

Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

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 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Daily Masses:
Monday—Friday
6:30am SJ
8:15am SFX
8:30am SJ

Saturday Masses:
8:30am SJ
5:00pm SJ and SFX

Sunday Masses:
8:00am SJ
9:30am SFX
10:15am SFX (School)
10:30am SJ
11:30am SFX
6:00pm SJ
7:30pm SFX
(ACTION Youth Mass,
September through April)



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Parish Office Hours:
 Monday-Wednesday: 9am—8:00pm
 Thursday and Friday: 9am—4:30pm
 Saturday: 9am—1pm
 Sunday: 8:30am—11:30am

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 Monday-Wednesday: 9am—8:30pm
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 Rev. Rodlin Rodrigue, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Matthew Spotts, S.J., Associate Pastor
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 ACTION

Schedule of Events: Week of December 8 - 15

Sunday, December 8

9a Religious Ed - SJ Campus
 9a PREP - SFX School
 10:30a Children's Liturgy of the Word - SJ Annex - 1C
 7:30p ACTION - SFX Church

Monday, December 9

6p SPRED Religious Ed: Joseph Room - SJ Campus
 7p RCIA - SFX Parish Office

Tuesday, December 10

9a Holy Hour - SJ Church
 9:30a Al-Anon - SJ Annex - 1C
 10a Benediction - SJ Church
 7p RCIA for Catholics: Deacon Kerls - SFX School Atrium

Wednesday, December 11

2p Lectio Divina - SFX Parish Office
 6p Adult Choir Rehearsal - SFX Church

Thursday, December 12

9a Legion of Mary - SJ Annex - Rm 1C

Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14

8a AA - SJ Annex - 1C
 9a Confessions - SJ Church
 4:15p Confessions - SFX Church

Sunday, December 15

9a Religious Ed - SJ Campus
 10:30a Children's Liturgy of the Word - SJ Annex - 1C

Dear Friends,

A voice of one crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. What does this quote mean to you?

During this holy season of Advent, as the days get shorter and the nights get longer, the Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier community will prepare in many ways for the coming of the Lord. We will make straight his paths. We will get ready for the coming of the Lord. I expect that this season is one that sometimes gets lost on us. Amidst the commercial and social busyness, we are called to be still and wait. How can we do this when the retailers are beckoning us to be the first in line to take advantage of their great pre-holiday sales? How can we do this when our calendars get filled with social engagements and other expectations? How can we do this when our to-do lists are long, and the days are few?

We can only prepare for the coming of the Lord in our lives if we make that choice. At 6:30 and 8:30 in the morning, Monday through Friday at Saint Joseph Church, and at 8:15 am at Saint Francis Church, our parish provides a quiet place to reflect on God's holy Word and to meet the Son in the Eucharist. We celebrate Holy Mass as the sun attempts to break the darkness. We celebrate morning Mass at 8:30 on Saturdays, too, at Saint Joseph.

At Mass, we praise the Lord who promises to fill our particular darkness with the light of his love. Powerful words from Sacred Scripture resound and give us reason to hope. We share the peace of the Lord and pray for the intentions of the Church and of the world. We do this all in less than a half hour. I urge you during these Advent days to spend a little more time in the quiet, peaceful environment that constitutes daily Mass. The rewards of participating in daily Mass will surprise you. It won't take much of your time and it occurs mostly before the stores are even open!

Among the shortest days of the year, Advent has us longing for the light. In these days of political unrest in our city, nation and world, in these challenging economic times, the warmth the Christ light offers attracts me. We've all heard the saying, "It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." In last week's second reading,

Saint Paul encouraged his readers to cast off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Today we light the second candle of our advent wreath. Doing so reminds us that the light indeed is coming into our darkness. Maybe we need to ask ourselves what our darkness is or where we see darkness around us. Once arriving at our respective answers to those questions, we should ask, "How can Christ's light shine in us or through us in order to dispel the darkness?" The light does shine in the darkness, right here in our little corner of the world.

