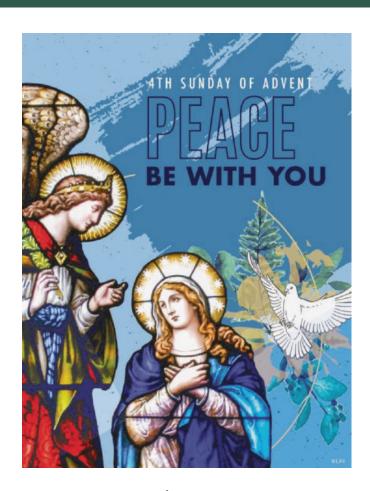


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December 18, 2022

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Saints JFX Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

6:30 am (SFX) Monday through Friday 8:30 am (St. Joseph) Monday through Saturday

> Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm (St. Joseph) 5:00 pm (SFX)

> > **Sunday Mass**

8:00 am (St. Joseph) 9:30 am (SFX) 10:30 am (St. Joseph)* 11:30 am (SFX) 4:45 pm (St. Joseph) 7:30 pm (SFX) Teen ACTION Mass

*Drive up communion is offered at St. Joseph Church after 10:30 am Mass. Please drive through the lower church parking lot to the Annex door on the south side of the church to receive communion.

Pray the Rosary

Please join us to pray the Rosary at 7:30 am daily To dial in: call (571) 317-3116

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The Rosary is prayed before 8:30 am Mass, Monday through Saturday at St. Joseph Church. If you'd like to join, we begin at 8:05 am.

Readings for the week of December 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Rom 1:1-7/

Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/

Lk 1:5-25

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38 Tuesday: Wednesday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,

20-21/Lk 1:39-45

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56 Thursday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Friday:

Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,

27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13: Sunday:

> 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

Staff Guest Columnist: Jonathan Metzinger, 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 19th-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 6th-century.

The melody of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* originates from a 15th-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 19th-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 joy for you and your family with hope for peace and prosperity in 2023.

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

Sincerely, Jonathan Metzinger



Attention all men of Saints JFX!

The Saints JFX Men's Club is being reinstituted and we invite you to be involved. There will be something for everyone and all are welcome to share their gifts.

If interested in serving in a Leadership Position, join us Tuesday December 20: SFX Parish Office (524 9th Street), 7:30pm-8:30pm

Once the leadership positions are filled, we will begin holding meetings in 2023.

Please contact ssjfxmensclub@gmail.com with questions.

This Sunday our Parish Choir sings at 10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph Church. The communion meditation, "Cold December Flies Away", is based on a Catalonian carol and was composed in 2020 during the midst of the Covid shutdown. The passing of December into April is a poignant illustration of the presence of hope and joy in our lives.

On Christmas Eve, we will have 30 minute concerts at both churches starting at 10:00 pm. The Parish choir invites all to join the "Christmas Choir" for the 10:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph. Rehearsal will be one hour prior, at 9:00 pm on Christmas Eve in the St. Joseph community room. All are welcome...bring friends and family members and celebrate in song!

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday December 19, 2022

6:30 am SFX

Presider: Fr. Sheridan

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:

+Bob Spriggs

(L)In thanksgiving for all who contributed to Andy Healy's

good health

Tuesday December 20, 2022

6:30 am SFX

Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions: +Loretta Szmyd

+John Thanos (L)David Riddle

(L)Jennifer Vacala

9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ Adoration

10:00 am SJ Benediction *Presider: Msgr. Mayall*

+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier SJ -St. Joseph Wednesday December 21, 2022

6:30 am SFX
Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Sheridan

Intentions:

+Stephanie Fernholz

+Linda Moody

+Tom Rees, Sr.

(L)Billy & Ceaelia Cannon

Thursday December 22, 2022

6:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Ryan

8:30 am SJ

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

+Paul Broughton +Sally Bredemann +Tom Rees, Sr.

Friday December 23, 2022

6:30 am SFX
Presider: Fr. Watts

8:30 am SJ Presider: Fr. Ryan

Intentions:

(L)People of the Parish

10:00 am SJ Baptism McCourtFamily

11:00 am SFX Baptism Broccolo Family

Saturday December 24, 2022

8:30 am SJ Presider: Fr. Watts

9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ

Confession

3:00 SJ

Presider: Fr. Ryan

Intentions:

+Wally & Belle Keefe

3:00 pm SFX

Presider: Fr. Watts

3:15 pm SFX School Gym Presider: Fr. Sheridan

5:00 pm SFX

Presider: Fr. Dorsey

Intentions:

+Sally Bredemann

5:30 pm SJ

Presider: Msgr. Mayall

Intentions:

+Sally Bredemann

+Erika Llavacek

+Michael Tischler

+Deceased members of the DiClementi &Stewart Families

10:30 pm SJ

Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:

(L)Schinler Family

10:30 pm SFX Presider: Fr. Ryan Sunday December 25, 2022

The Nativity of our Lord

8:00 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Chun

Deacon Robey

Intentions:

+Olivia Sergot

(L)Liliana Suciu

9:30 am SFX

Presider: Fr. Watts

Intentions:

+Jane Fischer

10:30 am SJ

Presider: Fr. Ryan

Intentions:

+John & Phyllis Cossarek

+Domenic & Carmen Savignani

11:30 am SFX

Presider: Fr. Sheridan

Intentions:

+Dave Crome

Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

To find our channel, search

Saints JFX on

www.youtube.com

Please pray for the sick and those in need:

Seda Aghajani Carmen Albino Rory Andrykowski Ginnie Becker Julie Butler Heather Campbell William Carlin Cecelia Cruz Hao Dang Peter DiClementi, Jr. Gino DiPaolo John Patrick Gabby Ryan Glassberg Sally Griffin Phillip Hall Tim Hanson Barbara Hardy Barbara Hawkinson Laura Hendricks Catherine Horan Bob Kerrigan Will Leming Kaylee Lentino
Betsi Burns Landolt
Barbara Lori-Mayo
John McGuinness
Dolores Meier
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John Ondrejicka
Keith Osmanski
Monica Pecuch

Davida Rochman Brian Slowinski Mary Stapleton Gary Strutz Liliana Suciu Trudy Tonelli Elliott Villarreal David W. Krista Wilkinson Audrey Williams Shirley Zeeb

In prayer and loving memory of:

Bud Gaynor Susan Schneider Healy Judy Schumann



Please email officessjfx@ssjfx.org to add or remove a name.

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If you or someone you know is in need of help, please call the parish office at 847/256-4250 and ask for extension 44. If you are calling outside of business hours, please press 3 to leave a message, and we will return your call as soon as possible. All inquiries are treated in the strictest of confidence.



Sacraments at Saints JFX

Sacrament of Baptism

Request form can be found on our parish website: ssjfx.org/baptism.html

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 am—10:00 am at St. Joseph Church or by appointment. Please call 847/256-4250

Sacrament of Marriage

Request form can be found on our parish website: ssjfx.org/weddings.html

Parish registration forms can be found on our website: ssjfx.org/join-our-parish.html

Saints JFX Ministry of Care

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. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact Ana Alda-Falcon at (847) 251-0771 or aaldafalcon@ssifx.org.



Stewardship Report

December 11, 2022

Collected at Church:

Envelopes: \$ 5,909.00 Loose Cash: \$ 1,412.00

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Contributions: \$21,706.51

Total: \$29,027.51

If you are able, please consider contributing electronically through Give Central: www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/238
Thank you for your generosity.

Saints JFX Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, Christmas Eve

3:00 pm St. Joseph
3:00 pm SFX
3:15 pm SFX School Gym
5:00 pm SFX
5:30 pm St. Joseph
10:00 pm Christmas Concert St. Joseph
10:00 pm Christmas Concert SFX
10:30 pm St. Joseph
10:30 pm SFX

December 25, Nativity of our Lord

8:00 am St. Joseph 9:30 am SFX 10:30 am St. Joseph 11:30 am SFX

Masses on December 31 and January 1 will follow our regular weekend schedule.



Parish Life 6

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR PEACE

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

US Air Force

SSgt John Wesley Hobbs, Nephew of Frank & Jody Weschler 2nd Lt Luke Stensberg, Friend of Matt Revord family

US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John 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 Cpt Ryan Cannon, Son of Mark & Sue Cannon PFC Richard Carlson, Grandson of Arlene Carlson Spc Harrison Daniels, Grandson of Mary Lou DiClementi Maj Jason Harlan, Nephew of Val Deady Pvt Ryan Higgins, Nephew of Jim & Janet Black SPC Zach Lueken, Nephew of Todd & Rebecca Stewart Sgt Samantha Lueken, Niece 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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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 & Michele Hinchcliff Cpt 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 Tom Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith

US National Guard

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MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

The St. JFX Men's silent retreat is scheduled for January 20-22, 2023 at Bellarmine Hall, 175 W. County Line Road, Barrington, Illinois (847.381.1261). All men of the parish are encouraged to come for a weekend of spiritual guidance and introspection. Reservations are limited. Please contact Phillip A. Couri @ 847.323.8605; 847.446.7372; or pac@courilaw.com to make your reservation and/or for more details. Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. will be leading the retreat. Fr. Kubicki's bio is below.

Fr. Jim Kubicki was born and raised in Milwaukee. Wisconsin. He entered the Jesuits in 1971, was ordained in 1983, and has served his community as vocation director and assistant to the provincial for formation and Native American ministry. From 1989 to 1995 he worked at the Sioux Spiritual Center, a retreat house for Native people and the center for the Rapid City Diocese's Deacon and Lay Ministry Formation program. From 2000-03 he was the Assistant Director of Demontreville, a Jesuit retreat house in Minnesota. He also served as Director of St. Francis Mission on the Rosebud Reservation in western South Dakota from 2017-2022. In 2003 he became the national director of the Apostleship of Prayer, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, and traveled around the country giving talks, parish missions, and retreats. He is a regular contributor to the national Catholic media network, Relevant Radio, and appears regularly as well on Catholic radio stations in Nebraska and Ohio. His book "A Heart on Fire: Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus" was published by Ave Maria Press in 2012 and was awarded third place in the category of "Best Prayer and Spirituality Book of the Year" by the Association of Catholic Book Publishers. His second book, "A Year of Daily Offerings," was published in October, 2016. Currently, Fr. Kubicki gives retreats around the country while serving as a spiritual director at the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Seminary.

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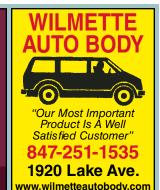
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