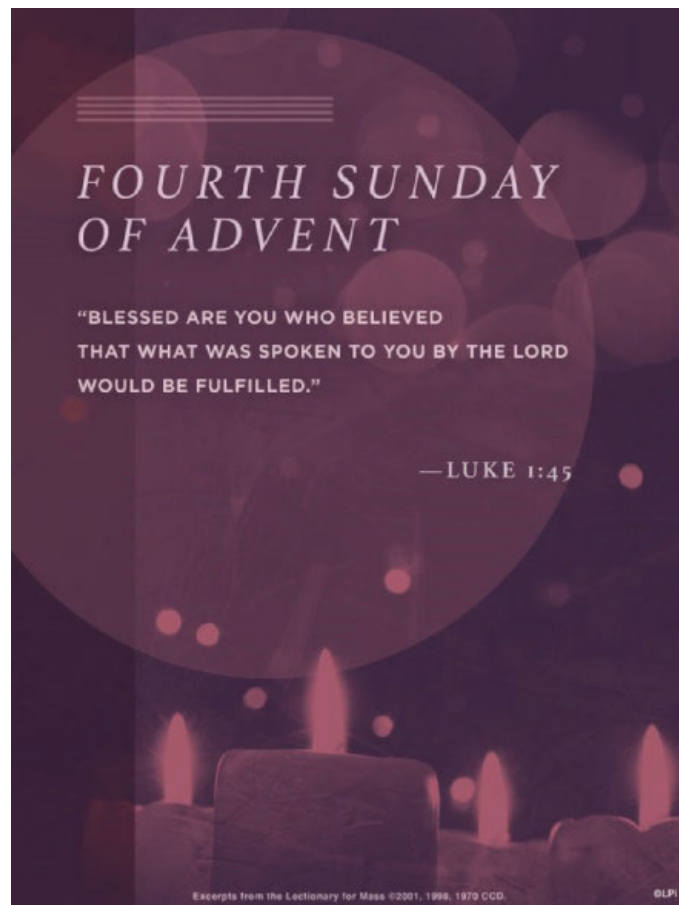




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December 12, 2021

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Banns of Marriage

Colleen Fahrenbach and Michael Kaiser - Bann II

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 intimate peace and joy for you and your family with hope for world health and prosperity in 2022.

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

Sincerely,
Jonathan Metzinger



Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 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; Lk 1:57-66
Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: *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 1:1-5, 9-14
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Weekly Mass Schedule