Impressive. That's the first word that comes to my mind when I think of last weekend. We celebrated Thanksgiving and, during the offertory at Holy Mass, collected money to support the important work of our Saint Vincent De Paul conference. About a dozen parishioners joined others and me at Catholic Charities as we served a Thanksgiving meal to over two hundred guests. We grabbed Saint Thomas of Canterbury family names in the church vestibule with opportunities to share Christmas with children in need. The Women's Club is collecting toys to support Catholic Charities' Celebration of Giving. The school children are selling ornaments to support our sharing parish in Haiti. *Impressive.*

Many other opportunities to be charitable abound. We can put on the armor of light when we do simple acts of kindness or when we share out time, talent and treasure. I will be inviting parishioners to give generously to our year-end appeal in a personal letter that will arrive in your home mailbox soon. Please respond bigheartedly.

Putting on the armor of light or lighting a candle in the darkness can certainly happen during the Advent and Christmas seasons. I hope that these days will be practice for the rest of our lives. We are always preparing for the coming of Christ, not just in Advent. Today's first reading tells of an ideal world that is to come, and John the Baptist strongly tells us that in that world we will be known by our actions, by our fruits. What type of fruit are you bearing? What kind of light do you shine?

Peace,



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

December 24 - St. Joseph Church
6:30am, 8:30am, 3:00pm and 5:30pm

December 24 - St. Francis Xavier Church
8:15am, 3:00pm, 3:15pm-Gym and 5:00pm,
10:00pm Choral Concert, 10:30pm Mass

December 25 - St. Joseph Church
8:00am and 10:30am

December 25 - St. Francis Xavier Church
9:30am, 10:15am-Gym and 11:30am

Parish Offices: Christmas/New Year Schedule

2019

Monday, December 23:	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
Tuesday, December 24:	9:00a.m. – Noon
Wednesday, December 25:	CLOSED
Thursday, December 26:	9a.m. – 4:30p.m.
Friday, December 27:	9a.m. – 4:30p.m.
Saturday, December 28:	9a.m. – 1p.m.
Sunday, December 29:	8:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.
Monday, December 30:	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
Tuesday, December 31:	CLOSED

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Wednesday, January 1:	CLOSED
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Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

<u>Monday, December 9, 2019</u>	<u>Wednesday, December 11, 2019</u>	<u>Friday, December 13, 2019</u>	<u>Sunday, December 15, 2019</u>
<p>6:30am SJ +Maria Friedrich +Thomas Tucker <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>8:15am SFX + Jay Thomas +Margaret Campbell <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30am SJ +Maria Friedrich +Stanley and Marianna Feret (L)Intention of the Rehbock Family <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <hr/> <p>Tuesday, December 10, 2019</p> <p>6:30am SJ +Silvia and Adolfo Ridolfi <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:15am SFX +Christopher Patrick Alonzi +Edmund Fish +Bob McHugh <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p>8:30am SJ (L)Intention of Christopher Lee and Family <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>10:00am SJ Benediction <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p>10:00am SFX School Mass <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p>6:30am SJ +Silvia and Adolfo Ridolfi <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:15am SFX +Susie Rubenstein <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>8:30am SJ +Lisa Patt <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <hr/> <p>Thursday, December 12, 2019</p> <p>6:30am SJ +Silvia and Adolfo Ridolfi <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p>8:15am SFX +Judy Conway <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>8:30am SJ +Peggy Gallas +Joseph Dang <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p>6:30am SJ +Helen Kraus <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p>8:15am SFX +Lucia Fonte +Micaela McGreal <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30am SJ +Maggie DiClementi <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <hr/> <p>Saturday, December 14, 2019</p> <p>8:30am SJ +Lisa Patt <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p>Confessions 9:00am SJ: <i>Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i> 4:15pm SFX: <i>Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>9:00am SFX Baptism: Greenbaum <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>5:00pm SFX +Mollie Pleiss +Clark Pleiss +Nicole Nunn <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>5:00pm SJ +Deceased Members of DiClementi and Stewart Families <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p>	<p>8:00am SJ +John Cossarek <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>9:30am SFX +Francis Xavier Tobin +Bill Geary <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>10:15am SFX School +People of the Parish <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>10:30am SJ +Pio and Carolina Gambacorta +Lisa Marie Patt +Woody and Mary Jane Herlocker <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i> <i>Deacon Shinkle</i></p> <p>11:30am SFX +Honorable Charles P. Horan +Frank Rademacher <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>3:00pm SJ Baptism: VanNice <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>6:00pm SJ +Kathy Robenalt <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>
<p>+ Deceased / (L) Living</p> <p>SJ - St. Joseph Church / SFX - St. Francis Xavier Church / SFX School - St. Francis Xavier School</p>			

