

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

"Whoever has two cloaks
should share with the person
who has none." —Luke 3:11



Third Sunday of Advent | December 15, 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.

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This week, we're reflecting on how participating in Music Ministry is more than making music—it's a beautiful way to share your God-given gift! Just as John the Baptist calls us in this Sunday's Gospel to share what we have with others, choir members and other music ministers answer that call by lifting their voices in praise and enriching our worship. Whether it's a song or a second cloak, sharing what we've been blessed with is a powerful act of faith. Please enjoy this What's My Why from one of our Music Ministers.

By Janet Gore

Music is definitely a gift from God. I have been truly blessed throughout my entire life to be involved with music ministry. I feel singing has brought me closer to God. The lyrics of hymns are so prayerful, they make me want to "Shout for joy," (Zephaniah 3:14) as it says in our 1st reading, today. Being able to share my gift of music in the praise of God has given me such joy and happiness!

The musical opportunities here at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish are open to all ages. I am honored to be a part of our newly formed group, "Cougar Cubs" open to children from birth to 4 years old. These youngest companions on our journey share fun and laughter through movement and singing as well as crafting with their guardians and friends. This brings children, parents, and guardians together in the Catholic setting of our Queen of the Rosary School once a month.

"Cry out with joy and gladness" (from our psalm this weekend) is a perfect description of a typical Wednesday afternoon with our own OLBS Kids Choir. Through singing and playing hand chimes, your children in 2nd through 8th grade, are learning the power of music in praising God. They are deepening their faith and increasing their understanding of the Mass. One parent told me that her child is much more attentive and interested during Mass since joining choir.

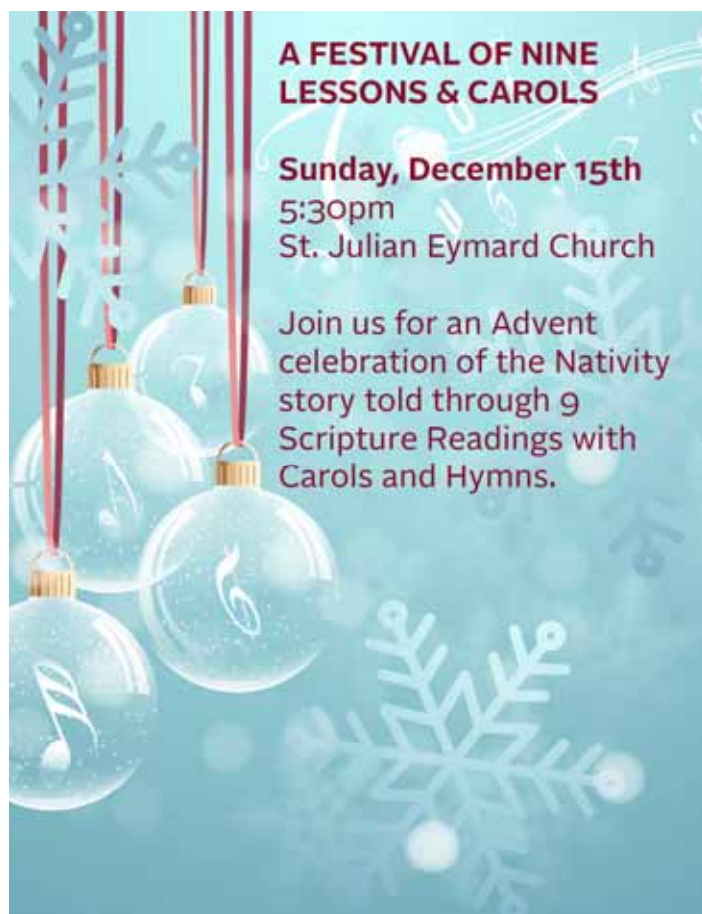
We begin each rehearsal with a prayer to St. Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians. We ask her to help us lift our voices in praise to God, for we know that singing is twice praying (St. Augustine). The choir members look forward to taking on the job of cantors. Your kids all enjoy singing, and are excited to get others singing for joy! Kids Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 3:00pm in Queen of the Rosary Church (students may arrive as early as 2:40pm.)

