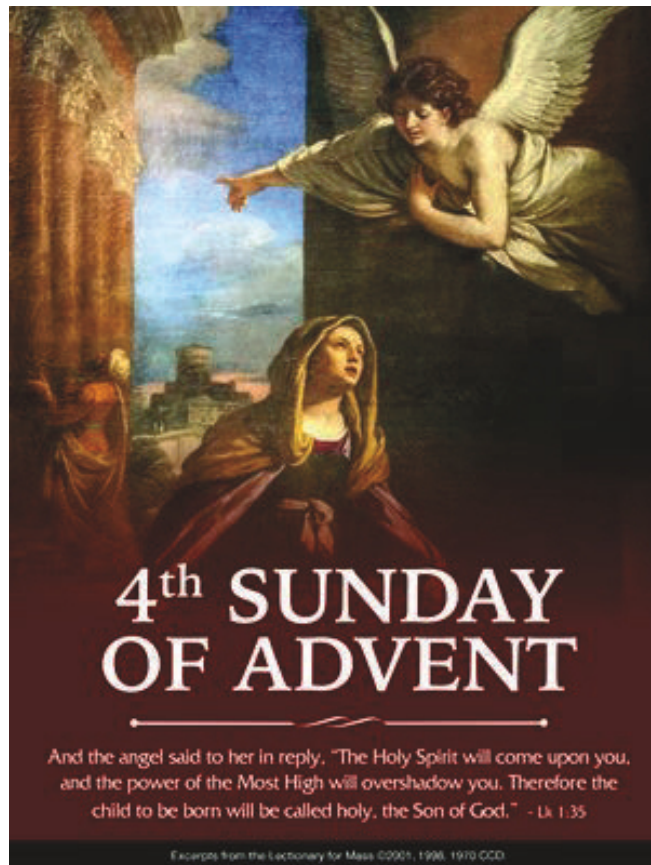




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Our Mission:

We honor the traditions of our parish and welcome all to unite in prayer and the Sacraments. Loved by God and guided by the Holy Spirit, we share the good news of Jesus Christ through joyful worship, faithful formation and dedicated service.



December 20, 2020  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Our parish has reopened for the celebration of the sacraments, private prayer, adoration and Mass, with some modifications. Stay tuned to Fr. Wayne's daily emails for updates on the reopenings. If you'd like to receive our parish emails, or have questions, please contact [officessjfx@ssjfx.org](mailto:officessjfx@ssjfx.org).



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## Stewardship Report

If you do not do so already, please consider contributing to the Parish electronically, through Give Central:

[www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/238](http://www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/238)

Thank you.

## Elijah Cup

The Elijah Cup is traveling between parishioners' homes and we invite you to sign up to receive the it. Now more than ever we need to pray for an increase in vocations and also for our priests at Saints JFX.

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

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## Marriage Banns

St. Francis Xavier Church

Kate Kumreich and  
Andrew McKernin-Bann II

Staff Guest Columnist Jonathan Metzinger, Saints JFX Music Director

Today is the fourth and final Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is one of joyful anticipation and expectant waiting for both the Nativity of Christ and His second coming. Today, we light the final candle of the Advent wreath and remember another hallmark of the season, the hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. Instantly recognizable and haunting in its beauty, this ancient sounding hymn has an interesting history. While the text and tune are rooted in rich Catholic tradition, it would not be until the 19<sup>th</sup>-century that the two would be combined to create the hymn we know today.

The text of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* is derived from the *O Antiphons* which are a series of responsorial refrains that accompany the Magnificat canticle at Vespers, or evening prayer, during the final days of Advent. Each refrain begins with "O" followed by an Old Testament title for the Messiah: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of Nations, O Emmanuel (God with us). While the exact origins of the *O Antiphons* are unknown, it is believed that they have been used in prayer since the 6<sup>th</sup>-century.

The melody of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* originates from a 15<sup>th</sup>-century French manuscript containing Latin processional chants. The unification of the ancient text and melody first appears in an English hymnal published in 1851 and the result is the classic Advent hymn that is still sung today. *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* gained popularity throughout the 19<sup>th</sup>-century English speaking world because of its poetic beauty and medieval exoticism which were popular attributes of the Romantic period.

While this hymn helps us prepare our hearts and our minds for the coming of Christ, I also pray that this upcoming Christmas season is a time of intimate peace and joy for you and your family with fervent hope for world health and prosperity in 2021.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Sincerely,

