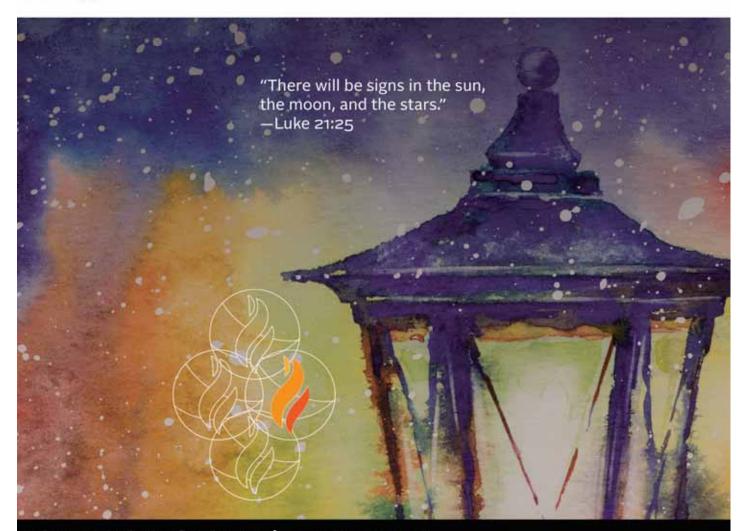
Sat: 5:00pm (SJE) | Sun: 8:00am/10;30am (QR) | 9:15am (SJE) Daily: 8:15am M/W/F (SJE) | Tu/Th/Sa (QR) Reconciliation: Wed 7:00pm (SJE) | Sat 12:00pm (QR) — Check schedule for holy days of obligation/holidays.





## First Sunday of Advent | December 1, 2024

Under Mary's mantle, and with the guidance of the Holy Trinity, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament seeks to share God's love by celebrating the sacraments, proclaiming the gospel, and serving the needs of all His children.

#### **BE VIGILANT—EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to "be vigilant at all times," reminding us to lift our hearts to Him and stay anchored in His love amidst life's challenges (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36). This message comes to life in a beautiful story shared by one of our Eucharistic Adoration captains. Their experience in the quiet, sacred space of Adoration is a testament to how being vigilant in prayer opens us to God's peace and guidance, and can be an example for others, especially our children. Let this story inspire you to embrace the gift of Adoration and draw closer to the One who is always waiting for us.

#### **By Linda Colaprete**

Every time I am at Eucharistic Adoration as an adorer something extraordinary happens and the most incredible experience happened, recently; it almost felt like a miracle. During this occasion, I was deep in thought and feeling depressed about these turbulent times and the seemingly corrupted humanity of today. I prayed to the Lord to help us all as I was present before Him during Eucharistic Adoration.

Then this happened. Let me explain:

I was only one of a few people in the whole church at the time when a young couple walked in with their cute little 2-year-old daughter and an infant around 2mos. old. They got in the last pew to the right of the section I was seated in, which was the last pew in the middle section. I kept wondering if the 2-year-old would be making a noisy disturbance, so I glanced over at them and much to my surprise that little one was kneeling on the floor in the aisle with one leg bent in a perfect genuflection while her parents were already seated in the pew busy with the baby and not even noticing her. She held that position for at least 10 seconds while staring forward towards the front of the church and the attar. I was so stunned. What was even more shocking is what came next.

On her own initiative, she stood up and quietly proceeded to walk down the aisle towards the front of the church in a straight and slow steady gait like she knew exactly where she was going and what she wanted to do. Her parents did not get up to stop her, either. I saw her head bobbing along, which did not even clear the top of the backs of the pews, but I could see her in between the rows. As it took some time for her little legs to make that long walk, still no one moved to get her.

I was amazed and curious as to what she was going to do. She turned at the front of the pews and walked steadily towards the middle aisle. Once she reached the middle aisle she climbed up onto the kneeler situated there and faced the altar.