I also enjoy my role as cantor. During Mass, I look out at all of you and am overjoyed when I see—and hear—you singing!

Because I love to sing, I am part of the Adult Choir. They are such a warm and welcoming group. The choir is open to all levels of singers. If you enjoy singing, you should join us! We rehearse at 7:00pm on Thursday evenings at St. Julian Eymard Church. If You want to come and sing some carols, we are singing this Sunday at 5:30pm in St. Julian Eymard—it's a beautiful service of Nine Lessons and Carols and the Kids' Choir will be joining the Adult Choir. The Adult Choir also leads a short program of carols beginning at 9:30pm on Christmas Eve, ahead of our 10:00pm Mass.

I am also honored to be able to participate with the Bell Choir. They are another caring group of musicians, and always open to new bell ringers. We practice at Queen of the Rosary Church on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. The sounds the bells create are heavenly!

Get in the Spirit of the Advent Season! Join us this Sunday, December 15th, for A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 5:30pm at St. Julian Eymard Church. Enjoy an evening of scripture and song—the joy of Christmas awaits!



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 21/22

Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
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5:00pm	Simbang Gabi Readers	Linda Fink Nenita Lucero Bob Lester
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8:00am	Patty Cortese	Julie Beesley Bonnie Costa Judi Nacek
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9:15am	Theresa Storto	Deacon Jerry Dan Storto Joe Wozniak
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10:30am	Donna Tognocchi	Paul Tognocchi Charles Glomski Donna McGuire
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Monday</u> 8:15am (SJE)	<u>December 16</u> + David Axberg, + Tommy DeLorenzo, + Larry & Jake Ottenstein, + Bobby Ottenstein
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<u>Tuesday</u> 8:15am (QR)	<u>December 17</u> + Joel Santos
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<u>Wednesday</u> 8:15am (SJE)	<u>December 18</u> + Lorraine Forrest
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<u>Thursday</u> 8:15am (QR)	<u>December 19</u> + Katarzyna Laskowska
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<u>Friday</u> 8:15am (SJE)	<u>December 20</u> + Maria Bolewieck
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<u>Saturday</u> 8:15am (QR)	<u>December 21</u> + Tadviga Sztated
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5:00pm (SJE)	+ Allan Schmid, + Peter Ackerman, + Louis Cherney, + Margaret Cherney, + Jamie Lavelle, + Edmund Pientka
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<u>Sunday</u> 8:00am (QR)	<u>December 22</u> + Joseph Feszter
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9:15am (SJE)	+ Deceased members of the Petricca & DiVenti families
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10:30am (QR)	For the people of the parish
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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)

<u>Monday</u> 6:30pm 7:00pm	<u>December 16</u> Youth Ministry (Victory Centre) AFC Family Holy Hour (QR)
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<u>Tuesday</u> 7:00pm	<u>December 17</u> Rosary (SJE)
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<u>Wednesday</u> 8:15am 1:00pm 3:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	<u>December 18</u> Adoration begins with Daily Mass (SJE) Prayer Shawl Divine Mercy Chaplet (SJE) Advent Reconciliation Service (SJE) Guadalupe Rosary/Novena (SJE) Handbell Choir Rehearsal (QR) AA (SJE Ministry Center)
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<u>Thursday</u> 6:30pm	<u>December 19</u> QR School Christmas Show (QR)
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<u>Friday</u> 7:30pm	<u>December 20</u> AA (SJE Ministry Center)
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<u>Saturday</u> 8:15am 9:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	<u>December 21</u> Adoration begins with Daily Mass (QR) Prayer Shawl (SJE) Reconciliation (QR) Simbang Gabi Mass (SJE)
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<u>Sunday</u> 9:15am 11:45am	<u>December 22</u> Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJE) Baptism (QR, <i>inquire in parish office</i>)
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PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Eileen Burden, Dave Cattapan, Marilyn Foss, Tamera Garrity, Eileen Gascon, Frances Gascon, Sandy Gran, Patty Kaczor, Bobby Knief, Randy Olsen, Michael Ryan, John Schneider, Anne Schmid, Ben Sister, Irene Steck, Georgianne Stralina, 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...