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<u>Monday December 20, 2021</u>	<u>Thursday December 23, 2021</u>	<u>Friday, December 24, 2021</u> <u>(continued)</u>	<u>Sunday December 26, 2021</u>
6:30 am SFX <i>President: Fr. Sheridan</i>	6:30 am SFX <i>President: Fr. Ryan</i>		8:00 am SJ <i>President: Fr. Chun</i>
8:30 am SJ <i>President: Fr. Watts</i>	8:30 am SJ <i>President: Fr. Harnett</i>	10:00 pm SFX Concert	Intentions: +Arlene Carlson +Peter DiClementi +Stanley & Marianna Feret +Cecilia Shin
Intentions: +Loretta Szmyd	Intentions: (L)People of the Parish	10:00 pm SJ Concert	
		10:30 pm SFX <i>President: Fr. Ryan</i>	9:30 am SFX <i>President: Fr. Harnett</i> <i>Deacon Robey</i>
<u>Tuesday December 21, 2021</u>	<u>Friday December 24, 2021</u>	10:30 pm SJ <i>President: Fr. Watts</i>	Intentions: +Pierre Jentel
6:30 am SFX <i>President: Fr. Watts</i>	6:30 am SFX <i>President: Fr. Watts</i>	Intentions: +Deceased Members of Schinler Family	10:30 am SJ <i>President: Fr. Ryan</i>
8:30 am SJ <i>President: Msgr. Mayall</i>	8:30 am SJ <i>President: Fr. Ryan</i>		Intentions: +Arlene Carlson +Nina DiDomizio
Intentions: +Silvio & Maria Marinaro +Loretta Szmyd	Intentions: +Joan Bartosic (L)Rehbock Family Intentions	<u>Saturday December 25, 2021</u> <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	11:30 am SFX <i>President: Fr. Sheridan</i>
9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ Adoration	<i>Christmas Eve Masses</i>	8:00 am SJ <i>President: Fr. Ryan</i>	Intentions: (L)People of the Parish
10:00 am SJ: Benediction <i>President: Msgr. Mayall</i>	3:00 pm SFX <i>President: Fr. Watts</i>	9:30 am SFX <i>President: Fr. Sheridan</i>	11:30 am SJ: Baptism <i>President: Msgr. Mayall</i>
	3:00 pm SJ <i>President: Fr. Ryan</i>	10:15 am SFX School Gym <i>President: Fr. Watts</i>	
<u>Wed. December 22, 2021</u>	3:15pm SFX School Gym <i>President: Fr. Sheridan</i>	10:30 am SJ <i>President: Msgr. Mayall</i>	
6:30 am SFX <i>President: Fr. Watts</i>	5:00 pm SFX <i>President: Fr. Harnett</i>	11:30 am SFX <i>President: Fr. Ryan</i>	
8:30 am SJ <i>President: Fr. Sheridan</i>	Intentions: +Dean Elliott		
Intentions: +Arlene Carlson +Tom Rees, Sr.	5:30 pm SJ <i>President: Fr. Chun</i>		
		+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier SJ -St. Joseph	Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.
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Ginnie Becker	Tim Hanson	Dolores Meier	Liliana Suci
Julie Butler	Barbara Hardy	Colin Mowbray	Trudy Tonelli
Heather Campbell	Barbara Hawkinson	Daniel O'Herron	Elliott Villarreal
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Cecelia Cruz	Loretta Jacobs	John Ondrejicka	Krista Wilkinson
Peter DiClementi, Jr.	Carol Kelly	Monica Pecuch	Audrey Williams
Gino DiPaolo	Bob Kerrigan	Olivia Sergot	Shirley Zeeb

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Saints JFX Christmas Mass Schedule

<u>December 24, Christmas Eve</u>	<u>December 25, Nativity of Our Lord</u>	<u>December 26, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</u>
3:00 pm St. Joseph	8:00 am St. Joseph	8:00 am St. Joseph
3:00 pm SFX	9:30 am SFX	9:30 am SFX
3:15 pm SFX School Gym	10:15 am SFX School Gym	10:30 am St. Joseph
5:00 pm SFX	10:30 am St. Joseph	11:30 am SFX
5:30 pm St. Joseph	11:30 am SFX	
10:00 pm Christmas Concert St. Joseph		
10:00 pm Christmas Concert SFX	<u>Mary, Mother of God</u>	<u>January 2, 2022</u>
10:30 pm St. Joseph	December 31, 5:00 pm SJ (Vigil)	<u>Epiphany of the Lord</u>
10:30 pm SFX	January 1, 2022 9:30 am SFX	8:00 am SJ
		9:30 am SFX
		10:30 am SJ

Illinois Invest in Kids Act



The Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program, made possible by the Illinois Invest in Kids Act, provides donors a unique opportunity to contribute to scholarships that help lower income families send their children to private schools. It is not too late. However, you have only until December 31 to claim your 2021 tax credit and make a donation to Catholic education. If you make a donation under the Illinois Invest in Kids Act, **100%** of this payment will go to support Catholic education, and in our case, could go to 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 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 2021 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.

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Please 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 Operations Director at (847) 251-0771 or via email at jdarco@ssjfx.org, to get instructions on how to set up this tax credit for 2021 taxes.

Please spend an hour in prayer with us to publicly pray for the protection of the unborn!

What: public, peaceful, prayer for the protection of all life!
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 Who: all are welcome, whenever your schedu

Save the date - Christmas Carols for Life

Please join us from 9:00-10:00 am on Thursday, December 23 in singing Christmas Carols to parents and abortion clinic workers in the hope that they will choose life. Northwest Families for Life will be joining us! All are welcome!

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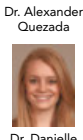
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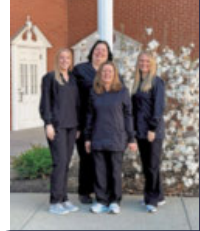
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