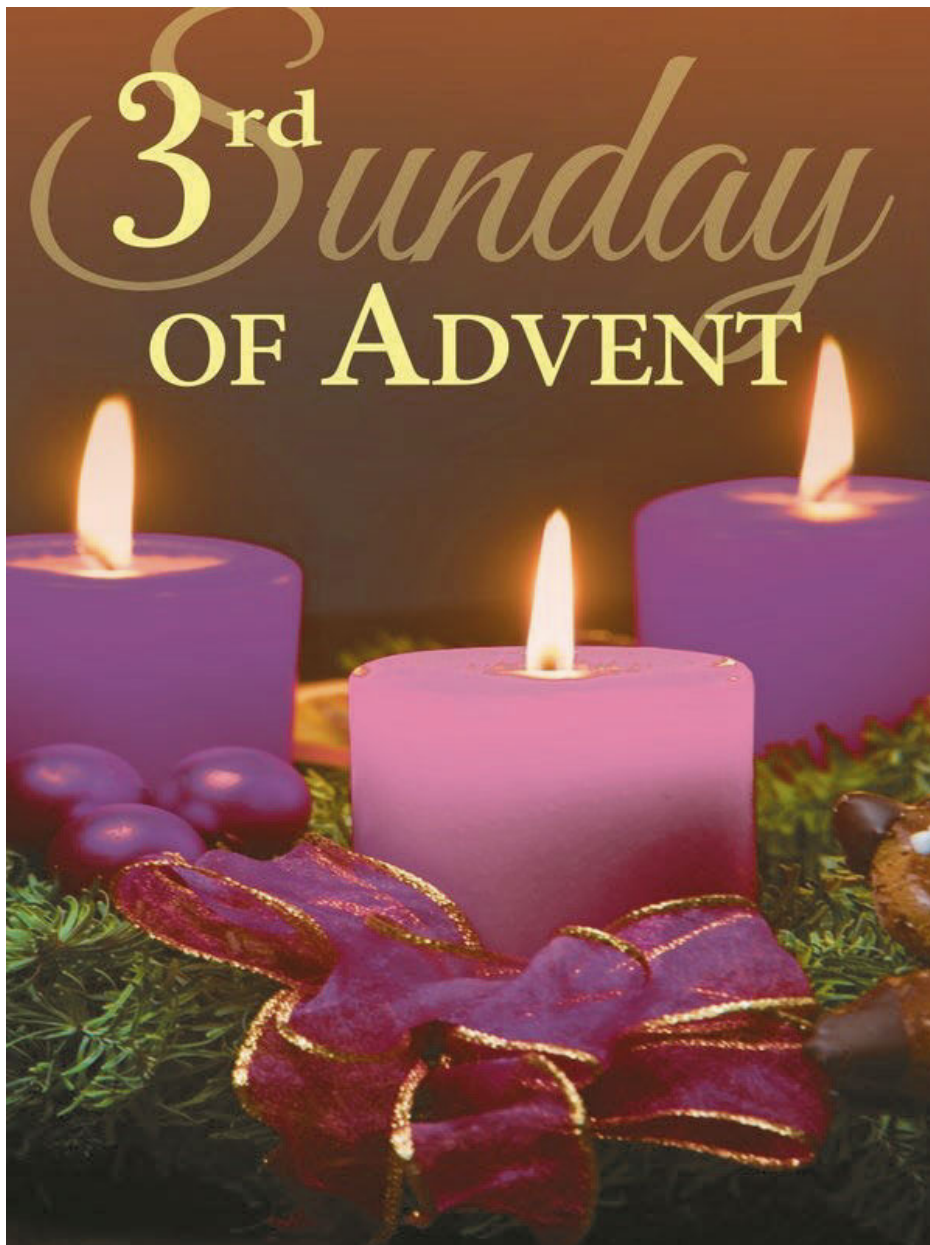




Saints Joseph and
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Our Mission:

We honor the traditions of
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Loved by God and guided by the
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December 17, 2023



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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.

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

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Dear Friends,

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 rose-colored third candle of the Advent wreath on this "Gaudete Sunday". Gaudete translates as "Rejoice" from Latin which is the first word of the introit of this day's Mass. In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the "Sunday of Joy", and that instead of fretting about "all they still haven't done" to prepare for Christmas, people should "think of all the good things life has given you."



Another hallmark of the Advent season is 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 peace and prosperity in 2024.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Metzinger
Music Director
jmetzinger@ssjfx.org

PS Please join us at either St. Joseph or St. Francis Xavier on Christmas Eve to hear beautiful programs of Christmas music beginning at 10pm. Christmas Eve Mass will follow at 10:30pm.



Weekly Mass Schedule

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<p>Monday December 18, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Phillip Couri (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>Tuesday December 19, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Bob Spriggs (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>9:00 am-10:00 am SJ Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier SJ -St. Joseph</p> <p>Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.</p> <p>To find our channel, search <i>Saints JFX</i> on www.youtube.com</p>	<p>Wednesday December 20, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Stephanie Fernholz +Charlie Nesbitt +Loretta Szmyd (L)David Riddle (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>Thursday December 21, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Ben Bishop +Tom Rees, Sr. (L)Cecilia & Billy Cannon (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>Friday December 22, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Carol Perkins +Tom Rees, Sr. +Jayne Willbur (L)Rehbock Family</p>	<p>Saturday December 23, 2023 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Olivia Sergot (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +MJ & Woody Herlocker (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Jack McDonagh +Carmen Neafsey</p> <p>Sunday December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Betsy Finzer +Pablo Fortuna +Z & K Kaczorowski +Carol Perkins +Liliana Suci +Deceased Members of the Schinler Family (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p>	<p>Sunday December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve</p> <p>3:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Betsy Finzer</p> <p>3:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Joseph Soukenik</p> <p>3:15 pm SFX Gym <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Charles Connors +Jean Kutton Kane</p> <p>5:30 pm SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Olivia Centeno +Nana Martinez</p> <p>10:00 pm SFX Concert</p> <p>10:00 pm SJ Concert</p> <p>10:30 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>10:30 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +John M. Besser, Jr.</p>
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Please pray for the sick and those in need:

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Lorraine Bixler
Jim Bohlman
Paul (PJ) DiClementi, Jr
Sally Griffin
Sheila Groark

Rick Hawkinson
Catherine Horan
Bob Kerrigan
Jordan Lynch
Tiffany McGivern
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Eden McKenna
Pam O'Reilly
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In prayer
and loving memory of:

Catherine Rago



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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

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 ssjfx.org/join-our-parish.html

Stewardship Report

December 10, 2023

Collected at Church:

Envelopes: \$ 5,438.00

Loose Cash: \$ 1,810.00

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Contributions: \$21,880.00

Total: \$29,128.00

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

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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.

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PO2 Kevin Morrison
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Lt Col Grant Swinger

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



Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
(Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25

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

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21/Lk 1:39-45

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

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 1
4/Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

*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
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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 app—
scan this code to download it onto your Smartphone:



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
Audio Video Design Integration

*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

Advent at Saints JFX Hope, Peace, Love, Joy!

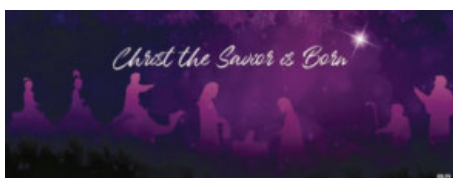


Volunteers Needed for Christmas Masses!

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to serve as greeters and ushers for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. No experience needed!

If you know which Mass you're planning to attend and are willing to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 847-256-4250 or via email at officessifx@ssifx.org.

Thank you for your consideration!



Please note...

Thank you to all who so generously donate food items for our sharing parish. In past years, donations have been accepted at homes of some parishioners, but at this time we kindly ask that donations be brought only to our churches and parish offices.

Thank you for your continued support of those in need.



Catholic Charities **Clothing Rooms** continue to welcome donations of new or gently used winter clothing and outerwear. Donations can be dropped off in the lobby of each location during business hours. Scan the QR code below for the regional office nearest you.



Volunteers are needed to sort donations. If you would like to help, please visit ccochoicagovolunteer.com, or email volunteer@catholiccharities.net for details. Thank you!

D'Vine Affair

Sunday, February 4, 2024
2:00pm-6:00pm

Union League Club of Chicago

Join us at this premier wine-tasting event that supports Catholic Charities programs in the New Near. Registration is open!

Our sincerest thanks to the Glunz Family for their continued sponsorship of this swank affair.

Learn more and sign up to attend by scanning the QR code below.





YOU 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.

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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 pac@courilaw.com 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.

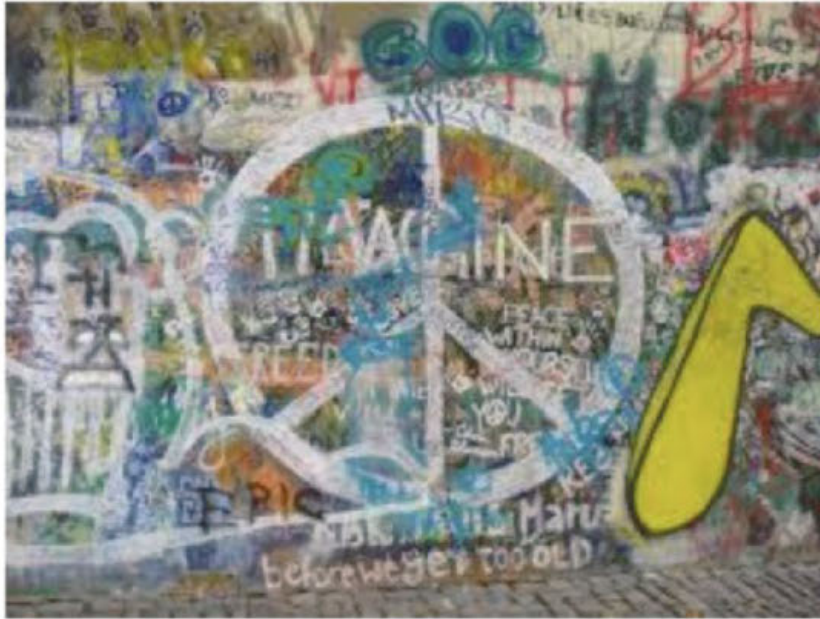
Father Chris Manahan entered the Society of Jesus in 1993 at the age of 37 after a 15-year career as a news paper reporter and editor in Minnesota and Iowa. After ordination in 2003 he served two years as a parish priest on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota; spent a year working with Jesuits in 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, WI. 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 years and older. He lives in the Taylor Street Jesuit Community in Chicago.



Thank you to all who so generously donated to the annual Catholic Charities Celebration of Giving toy drive. The Celebration of Giving supports children and families throughout Cook and Lake counties, giving to those who otherwise would not have gifts for Christmas.

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A Tri-Parish Event

Monday, January 15

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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