



## New Adoration Schedule

Starting October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration will expand to cover the hours from 10:00 am through 9:00 pm. Adoration will begin immediately after the 9:00 am Mass. A minimum of 2 people are required to be present in the Chapel during these hours. Anyone interested in joining this ministry to volunteer 1 hour on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration schedule is requested to contact John Bowen at [bowenjandj@gmail.com](mailto:bowenjandj@gmail.com). Scheduling will be accomplished through messages sent via the new parish Flocknote e-mail system. By volunteering your hour, you will make it possible for all parishioners to drop in any time of the day to visit with our Eucharistic Lord. Please consider spending one hour...

## St. Francis Cabrini Annual Pet Blessing

This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.



Francis, whose feast day is October 4<sup>th</sup>, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey. St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the

environment due to his deep love and admiration for them. There are many tales about St. Francis preaching to the birds or taming the wolves. He believed that animals, just like humans, were God's creation and deserved our respect and compassion. He said: "Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission—to be of service to them wherever they require it."

Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." And there was testimony in the cause for St. Clare of Assisi's canonization that referred to her little cat!

Many of us consider our dogs, cats, birds, and other pets to be more than just our pets—they are loved companions. While normally we don't get to bring these companions to church with us, on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm we invite you to BRING YOUR PETS! Large, small, furred, feathered and scaled, to celebrate them in conjunction with St. Francis of Assisi's feast day.

## The University of Dallas Ministry

### Conference

The Conference will be on October 22-24, 2015 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, in Dallas. Be a part of the South's largest annual Catholic ministry conference opened to the public. The price is \$75.00 for the three days. Early registration by September 25, 2015. Register today at [udallas.edu/udmc](http://udallas.edu/udmc). For more information, call 972-721-5105.

## October – The Month of the Holy Rosary

According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

Tradition holds that October has been celebrated as the month of the rosary since 1571, and the victory of the Catholic League (an alliance of Spain, Venice, the Papal States, Genoa, Savoy, and Malta) over the forces of the Ottoman Empire who were seeking to take over Italy in an effort to move into the heart of Europe. It was October 7, 1571 when the battle was fought and the Catholic League was able to overcome the Ottoman forces.

The feast of the Holy Rosary, first Sunday in October). Leo XIII personally instituted this practice in an Encyclical (1 September, 1883) in which he admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the Queen of the Holy Rosary in order to obtain through her intercession the grace that God may console and defend His Church in her sufferings.

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the rosary.

St. Francis Cabrini Respect Life will be observing the tradition by praying the Rosary every Wednesday after the 6:00 pm Mass in the Holy Family Prayer garden. Come and join us!

The Lord Upholds My Life.

El Señor Sostiene Mi Vida.