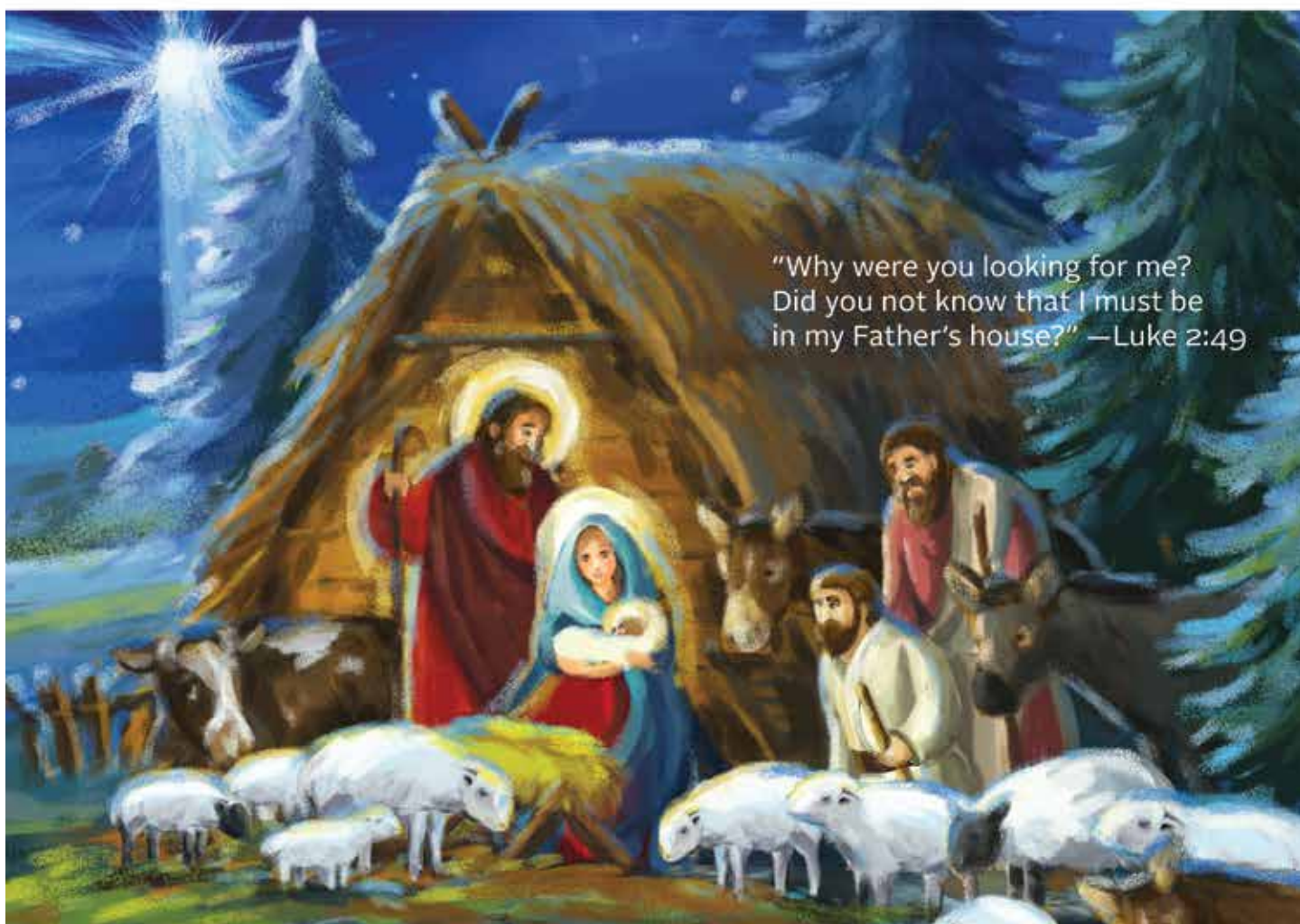


Sat: 5:00pm (SJE) | Sun: 8:00am/10:30am (QR) | 9:15am (SJE) Daily: 8:15am M/W/F (SJE) | Tu/Th/Sa (QR)  
Reconciliation: Wed 7:00pm (SJE) | Sat 12:00pm (QR) —Check schedule for holy days of obligation/holidays.



## OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



"Why were you looking for me?  
Did you not know that I must be  
in my Father's house?" —Luke 2:49

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | December 29, 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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As you must all be aware by now, I am back from my vacation to my home country Nigeria. Happily, I returned just in time for Advent and Christmas. If you've been celebrating Mass with me since I've been back, you know I've been sharing a serialized telling of my travel adventures. In Season 1, Episode 1, I shared my visit to my brother's house. This story feels especially fitting to retell today, on the Sunday of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

I hadn't seen my brother (Bayo) in about 10 years, and reuniting with him and his family after a long time was a joy, made even sweeter by my nephews' excitement. They slept in my room during my visit to stay as close to me as possible, and when it was time for me to leave, they cried. That tender moment reminded me of the deep bonds of family love.

