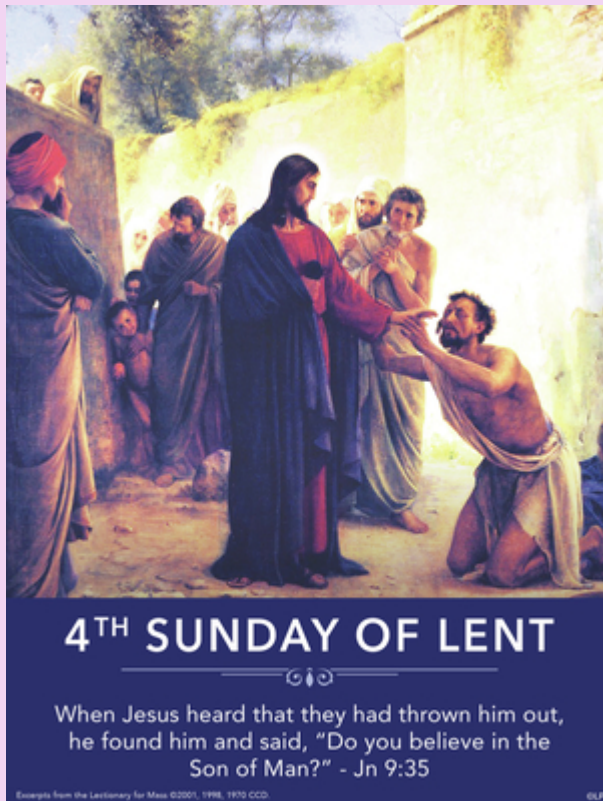


# Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

## 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.



**March 22, 2020**

### Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Mass Schedule

#### Daily Masses:

Monday—Friday  
6:30am SJ  
8:15am SFX  
8:30am SJ

#### Saturday Masses:

8:30am SJ  
5:00pm SJ and SFX

#### Sunday Masses:

8:00am SJ  
9:30am SFX  
10:15am SFX (School)  
10:30am SJ  
11:30am SFX  
6:00pm SJ  
7:30pm SFX  
(ACTION Youth Mass,  
September through April)

Beginning with the 5 pm Masses Saturday, March 14, 2020, all Masses have been cancelled. Please see page 4 of this bulletin for additional information and watch your email for updates.

The Parish Offices are also closed. Emails for these offices are:  
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## Stewardship Report

If you are interested in contributing to the Parish electronically at this time, you can do so through Give Central at the following address:

[www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/1531](http://www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/1531)

Thank you.

## SACRAMENTS AT SSJFX

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM :**  
Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :**  
Saturdays, 9 - 9:30am (SJ) and 4:15 - 4:45pm (SFX)

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE :**  
Should be arranged at least six months in advance.  
Contact the Parish Office for details.

**PARISH REGISTRATION :**  
Registration Forms available at the Parish Offices  
or from our Website ([www.ssjfx.org](http://www.ssjfx.org))

Dear Friends,

For the second week in a row we have a long Gospel reading from Saint John. Two very small words appear together in both readings: I AM. Jesus tells the woman of Samaria and the man born blind, "I am." In John's Gospel, when we hear the "I AM" we are sent back to the conversation Moses had with the burning bush. It is the common English translation of the response that God gave Moses when he asked him his name. So whenever in John we see those words together, we should think divinity. When the woman at the well spoke of the Messiah who would tell us everything, Jesus responded, "I am he, the one speaking with you." When Jesus asks the man born blind if he believes in the Son of Man, the man says, "Who is he Sir so that I may believe in him?" Jesus responds, "You have seen him. The one speaking with you is he." "I do believe," the man said, and he worshipped Him.

In a sense, in these days of Covid-19, I feel a little like the blind man. Maybe you do too. We are trying to navigate uncharted waters. The darkness can be frightening and cause great fear. The blind man trusted and put his faith in the I AM. From wherever we are, in our condos or in our homes, we are invited to do the same.

