

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

"The winding roads shall
be made straight, and the
rough ways made smooth."
—Luke 3:5



Second Sunday of Advent | December 8, 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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In this Sunday's Gospel from Luke, we hear John the Baptist call us to "prepare the way of the Lord" and make straight the paths that lead us to hope and healing. In our Journey of the Heart Grief Share Group, participants have found that even in the midst of loss, God's love shines through as they journey together toward comfort and renewal. Following, read testimonials from members who have experienced the transformative power of sharing their burdens and finding grace in community.

Something I Would "Get Through"

Grief took me by surprise. Always the strong one, I was mistaken and thought that the tremendous sadness of living without my husband of forty-two years was something I would get through, and could do so on my own. I am forever grateful that I had been encouraged to be open to the support I found with Journey of the Heart. The first session Kleenex boxes got a great deal of attention. Some even found it too painful to share the stories of their loss. We started on the path together of learning to grieve in our own ways. We found comfort in the common thread to our broken hearts knowing that others understood in a way that our best friends and family, despite sincere efforts, could not. Our facilitators were not only there to listen, but to enlighten us. Having invested years offering support and guidance to many before us, they were able to inspire conversations, address resentment and confusion, even tackle hopelessness. They drew from our faith in God, armed us with the power of prayer and most importantly, they gave us hope!

Blessed to have taken part in all four seasons of Journey of the Heart, I have become what I am certain to be lifelong friends with some who shared my story. There remains a place in our hearts for the sadness of our losses, but thanks to this life altering opportunity, we will be there for each other, wherever God's plans take us. —Colleen S.

Tried to Make Sense of It On My Own

If there is such a thing as a soulmate, he definitely was mine, the love of my life, my partner, my best friend. My spouse of 52 years and to lose him was (and is) devastating. I tried to make sense of it on my own, and my family and friends were lovely, but they couldn't fathom the depths of my grief, as they weren't walking the same journey. I needed to talk to people who were experiencing the same situation as I was. I looked

around and even went to another group, but it was non-denominational, and I needed the comfort of my own religion.

I found out about Journey of the Heart one day at our monthly Prayer Shawl meeting. And I'm so glad I did. The facilitators who run the Journey of the Heart program allowed us to express our grief in our own way, and helped show us that through the love of Jesus Christ, we are not alone in our journey. I went through all four seasons of the program and have met so many lovely people who truly understood what I was going through—many of which I now treasure and consider my dear friends. I am so grateful to God and to all the people who run Journey of the Heart for helping me at such a trying time and for bringing all these wonderful dear friends into my life. Thank you for this wonderful ministry. —Judi E.

Where Do I Go from Here?

It was March 2021 and my darling wife was diagnosed with Stage 4 Brain Cancer. All efforts to save her life failed and she passed away on 12-10-21. We were devastated. How could God let this happen? Fr. Dan came to console me with spiritual support and hope, and shortly thereafter I was asked to join the bereavement and grief group call "Journey of the Heart". I agreed to participate and we learned that when someone dies, you don't get over it by forgetting, you get over it by remembering. We talked about the loss of our loved ones and how the Word of God promises to resurrect them when Jesus returns to establish His kingdom. I learned that my darling wife will live again; her "born again" spirit and soul will rise to live forever with Christ our King! A promise to all of us who choose to believe in the Word of God; to those of us who believe in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world! And so, I believe in one God, the Father Almighty; I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and our life in the world to come, amen. I have learned to believe! —Ray P.