Please pray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.

SEASON OF Giving

Now Collecting

Angel Tree Sleigh
Bring back your Angel Tree gifts
at St. Julian Eymard Church by
this Sunday at Noon. Assemble
wrapped gifts into a bag or box
marked with the family number.
Thank you for your generosity!



Simbang Gabi
Saturday, December 21st
St. Julian Eymard Church
5:00pm

Join our Filipino brothers and sisters in preparing for the birth of our Savior by honoring the Virgin Mother. Invite family and friends, Filipino and non-Filipino!

JOURNEY of the Heart

FINDING GOD IN OUR GRIEF

Starting our
Winter Season:
**January 16th at
2:30pm at SJE.**

*Registration is required,
due to the sensitive nature
of discussions, walk-ins
cannot be accommodated.*

Contact the parish office at
(847) 979-0901 to discover more.

Discover Your Gifts! Scan the code and uncover the unique charisms God has given you to share. Pass it on—invite family and friends to do the same!

SEASON OF Giving

Now Collecting

Things4Wings

See donation instructions with
link to Wish List in the vestibule.
Drop gifts in the bins, or follow
directions to donate directly.



He said to them,
"Come after me, and I will make
you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

Pray. Invite. Bring.

Let's keep praying about inviting friends,
neighbors, and family to encounter our Lord!
Grab a card at each worship site or from a
Greeter/Usher, and place it in the baskets
near the altar as we ask for God's guidance
in making the invitation.



VIEW ALL PARISH EVENTS
ON OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR

[olbsegv.org/
public-event-calendar/](http://olbsegv.org/public-event-calendar/)

Questions? Contact us at
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Solemnity of Mary

Tuesday 12/31

5pm (QR)

Wednesday 1/1/25

8:15am (SJE), 12:15pm (QR), 7pm (SJE)

Gospel in Focus: December 22, 2024

Elizabeth greets Mary and is filled with the Holy Spirit. "And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy."

—Luke 1:43-44

Discussion Questions

How do you think this moment impacted Mary?

What qualities does Elizabeth show in this Gospel? Who is an "Elizabeth" in your life? What can you learn from this person?

How does praise or encouragement in our home and family life make a difference?

52 Week Mass Guide for Families:

olbsegv.org/prayer-life/#MassGuide

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:

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We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!



Uncoork Creativity!




Wine 'n Paint: Friday, January 17th
 6:30pm | Shea Hall
 \$35 per person, RSVP by January 8th




Catholic Schools
 United in Faith and Community

Discover the difference of Catholic education during Catholic Schools Week, January 26–February 1, 2025! Join us for Mass, schedule a tour or shadow day and keep an eye out for upcoming details on exciting events. Come see why our Queen of the Rosary School is the place for your child to grow in faith, knowledge and community!