Throughout John's Gospel, in very subtle ways, Jesus asserts His divinity and invites us to follow Him, to trust Him and believe in Him. He encourages us to move from blindness to sight, from darkness to light. Isn't that the work of the Christian life? Isn't that the labor of Lent? We have a few short weeks to bring ourselves to the point of true closeness and true intimacy with the Lord. We need to do it together even though the pandemic keeps us physically apart.

Both the blind man and the Samaritan woman respond enthusiastically to the Lord's "I AM," His self-revelation – and invitation to discipleship. They both turn from old ways and begin living life anew, with vigor and enthusiasm. We still have time this Lent to answer the call to be in deep relationship with the I AM, with the one who heals our brokenness, gives sight to our blindness, brings light to our darkness, and promises us that we will never be thirsty again. So as we experience this time of unprecedented uncertainty, when fear and maybe even despair knock on our doors, Jesus reminds even us that He is God, He is powerful and He will help us.

Saint Paul, in his beautiful Letter to the Ephesians that we hear today, gives us a great challenge – really several of them, as we seek perfection in the spiritual life. He says, "Live as children of the light." "Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness." And "Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." As children of the light, we can bring the light of Christ's love, mercy and compassion to a world that sorely

needs it. Think about it. How can you, from wherever you are, bring the light of Christ to people who are alone or afraid during this time? Soon we will be mobilizing helpers, whether those be food collectors, errand runners, phone callers, or hotline answerers. I am certain that I will need



your help in this time. Please email me at [wwatts@ssjfx.org](mailto:wwatts@ssjfx.org), if you are able to help or if you have a non-urgent need that I can help to address. Please include a phone number when you reach out via email.

We all know people who shine their light – Christ's light. We can shine ours when we do the second thing Paul suggests, when we refrain from doing "works of darkness." We can try, as individuals and as a community, to do what is pleasing to the Lord. If each of us asks each day, "How can I please you today, Lord?" and listens for the response and actually does what pleases the Lord, what a wonderful world would we have, even in the midst of these uncertain times. One way we can do that is to text, call or email someone who is alone or afraid during this time.

So we still have time. Let the Samaritan woman and the man born blind encourage you. Draw near to the Lord this Lent. And in new and creative spiritual ways, let us draw near to each other.


Peace,

*Rev. Wayne T. Watts*

PS Food insecurity is becoming more and more real for our friends in our sharing parishes. You can make a financial donation at [www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/1487](http://www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/1487). And our own parish relies heavily on in-pew contributions (about \$10,000 per week) to allow us to pay our staff (all of whom will be paid during this crisis). You can sign up for e-giving at [www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/1531](http://www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/1531). If you have an urgent need, do not hesitate to call me at (847) 496-0031. That number goes directly to me.

## Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

<p><b>Monday, March 23, 2020</b>  <b>6:30am SJ</b>                  +Silvia and Adolfo Ridolfi  <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b>                  (L) Parish Intentions for Active Military  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b>                  +Sean Hurley                  +Martin Lee                  +Carroll Crawford  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 25, 2020</b>  <b>6:30am SJ</b>                  (L)Intention of Sr. Marie Simon                  (L)Intention of Sr. Margarita Islena                  +Charles Lenz  <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b>                  -Special Intentions of the Parish  <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b>                  +Martin Lee  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p><b>Friday, March 27, 2020</b>  <b>6:30am SJ</b>                  +Calvin Ramirez  <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S. J.</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b>                  (L)James Ward  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b>                  +Martin Lee                  +John Joseph Bartoletti  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p>	<p><b>Sunday, March 29, 2020</b>  <b>8:00am SJ</b>                  +John Cossarek  <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>9:30am SFX</b>                  (L)Sick of the Parish  <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S. J.</i>                  Deacon Kerls</p> <p><b>10:15am SFX School</b>                  +People of the Parish  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, March 24, 2020</b>  <b>6:30am SJ</b>                  +Silvia and Adolfo Ridolfi  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b>                  +Thomas Gorman  <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S. J.</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b>                  +Martin Lee                  +Tony and Justin Hill  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p><b>Thursday, March 26, 2020</b>  <b>6:30am SJ</b>                  +Silvia and Adolfo Ridolfi                  +Ronald Lobo  <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b>                  (L)Sick of the Parish  <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b>                  +Maria Friedrich  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p><b>Saturday, March 28, 2020</b>  <b>8:30am SJ</b>                  (L)Intention of the Rehbock Family  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p><b>Confessions</b>  <b>9:00am SJ:</b> <i>Fr. Sheridan</i>  <b>4:15pm SFX:</b> <i>Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>5:00pm SFX</b>                  +Bob and Michael McHugh                  (L)Carol Tight  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>5:00pm SJ</b>                  +Maurice De Volder  <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p>	<p><b>10:30am SJ</b>                  +Randra Busse Miller                  +Sarah Halaburt  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>11:30am SFX</b>                  +Carmen Frantzen Doughty  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p><b>11:30am SJ</b>                  Baptisms: Pennebaker and Bowen  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p>
<p><b>10:00am Benediction SJ</b>  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p><b>10:00am SFX School Mass</b>  <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>Masses at SFX and SJ churches have been cancelled until further notice. In the interim, links to daily Mass videos are being sent in a daily email from Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish. If you are not receiving these emails and wish to receive them, please send your email address to: officessjfx@ssjfx.org and you will be added to the group emails.</p> <p>Also, both churches will be open for personal worship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday through Friday: 7 am to 3 pm</li> <li>Saturdays and Sundays: 8:30 am to Noon</li> </ul> <p>+ Deceased / (L) Living / SJ - St. Joseph Church / SFX - St. Francis Xavier Church                  SFX School - St. Francis Xavier School</p>			