That little girl stood there so still and quiet staring up at Jesus. I was so engrossed in watching her I was transfixed. Then I noticed her father walking up the middle aisle towards his daughter. Once he approached her, he knelt beside her on that same kneeler. He leaned over putting his arm around her and whispered something in her ear. Then he removed his arm, turned forward, bowed his head and folded his hands in prayer. Next, his daughter tried to copy her dad and knelt too, but she seemed uncomfortable and struggled to see over the top of the kneeler to see Jesus so she stood back up, while still staring up at Him. Meanwhile, her dad didn't move and seemed steadfast in prayer. A moment later and to my shocking eyes, I witnessed something so beautiful that it brought me to tears.

That sweet quiet child, still standing with hands holding the top of the kneeler and gazing up at Jesus, raised her right arm and hand high above her head and with a big grin she waved to Him. That's it, I lost it; tears welled up in my eyes. I could just see Jesus smiling and thrilled by this sweet little child and so happy. It was exhilarating and it made me happy too. They are a beautiful family and a testament to the wonderful Christian parenting and the love of the Lord that they possess.

The moral of this heartwarming story I feel is that Jesus hears our prayers and He showed me that 'yes' there is hope for humanity ... and let the children come. Parents, especially fathers, need to lead, plus show their love and devotion to God; the children will follow.

I was fortunate to have a similar father as the lovely 2yr. old in this story and I love being an adorer of Christ during Eucharistic Adoration. It's a very spiritually gratifying experience and you'll be filled with grace when you open up your heart and mind to Christ.

#### **Opportunities for Adoration at the Parish**

Wednesdays at St. Julian Eymard Church until 8pm Saturdays at Queen of the Rosary Church until 1pm First Fridays of each month at St. Julian Eymard Church until 11:30am

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
December 7/8			
Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	
5:00pm	Bill Piscitello	Linda Fink Paul Tognocchi Donna Tognocchi	
8:00am	Julie Beesley	Deacon Jerry Patricia Childress Bonnie Costa	
9:15am	Joe Wozniak	Virgina Vogt Judy Lorch Kathy Casterton	
10:30am	QR School Students	QR School Teacher	
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday 8:15am (SJE)	<u>December 2</u> + Robert Rood	
Tuesday 8:15am (QR)	<u>December 3</u> + Ignacy Folwaczny	
Wednesday 8:15am (SJE)	<u>December 4</u> + Deceased members of the Mulholland family	
Thursday 9:00am (QR)	<u>December 5</u> Peter & Dorothy Shianna	
Friday 8:15am (SJE)	<u>December 6</u> + Beth Labant, + Janina Waldemar, + Joseph Valentino, + David Axberg, + Rose Bacigalupo, + Frank Hernandez	
Saturday 8:15am (QR)	<u>December 7</u> + Teodor Weilich	
5:00pm (SJE)	+ Julia Shelia King	
Sunday 8:00am (QR)	<u>December 8</u> For the people of the parish	

+ Maria & Antoni Biskup, + George Gullo,

+ Virginia & Peter Leon, + Ann Totos

+ Daniel Savage

+ Mary Ann & Stanley Skrzynski, + Mary & John Leon,

9:15am (SJE)

10:30am (QR)

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR		
7:45am 8:00am 8:45am 2-5pm	Mon-Sat—Morning Prayer (Telephone or App) Mon-Sat—Divine Mercy Prayed Before Daily Mass Mon-Sat—Rosary Prayed Following Daily Mass Tue-Fri—Teen Center Hours (SJE Ministry Center)	
Monday 2:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	<u>December 2</u> NW Alliance for Affordable Housing (SJE Shea Hall) Youth Ministry (Victory Centre) Book Club (SJE Shea Hall)	
<u>Tuesday</u> 7:00pm	<u>December 3</u> Guadalupe Rosary/Novena (SJE)	
Wednesday 8:15am 9:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm	December 4 Adoration begins with Daily Mass (SJE) Wednesday Morning Bible Study (SJE Rooms 11/12) Divine Mercy Chaplet (SJE) Reconciliation (SJE) Guadalupe Rosary/Novena (SJE) Handbell Choir Rehearsal (QR) AA (SJE Ministry Center)	
Thursday 7:00pm	<u>December 5</u> Guadalupe Rosary/Novena (QR) Choir Rehearsal (SJE)	
Friday 8:15am 6:00pm 7:30pm	December 6 First Friday Adoration and Guadalupe Rosary/ Novena begins with Daily Mass (SJE) Kids Christmas Film Night (SJE Shea Hall) AA (SJE Ministry Center)	
Saturday 8:15am 12:00pm	<u>December 7</u> First Saturday Devotions including Guadalupe Rosary/Novena & Adoration begins with Daily Mass (QR) Reconciliation (QR)	
Sunday 9:00am 10:30am 11:30am	December 8 Guadalupe Rosary/Novena (QR) QR School Class Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word (QR) Pray & Play: Pictures with Santa plus Grand Raffle Drawing (QR School)	

