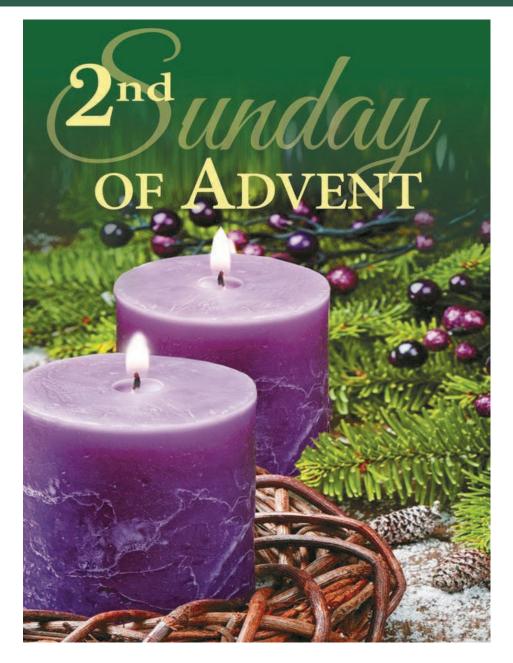
## Our Mission:



## Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

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 10, 2023

## Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish



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#### Saints JFX Mass Schedule

<u>Daily Mass</u> 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.

Confession is offered from 9:00 - 10:00 am on Saturday at St. Joseph Church.

Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish Offices

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For emergencies outside of office hours, please call 708-237-6665

For additional parish information, please visit www.ssjfx.org

For information about Saints JFX School, please visit www.saintsjfx.org

Saints JFX is on social media! Follow us on Instagram (saintsjfx\_wilmette) and Facebook (Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier)

## Wayne's World

#### Dear Friends,

We gather this weekend to prepare the way of the Lord, Saint Peter tells us, "We await a to make straight his paths and to thank God for his new heaven and a new earth." mercy and love. The prayers of the Mass and the He tells us that we should live in Scripture readings invite urgency.

As we enter the month of December we do so with the happen we will be found without experience of darkness. For many of us, darkness greets blemish before him, at peace. us as we awake, and meets us as we leave our places of On Tuesday, December 12, the work in the early evening. If you're like me, you long for parish will come together to seek the light. Before we know it, the days will be getting peace and God's mercy in our communal celebration of longer and the dark nights shorter. And in two weeks we Reconciliation. Six priests will be available for individual will have both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Sacramental Reconciliation. I cannot encourage you Christmas Eve on the same day. Advent flies by.

Warmth and light. With my whole heart, I believe that is The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the best way for us what the Christ Child brings to each of us if we open our to prepare for the coming of Christ. It is a wonderful hearts to that warmth and light of his love. This week's way to allow the warmth and light of Christ's love to scripture passages clearly instruct us in the ways to let melt our sin away and lead us to the Father. We are all that warmth and light into our lives. Prepare, a word spotted by sin. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will that really sums up Advent, rings loudly in our readings help us as we prepare to be found without blemish and for this second Sunday of Advent. So, how will we at peace. Make the celebration of the Sacrament, either prepare? What will we do to get ready for the coming of at the parish communal celebration or on your own the Christ child into our hearts and into our lives?

Some words from today's Old Testament selection hit Amidst the busyness, prepare for his coming in silence, me: comfort, prepare, speak tenderly, and cry out. From reflection, and prayer. Get ready by humbly approachfound without blemish as we wait.