Join Rosary Group

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

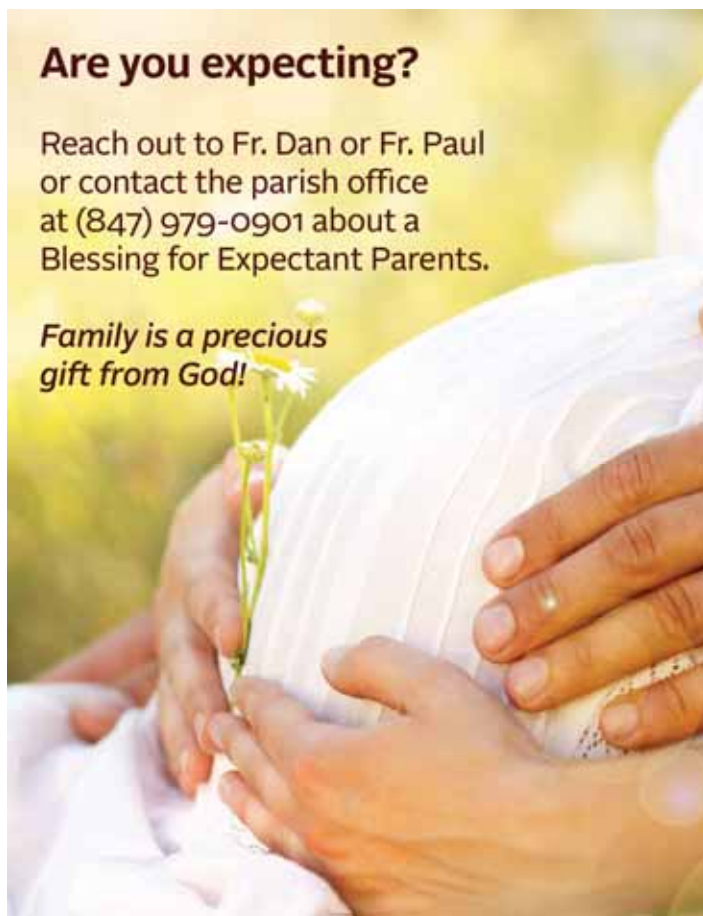
On the second Tuesday of each month, Respect Life joins Rosary to lead a **Rosary for Life**.

Watch the bulletin and website calendars for complete schedule.

Are you expecting?

Reach out to Fr. Dan or Fr. Paul or contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901 about a Blessing for Expectant Parents.

Family is a precious gift from God!



Prayer Shawls

wrap people in prayer. To pick up a shawl, please call the office at (847) 979-0901. Knitters/Crocheters and beginners are invited to join us on the fourth Wednesday and third Saturday of each month in Shea Hall.

Follow us on Facebook:
facebook.com/OLBSPrayerShawl/



Care Ministers

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

Ministers must be mandated and Virtus-compliant. Watch for Fall training updates.

Bereavement Ministers offer their time and talent to walk with those grieving the loss of a loved one. Come, grow spiritually by sharing your love and compassion.

To discover more, please contact our parish office at (847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegu.org.



Discover more:

olbsegu.org/ministry/ or contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegu.org.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT FORMATION

Come grow in faith, knowledge,
hope, love and understanding.

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



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 info@olbsegv.org.

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

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
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Liturgical Ministers Needed

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.
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Inside the Box... Mrs. Nagle's 5th Grade students crunched the numbers and measured the magic! They calculated the volume of individual food boxes and then worked together to find the perfect-sized box to hold it all. This hands-on learning is just one way we've been shaping bright minds for 65 amazing years! All of the boxes measured were part of our Food Drive and will be delivered to Elk Grove Township to help feed neighbors in need.

Here's to a legacy of thinking **outside the box** while solving **real-world challenges**!

COUNTDOWN!

From December 21st to January 7th, it's time to hit pause and enjoy the magic of the Christmas season!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with family and friends.

We can't wait to see you around the parish for one (or more!) of our Advent and Christmas events!



SAVE THE DATE!

Catholic Schools Week
January 26 - February 1, 2025

Get ready for a whole week of faith, fun and learning as we come together to celebrate the joy and impact of Catholic education! Mark your calendars—you won't want to miss the excitement!

QRSchool.org



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PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday,
February 8, 2025
6:00pm
St. Julian



Calling all Teens!
If you are heading to
CHWC this Summer,
service is required, but all
teens are welcome to help.
Mr. Van needs adult cooks also.

Sign up here:
[signupgenius.com/go/YMPasta_8Feb25#/#/](https://signupgenius.com/go/YMPasta_8Feb25#/)



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!



Faith is like a compass that always points
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pastoral theme to life in
powerful ways! Pick up
your copy today and
celebrate the difference
we are making together!



This Christmas season, let's let our
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Use the special envelope in your
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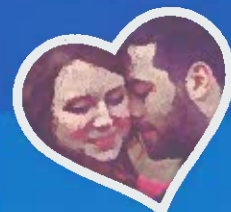
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