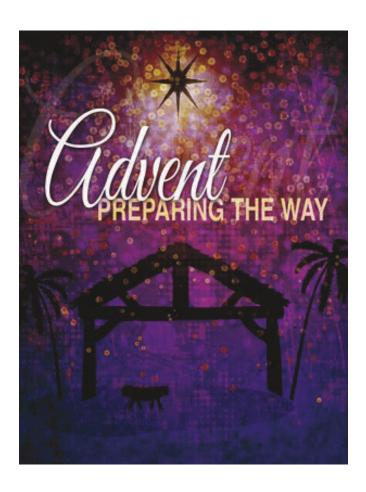


## Our Mission:

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.



November 29, 2020 First 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.



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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: Kirsten Solmos: k.solmos@comcast.net 847-853-9021/847-337-1708



Marriage Banns

St. Francis Xavier Church

Laura Kitchie and Nico Giokaris-Bann I Dear Friends,

"O Come O Come Emmanuel!" It seems like just famous line, "We all go to heaven yesterday that we were planning for Christmas 2019. We on the backs of the poor. Jesus tells come to Church this weekend, perhaps still reeling from us they're going to get there first." our new Coronavirus-forced reduced celebrations At Saints JFX, we have many Thursday, or tired from our "Black Friday" online opportunities to work with and for shopping excursions. And we are told in no uncertain those who are poor. terms that the time is right to focus our attention on the Lord. Not turkey, not bargains, but Jesus.

someone with the virus, please stay home." Those bits of and the promised Emmanuel will come. advice, when heeded, can help keep our community safe, healthy and able to come regularly for Mass and other liturgical gatherings.

coming of Christ.

Health officials have supplemented their command to "Hope in the revelation of our Lord. See the face of Jesus in Advent we honor her in many ways. in the eyes of the poor. Accomplish righteous deeds. Be firm in faith. Be irreproachable when Christ comes."

When we hope in the revelation of the Lord, we do not allow the darkness and uncertainty of the present day to overcome us. We have been promised that the day will come. We must realize that no darkness, no trial, no tribulation will take away that hope. On Christmas we celebrate the first coming of Christ, as a little child. During Advent we prepare for the second coming of Christ, in all his glory. I encourage you to allow this period to be a period of joyful hope in the midst of uncertainty.

As we prepare for the second coming of Christ, we prepare as one. We remember that we walk this earthly journey together – especially with those who are poor. The Lord invites us in this special season to see his face in the eyes of the poor. I often think of Cardinal George's

As we prepare, we do our best to accomplish righteous deeds. That exercise of vigilance "Be vigilant." Those two words have become part of challenges us to do the right thing in relationship with God our everyday language as we continue to combat the and others. Let's choose the good, practice mercy, seek to spread of the coronavirus. Following those words, we are understand, do God's will – in little ways and big ones. told to, "Wash your hands. Keep your distance. Wear When we do, we practice spiritual vigilance. Trusting in your mask. Avoid gathering with people outside your God's providence, the God who gave us his Son, we home. If you're feeling unwell of have been exposed to remain firm in faith. The darkness will not overcome us,

As we focus our attention on Jesus at the beginning of our liturgical year, Jesus tells us in today's Gospel to be watchful and to be ready. The final sentence of the While heeding those guidelines and words of advice, in Gospel, just one word, exclaims the command, "Watch!" this year like no other, we flip the calendar to a new We must not allow ourselves to get too wrapped up in the liturgical year and new season to start the year off. We premature celebrations, the secular ones, of the season. begin today the season of Advent. As we do so, the We need to be sure that our hearts are ready to welcome Church invites us to a different type of vigilance. Advent, the Lord anew into our hearts, homes and lives. In order a time of waiting and preparation, encourages vigilance. to do that, we need to watch for his coming and make the We need to heed warnings and prepare our hearts for the prayer of the age-old song our own, O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

To allow Emmanuel to come, we must make room for be vigilant against the virus. Spiritual guides would also him in our hearts. This great season, coming at the darkest have us do some particular things, not in fear of something time of our calendar year, prepares for the coming of the like the virus, but in joyful preparation for the coming of light of the world. At Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier, Christ. After the command to be spiritually vigilant, the we will do this with prayer and petition, in simple subtle Scriptures, the Saints and spiritual guides might add, ways. Mary plays a prominent role in salvation history and

Peace.