How can we be found without blemish on the day of the Peace, Lord's coming? I think we need to live like Jesus is coming soon. At the end of each day, or at its beginning, we ought to ask ourselves if we are prepared to meet the Lord. We should humbly, as John did, recognize Jesus' greatness and our smallness (One greater than I is coming after me... I am not worthy...). So often people in PS. If you haven't already, soon you will receive a letter our society spend their energies in self-promotion and in from me asking for a sacrificial year-end gift. A few years hiding weakness and faults.

our own weakness and sin, this time of preparation, this comfortably employed, gave an extra 1% of our income to Advent season, will bear fruit. When we allow ourselves the non-profits who are caring for our neighbors in need, we to be drawn into the warmth and light of Christ, our lives could have a huge impact." I am going to respond to that will be changed. The next two weeks offer us of challenge. I plan to give half to Catholic Charities and opportunities to walk towards the light of Christ.

holiness as we wait so that when the new heavens and new earth



enough.

schedule, part of your Advent preparing.

the Gospel I hear a call by the Baptist to conversion, and ing the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When I see in him a model of humility. Peter exhorts us to be we do prepare, we will be able to comfort others and cry out about Christ's love. We will see God's kindness and experience God's saving power.



ago, I saw a suggestion on social media (sometimes rarely - there is positivity on social media). I read a tweet When we recognize the greatness of Jesus and admit (it was still twitter then!) "Right now if each of us, who is half of that one percent to Saints JFX. Consider how you will respond to the call to comfort God's people.

## Weekly Mass Schedule

| <u>Monday December 11, 2023</u><br>6:30 am SFX<br>Presider: Fr. Watts   | Wednesday December 13, 2023<br>6:30 am SFX<br>Presider: Fr. Sheridan   | Friday December 15, 2023<br>6:30 am SFX<br>Presider: Fr. Watts  | Sunday December 17, 2023<br>8:00 am SJ<br>Presider: Fr. Ostdiek, SJ  |
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| 8:30 am SJ<br>Presider: Fr. Sheridan  | 8:30 am SJ<br>Presider: Msgr. Dan Mayall   | 8:30 am SJ<br>Presider: Fr. Ryan  | Intentions:<br>+Liliana Suciu<br>(L)Rehbock Family   |
| Intentions:<br>+Brian Beckord<br>+Bruce Beckord<br>+Bud Gaynor<br>+Barb & Marty Schneider<br>+George Suciu<br>(L)Chris Lee & Family<br>(L)Rehbock Family  | Intentions:<br>+Mary Casey<br>+Trudy & Frank Fernholz<br>+Maggie DiClementi<br>(L)Jim Ringer<br>(L)Rehbock Family<br>Thursday December 14, 2023  | Intentions:<br>+Guillermo Cannon<br>+Maureen Hayes<br>+Jay Kopp<br>+Joy Schaum<br>+Joseph Soukenik<br>(L)Rehbock Family   | 9:30 am SFX<br>Presider: Fr. Watts<br>Intentions:<br>+Paige Ehlman<br>+Jack McDonagh<br>+Frances Rooney  |
| Tuesday December 12, 2023<br>6:30 am SFX<br>Presider: Fr. Ryan<br>8:30 am SJ<br>Presider: Msgr. Mayall<br>Intentions:<br>+Phillip Couri<br>+Hao Dang<br>+Joseph Dang<br>+Mary O'Donoghue<br>+Olivia Sergot<br>+June Walsh | 6:30 am SFX<br>Presider: Fr. Ryan<br>8:30 am SJ<br>Presider: Fr. Harnett<br>Intentions:<br>+Dorothy & Herb Kurt<br>(L)Rehbock Family<br>(L)Intentions of the Carmelite<br>Monestery, Des Plaines | Saturday December 16, 2023<br>8:30 am SJ<br>Presider: Fr. Ryan<br>Intentions:<br>+Justin & Tony Hill<br>(L)Rehbock Family<br>3:00 SFX Wedding<br>Forster/Lopatka<br>5:00 pm SJ<br>Presider: Fr. Ryan<br>Intentions:<br>+Michael Tischer | <ul> <li>10:30 am SJ</li> <li>Presider: Fr. Ryan</li> <li>Intentions:</li> <li>+Ernest DeSharnais</li> <li>+Maria &amp; Domenico<br/>DiDomizio</li> <li>+Zygmunt &amp; Kazimiera<br/>Kaczorowski</li> <li>+Frank &amp; Veronica Merges</li> <li>+Olivia Sergot</li> <li>11:30 am SFX</li> <li>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</li> <li>Intentions:</li> </ul> |
| (L)Nora & Pablo Fortuna<br>(L)Rehbock Family<br>9:00 am-10:00 am SJ<br>Eucharistic Adoration  | + Deceased / ( L) Living<br>SFX - St. Francis Xavier<br>SJ -St. Joseph   | (L)Rehbock Family<br>(L)Sisters of Christian Charity<br>5:00 pm SFX<br>Presider: Fr. Harnett  | +Robert Russell<br>4:45 pm SJ<br>Presider: Msgr. Mayall  |
| 7:30 pm SJ<br>Advent Reconciliation<br>Service  | Masses are livestreamed on<br>our YouTube channel.<br>To find our channel, search<br><i>Saints JFX</i> on<br>www.youtube.com   | Intentions:<br>+Bob Clark<br>+Mollie & Clark Pleiss<br>+Nicole Nunn<br>+Joseph O'Connor   | Intentions:<br>+Gary Rupert<br>7:30 pm SFX ACTION Mass<br>Presider: Fr. Watts  |