Prayers for the sick and those in need

Seda Aghajani	Peter DiClementi, Jr	Brier Johnston	Monica Pecuch
Carmen Albino	Ryan Glassberg	CharlesJonaitis	Olivia Sergot
Ginnie Becker	Margaret Grothe	Richard Keefe	Brian Slowinski
Tom Beitzel	Phillip Hall	Bob Kerrigan	Dino Tonelli
Heather Campbell	Tim Hanson	John Krupka	David W.
Vivian Cangelosi	Barbara Hardy	Dolores Meier	Dolores Welch
Guillermo Cannon	Barbara Hawkinson	Paul Molaro	Krista Wilkinson
William Carlin	Laura Hendrickson	Daniel O'Herron	Audrey Williams
Cecelia Cruz	Tom Hopkins	Pam O'Reilly	

Please call the parish office at 847/256-4250 if you'd like to remove a name from this list.

In prayer and loving memory of:





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
2nd Lt Luke Stensberg, Friend of Matt Revord family

US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John Barkemeyer, Son of Hank Barkemeyer
Maj Brian L. Bell, Son-in-law of Bob & Jeanie Quinn
LTC Kelly Quinn Bell, Daughter of Bob & Jeanie Quinn
Pilot Christopher Cannon, Son of Mark & Sue Cannon
Spc Michael Carlson, Grandson of Arlene Carlson
PFC Richard Carlson, Grandson of Arlene Carlson
Spc Harrison Daniels, Grandson of Mary Lou DiClementi
Maj Jason Harlan, Nephew of Val Deady
Lt Kyle Healy, Great Nephew of Agnes and Barb Schneider
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
LTC Michael J. Roth, Nephew of Sharon Roth
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

US Marine Corps

1st Lt Jeff Barak, Friend of Frantzen family
Pvt 1st Class Colin Brennan, Nephew of Mary Lou DiClementi
Pvt Stuart Corboy III, Son of Marcia Corboy
Sgt Joseph Devroy, Grandson of Marlene Devroy
Cpt Peter Dulaney, Grandson of Diana Madden
Sgt Brandon Galgay, Friend of Matt Revord family
Sgt Aidan Gobeyn, Grandson of George & Mchele Hinchcliff
1st Lt Brad Gustafson, Son of Garth & Myrna Gustafson,
and Brother of Jack Gustafson
Ssgt Walter Ramirez, Son of Enrique & Mary Lou Ramirez
2nd Lt William Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith
Pfc Trevor J. Talbot, Son of Bill & Mary Talbot,
and Brother of Hope Talbot

US Navy

Cmdr Kevin Carlson, Son of Arlene Carlson
Lt. Ted Luker, Grandson of Jack & Skip Revord,
and Nephew of Matt & Lisa Revord
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
1st Lt Zach Hubbard, Illinois National Guard,
Nephew of the Later family

Women's Club Prayer Blanket Update

Thank you to all the Priests for blessing the blankets on November 16th & 17th and thank you to everyone who helped distribute them. It is apparent we have many parishioners, relatives &/or friends who are ill and in need of the warmth and prayers from these blankets; Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Women's Club is honored to provide this free ministry to our community.

Please pray for the following people who received blankets and need our prayers: **Soon Hee Park, Denise & Chuck Leath, Kay Testa, Grandma B.H., Alexis Arroyo, Cheryl Hamilton, Pete Tamoselli, Fr. Anthony Bus, Cr., Brier Johnston, The McAtee Family, Mike Tischer, Betty Mowbray, Jeanne Hoschouer, Josefina Cannon, Janet Shabanov, Joe Soukenik, Will Sullivan, The MacNally Family, Roxanne Machev, Vivian Cangelosi, Marsha Najafi, Jean Mulvihill, Louis Rafaj (father of Anna Rosenberg), Molly Lutz, Marguerite Anne Wuelser, Elizabeth Caudy, Gerry Kelly, Irene Meyer, and Jean Regan.**

Thank you so much to those who made donations although the blankets are given free of charge your donations help defray the cost to make the blankets and continue to provide blankets to others who are in need of prayers.

If anyone is in need of a blanket or want more information, please contact Paula Humbach @ 847-256-8037. God bless you all.

