

Sat: 5:00pm (SJE) | Sun: 8:00am/10:30am (QR) | 9:15am (SJE) Daily: 8:15am M/W/F (SJE) | Tu/Th/Sa (QR)
Reconciliation: Wed 7:00pm (SJE) | Sat 12:00pm (QR) –Check schedule for holy days of obligation/holidays.



OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 24, 2023

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If you are familiar with the thought experiment of "Schrödinger's cat," then you may understand that I am caught in a similar paradox as I write this: depending on when you read this bulletin article, we may be celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent, or we may have already begun our celebrations of Christmas. Indeed, if you are in church on the evening of the 23rd, or the morning of the 24th, you may be wondering why there are no Christmas carols, or why all the decorations are not yet in place.

We are always in a great rush to celebrate the feast of Christmas. For the last month (or more), our stores, our homes, and our village have all been decked with lights, trees, and other signs of this holy day. We are jumping at the chance for joy. We are parched for peace. We thirst for the smallest signs of hope and light.

This was just as true in Bethlehem, 2000 years ago. The angel who appeared to the shepherds cried out to them: "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord!" They rejoiced to see the light and splendor of a choir of angels, singing "Glory to God in the highest!" They rejoiced that God was not ashamed to enter into their humble circumstances, and even to be born as a helpless infant and laid in a feeding trough.

The deep desire for joy, peace, and hope is just as true in Bethlehem this year. But it is not a normal year for them. It has been marked by war, sadness, pain, and death. Last month, the Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem and the Holy Land stated that they "call upon [their] congregations to stand strong with those facing such afflictions by this year foregoing any unnecessarily festive activities. We likewise encourage our priests and the faithful to focus more on the spiritual meaning of Christmas in their pastoral activities and liturgical celebrations during this period, with all the focus directed at holding in our thoughts our brothers and sisters affected by this war and its consequences, and with fervent prayers for a just and lasting peace for our beloved Holy Land."

The great rush to celebrate Christmas can also mean a great hurry to wrap it up and move on to the next holiday. This year, don't be rushed into taking down your lights, trees, and decorations. On the Church's calendar, the Christmas season this year lasts until January 7th. Traditionally it lasted even longer, until the celebration of "Candlemas" (the feast of the Presentation of the Lord) on February 2nd.

We are very privileged to live in a place where we can freely and easily celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ without fear. Let us keep close to our hearts those who cannot do so in Palestine, in Israel, and around the world. Let us mark these days with an even greater celebration, even more fervor, and even more prayer on behalf of those who cannot.

Merry Christmas!
Fr. Dan Folwaczny, Pastor

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00pm	Bob Lester	Virginia Vogt Open (1)
8:00am	Mary Ellen O'Shea	Elizabeth Luong Ray Bauer Bonnie Costa
9:15am	George Milton	Open (3)
10:30am	Donna McGuire	Chuck Glomski Open (2)

If you have not already done so, please follow this link to sign up to help as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister through the Solemnity of Mary: signupgenius.com/go/OLBS2023#/

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 8:00am (QR) 9:15am (SJE) 10:30am (QR)	December 25 People of the parish People of the parish People of the parish
Tuesday 8:15am (QR)	December 26 + Frances T. Suzzi
Wednesday 8:15am (SJE)	December 27 + Wanda Lelewski
Thursday 8:15am (QR)	December 28 + Dennis Kobs
Friday 8:15am (SJE)	December 29 + Irene & Jan Kopaczewski, + Edward Nowik, + Sandy Carey, + Ester Amarra, + Paul Hampel
Saturday 8:15am (QR) 5:00pm (SJE)	December 30 + Lucille Handschiegel + Mary Semrau
Sunday 8:00am (QR) 9:15am (SJE) 10:30am (QR)	December 31 People of the parish Rev Anthony Adduci People of the parish

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

7:45am	Mon-Sat—Morning Prayer (Telephone or App)
8:00am	Mon-Sat—Divine Mercy Prayed Before Daily Mass
8:45am	Mon-Sat—Rosary Prayed Following Daily Mass
2-5pm	Tue-Fri—Teen Center Hours (SJE Ministry Center)

Monday **December 25**
Parish Office Closed.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

Tuesday **December 26**
Parish Office Closed.
Rosary Group (SJE)

Wednesday **December 27**
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration (SJE)
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (SJE)
7:00pm Reconciliation (SJE)
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (QR)
AA (SJE Ministry Center)

Thursday **December 28**

Friday **December 29**
7:30pm AA (SJE Ministry Center)

Saturday **December 30**
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration (QR)
12:00pm Reconciliation (QR)

Sunday **December 31**
6:00pm AA (SJE Ministry Center)