#### Please pray for the sick and those in need:

Laura B. Lorraine Bixler Jim Bohlman Paul (PJ) DiClementi, Jr Sally Griffin Sheila Groark Catherine Horan Bob Kerrigan Jordan Lynch Tiffany McGivern John McGuinness Eden McKenna Pam O'Reilly Allen Stone

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

In prayer and loving memory of:

**Robert Sievers** 



**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is dedicated to helping the poor and others who have fallen upon difficult times.

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: <u>ssjfx.org/baptism.html</u>

#### 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: <u>ssjfx.org/weddings.html</u>

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

Marriage Banns

Mary Dylan Forster and Lars Lopatka Bann III





#### Saints JFX Ministry of Care

Experienced Ministers of Care are available to bring communion to our parish sick and homebound, those in senior facilities, and Evanston Hospital.

If you or a family member would like to schedule a visit, please contact the MOC Care line at (847) 256-2273 (CARE) or email mbirmingham@ssjfx.org

#### **Stewardship Report** December 3, 2023

Collected at Church: Envelopes: \$7,235.00 Loose Cash: \$1,681.00 Electronic Contributions: \$21,880.00

Ministry of Care

Total: \$30,796.00

If you are able, please consider contributing electronically via PushPay using the QR code.

Thank you for your generosity.



#### Pray the Rosary

Please join us to pray the Rosary at 7:30 am daily

To join online: https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-teams/ join-a-meeting Meeting ID: 243 977 469 891 Passcode: MYhkSx

If you prefer to call in: Dial (872)242-9930; Conference ID: 267-145-550#

The Rosary is also prayed at 8:00 am, Monday through Saturday at St. Joseph Church, followed by 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

#### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR PEACE

**US Air Force** Ssgt John Wesley Hobbs 2nd Lt Luke Stenberg

#### US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John Barkemeyer LTC Kelly Quinn Cpt Christopher Cannon Cpt Ryan Cannon PFC Richard Carlson Sgt Harrison Daniels Maj Jason Harlan Pvt Ryan Higgins SPC Zach Lueken Sgt Brenda Lore Mayo Sgt David Lore Mayo Seth Miller Lt Col Anita Scattone Lt Ryan Slattery

US Marine Corps Pvt Stuart Corboy III Sgt Joseph Devroy Cpt Peter Dulaney Sgt Brandon Galgay Sgt Aidan Gobeyn Cpt Brad Gustafson Ssgt Walter Ramirez Cpt William Smith Cpl Trevor J. Talbot Pvt 1st Class Stevie Williams

#### US Navy

Cmdr Kevin Carlson PO2 Kevin Morrison **ENS Hugh Rider** Lt Cmdr Tom Smith Shane Zeman

**US National Guard** Liam Gobeyn Sgt Steven Tetzlaff Sgt Jackson Knott Lt Col Grant Swinger

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

#### Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

| Sunday:    | ls 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14/<br>2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8                        |
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| Monday:    | Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/<br>Lk 5:17-26                                 |
| Tuesday:   | Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt<br>13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47    |
| Wednesday: | Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/<br>Mt 11:28-30                                    |
| Thursday:  | Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/<br>Mt 11:11-15                               |
| Friday:    | Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19   |
| Saturday:  | Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,<br>18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13                       |
| Sunday:    | ls 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54<br>(ls 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 |

Saints JFX is in process of transitioning to a new Assisted Listening System. The system will be operational in the coming weeks. Please see the instructions below for setting up the system on your Smart Phone.