#### **PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS**

Eileen Burden, Dave Cattapan, John Connelly, Marilyn Foss, Tamera Garrity, Eileen Gascon, Frances Gascon, Sandy Gran, Bobbye Knief, Elizabeth Levitzke, Randy Olsen, Michael Ryan, John Schneider, Anne Schmid, Ben Sister, Irene Steck, Mary Beth Tomaso, Jackie Vrtis, Wermuth family, Jenny & Baby Lily, 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.

#### **GRANT UNTO THEM ETERNAL REST**

#### **Grant Unto Them Eternal Rest...**

Loretta Connelly, Thomas Ragauskis

Please pray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.

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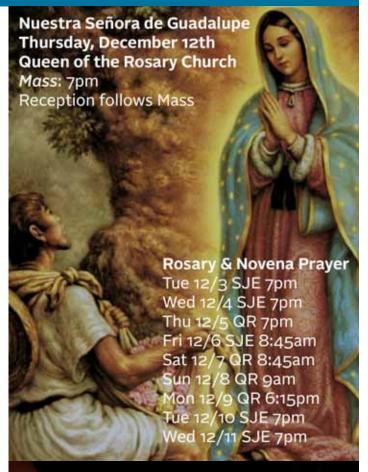


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## Ignite the flame of faith!

Last chance to join our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults program as Advent begins. Don't miss the chance to grow in faith and community with a mix of in-person and virtual sessions, meeting a couple of times per month until the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2025.

Scan the code to discover more, or call or email the parish office today to learn more or sign up!
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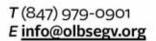


Our complete Christmas & Advent Schedule is available here:

#### olbsegv.org/christmas24/

If you have questions or need help, please do not hesitate to contact us:





We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!





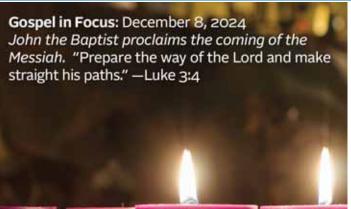
December 14th

8am - 1pm

EG Village Hall, 901 Wellington elkgrove.org/community/community-events/community-blood-drives







**Discussion Questions** 

Who in your life acts as John the Baptist for you and points you back to Christ?

Who have you been a John the Baptist for, either in your words or in actions?

How can we follow the direction of John the Baptist and prepare the way of the Lord in this time of Advent?

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



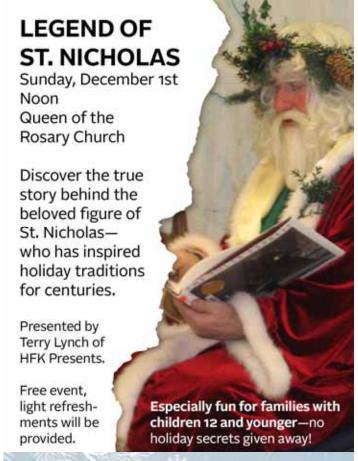
CHILDREN

Wednesday December 4th 4:45 - 6:15pm

School Board Mission Effectiveness and Marriage & Family Ministry

Join us for a heartwarming start to Advent!
Students and families are invited to team up
with our QR School Advisory Board Mission
Effectiveness Committee and parish Marriage &
Family Ministry for a fun, impactful evening of
giving back at Feed My Starving Children in
Schaumburg on December 4th, from 4:45
to 6:15pm. Let's kick off the season of giving
together—sign up and help make a difference!

signupgenius.com/go/24AdventFMSC#/



## **Kids Christmas Film Night**

Friday, December 6, 2024 6pm - 9pm St. Julian Shea Hall

Crafts, Games, Activities, Photo Booth, Christmas Movies, Snacks for kids age 4 and older: signupgenius.com/go/ 24KidsXmasFilmNt#/





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.