The parish office will be closed on January 1st and 2nd in observance of the New Year's holiday.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Mike Armstrong, LuAnn Bailey, Jan Becker, Timothy Bellis, Mary Berry, Dedo Brandt, Jake Bratten, Joseph Cimino, Karyn Cousins, Tommy DeLorenzo, Theresa Dill, Petra Falk, Herbert Fink, Marilyn Foss, Rebecca Gallerizzo, Tamera Garrity, Frances Gascon, James Geocaris, Sue Gear, Tom Guy, Diane Hetzer, Kapera family, Mark Kochera, Dolly Markech, Michelle Markech, Debbie Novoryta, Mike Ryan, Kenny Schlobohm, John Schneider, Anne Schmid, Melanie Szymanski, Mary Beth Tomaso, Dave Tisor, Karen Poncher, Jackie Vrtis, Wermuth family, Marge Yackem, Baby Zoe

To continue to have sick relatives and friends included in the intentions list in our parish bulletin, please call the parish office (847) 979-0901.

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Janina Boruc, Theresa Striker, Frank Martinez, Dedo Brandt

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When: Thursday Evenings 7:00pm
January 18, 2024 to March 21, 2024.

Where: Over Zoom or in the Ministry Center at St. Julian Eymard Church

Cost: \$30, which includes a workbook, companion book, Jesus timeline chart, online video access (1 year) and an online workbook.

To sign up contact the Parish Office at **(847) 979-0901** or info@olbsegv.org or stop in the office at 601 Biesterfield Road.

4th Sunday Advent

12/23 Saturday 5pm Vigil SJE
12/24 Sunday 9:30am QR

Nativity of the Lord

12/24 Sunday 3pm QR
12/24 Sunday 5pm SJE
12/24 Sunday 10pm SJE
12/25 Monday 8am QR
12/25 Monday 9:15am SJE
12/25 Monday 10:30am QR

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

12/30 Saturday 5pm SJE
12/31 Sunday 8am QR
12/31 Sunday 9:15am SJE
12/31 Sunday 10:30am QR

Solemnity of Mary

1/1/24 Monday 9am SJE

MERRY
Christmas!



Christus Victor Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 14, 2024
5:30-8:00pm

If you are able to help shop, cook, prep or service at Christus Victor, please sign up here:
signupgenius.com/go/Jan24WinterSupper#/



VIEW ALL PARISH EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR
olbsegv.org/public-event-calendar/

Questions? Contact us at (847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegv.org.

fat Tuesday BUNCO

02/13/24 | 6:30pm
St. Julian Shea Hall
\$5 Cover Charge



Refreshment and Prizes by the OLBS Women's Club!



SEASON OF Giving

Thank you for your support of all of Season of Giving initiatives including Christmas Angels, Christmas Elves, Winter Suppers, Things4WINGS Online Wish List and more. To learn more, visit olbsegv.org/givingseason/

Merry Christmas!



Gospel In Focus: December 31, 2023

The Lord fulfills His promise to Simeon to see the Messiah when Jesus is presented at the temple. *“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”* —Luke 2:34-35

Discussion Questions

Place yourself in Mary’s shoes. How do you think she feels upon hearing the words of Simeon? What is Joseph’s reaction?

Share a time when something you waited for finally came. How did it feel? How do you think Simeon felt?

What do you think of when you hear the word “promise?” What are the Lord’s promises to you?

52-Week Mass Discussion Guide for Families:
olbsegv.org/prayer-life/#MassGuide

Gospel In Focus: January 1, 2024

Mary remains obedient to the Father and names the baby Jesus. *“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”* —Luke 2:19

Discussion Questions

What can we learn from Mary?

When do you think Mary had to rely on her trust in the Lord?

If you could ask Mary a question, what would it be?

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SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Schools Week

January 28, 2024 to February 5, 2024

And mark your calendars for these events leading up to CSW24 to tour Queen of the Rosary School and discover the advantage of faith-based education:

Shadow Days

**Thursday, January 11 & Friday, January 12
8am to 11am**

Open to students currently enrolled in Third through Seventh Grade. Please register by calling (847) 437-3322.

Early Childhood Open House

**Thursday, January 18
9:00am to 10:30am**

Learn about our early childhood program for 3- & 4-year old PreSchool and Kindergarten and enjoy Q&A with Mrs. Ellefson. Please register by calling (847) 437-3322.

Open House

**Sunday, January 28
Noon to 1:30pm**

Learn about our Queen of the Rosary School community. Meet teachers, students and current school families. Register for the 2024-2025 school year!

Questions? Contact our principal, Ms. Kathy McGinn at (847) 437-3322 or kmcginn@qrcougars.org today!



Join Rosary Group
most Tuesday Evenings
at 7pm at SJE to pray
the Rosary.