Seda Aghajani Carmen Albino Rory Andrykowski Ginnie Becker Tom Beitzel Heather Campbell Vivian Cangelosi Guillermo Cannon William Carlin	Peter DiClementi, Jr Ryan Glassberg Margaret Grothe Phillip Hall Tim Hanson Barbara Hardy Barbara Hawkinson Laura Hendricks Tom Hopkins	Brier Johnston Charles Jonaitis Bob Kerrigan John Krupka Dolores Meier Paul Molaro Matthew Moran Daniel O'Herron Pam O'Reilly	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayers for the sick and those in prayer and loving memory of:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Graham</p> 
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Please call the parish office at 847/256-4250 if you'd like to add or remove a name.



**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  
Pvt Jasmine Ramsey, Granddaughter of Carol Solger  
LTC Michael J. Roth, Nephew of Sharon Roth  
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

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the parish office at 847/256-4250*

US Marine Corps

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jeff Barak, Friend of Frantzen family  
Pvt 1<sup>st</sup> 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 & Mchele Hinchcliff  
1st Lt Brad Gustafson, Son of Garth & Myrna Gustafson,  
and Brother of Jack Gustafson  
Ssgt Walter Ramirez, Son of Enrique & Mary Lou Ramirez  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt William Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith  
Pfc Trevor J. Talbot, Son of Bill & Mary Talbot,  
and Brother of Hope Talbot

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  
1st Lt Zach Hubbard, Illinois National Guard,  
Nephew of the Later family

**St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Ignatius: Urgent Request!**

Food insecurity is an increasingly serious issue for our friends at our sharing parishes. Items needed are listed here if you are able to help.

While our masses have been cancelled, our churches are open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm and on weekends from 8:30 am until noon.

Items can be left in the sharing corner at SFX Church and in the vestibule at St. Joseph Church.

Thank you for your generosity!

Dry Goods

Rice  
Pasta  
Beans  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Ramen Noodles  
Powdered Milk  
Creamer  
Coffee  
Cookies  
Dry Cereal  
Infant Formula  
Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5)

Canned Goods

Tuna  
Fruit  
Vegetables  
Soup  
Meats  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Is 65:17-21, Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b, Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12, Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9, Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10, Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14, Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23, Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20, Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12, Jn 7:40-53

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is dedicated to helping the poor and others who have come upon difficult times. As Vincentians, we serve those in need through one-on-one counseling, as well as providing financial and other help to those who have fallen on hard times. If you or someone you know wishes to meet with us, please call 847-256-4250 and when prompted by the recording for the St. Vincent De Paul line, press 3. We will respond as soon as possible. All inquiries are treated in the strictest of confidence.