays except the 1<sup>st</sup>

Sunday from Sept- June

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4-4:45pm

Adoration

Saturday 9:30-10am

Library Hours

Sunday: 10-10:45am, 4:30-5pm

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm

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## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

November 11, 2018

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Remembering Those Who Gave Their Lives

Honouring one who gives his life entirely for another is a central theme of our faith. On Remembrance Day, we remember others who have done the same. In their case, they have given their lives for the sake of the freedom we cherish. With November being the month to pray for souls, there is no better time to offer up prayers and Masses of thanksgiving for the veterans who have so unselfishly served for the sake of the rest of us.

We who live in peaceful times often find the harsh reality of war difficult to relate to. We see it on television, in the news or documentaries and in books and photos but the experience still feels remote and disconnected from our own lives. Family members of veterans feel the loss more acutely and we must remember the difficulties they experience too. The fact is those who have been through the physical and mental anguish of the battlefield, if they survive, suffer the life-long consequences of diminished health, loss of opportunities and even homelessness.

We can reach out to them in their time of need. We must also trust in the redemptive quality of their suffering as they join their hardships to the pain which Jesus our Lord himself endured for the sake of all of humanity.

Let us then pray and give thanks for those who have given so much to allow the rest of us to uphold the values and freedom which we care for dearly. We should not only remember them on this day and in this month but all the days of our lives.

Yours in Christ,  
**Fr. Babu Mathew, C.Ss.R**

## PRAYER FOR PROJECT ADVANCE 2018

O God, the Father of every gift, all that we are and have comes from your hand. In Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us the greatest of all gifts. Fill our hearts with his love so that we may be parish communities of faithful, caring people. Grant us the grace to be good stewards who in the name and spirit of Jesus, share our gifts of time, talent and treasure for the building up of your Kingdom in our Archdiocese and throughout the world. May we see Project Advance as our way to live gratefully and give generously for your honour and glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





NEWS & NOTICES

**Weekly Collection:** Sunday Mass Offering Nov 3 & 4: \$8,681.55. Peter’s Pence: \$51,294.80. Evangelization of Nations: \$40. Offering for the Needy: \$30. Home Missions \$20. CSsR Pension: \$100. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity.

**Project Advance Report:** On Nov 4 pledges including recurring donations up to 31 Dec this year were at \$71,833 with participation from 127 donors. We have exceeded our archdiocesan goal of \$52,000. All funds raised now will be rebated to the parish. Our total goal is \$104,000 which will go toward the Parish infrastructure renewal. Thank you for your prayerful support.

**Monday Morning Mass:** As Monday is a public holiday, Mass will be at 9am.

**Priests’ Study Days:** Please note that our priests will be on Study Days next week. Weekday Masses will be on as usual except for Tuesday (8am) and Friday (9am) when there will be prayer services with a sharing of the Eucharist.

**Santa’s Workshop:** Is everyone looking forward to Santa’s Workshop? Yes, it’s that time of the year already to plan ahead for our Christmas outreach. If you can help with Santa’s Workshop please sign up now. All teens welcome! Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

**Christmas Fair Donations:** We would appreciate your donations for our annual Christmas Fair on Saturday November 24. We are looking for raffle prizes, items for the Treasure Trove, handicrafts and baked goods to sell. We also will need donations of sweets and sandwiches for the tea room as well as volunteers to serve and help in the kitchen. Sign up sheets for anyone interested in helping are at the door of the Church. Please contact Meg Knowing about donations or if you need more info: MKknowing@Outlook.com.

**Marian Meditations:** Our 12-week series of Marian Meditations dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help end on Nov 29. This is a beautiful way to invoke the help of Our Blessed Mother for the spiritual and temporal needs of your family and friends for the coming year. Petitions written will be offered up at the evening Mass and Novena Devotions. Join us Thursdays 2:30pm-3pm.

**Quo Vadis – Men’s Discernment Events:** Visiting Christ the King Seminary for a weekend is one of the best ways to discern if you are being called to the priesthood. It’s a chance to experience the life of a seminarian. You’ll share meals, attend classes, and talk with others about your interest in priesthood. The weekend includes confession, Mass, talks about discerning your vocation, and plenty of time for personal prayer. We also play basketball and street hockey, so bring athletic clothes and your hockey stick. Nov. 16-18 at Seminary Christ the King, Mission. If interested, please download and complete an application form here: <http://vocationsvancouver.ca/quovadis>

**Taizé Prayer Service:** Come and experience a quiet meditative Taizé Prayer service with candlelight, music and prayers, Scriptures and silence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday evening of each month. The next one is on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7:45 pm at St. Augustine's Church, Vancouver.

**World Day of the Poor - Nov 18:** In Canada, 1.9 M families struggle to make ends meet. Poverty is more than just low income: food insecurity, social exclusion, inadequate housing, lack of access to transportation and services and more. In recognition of this World Day of the Poor, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is in need of financial donations and non-perishable food items in their parishes and communities. Donate today at <https://www.imakeanonlinedonation.org/ssvp-national/> and help them to provide assistance to the less fortunate.

**Pre-Authorized Giving:** Please note that you can make your Sunday Offering and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Offerings by direct debit or credit card. It makes your giving planned, intentional and convenient. You may still wish to use your donation box to drop an envelope into the basket to model good stewardship to your children. Just put a check mark on the envelope to indicate that you’re giving by pre-authorized giving. Leaflets for pre-authorized giving are available on the shelves of the back pews near the holy water fonts. If you are already on pre-authorized giving and would like to increase your donations, just email the office with the new amount and when you wish it to be effective. Email Corinna: [csiy.olph@rcav.org](mailto:csiy.olph@rcav.org).