*The next season of Journey of the Heart will be on Thursday afternoons from 2:30 to 4pm and begins January 16th. Due to the sensitive nature of discussions, **walk-ins cannot be accommodated** and registration is required. Contact the parish office to discover more: (847) 979-0901 or info@olbseqv.org.*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 14/15

Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00pm	Lisa Lang	Jill Meister Peter Meister Ron Matthey
8:00am	Kevin Colgan	Ray Bauer Mary Duffy Elizabeth Luong
9:15am	Paul Rettberg	VickiLynn Gilman Vicky Lucki Joyce Leach
10:30am	Jim Styka	Deacon Jerry Carol Styka Norene Koziatsek



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Monday</u> 8:15am (SJE) 12:15pm (SJE) 7:00pm (QR)	<u>December 9</u> + Leokadia Nowak For the people of the parish For the people of the parish
<u>Tuesday</u> 8:15am (QR)	<u>December 10</u> + Renee Prost
<u>Wednesday</u> 8:15am (SJE)	<u>December 11</u> + Jean Pientka
<u>Thursday</u> 8:15am (QR)	<u>December 12</u> + Bozeena Krzyszton
<u>Friday</u> 8:15am (SJE)	<u>December 13</u> + Lucja Weqnerowska
<u>Saturday</u> 8:15am (QR) 5:00pm (SJE)	<u>December 14</u> + Regina & Leon Raslivicius, + Ann & Wayne Reice, + Ruth & Harold Ottenstein + Vito Storelli
<u>Sunday</u> 8:00am (QR) 9:15am (SJE) 10:30am (QR)	<u>December 15</u> + Frank Duffy For the people of the parish Maria Makowska, + Barbara Burke, + John Pankratz, + Dorothy Santowski, + Karen Fidler, + Andrzej Fiszer

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> 6:15pm 6:30pm	<u>December 9</u> Guadalupe Rosary/Novena (QR) Baptismal Preparation (SJE Shea Hall)
<u>Tuesday</u> 9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	<u>December 10</u> Cougar Cubs (QR School) Tuesday Morning Scripture (SJE Shea Hall) Guadalupe Rosary/Novena (SJE)
<u>Wednesday</u> 8:15am 9:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	<u>December 11</u> 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)
<u>Thursday</u> 7:00pm	<u>December 12</u> Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (QR)
<u>Friday</u> 7:30pm	<u>December 13</u> AA (SJE Ministry Center)
<u>Saturday</u> 8:15am 12:00pm 4:30pm	<u>December 14</u> Adoration begins with Daily Mass (QR) Reconciliation (QR) Angel Tree Gift Drop Off (SJE)
<u>Sunday</u> 9:15am 5:30pm	<u>December 15</u> Angel Tree Gift Drop Off Until 11:30am (SJE) Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJE) Nine Lessons & Carols (SJE)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Eileen Burden, Dave Cattapan, Marilyn Foss, Tamera Garrity, Eileen Gascon, Frances 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

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...

Elizabeth Levitzke

Please pray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.

Enhance Your Worship Experience with Listen Everywhere WiFi!



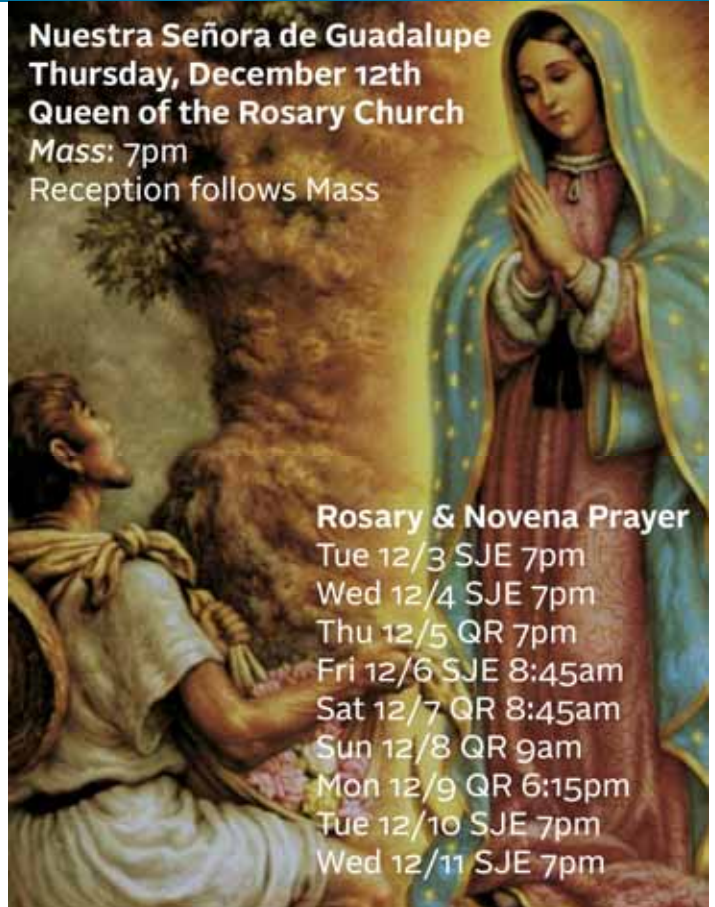
We're making it easier for those with Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids to connect and participate more fully in the liturgy. It's as simple as 1, 2, 3:

- 1 **Download** the Listen WiFi app
(App Store or Google Play.)
- 2 **Connect** to our Guest WiFi
QR: *coming soon, stay tuned!*
SJE: St. Julian Guest,
PW: *jesuslovesme*
- 3 **Select** the Worship Site **Channel**
and enjoy!



Tune in and be inspired—
technology enabling faith!

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Thursday, December 12th
Queen of the Rosary Church
Mass: 7pm
Reception follows Mass



Rosary & Novena Prayer

Tue 12/3 SJE 7pm
Wed 12/4 SJE 7pm
Thu 12/5 QR 7pm
Fri 12/6 SJE 8:45am
Sat 12/7 QR 8:45am
Sun 12/8 QR 9am
Mon 12/9 QR 6:15pm
Tue 12/10 SJE 7pm
Wed 12/11 SJE 7pm

SEASON OF *Giving*

Now Collecting
Things4Wings

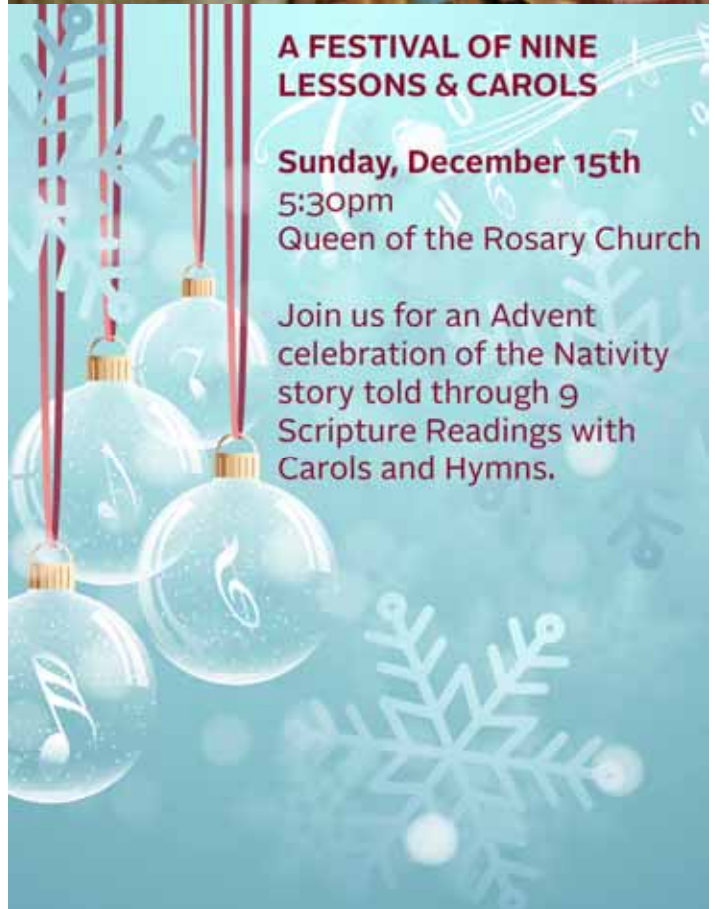
See donation instructions with
link to Wish List in the vestibule.
Drop gifts in the bins, or follow
directions to donate directly.