Jonathan Metzinger



## Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

<p><b><u>Monday, December 21, 2020</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i>  <i>Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Fergus Foley          +Mary &amp; Massimo Paoletti          +Calvin Ramirez</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, December 23, 2020</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Tony &amp; Justin Hill          +Calvin Ramirez</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, December 26, 2020</u></b>          8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Cecilia Shin          (L)Rehbock Family Intentions</p> <p>9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ          Reconciliation  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>2:00 pm SFX: Baptism          Gustman family  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, December 27, 2020</u></b>  <b>8:00 am SJ*</b>  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +John Cassarek</p> <p><b>9:30 am SFX*</b>  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Gert McDonnell          +James &amp; Virginia Regan          +Joe Regan          +Cathy Schmidt</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday, December 22, 2020</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Hannah McNulty          +Calvin Ramirez          +Tom Rees, Sr.          (L)Kate Fahrenbach</p> <p>9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ          Adoration</p> <p>10:00 am SJ: Benediction  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p>	<p><b><u>Thursday, December 24, 2020</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayll</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Lucia Fonte          +Deases members of          The Schinler family          (L)Rehbock family intentions</p> <p><b>Christmas Eve Masses*</b>          Mass schedule on page 8</p> <p><b><u>Friday, December 25, 2020</u></b>  <b>Christmas Masses*</b>          Mass schedule on page 8</p>	<p><b>5:00 pm SFX*</b>  <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Helene Sudmeier</p> <p><b>5:00 pm SJ*</b>  <i>Presider:Fr. Harnett</i>  <i>Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Peter Clementi          +Wladyslaw Ganearz</p>	<p>10:30 am SJ Parking Lot  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Pio &amp; Caroline Gambacorta</p> <p>12:15 pm SJ Parking Lot  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Silvia &amp; Adolfo Ridolfi</p>

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*\*Mass attendance is offered by sign-up only. To receive links, contact [mkgorman@ssjfx.org](mailto:mkgorman@ssjfx.org)*

Masses are livestreamed on our parish YouTube channel. To find our channel, search *Saints JFX* on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

**Prayers for the sick and those in need:**

- |                         |                    |                     |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
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| Lisa Braband Albrighton | Ryan Glassberg     | Bob Kerrigan        | Brian Slowinski    |
| Rory Andrykowski        | Margaret Grothe    | Will Leming         | Liliana Suci       |
| Ginnie Becker           | Phillip Hall       | Betsi Burns Landolt | Carol Solger       |
| Tom Beitzel             | Tim Hanson         | Dolores Meier       | Elliott Villarreal |
| Heather Campbell        | Barbara Hardy      | Paul Molaro         | David W.           |
| Guillermo Cannon        | Barbara Hawkinson  | Colin Mowbray       | Dolores Welch      |
| William Carlin          | Laura Hendricks    | Elizabeth Mowbray   | Krista Wilkinson   |
| Cecelia Cruz            | Tom Hopkins        | Daniel O'Herron     | Audrey Williams    |
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*In prayer and loving memory of:*

*Elaine Longmore*





## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR PEACE

**Do you have a family member or friend in the Military (stateside or overseas)?  
Call the parish office and we will put their name on our prayer list.**

### US Air Force

SSgt John Wesley Hobbs, Nephew of Frank & Jody Weschler  
A1C Shane O'Dell, Great Grandson of Mike Eberle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Luke Stensberg, Friend of Matt Revord family

### US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John Barkemeyer, Son of Hank Barkemeyer  
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LTC Kelly Quinn Bell, Daughter of Bob & Jeanie Quinn  
Cpt Christopher Cannon, Son of Mark & Sue Cannon  
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PFC Richard Carlson, Grandson of Arlene Carlson  
Spc Harrison Daniels, Grandson of Mary Lou DiClementi  
Maj Jason Harlan, Nephew of Val Deady  
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Pvt Ryan Higgins, Nephew of Jim & Janet Black  
Pvt Zach Lueken, Nephew of Todd & Rebecca Stewart  
Sgt Brenda Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family  
Sgt David Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family  
Maj Anita Scattone, Sister of Anthony Scattone  
Lt Col Shawn Schwarz, relative of Tim & Young Hee Johnson  
Lt Ryan Slattery, Grandson of Faye Rebarchak  
Maj Benjamin Stumpf, Son of Ron & Judy Stumpf  
Cpt John Weidinger, Grandson of Gerda Weidinger

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Sgt Joseph Devroy, Grandson of Marlene Devroy  
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Sgt Brandon Galgay, Friend of Matt Revord family  
Sgt Aidan Gobeyn, Grandson of George & Michele Hinchcliff  
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and Brother of Jack Gustafson  
Ssgt Walter Ramirez, Son of Enrique & Mary Lou Ramirez  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt William Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith  
Pfc Trevor J. Talbot, Son of Bill & Mary Talbot,  
and Brother of Hope Talbot

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PO2 Kevin Morrison, Grandson of Doug & Joyce Spinner  
Lt Alison Smith, Niece of John & Mary Smith  
Lt Tom Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith

### US National Guard

Sgt Steven Tetzlaff, Son of Peter & Katie Tetzlaff  
and Grandson of Roger & Dolores Meier

*If you would like to add or remove a name, please contact the parish office at [officessjfx@ssjfx.org](mailto:officessjfx@ssjfx.org)*

Please note...

Our parish offices will close at 12:00 pm on Thursday, December 24, 2020 and will reopen at 9:00 am on Monday, December 28, 2020.

In addition, our parish offices will be closed on December 31, 2020 and January 1, 2021. We will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2021.

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*

Our parish calendars have arrived! They are available in both of our parish offices, or please call 847/256-4250. Thank you!