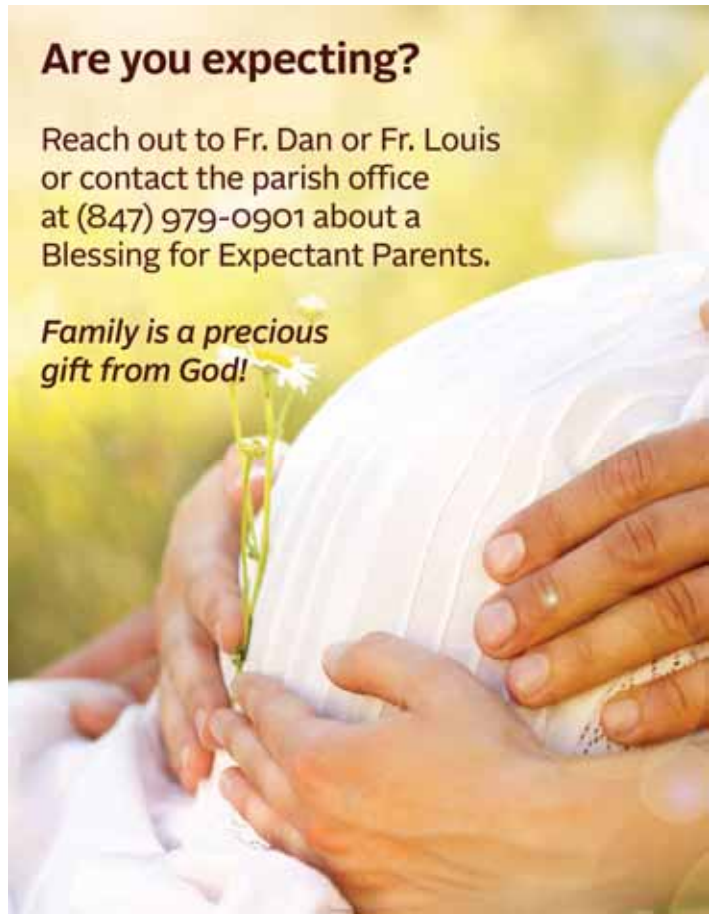
On the second Tuesday
of each month, Respect
Life joins Rosary to lead
a **Rosary for Life**.

Watch the bulletin and
website calendars for
complete schedule.

Are you expecting?

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25th

OPPORTUNITIES FOR
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Come grow in faith, knowledge,
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3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:
APOSTOLATE FOR FAMILY CONSECRATION

2ND/4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH:
TUESDAY MORNING GROUP

WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAY:
WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS AS SCHEDULED
ADULT EDUCATION (THU NIGHT BIBLE STUDY)

DAILY VIA TELECONFERENCE:
MORNING PRAYER

DISCOVER MORE:
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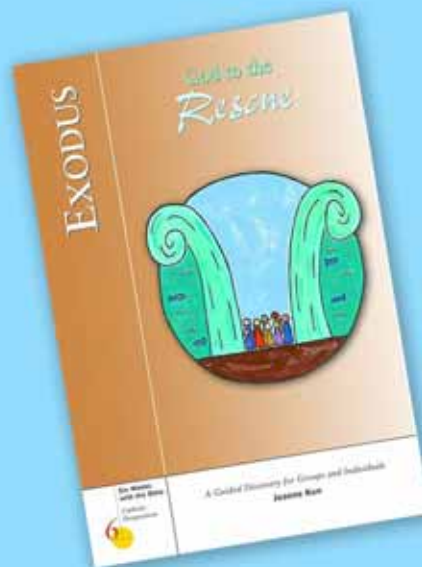
New Season
begins 1/8/23
from 10:30am to
Noon in the Ministry
Center at St. Julian Eymard
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BOOK CLUB

*Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas
and happy reading. We will take a break
until February 5th where we invite you
to read a book of your choice and discuss
with the group!*

Future Dates

- January - Off
- February 5
- March 4
- April 1
- May 6
- June 3



Tuesday Morning Group will begin discussing
Exodus: God to the Rescue on January 9th.
Tuesday Morning Group meets on the
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in
Shea Hall at St. Julian Eymard Church.
Books are available in the parish office.

QUEEN OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL REPORT

The fourth graders are preparing for the birthday of Jesus during the season of Advent. We are reading the Gospels in the New Testament, and playing Bible Trivia to help us become familiar with using our Bibles. Once a week, we have religion class in Room I, which is our Prayer Room. We participate in weekly Mass and weekly prayer services during Advent. We continue to pray for all of the people in our parish. Merry Christmas!



7th grade spent some time preparing for a very special Our Lady of Guadalupe play and mass. Students performed a reenactment of the story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe during the December 12th mass. Following Mass, Fr. Louis visited our classroom to further teach the students about the importance of this feast day and how special it is to remember this incredible miracle.



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What: 4-day/3-night, student-led Retreat

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Confirmation Mass is April 14, 2024

Mark these important dates leading up:

02/27/24 Candidate/Parent Meeting

03/10/24 Confirmation Retreat

04/11/24 Confirmation Practice



Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament **Youth Ministry** visits **Alexian Village** in Elk Grove Village to lead games and activities for residents approximately twice per month.

Watch parish weekly electronic newsletter and Mr. Van's e-mails for schedule or contact the parish office: (847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegv.org.

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