There is a line by one of the characters from a novel by Tayari Jones (*An American Marriage*) and I will quote it here: "One of the hurdles of adulthood is when holidays become measuring sticks against which you always fall short. For children, thanksgiving is about turkey and Christmas is about presents. Grown up, you learn that all holidays are about family, and few can win there." What our Church wants us to learn on Holy Family Feast Day is that we can all win here if we follow the path of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

This does not mean that we will not have troubles, challenges, or even disagreement as a family. We all have our various opinions about life, politics, vaccines, and even the clothes to put on but at the end of it all, we should never allow anything to break our bonds as a family. Myself and my mother for example have never voted for the same political party but at the end of the day, she is still my mother, and I am her son. Holy Family is not about perfection, it is about walking together in our imperfection and making sure no one is left behind as we have in the Gospel for today. That is why St. Paul urges us in the second reading: "Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection."

To add a funny dimension to our readings today, we have the gospel where Mary and Joseph lost the boy Jesus. How can you lose the Son of God? It must have been a very safe world for them to have noticed that Jesus was missing after a whole day! But immediately they realized that they started to look for Him until they found him. This story serves to remind us that sometimes mistakes do occur when raising our children. When I say mistake here, it does not carry the idea of sin for the Holy Family, but it does in a way

remind us that there is no family that is perfect or without trials and difficulties. Mary and Joseph had their own trial of the loss of Jesus for about 3 days. What would Mary have been thinking? How about Joseph? There is not a single family without its crises at one time or the other, but we must always be able despite our challenges to look out for ourselves. When errors occur or whenever one of us is lost, we must all ensure, either through prayers or concerted effort seek to bring that person back. Every family has that individual who sometimes enjoys getting lost to which I must say we must also enjoy the fun of searching for that individual to get him/her back. And if we want to be sincere with ourselves most of us are lost and found children of God.

In recent years, there has been an increase in couples restricting partially or completely access to grandchildren by the grandparents. While I note that every family has its own internal dynamics, I am convinced that every love lost in a family can be found again just as Jesus was found in the Gospel. That is why our first reading is so concerned about the way we treat our elderly ones. This year as I am reading the genealogy of Jesus and see some of the interesting characters, I was inspired to think about how we relate with our immediate parents. It is so easy to blame my mom for all that is wrong with me for example, but who will my mom blame and how far can it go back. I have to admit that it is easy to blame my parents because they are my closest ancestors to me but then is it completely their fault? Most times our parents are trying their best with what Life has given them and they will make mistakes just as we will also make mistakes. I am not saying our parents are perfect, I am only saying we should not assume that growing up was also perfect for them. We all have our scars and all we can do is heal together. We also all have all our stars and all we can do is shine together. We can find a way to work things out and that is what Holy Family is all about. That is why our first reading is so concerned about the way we treat our elderly ones.

Finally, this, Christmastide, avoid any topic that can bring rift or discord during family dinners. Someone told me last week that even talking about weather is now even considered political. So, what can you talk about at dinners? Talk about the real football and Jesus will be with you all.

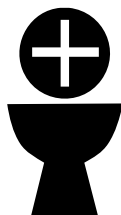
—Fr. Paul

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:15am (SJE)	<b>December 30</b> + Robert Rood
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:15am (QR)  5:00pm (SJE)	<b>December 31</b> For the people of the parish  + Rosemary & Donald Ottenstein
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:15am (SJE)  12:15pm (QR)  7:00pm (SJE)	<b>January 1</b> + Jan & Eileen Kopaczewski  For the people of the parish  For the people of the parish
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15am (QR)	<b>January 2</b> Jan Such, + Edna Mae Dobner
<b>Friday</b> 8:15am (SJE)	<b>January 3</b> Jan Such
<b>Saturday</b> 8:15am (QR)  5:00pm (SJE)	<b>January 4</b> + Patrick Frasco  Jan Such, + Michael & Dorothea Hain, + Anton & Regina Hain, + Jacob & Sophie Kocolowski
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am (QR)  9:15am (SJE)  10:30am (QR)	<b>January 5</b> For the people of the parish  + Tommy DeLorenzo  + Mario Bartucci



