

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

"Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your  
womb." —Luke 1:42



**Fourth Sunday of Advent** | December 22, 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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School – Queen of the Rosary School: 690 Elk Grove Blvd | [qrschool.org](http://qrschool.org) | (847) 437-3322

As I write this, we are finishing a very “Marian” week in the Advent season—celebrating the Immaculate Conception on December 9 and Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. For both of those beautiful feasts, the reading from the Gospel is the story of the Annunciation in Luke. That passage ends with Mary’s great “yes” to God: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

In her willingness to say “yes” to God’s will, even though she may not have fully understood it and even though it may not have been the way she thought her life would go, Mary shows us what it means to live out the greatest commandment. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Mary’s love for God is so complete that when God’s will is made known to her by the message of the angel Gabriel, she changes her own will and her own desires to be united with God’s.

We were blessed to have Fr. Louis Mboe return to celebrate the Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe, and in his homily he focused on this same point. Are we going to take up the example of our Blessed Mother? Are we willing to unite our will to God’s? When God shows us a new way forward, do we reorient our steps to follow it? It is a question we have to ask ourselves at every opportunity, and especially as we prepare our hearts for the celebrations of Christmas.

This week’s Gospel picks up from that moment of the Annunciation. Mary sets out and travels “in haste” from Nazareth to the “hill country” of Judah. It is a journey of about 70 miles, or about the distance from here to Milwaukee. She does this to rejoice with her cousin, who has received news of great joy, and to be of service to her cousin in the final months of her pregnancy.

We recall that Jesus said there were two parts to the greatest commandment. The second is “to love your neighbor as yourself.” See, then, how Mary fulfills the whole of the commandment: she is a living example of how to love God and neighbor. She keeps the word of the Lord and ponders it in her heart, and she also is ready to spring into action so that the love of God may be made present and real through her. Truly, how beautiful it is for us to have such a mother, who is always ready to let God become incarnate through her, even as He becomes incarnate within her!

The presence of Mary, and the presence of God taking flesh through her and within her, gives great joy to her cousin. As we allow God to take flesh through us, in our actions of love and charity, and within us, through the Eucharist, may we also bring great joy to everyone we encounter!

-Fr. Dan



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:15am (SJE)	<b>December 23</b> + Oscar Mayer
<b>Tuesday</b> 3:00pm (QR) 5:00pm (SJE) 10:00pm (SJE)	<b>December 24</b> For the people of the parish For the people of the parish For the people of the parish
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00am (QR) 9:15am (SJE) 10:30am (QR)	<b>December 25</b> For the people of the parish For the people of the parish For the people of the parish
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15am (QR)	<b>December 26</b> + Frances Suzzi, + Rosemary Noto, + Carrie Corana, + Peter & Dorothy Shianna, + Donald Kauth, + Tommy DeLorenzo
<b>Friday</b> 8:15am (SJE)	<b>December 27</b> + Patricia McNamara
<b>Saturday</b> 8:15am (QR) 5:00pm (SJE)	<b>December 28</b> + Anna Benke For the people of the parish
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am (QR) 9:15am (SJE) 10:30am (QR)	<b>December 29</b> + Tony Fassen + Deceased members of the Newcomb & Quilici families + Barbara Burke



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**December 28/29**

Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
<b>5:00pm</b>	John Finn	Deacon Jerry Linda Fink Ron Matthey
<b>8:00am</b>	Kathy Casterton	Ray Bauer Larry Zabinski Mary Duffy
<b>9:15am</b>	Don Kauffold	VickiLynn Gilman Vicky Lucki Virginia Vogt
<b>10:30am</b>	Diane Ambrose	Dan Schiffer Chris Schiffer Susan Tremko



### MINISTRY & EVENTS

7:45am 8:00am 8:45am 2-5:00pm	Mon-Sat: Morning Prayer (Tele or App) Mon-Sat: Divine Mercy Prior to Mass Mon-Sat: Rosary Follows Mass Tue-Fri: Teen Center Hours
<b>Monday</b> 7:00pm	<b>December 23</b> Choir Rehearsal (SJE)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 24</b> Merry Christmas ( <i>Parish Office Closed</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30pm	<b>December 25</b> Merry Christmas ( <i>Parish Office Closed</i> ) AA (SJE Ministry Center)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 26</b>
<b>Friday</b> 7:30pm	<b>December 27</b> AA (SJE Ministry Center)
<b>Saturday</b> 8:15am 12:00pm	<b>December 28</b> Adoration begins with daily Mass (QR) Reconciliation (QR)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 29</b> <i>No Children's Liturgy of the Word</i>



### SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Dave Cattapan, Bonnie Costa, Marilyn Foss, Tamera Garrity, Eileen Gascon, Fran Gascon, Sandy Gran, Patty Kaczor, Bob-bye 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

*Please contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901 to continue to have sick relatives or friends included here.*

### GRANT UNTO THEM ETERNAL REST

**May God bless them and keep them...**

John North

Please pray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.



## DON'T MISS OUT!

Our complete Christmas & Advent Schedule is available here:

[olbsegv.org/christmas24/](http://olbsegv.org/christmas24/)

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

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E [info@olbsegv.org](mailto:info@olbsegv.org)

We wish you and yours  
a very Merry Christmas!