Saints Joseph + Francis Xavier Parish Schools

Celebrating over 250 years of
Catholic Education together in
Wilmette

Join us for an open house
at

St Joseph School

www.stjosephwilmette.com

Excellence in Early Childhood

Wednesday, December 11

9am-11am

From the Loft

During Advent, we'll observe the Church's oldest musical tradition — chant. Since the Second Vatican Council, sacred music has increasingly taken the form of popular musical genres but the Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states:

“The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman Liturgy: therefore, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services.”

“Since the faithful from different countries come together ever more frequently, it is desirable that they know how to sing at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin.”

While Latin is the most common and universal language for chant, we will also be chanting in two other languages. The *Kyrie eleison* (Lord, have mercy), which is part of the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass, is chanted in Greek and during Advent, we will all chant the *Lord's Prayer* in English. Some of our Eucharistic Acclamations are chanted in Latin (which can be found at #377 in RitualSong) and come from *Missa XVIII Deus Genitor alme*, one of the most universally known Vatican Mass settings for Advent and Lent. Happy chanting!

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Gentlemen of the parish, My name is Phil Couri, and I am the retreat captain for Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington. I invite and encourage all of you to attend the SILENT retreat which is held on the weekend of January 17-19, 2020. I cannot say enough about how this retreat has had a positive influence on my life each year.

The idea of silence for a whole weekend may seem unattractive, but I assure you the silence is relaxing, comforting and spiritual.

There is no protocol while on the retreat. A series of eight lectures are given by the retreat leader which you can attend or not attend. The talks center on real life experiences, scripture and are tailored to facilitate self-examination. They are spread throughout the day and they last about 30-40 minutes. There is plenty of scheduled down time in between the talks to reflect on the talks, pray, read, exercise, or just sleep.

In addition, the retreat house campus is unbelievable. The house is huge with libraries, a living room with a fireplace and other separate rooms for reflection. Each retreatant has his **OWN** bedroom (you do not share a room with anyone else). The retreat campus and silence provide an ideal atmosphere to communicate with God.

The retreat starts on Friday night with a wine/beer reception and dinner at 7:00 pm followed by one talk and a mass and continues through Sunday, concluding with a mass and lunch at noon.

I understand that schedules are busy, but I strongly encourage you to take the leap and attend. For those of you who do attend, I guarantee you will want to make it a yearly event. All are welcome, so please pass on the information to others who you think may benefit from the retreat. Below is a small bio on the retreat leader this year, Fr. Richard Malloy.

Just email pac@courilaw.com or call me (847.323.8605) if you have questions or would like to reserve a spot.

There are several parishes designated for that weekend so spots, believe it or not, do fill up quickly and I cannot guarantee a spot if you wait too long to rsvp.

Meet Fr. Richard Malloy, SJ

Fr. Richard Malloy, SJ was born in Philadelphia. He graduated from St. Joe's Prep, the Jesuit high school in Philadelphia. He attended Lafayette College in Easton, PA, where he played football, lacrosse, and rugby. He earned a doctorate at Temple. While in Jesuit formation, he taught high school in Chile and spent one year in pastoral work in Santiago. At the University of Scranton, he is the University Chaplain and teaches courses in Anthropology, Sociology, and Theology. His books, *A Faith That Frees: Catholic Matters for the 21st Century* (Orbis Books 2008) and *Being On Fire: The Top Ten Essentials of Catholic Faith* (Orbis Books 2014), were recognized with awards by the Catholic Press Association. His newest book, *Spiritual Direction: A Beginner's Guide* was published in 2017. Fr. Malloy has a blog (jesuitjottings.blogspot.com). You can follow him on Twitter @FrMalloy.

Wake Up Santa!

Saturday, December 14th
8:00 am-10:00 am

In the St. Joseph school cafeteria.
Come in your pajamas and enjoy
a delicious pancake breakfast,
Christmas crafts & photos with Santa
\$6.00 per person

Please R.S.V.P by calling the St. Joseph
rectory at 847-251-0771

If you are able to help with the event please
contact Dana McKenna at (847)251-3734 or
dmckenna@ssjfx.org.
Volunteers from 8th grade - adults are needed

First Grade Christmas Eve Mass at SFX Church



Christmas is a wonderful time to celebrate traditions! One of the best-loved parish traditions happens at St. Francis Xavier Church when parish first graders bring the Christmas nativity story to life at the 3pm Christmas Eve liturgy. A half pew is reserved for each first grade family that participates. All first grade parents (both school and religious education) should have an email containing a link to sign up their first grader and reserve their half pew at the 3pm Mass on December 24th. This letter contains more information regarding this event and the two rehearsals that precede it on December 18th and 21st. Merry Christmas!