We have launched our new parish website! Please check out [www.ssjfx.org](http://www.ssjfx.org) for the most updated information on our schedules and happenings in the parish.



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## Christmas 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,


Each one of us carries treasured memories of joyous Christmas celebrations. This year, the Christmas we are about to celebrate will be different. Because of the pandemic and the changes at work in our society, this season will no doubt have a more somber and restrained tone. And yet the very heart of our Christmas celebration does not change and, indeed, may be more important than ever.

To celebrate the birth of Jesus summons us to remember that the Word became flesh. In Jesus, God became one with us in all things but sin. In Jesus, God understands the joy and grief of our human condition from the inside. The great blessing of Christmas is Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us—the blessed assurance that God walks with us on our joyful and challenging life journey.

In his recent encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us that we are all sisters and brothers to each other, ultimately linked together in Jesus Christ who is Son of God and Son of Mary. As brothers and sisters, let us hold each other in the mystery of the Word made flesh. Let us pray for each other. I will certainly remember you, and I ask you to remember me. And although this may be a different kind of Christmas, it may also be one of the most meaningful.

God bless you and your loved ones and keep you safe in his providential love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago

### Illinois Tax Credit Information

It is not too late. However, you have only until December 31 to claim your 2020 tax credit and donate to Catholic education. If you donate under the Illinois Invest in Kids Act, 100% of this payment will go to support Catholic education, and in our case, could support our twinning parish school, St. Thomas of Canterbury School. Importantly, you will also receive an Illinois tax credit of 75% of the donation.

As an example, if you donate \$10,000 to a scholarship granting organization such as BIG SHOULDERS FUND or EMPOWER ILLINOIS and designate St. Thomas of Canterbury School as the recipient, St. Thomas receives a donation of \$10,000 and you will have a \$7,500 credit against your 2020 taxes. Your ultimate net out of pocket cost of this donation is \$2,500 but the charitable gift totals \$10,000. St. Thomas can then offer two \$5,000 scholarships to needy students. Never has charitable giving had such a good multiplier effect – it's the gift that keeps on giving.

St. Thomas of Canterbury School has been open for in-class learning during this fall term, as well as virtual instruction. All of this has created an additional burden on its finances, particularly since most of its families cannot afford to pay full or even partial tuition.

As parishioners, you have generously supported this school over the years in so many ways. This is a great way to continue that support.

Act now. Your tax accountant will know the procedures for applying for this tax credit through the Illinois Department of Revenue. Or contact Joe D'Arco, our Director of Operations, at our parish office (847-251-0771) or email him at [jdarco@ssjfx.org](mailto:jdarco@ssjfx.org), to get instructions on how to use the Internet to set up this tax credit for 2020 taxes.

Thank you for your support of Catholic education and St. Thomas of Canterbury School.

#### St. Thomas of Canterbury/St. Ignatius Urgent Request!

Food insecurity is a serious issue for our friends  
at our sharing parishes.

We are collecting non-perishable food items as well as  
paper products and personal care products.

Items can be dropped off at the following locations:

-SFX or St. Joseph Church at Mass times.

-SFX Parish Office, Monday-Thursday 9am-4:30pm  
St. Joseph Parish Office Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm  
-415 9th Street (please leave on front porch)

Questions? Contact [sean@lannanfamily.com](mailto:sean@lannanfamily.com)  
Thank you for your generosity!

#### *Thank you!*

Due to COVID we were not able to participate in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Family Christmas Gift Drive this year.

Instead, due to your generosity, we were able to purchase \$3,000 in Target gift cards. They have been delivered to St. Thomas and will be given out in enough time for the parents to purchase gifts for the children to have a lovely Christmas.

You NEVER fail to come to the rescue. We're hopeful that next year we can resume our original program.

Thank you!

## Saints JFX Parish Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>

3:00 pm Mass at SJ

3:00 pm Mass SFX

3:15 pm SFX School Gym

3:15 pm Car Mass at SJ School

5:00 pm Mass at SFX

Midnight Mass 10:30 pm at SJ

Midnight Mass 10:30 pm at SFX

### Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Mass SJ

10:30 am Car Mass at SJ School

9:30 am Mass SFX

10:15 am SFX School Gym

11am Mass SFX

*SJ: St. Joseph Church*

*SFX: St. Francis Xavier Church*

Our Christmas Masses are being offered by signup only.  
If you would like to attend, please contact our parish office at 847/256-4250.

### The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

is dedicated to helping the poor and others who have come upon difficult times. We serve those in need through one-on-one counseling, as well as financial and other help to those who have fallen on hard times.

If you or someone you know would like to meet with us, please call us at 847-256-4250 and when prompted by the recording for the St. Vincent de Paul line, press 3. We will respond as soon as possible.

All inquiries are treated in the strictest of confidence.





# Hope, Peace, Love, Joy



**Readings for the week of December 21, 2020**

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3,11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ab; Lk 1:46-56


Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
*Night:* Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14.  
*Dawn:* Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20.  
*Day:* Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



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