A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 15th
5:30pm
Queen of the Rosary Church

Join us for an Advent
celebration of the Nativity
story told through 9
Scripture Readings with
Carols and Hymns.



SEASON OF Giving

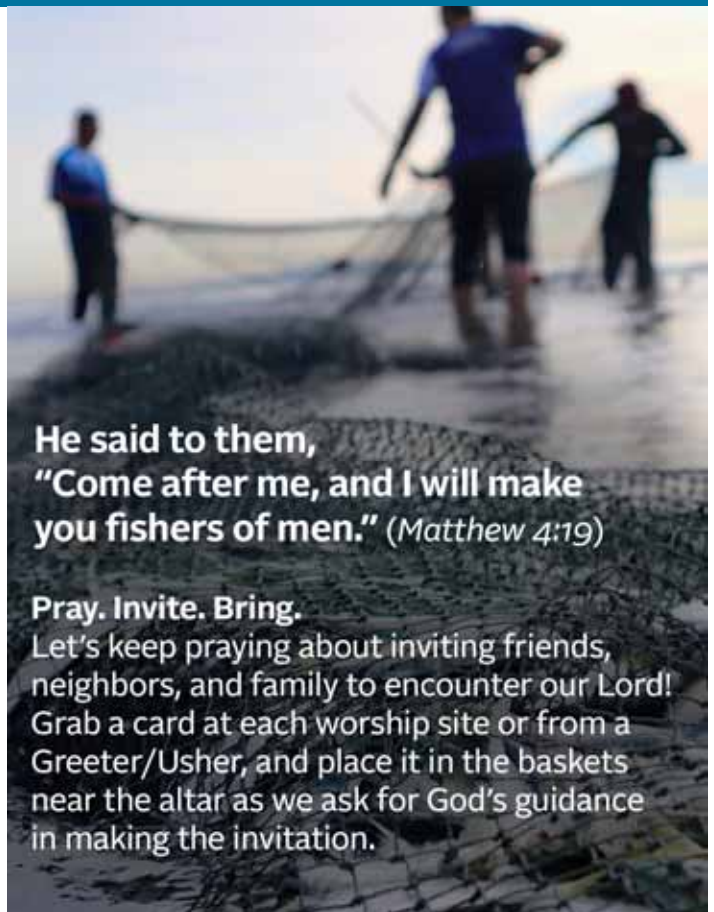
Blood Drive

December 14th

8am - 1pm

EG Village Hall, 901 Wellington

elkgrove.org/community/community-events/community-blood-drives



**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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

VIEW ALL PARISH EVENTS
ON OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR

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

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



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!

Gospel in Focus: December 15, 2024

John the Baptist makes it clear that he is not the Messiah, but is preparing the way for the Messiah. "He was not the light, but came to testify to the light." —John 1:8

Discussion Questions

How can we "make straight the way for the Lord?"

Many people mistakenly thought John was the Messiah. Who is someone that you would like to be mistaken for? Why?

John came to "testify to the light." How can we help others more clearly see Jesus?

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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E info@olbsegv.org

We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!



Calling All Little Cubs!

Join us for Cougar Cubs on the second Tuesday of most months from 9-11am. A fun-filled morning for little cubs and their guardians! Whether you're a parent, grandparent or caregiver, bring your little ones for community and fun!

Next Cougar Cubs: Tuesday, November 12th



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.