All Children of the Parish
are welcome to participate in
the 3:00PM Christmas Eve Mass of
anticipation at St. Joseph Church.
The liturgy will include a brief
reenactment of the Birth of Jesus.

Children ages 5 through 18 are
welcome to participate.



Participants must be willing to attend the rehearsals for this liturgy
on the following dates:

- Saturday- December 14th 1:00PM - 3:00PM
- Wednesday - December 18th 5:00 - 7:00PM
- Saturday - December 21st 12:30 - 2:30PM



If your child would like to participate it is **very important** that a completed form is turned in by Friday, December 13th. Last year there were over 100 participants, and we would like to accommodate all of the children. Participants will have a choice of the following parts: Angels, Shepherds, Speaking Angel, Speaking Shepherd, Innkeeper, Mary, Joseph, a Star, Singing Pages, and several new parts. Special arrangements can be made for children who sing in the choir and would also like to participate. If you have any questions regarding the rehearsals or if you would like to help at rehearsals please contact Dana McKenna at 251-3734 or email dmckenna@ssjfx.org

(Please cut along the stars and turn in to your child's Religious Ed./ School teacher by Friday, December 13th)

*Yes, my child would like to participate in the 3:00 Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy.
I understand he/she must attend all three rehearsals.*



Participant's Name _____ Grade _____

Phone Number _____

1st Choice of Character _____ 2nd Choice _____

I would be willing to help with the rehearsals Yes / No. I can't attend the rehearsals but
would be willing to help in another way.

Name _____



SSJFX Book Club

Book: "Peace Like A River" by Leif Enger
 When: December 17, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.
 Where: Mallinckrodt Community Center
 Reviewer: Dianne Home
 Hostesses: Chris Porter and Kathy Hargrave

"Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger is narrated by an asthmatic 11-year-old named Reuben Land. It is the story of Reuben's unusual family and their journey across the frozen Badlands of the Dakotas in search of his fugitive older brother. Charged with the murder of two locals who terrorized their family, Davy has fled, understanding that the scales of justice will not weigh in his favor. But Reuben, his father, Jeremiah—a man of faith so deep he has been known to produce miracles—and Reuben's little sister, Swede, follow closely behind the fleeing Davy.

For further information call Donna Fugazotto at 847-256-2126

**WIT AND WISDOM
 SS Faith, Hope and Charity**

Wit & Wisdom is having its Christmas party on Wednesday, December 11th and invites seniors (65+) from Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier to join us.

The festivities will be held on Wednesday, December 11, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with Vespers at 7:00 p.m. We serve heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, etc. The cost is \$30.00 per person with checks payable to SS.Faith, Hope & Charity.

RSVP: Arlene Jerva at (847) 446-0191.

**The St. Francis Xavier School HSO
 is sponsoring a Holiday Auction, Raffle and More!**

- Place your bid to get **reserved seating** for Christmas Eve masses
- Take a chance to **win a stay at a luxury condo on Grand Cayman**
- Treat your family to a **horse-drawn sleigh ride**
- Purchase **Dress Down Day passes** for the kids

Please visit WWW.SFXSHOWCASE.COM for more details and to participate in these exciting holiday fundraisers!

Bidding and purchases close at midnight on December 18 and winners announced December 19

COME TOGETHER SHOWCASE 2020

Stewardship Report

November 24, 2019

Collected at Mass:

Envelopes \$10,551.00
Loose cash \$ 1,723.62

Electronic Contributions \$16,600.00

Total: \$28,874.62

December 1, 2019

Collected at Mass:

Envelopes \$11,119.00
Loose cash \$ 2,412.53

Electronic Contributions \$16,600.00

Total: \$30,131.53

**Thank you for
supporting
your parish!**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707 - 712

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Eucharistic Adoration Ss Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

Please join us in St. Joseph Church for Eucharistic Adoration From 9am—7pm

Upcoming dates:

December 17th

January 7th and 21st

For more information or to sign up for an hour of adoration please email Kirsten at: k.solmos@comcast.net or call 847/337-1708



A Tri-Parish Event

Saturday, December 14

Ss. Faith Hope & Charity Parish Center

*A Christmas Canvas:
Paintings of the Nativity Story*

with art historian Jeff Mishur

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Festive Refreshments and Fellowship from 2:00 – 3:00; Talk at 3:00 pm

Around the holidays, the images that surround us promote holiday hours and doorbusters.