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**January 4/5**

Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
<b>5:00pm</b>	Don Kauffold	Peter Meister Jill Meister Virigina Vogt
<b>8:00am</b>	Ray Bauer	Deacon Jerry Elizabeth Luong Julie Beesley
<b>9:15am</b>	Judy Lorch	VickiLynn Gilman Vicky Lucki Joyce Leach
<b>10:30am</b>	Jim Styka	Carol Styka Paul Tognocchi Donna Tognocchi



### 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>	<b>December 30</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>  5pm 6pm	<b>December 31</b> <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Confessions (QR) AA New Year's Party (SJE Shea Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>  7:00pm 7:30pm	<b>January 1</b> Happy New Year ( <i>Parish Office Closed</i> ) Confessions (SJE) AA (SJE Ministry Center)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 2</b>
<b>Friday</b> 8:15am 7:30pm	<b>January 3</b> Adoration begins with daily Mass (SJE) AA (SJE Ministry Center)
<b>Saturday</b> 8:15am 12:00pm	<b>January 4</b> Adoration begins with daily Mass (QR) Reconciliation (QR)
<b>Sunday</b> 10:30am	<b>January 5</b> Children's Liturgy of the Word (QR)



### SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Bonnie Costa, Marilyn Foss, Tamera Garrity, Eileen Gascon, Fran Gascon, Sandy Gran, Patty Kaczor, Bobbye 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...**

Richard Dombrowski

Please pray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.



DON'T MISS OUT!



## Epiphany

January 4th & 5th

All Masses

*Start the New Year blessed!*



## 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.*

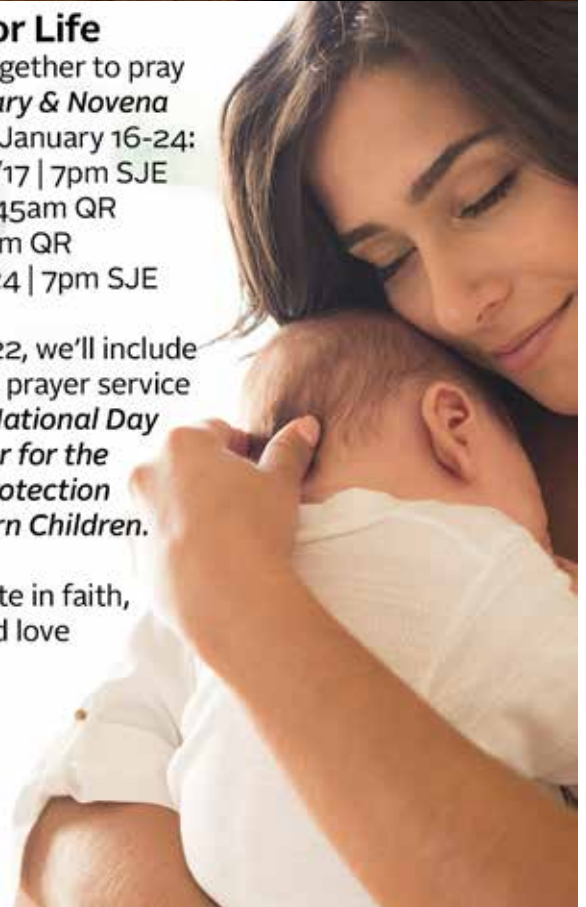
Contact the parish office at  
(847) 979-0901 to discover more.

## 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!





**Gospel in Focus: January 5, 2025**

The magi visit the baby Jesus to pay Him homage. "They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother." Matthew 2:10-11

**Discussion Questions**

What can we learn about Jesus from the actions of the three wise men?

What "gifts" can we offer Jesus in this Christmas season?

How have we grown closer to Jesus through this past Advent and Christmas season?

**52 Week Mass Guide for Families:**

[olbsegu.org/prayer-life/#MassGuide](http://olbsegu.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!

**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#/](http://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!*





**Picture this:** twinkling flashlights, cozy blankets and the magic of Christmas stories! Our 4th and 5th grade storytellers lit up the room (literally!) while reading holiday tales to their Preschool buddies, helping them wind down for afternoon rest. The joy was so contagious, we couldn't tell who enjoyed story time more—the little listeners or their big buddies!

Christmas break is in full swing, but our 65th Anniversary celebration marches on! As we gear up for Catholic Schools Week, we're excited to showcase the spirit, faith and excellence that make Queen of the Rosary School special. Come discover the lifelong benefits of a Catholic education for your child—where learning, love and leadership shine bright!

## 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](http://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	\$11,944.00
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2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges (Projected Rebate \$24,308)	\$89,333.00
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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!



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## BONUS FEATURE: LOOKING AHEAD

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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We wish you and yours  
a very Merry Christmas!



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



**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!

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament **Youth Ministry** visits Victory Centre 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:  
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## Young Adult Ministry

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

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## 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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