#### How to listen to the Assisted Listening System with your Smart Phone:

Step 1. Connect your Smartphone to the Saints JFX Church WiFi for the church Assisted Listening System (if you're not familiar with connecting to a new WiFi, scan this code):



Step 2. If you already have the Listen Everywhere app installed on your phone, simply open the app and connect to Church Audio—make sure you're wearing earbuds or have your Smartphone connected to your hearing aids and set the volume to a comfortable level.

If you DO NOT already have the Listen Everywhere appcan this code to download it onto your Smartphon



Once you'd downloaded the app, you'll only need to connect to the Saints JFX Church WiFi with your smartphone and open the app from now on!

That's it! We hope you enjoy using the Listen Everywhere app to hear the sound at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

#### INTEGRITY SYSTEMS

If you have difficulty or questions, you may call our help line—weekdays from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM and on Sundays from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM at 855-446-8344; press Option 2.

### Join Us in Waiting For and Celebrating the Coming of the Lord 2023

December 23 4th Sunday of Advent 5:00 pm St. Joseph 5:00 pm St. Francis Xavier

**December** 24 4th Sunday of Advent 8:00 am St. Joseph

9:30 am St. Francis Xavier



#### Christmas Eve

3:00 pm St. Joseph 3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier 3:15 pm St. Francis Xavier (Gym) 5:00 pm St. Francis Xavier 5:30 pm St. Joseph 10:00 pm Concert St. Joseph 10:00 pm Concert St. Francis Xavier 10:30 pm St. Joseph 10:30 pm St. Francis Xavier

> **December 25** Nativity of our Lord

8:00 am St. Joseph 9:30 am St. Francis Xavier 10:30 am St. Joseph 11:30 am St. Francis Xavier **December 30** Feast of the Holy Family

5:00 pm St. Joseph 5:00 pm St. Francis Xavier

**December 31** Feast of the Holy Family

8:00 am St. Joseph 9:30 am St. Francis Xavier 10:30 am St. Joseph 11:30 am St. Francis Xavier

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 5:00 pm St. Joseph (Vigil)

**January 1** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9:00 am St. Francis Xavier



A Prayerful Contemplation on the Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Scripture and Song



Sunday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. St. Gregory the Great Church, 5545 N Paulina St, Chicago, IL





Kevin Allen Composer-In-Residence Choir Director

Join us on Gaudete Sunday for a unique celebration honoring the Mother of God. Readings, prayer, and beautiful sacred music will guide us in profound reflection on Mary's life and role in salvation history. This is a great way to celebrate the Marian feasts of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Works by Gustav Holst, Hans Leo Hassler, Johann Eccard, and Kevin Allen. Music provided by St. Gregory's Schola and the Chicago Catholic Choir under the direction of Kevin Allen (composer-in-residence).



\$15 suggested donation. For more info contact Mark Franzen at 773-561-3546 or visit

WWW.STGREGORYHALL.ORG





The Nativity Medieval Alumination Workshop

ST. GREGORY'S HALL PRESENTS



Join artist-in-residence Sarah Crow for a two-day workshop and create your own Medieval Nativity Illumination-perfect for Christmas cards or gifts!