This program emphasizes images that are central to the meaning of the season.

There is no fee to attend but we ask that you register as space is limited. Registration opens Sunday, Nov. 10. To register, contact Marilyn Valko on mjvalko@yahoo.com or 847-256-3834.

MINISTRY OF CARE

Your spiritual needs are very important to the staff at Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier. To insure that you receive the desired spiritual care if you are hospitalized or homebound with illness, please assist us by providing us with the following.

Hospital:

If you would like anointing prior to a scheduled surgery, please call the parish office to schedule an anointing with a priest. You may also receive anointing at the hospital when there is an emergency.

When you are admitted to the hospital it is critical that you or a loved one identifies your religious affiliation, your parish name and your desire for pastoral care and communion visits.

The patient may also call the Ministry of Care line to request communion at the hospital. A Minister of Care will make sure the hospital is informed of this request.

Homebound:

Trained Ministers of Care are available to bring communion to our parish sick and homebound. Ministers also visit local assisted living and nursing care homes. To schedule a visit, please call the Ministry of Care line at: 847 256-2273 press 0 and a Minister of Care will return your call.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to helping the poor and others who have come upon difficult times. As Vincentians, we serve those in need through one-on-one counseling, as well as providing financial and other help to those who have fallen on hard times. If you or someone you know wishes to meet with us, please call 847-256-4250 and ask for extension 44 and leave a short message. We will respond as soon as possible. All inquiries will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Ministry of Care Visits Sunday, December 15

After 8:00 Mass Hospital

Martin/Soden**

C. Cerone
T. Egan
S. Gordon
E. Melley

Mather Home

10:00am
T. Conway

After 9:30 Mass Home

Kelly/Stauber**

M. Buckingham
B. Gaynor
K. Malm
T. Rosean
G. Wright

Symphony

10:30am
S. Donoghue

SACRAMENTS AT SSJFX

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM :

Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

Saturdays, 9 - 9:30am (SJ) and 4:15 - 4:45pm (SFX)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE :

Should be arranged at least six months in advance. Contact the Parish Office for details.

PARISH REGISTRATION :

Registration Forms available in vestibule of Church, at the Parish Offices or from our Website.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Schedule - December 15

- 5:00pm (SJ):** M. DiClementi, D. Erie, S. Smith, E. Maier, Solmos family, S. Robey, A. Erie
D. Erie (Lector 1), B. Robey (Lector 2)
- 5:00pm (SFX):** G. Krohm, M. Thomas, C. De Smul, P. Alonzi, M. Alonzi, G. Holton, J. Lenz
G. Krohm (Lector), C. Bradley (Commentator)
- 8:00am (SJ):** B. Daly, A. Buchmann, C. Keefe, E.D'souza, S. Donoghue, D. Clarke, D. Hackl
E. D'souza (Lector 1), J. Smith (Lector 2)
- 9:30am (SFX):** E. Sullivan, B. Eichenlaub, T. Wallace, M. Sasso, J. Stahl, P. Petrozzi, C. Cerone
D. Patchin (Lector), N. Esshaki (Commentator)
- 10:15am (SFX School):** A. & B. Haszlakiewicz, E. Kelly
- 10:30am (SJ):** H. Marros, C. Mendoza, R. Berger, T. Johnson, K. Desharnais, M. Cavalier, T. Lu
J. Santacruz (Lector 1), S. Bradley (Lector 2)
- 11:30am (SFX):** M. Watts, D. Maatman, A. Foerstner, K. Suse, M. Gorman, C. Burgeson, A. Frantzen
Z. Hoepfner (Lector), J. Revord (Commentator)
- 6:00pm (SJ):** C. Zattero, K. Nugent, C. Sullivan
O. Connolly (Lector 1), T. Sullivan (Lector 2)

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