## Mass Intentions

#### Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

Monday, November 30, 2020

6:30 am SFX

Presider: Fr. Rodrigue

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Harnett

Deacon Kerls

Intentions:

+Calvin Ramirez

+Silvia & Adolfo Ridolfi

+Carol Smith

+Tom Young

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

6:30 am SFX

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:

+Trudy & Frank Fernholz

+Calista Gorman

+Silvia & Adolfo Ridolfi

9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ:

Adoration

10:00 am SJ: Benediction Presider: Fr. Rodrique

+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier Church

SJ - St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

6:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

+Silvia & Adolfo Ridolfi

(L)Linda Sawyer

Thursday, December 3, 2020

6:30 am SFX

Presider: Fr. Rodrique

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

+Silvia & Adolfo Ridolfi

(L)Liliana Suciu

Friday, December 4, 2020

6:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Sheridan

Intentions:

+Jim Merfeld

+Kathleen Merfeld

+Mike Merfeld

+Brian O'Connor

+Silvia & Adolfo Ridolfi

+John J. Williams

Saturday, December 5, 2020

8:30 am SJ Presider: Fr. Rodrigue

Intentions:

+Josephina Cannon

+Mark Solomon D'Silva

+Silvia & Adolfo Ridolfi

(L)Regina Lee & Family

(L)Rehbock Family Intentions

9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ Private Prayer/Reconciliation

Presider: Fr. Rodrique

5:00 pm SFX\*

Presider: Fr. Sheridan

Intentions:

+Ruth Smith

5:00 pm SJ\*

Presider:Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

+Joan Ciccone

+Silvia & Adolfo Ridolfi (L)Rehbock Family Intentions

\*Mass attendance is offered by sign-up only. To receive links, contact mkgorman@ssjfx.org

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:00 am SJ\*

Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:

+John Cossarek

(L)Liliana Suciu

9:30 am SFX\*

Presider: Fr. Harnett Deacon Kerls

Intentions:

+Nancy Condon

+Charles Jonaitis

+Louis Vesco

10:30 am SJ Parking Lot Presider: Fr. Rodrigue

Intentions:

+Dr. Leonard & Patrick Burke

+Maria & Dominco

DiDomizio

+Matthew McNabola

12:15 pm SJ Parking Lot Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

+Silvia & Adolfo Ridolfi

7:30 pm SFX ACTION Mass

Presider: Fr. Watts

Masses are livestreamed on our parish YouTube channel. To find our channel, search Saints JFX on www.youtube.com

## Prayers for the sick and those in need:

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Gina DiPaolo John Patrick Gabby Ryan Glassberg Margaret Grothe Phillip Hall Tim Hanson Barbara Hardy Barbara Hawkinson Laura Hendricks Tom Hopkins Loretta Jacobs

**Brier Johnston** Roberta Kamp **Bob Kerrigan** Will Leming Betsi Burns Landolt **Dolores Meier** Paul Molaro Colin Mowbray Elizabeth Mowbray Daniel O'Herron Pam O'Reilly

Monica Pecuch Olivia Sergot Brian Slowinski Liliana Suciu Carol Solger Elliott Villarreal David W. **Dolores Welch** Krista Wilkinson **Audrey Williams** Carol Woodard Shirley Zeeb

*In prayer* and loving memory of:

> Jorel Jassy Fr. George Klein Tom Sampson



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Parish Life 5



#### 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 Maj Brian L. Bell, Son-in-law of Bob & Jeanie Quinn LTC Kelly Quinn Bell, Daughter of Bob & Jeanie Quinn Cpt 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 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
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 Sgt Aidan Gobeyn, Grandson of George & Michele Hinchcliff
 1st Lt Brad Gustafson, Son of Garth & Myrna Gustafson,
 and Brother of Jack Gustafson
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### **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

If you would like to add or remove a name, please contact the parish office at officessjfx@ssjfx.org

## St. Thomas of Canterbury

In past years we have collected Christmas gifts for St. Thomas of Canterbury families. This year, however, we will be donating Target gift cards.

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the gift cards you can do so through GiveCentral (www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/28269). If you prefer, you can write a check to SSJFX with *St. Thomas Gift Cards* in the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support!

## Readings for the week of November 30, 2020

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;

2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



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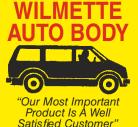


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