**Solemnity of Mary**  
**Tuesday 12/31**  
5pm w/Confessions (QR)

**Wednesday 1/1/25**  
8:15am (SJE), 12:15pm (QR),  
7pm w/Confessions (SJE)

### Epiphany

January 4th & 5th

All Masses

*Start the New Year blessed!*

Epiphany blessing and chalk kits will be available in church, but we also invite you to contact the parish office and arrange a **house blessing** with Fr. Dan or Fr. Paul: (847) 979-0901.

### Pray for Life

Come together to pray the *Rosary & Novena for Life*, January 16-24:  
1/16 & 1/17 | 7pm SJE  
1/18 | 8:45am QR  
1/19 | 9am QR  
1/20-1/24 | 7pm SJE

On Jan 22, we'll include a special prayer service for the *National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*.

Let's unite in faith,  
hope and love  
for life!





## FAMILY RESOURCES & EVENTS

**Gospel in Focus:** December 29, 2024

*After losing Jesus, Mary and Joseph find Him in the temple. "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"*

—Luke 2:49

### Discussion Questions

How do you think the Holy Family grew in love for one another after the events in this Gospel passage?

How do Joseph, Mary, and Jesus each have an irreplaceable role in the Holy Family? What does this tell us about our own role in our own holy family?

How does our family teach us about what it means to love one another?

### 52 Week Mass Guide for Families:

[olbsegy.org/prayer-life/#MassGuide](http://olbsegy.org/prayer-life/#MassGuide)



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!

*Uncoork Creativity!*

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

*Faith*

Faith is like a compass that always points you in the right direction, no matter how wild the adventure! Discover more:  
[olbsegy.org/ministry/#Youth](http://olbsegy.org/ministry/#Youth)





**What a Second Week of Advent...** Welcome home, Fr. Paul! We're so glad you're back. **Mrs. Wassenaar's 4th and Mrs. Nagle's 5th graders** shined brightly at Sunday's 10:30 Mass, serving as altar servers, lectors and gift bearers—you made us proud! Our 5th-8th graders boldly stepped into **QR School's first-ever Robotics competition**. Though they didn't advance, their teamwork and determination were truly inspiring. Thanks to coaches, Mrs. Ullman and Mr. Hall!

A big shoutout to our amazing **Parents Club** for a magical **Pictures with Santa and the Grinch** event—it was festive fun for all! And in the spirit of the season, our students have been generously **collecting food donations** to support neighbors in need. What a fantastic way to celebrate Advent! Keep the momentum going, Queen of the Rosary School families!

## 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!



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

[QRSchool.org](https://QRSchool.org)

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Your Stewardship Treasure returned to God for the support of our Parish ministries and His Church.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

Weekly Offertory December 8, 2024	\$15,386.00
Retired Religious	\$3,293.00
2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges (Projected Rebate \$24,308)	\$89,333.00

### Friendly Reminder!

Please avoid leaving any materials, pamphlets or religious items in our church vestibules. If you receive unsolicited religious items in the mail, feel free to discard them at home—there's no need to bring them to the church. **Have questions?** Contact the parish office—we're happy to help! (847) 979-0901 or [info@olbsegv.org](mailto:info@olbsegv.org).

Thank you for keeping our worship spaces welcoming and clutter-free.

This Christmas season, let's let our giving reflect the joy of our Lord's birth!

Our support keeps OLBS thriving as a place of worship, love and service.

Use the special envelope in your offertory packet or in Fr. Dan's Christmas Letter, or scan the code below to donate online. Our generosity makes a difference!



## PARISH DIRECTORY

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## 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.

## 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#/)



**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
**February 1 and 2, 2024, All Masses**

**Bring a candle to be blessed!** Christ's light  
shines brighter than death, dispelling the  
darkness of the world. *Let His light guide  
us always!*



**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!





## Young Adult Ministry

If you're 18-39, find faith, friendship and fun through community events and spiritual growth!

Scan the code or contact the parish office to discover more. (847) 979-0901 or [info@olbsegu.org](mailto:info@olbsegu.org).



## Book Club

Dive into engaging discussions on faith-filled and inspiring reads—let's share stories that uplift!

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## Grounds & Environment

Help Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament shine. Let's create an inviting, prayerful space—from the parking lot to the altar.

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## Women's & Men's Groups

Build friendships and community with fellow parishioners. Come as you are and make it your own!

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## Care Ministry

Bring Christ's presence through the Eucharist and compassionate visits to homebound parishioners.

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## Bereavement

Walk with grieving families, offering compassion and guidance while planning funeral liturgies.

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## Journey of the Heart

Be a beacon of hope for the bereaved, helping them discover God's love through their grief.

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## Respect Life

Pray, advocate and witness for the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death.

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## Liturgical Ministries

Proclaim God's Word, distribute the Eucharist or assist at the altar—serve with joy and purpose!

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## Prayer Shawl

Knit, crochet and craft comforting shawls, blankets and more wrapping others in warmth and prayer!

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## Adult Faith Formation

Grow deeper in faith through Bible studies, Scripture discussions and more spiritual learning opportunities!

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## God's Work, Our Hands

There's something for everyone! Don't see your calling? Let's talk and explore how we can invite others to Christ—together!

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