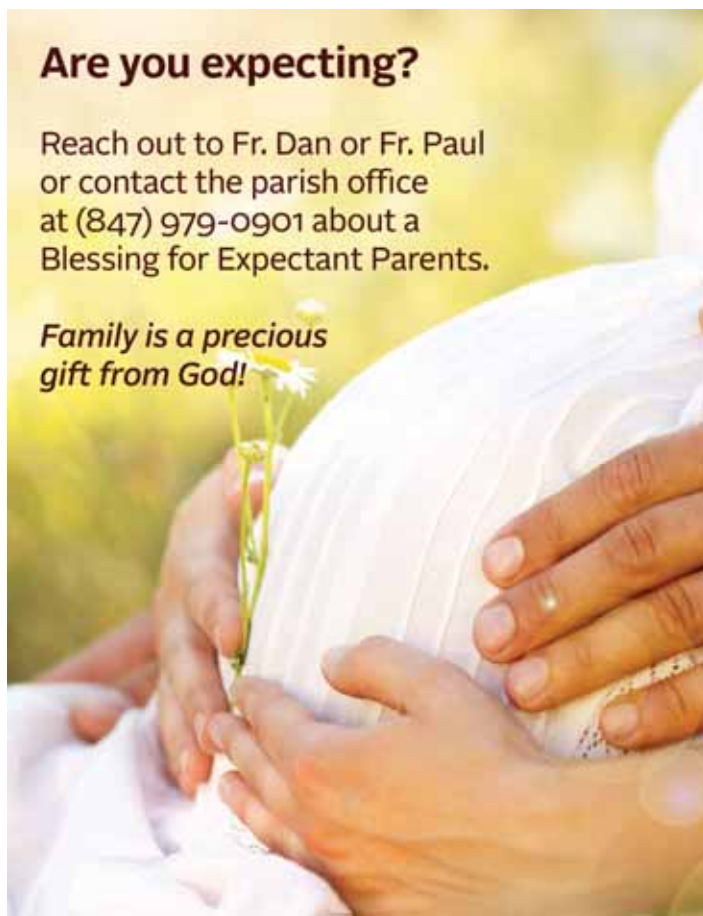
On the second Tuesday
of each month, Respect
Life joins Rosary to lead
a **Rosary for Life**.

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@olbsegy.org.



Discover more:
olbsegy.org/ministry/ or contact the
parish office at (847) 979-0901 or
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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
the parish office at (847) 979-0901 or
info@olbsegv.org.



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.
(847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegv.org.



As our 65th Anniversary year roars on, we're thrilled to spotlight our November Cougars of the Month! These remarkable students shone brightly, embodying the spirit of our Queen of the Rosary School with their kindness, dedication and Cougar pride. Whether in the classroom, on the playground or lending a helping hand, they've gone above and beyond to make a difference.

Let's give a mighty roar of applause for these shining stars who remind us every day why we're proud to be Cougars. Way to go, November honorees—our students are what makes 65 years of Catholic education in Elk Grove Village legendary!

Got a flair for marketing or a gift for social media?
We want YOU!
Earn service hours while helping spread the word about our amazing Queen of the Rosary School. Reach out to the office today (847) 437-3322. Your skills can make a BIG impact!

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, December 8th

- **4th & 5th Grades** help celebrate the 10:30am Mass at QR.
- Last chance to buy **Grand Raffle** tickets at all Masses!
- **Pictures with Santa or the Grinch** in QR School following 10:30am Mass (sponsored by Parents Club).



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!



STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your generosity.
Your stewardship Treasure returned to
God for the support of our Church ministries.

Weekly Offertory November 24, 2024 **\$8,122.00**

Catholic Campaign for Human Dev. **\$1,234.00**

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges **\$89,333.00**
(Goal \$63,436, Projected Rebate \$24,308)

Curious about how your generosity is changing lives?

Our Annual Giving Impact
Report (7/1/23 - 6/30/24)
is here! Inside, you'll find not
only the numbers, but also
heartwarming stories of
transformation. See how
our ministries brought our
pastoral theme to life in
powerful ways! Pick up
your copy today and
celebrate the difference
we are making together!



Retirement Fund for Religious



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Please donate at your local parish on December 8, 2024 or by mail at:
National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Make check payable to Retirement Fund For Religious

retiredreligious.org

Visit retiredreligious.org/2022photos to meet the religious pictured.
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