Stewardship Reflection

*“I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.”*  
MARK 12:43-44

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your “first fruits” or from what is “left over”?

Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

OLPH Christmas Fair



Our annual OLPH Christmas Fair is on Sat, Nov 24, 11am-3pm. Come and pick up a gift or two from our wonderful selection of crafts, home-made goodies, treasures and books. The Tea Room will offer delectable sandwiches and sweets. Look out for Santa and the Knights of Columbus Parish Raffle Draw happening at 2pm at the Fair. All are welcome!

Advent Concert & Light-Up



Join us for beautiful music and Christmas meditations on Sat Dec 1 at 7pm followed by the light-up of the Grotto. Hot chocolate and Christmas cookies for all. Concert admission by donation. Proceeds go to Icon of Love Scholarship Fund for music lessons for students.

Advent Retreat

Come and join us for a beautiful Advent Retreat with Christmas meditations based on the works of St Alphonsus to prepare your heart and mind for the coming of the Christ child. This Retreat is being organized by the Redemptorist Associates of our parish. Feel free to join us for Mass at 9am. Coffee: 9:30am in the hall. Retreat 10am-12pm. Admission is free.

Helping Veterans and Families Find Homes

Homeless Veterans

The Royal Canadian Legion is committed to helping Veterans and their families in need find homes. There are national and provincial programs that offer financial assistance and support for homeless Veterans and those at-risk of homelessness.



How the Legion Helps

Trained Legion Command Service Officers can assist with the following:

- **Finding suitable accommodation:** Legion Provincial Commands work closely with Veterans Affairs Canada, shelters and community organizations to get Veterans off the street and into temporary and/or long-term accommodations.
- **Financial assistance:** Through the Poppy Fund, housing support is provided through financial assistance for items such as first and last month’s rent, rental arrears and furnishings.

In addition, Legion Branches and Commands across the country support numerous initiatives to help homeless and near homeless Veterans in their communities. From outreach programs, to working with local organizations and first responders to identify and refer Veterans to the Legion, to supporting housing and food banks, Legion members are the 'boots on the ground', helping homeless and near homeless Veterans get the support they need.

The Legion's “Leave the Streets Behind” Program

“Leave the Streets Behind” is the Legion’s national homeless Veterans program that started out of Ontario Command. The program’s mission is to reach out to homeless Veterans and those at-risk of homelessness and provide them with immediate financial assistance and support. It also connects them with the social and community services to establish a long-term solution to meet their needs. While the “Leave the Streets Behind” program is operating in Ontario, British Columbia/Yukon, Alberta/North West Territories, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia/Nunavut and New Brunswick Commands, supports and services through the Legion are available for homeless and near-homeless Veterans and their families across the country.

Partnering to support Veterans

The circumstances that can lead to homelessness can involve many issues, from mental illness, to financial challenges, to family circumstances, to failures with the system, and much more. In the Veteran community, homelessness can impact not only the Veteran, but their family as well. The Legion is actively involved in advocating for supports and solutions for homeless Veterans. It was the Legion who hosted the first homeless Veterans Forum in 2014, bringing together industry experts, government representatives, Veterans organizations and community support services together for the first time. We continue to be fully involved in working to find solutions, coordinating the annual Legion's Veterans Homelessness Advisory Committee each year to help develop a coordinated approach across all stakeholders to address the issue.

Contact a Command Service Officer

The Legion works hard to get the word out to Veterans and their families about the help available. Our homeless Veterans program outreaches to shelters, first responders and organizations within communities to spread the word about our services and to coordinate supports for Veterans and their families in need. We also work with organizations such as VETS Canada and Soldiers Helping Soldiers to outreach to Veterans on the street. Once connected with a Veteran in need, we can provide immediate support and get them connected to the long-term supports and services they need.

If you or a Veteran or family member you know is homeless or at-risk of homelessness, contact a Legion Command Service Officer. Phone: 613-591-3335 or Toll-free: 1-877-534-4666 [veteransservices@legion.ca](mailto:veteransservices@legion.ca)

[www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca)



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Redemptorist

Pilgrimage: May 2-14

As part of our 150th Jubilee Icon of Love celebrations, the Redemptorists all over the world have organized several pilgrimages to visit the actual icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, places where St Alphonsus and St Gerard Majella lived and prayed as well as other places of interest in Italy.

The cost of the trip is \$4800. The early bird rate is \$4600. A deposit of \$500 must be made before Nov 30 for the early bird rate. Full payment is due by Jan 30, 2019. Arrangements can be made for pre-authorized payments as well. For more information about the pilgrimage, please contact Brian or Deon [royaleorchid@shaw.ca](mailto:royaleorchid@shaw.ca) or call Brian 778-999-4599 / 778-866-8118.



12-DAY ITINERARY

- Day 01: May 02 2019 - Canada to Rome / Naples**  
**Day 02 May 03 - Arrive in Rome – Marianella – Naples**  
**Day 03: May 04 - Pompeii – Amalfi Coast**  
**Day 04: May 05 - Excursion to Scala**  
**Day 05: May 06 - Sites of St. Alphonsus and St. Gerard Majella**  
**Day 06: May 07 - Amalfi – Montecassino – Rome**  
**Day 7: May 08 - Papal Audience – Holy Doors of Rome – Relics of Jerusalem**  
**Day 8: May 09 - Rome (Vatican)**  
**Day 9: May 10 - Assisi – Sites of St. Francis and St. Clare**  
**DAY 10: May 11 - Pisa – Padua**  
**DAY 11: May 12 – Venice – St. Mark’s Square - Murano Glass Factory**  
**DAY 12: May 13 – Goodbye Italy**