Learn the medieval technique of lavishly illuminating an initial letter

Reproduce a 14th-century illumination of the letter 'H' with a nativity scene by Florentine artist Don Simone Camaldolese

Make your own paints using a medieval recipe

Gild details using genuine 23.5K shell gold

Register by Sunday, December 10. For more information and to register, visit WWW.STGREGORYHALL.ORG

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop 835 North Rush Street Chicago, IL 60611-2030 312.534.8230 archchicago.org

December 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the Third Sunday of Advent, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older religious who made a positive difference in your life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute what you can at masses the weekend of December 9-10. Most importantly, please keep all our men and women religious in your prayers. Rest assured that they are praying for you.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones during this Holy Season of Advent. With kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Alore Card. Carguid

Archbishop of Chicago

# vou are invited to Christmas Eve

FAMILY MASS AND PAGEANT Sunday, December 24, 2023

> 3PM at St. Joseph Church and St. Francis Xavier Church

The Children of Saints JFX are invited to participate in one of the 3:00PM Christmas Eve Pageant Masses. Use the link below for more information or to sign up using the SUG.

> RSVP FOR SJ (PS - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS)

RSVP FOR SFX (FIRST GRADE STUDENTS ONLY)

Scan the QR code below



Scan the QR code below





## Thursday, December 14th Landmark Glen

1850 Tower Drive, Glenview, IL 60062

The new documentary, *Holy Ground*, tells the story of Chicago from the perspective of the Catholics. All are welcome to a *FREE* screening. Tickets only available at the box office the night of, but we strongly encourage you to RSVP through "Sign Up Genius." Questions? E-mail **holyground@smow.org**. *Holy Ground* is not rated; running time of 100 minutes.

#### <u>SHOWTIMES</u> 5:30pm & 8:00pm

The documentary Holy Ground is a history of Catholics in Chicago from the discovery of the area, to the post-World War II era. The film centers on a variety of events such as Fort Dearborn, the Great Chicago Fire, the World's Fairs and more! Holy Ground looks at the role Billy Caldwell (a.k.a. Chief Sauganash) had in helping Chicago become settled, into the first immigrants to the Grosse Pointe area.

Narrated by Fr. Gregory Sakowicz, Holy Ground features engaging historians, and showcases dozens of parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Produced by St. Mary of the Woods and Ss. Peter & Lamberts, Holy Ground will give audiences a deeper understanding of Chicago's north side, and Catholics a richer appreciation for their homes in the Windy City.

Please scan the QR code below to reserve your free tickets. Contact <u>holygrounds@smow.org</u> for more information.



#### **Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12**

Do you know that Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas? In 1531, the Blessed Mother appeared four times to St. Juan Diego asking for a church to be built in her honor. The last time she appeared to St. Juan, on December 12th, 1531, she arranged roses in his tilma, which he then took to the bishop. When he opened his cloak, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was miraculously present on the tilma. This image is perfectly intact and kept in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The symbols on her image represent an amazing spectrum of miraculous signs and meanings. Countless miracles have been attributed to this incredible devotion to the Mother of God.

We therefore celebrate the feast day of Our Lady under the title of Guadalupe on December 12th. It is preceded on December 9th by the feast of St. Juan Diego, who was canonized in 2002 by Pope St. John Paul II.



#### **MEN'S SILENT RETREAT**

The Saints JFX Men's silent retreat is scheduled for January 19-21, 2024 at Bellarmine Hall, located at 175 W. County Line Road, Barrington, Illinois

All men of the parish are encouraged to come for a weekend of spiritual guidance and introspection. Reservations are limited and fill up fast. First come first served basis. Please contact Phillip A. Couri at 847.323.8605; or <u>pac@courilaw.com</u> to make your reservation and/or for more details. Fr. Chris Manahan, S.J. will be leading the retreat. Fr. Manahan's bio is below.

Father Chris Manahan entered the Society of Jesus in 1993 at the age of 37 after a 15-year career as a newspaper reporter and editor in Minnesota and Iowa. After ordination in 2003 he served two years as a parish priest on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota; spent a year working with Jesuits in the Philippines and northeast India; served eight years on the staff of the Jesuit Novitiate where men discern whether to profess vows; and, for seven years was director of the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Father Manahan currently assists the provincial in caring for Jesuits in the Midwest Province awaiting final vows and for the province's senior Jesuits who are 70 and older. He lives in the Taylor Street Jesuit Community in Chicago.