#### **Prayer Shawls**

wrap people in prayer.
To pick up a shawl,
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(847) 979-0901. Knitters/
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and third Saturday of
each month in Shea Hall.

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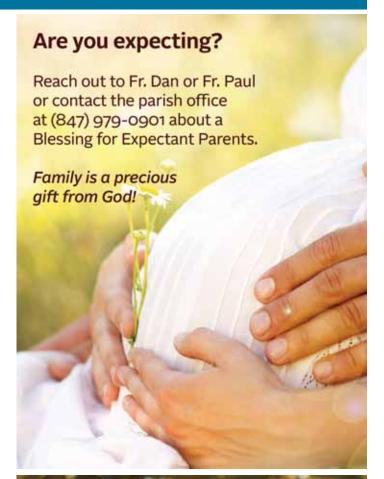
bring the Eucharist and the healing presence of Jesus Christ to our parishioners who are ill, homebound or unable to join us in person.

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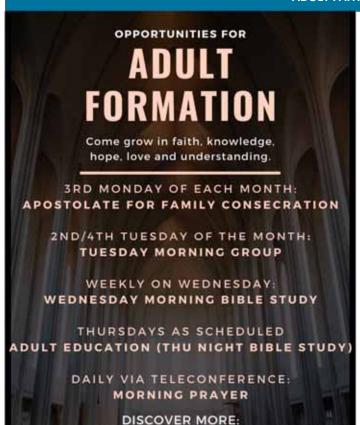
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If you enjoy sharing your faith and caring for others, please prayerfully consider joining ministry of care. Check the bulletin and eNewsletter for opportunities for training and mandation.

Contact the parish office to discover more! (847) 979-0901 or <a href="mailto:info@olbsegv.org">info@olbsegv.org</a>.

"Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Mark 9:38)

olbsegv.org/ministry/adult-faith-formation/

As our new pastoral year moves forward, Leadership Councils and Ministries have resumed regular schedules.

Please stay tuned to all of our Communication Channels for info on upcoming meetings, events and more to help us grow in faith and community.

Scan the code to discover more about getting involved. Questions? Contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegv.org.



Liturgical Ministries enhance our worship and provide unique opportunities to deepen our faith and serve our community. Lectors proclaim the Word of God. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion distribute the precious body of Christ. Greeters and Ushers create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. We are also looking for both youth and adult Altar Servers to assist the clergy in the celebration of Mass.

Contact the parish office to discover more. (847) 979-0901 or <a href="mailto:info@olbsegv.org">info@olbsegv.org</a>.

#### QUEEN OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL REPORT



This anniversary year keeps getting better and better! Step right up to Mrs. Wierig's Language Arts Living Wax Museum Extravaganza! Room K transformed into a dazzling gallery of history and innovation as students brought famous figures to life. From inventors to artists, trailblazers to visionaries, each student researched their chosen icon, designed eye-catching displays and donned costumes to embody their figure.

The result? A spectacular showcase where fellow students toured the exhibits, meeting "wax statues" ready to share their incredible stories at the press of a "button." It was an afternoon buzzing with curiosity, creativity and a whole lot of fun!



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Contact the office for more info (847) 437-3322!



#### **YOUTH FORMATION**

## **Kids Christmas Film Night**

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Crafts, Games, Activities, Photo Booth, Christmas Movies, Snacks for kids age 4 and older: signupgenius.com/go/24KidsXmasFilmNt#/





Looking for a fun way to serve during Mass? We need volunteers (teens and adults) to help guide little ones to their worship space and back. It's a great opportunity to earn service hours while making a big impact!





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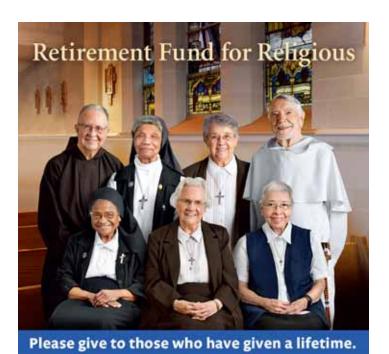
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