

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

"Behold, I am sending my messenger  
ahead of you; he will prepare your  
way before you." —Matthew 11:10



**Third Sunday of Advent** | December 14, 2025

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we share our Parish Annual Report this weekend, I want to begin with a simple sentiment that comes straight from my heart: thank you. Though I have only been blessed to serve here for five months, I continue to be inspired by the faith, generosity, and resilience that make Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish home.

Because this report covers the previous fiscal year, I am learning about much of our recent history right alongside you. In recent years, many parishes have experienced a dip in attendance and engagement, and we felt that here as well. Whether from Renew My Church, the pandemic or other concerns there has been hurt, uncertainty, and the shared challenge of rebuilding after a season of distancing.

Yet what amazes me is how faithfully Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish responded. You chose to invest in mission. You chose to invest in community. And you chose to invest in hope.

Part of that investment included strengthening our staff with positions that support our long-term growth—a dedicated Operations Director, a full-time Music Director, a focused Communications Director, and most recently a Lifelong Faith Formation Coordinator working to strengthen both our parish and our Queen of the Rosary School. These roles weren't added as luxuries, but as essential tools for renewal. And now, we're beginning to see the fruits of that vision: attendance slowly rising, ministries coming to life, and increased enrollment in both Religious Education and the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. These are signs of a parish rediscovering its vitality.

Like me, you may notice that our deficit appears to have grown this year, but it's important to understand why. Maintaining two worship sites—each more than 50 years old—comes with necessary costs. As Fr. Dan shared previously, our To Teach Who Christ Is campaign funds were intentionally re-designated for capital repairs. This past year, those funds covered major projects: replacing the heating and cooling system at Queen of the Rosary Church, resealing and restriping the parking lots, fixing a damaged concrete walk at St. Julian Eymard Church, and importantly the installation of security cameras at each worship site. These were significant but essential improvements—investments in safety, stewardship, and the future.

At the same time, I want you to know that I am working closely with parish staff, our leadership team, including the Finance Council, to ensure that we care well for the treasure entrusted to us. Good stewardship happens not only in major decisions, but sometimes in small, simple choices—turning off unused lights, reducing energy costs, or switching to more economical supplies. Everything adds up, and everything matters.

I encourage you to pick up your copy of the FY25 Giving Impact Statement in the vestibule or download it from our weekly eNewsletter. As you read through it, I hope you'll look beyond the financial columns to see the stories—the ways your generosity has touched lives, strengthened faith, and helped neighbors in need. It is a testament to what God is doing through you.

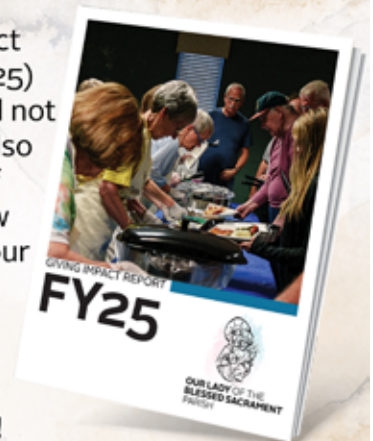
Next Sunday, members of our Finance Council will be available after Mass to answer questions or offer further explanation. And as always, I welcome your thoughts, your concerns, and your hopes. You'll find my email address at the end of this letter—I'm always grateful to hear from you.

Thank you for your presence. Thank you for your faith. And thank you for the warm welcome you have given me since July. I am truly proud of the work I see God accomplishing in you and through you. May we continue building His Kingdom together, as Companions on the Journey.

—Fr. Arthur  
arbautista@archchicago.org

### Curious about how our generosity is changing lives?

Our Annual Giving Impact Report (7/1/24 - 6/30/25) 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!



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:15am (SJE)	<b>December 15</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:15am (QR)  1:40pm (QR)	<b>December 16</b>  School Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:15am (SJE)	<b>December 17</b> + Joel Santos
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15am (QR)	<b>December 18</b> + Peter & Dorothy Shianna, + Dcn Joel Casey, + Wacław Modzelewski
<b>Friday</b> 8:15am (SJE)	<b>December 19</b> + Bonnie Costa
<b>Saturday</b> 8:15am (QR)  5:00pm (SJE)	<b>December 20</b>  <b>Simbang Gabi Mass</b> + Nick Spaniak, + Mom Bryak and Mary & Charles Vicksta, Deceased members of the Stomper family, + Jerry Russell, + Diane Schuldt, + Ralph & Beatrice Ellison, + Marge & George Stoddart, + Mrs. Cherney
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am (QR)  9:15am (SJE)  10:30am (QR)	<b>December 21</b> For the people of the parish  Deceased members of the Newcomb and Quilici families, + Donald Leach  + Lou Gennuso, + Mary Ann D'amato

### 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> 9:00am 6:30pm	<b>December 15</b> Cougar Cubs (QRS) Youth Ministry (Victory Centre) Baptism Preparation (SJE Shea Hall) Parish Council Exec Comm (SJE Rms 11/12)
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00pm	<b>December 16</b> Rosary (SJE)
<b>Wednesday</b>  8:15am 9:30am 3:00pm 7:00pm	<b>December 17</b> Cougar Day! Adoration begins with daily Mass (SJE) Bible Study (SJE Shea Hall) Divine Mercy Prayer (SJE) Reconciliation (SJE) Bell Choir Practice (QR) Parent Club (QRS Rm K) AA (SJE Ministry Center)
7:30pm	
<b>Thursday</b> 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	<b>December 18</b> Advent Food Sorting (SJE Ministry Center) QR School Christmas Show (QR) Choir Rehearsal (SJE)
<b>Friday</b> 7:30pm	<b>December 19</b> AA/Al Anon (SJE Ministry Center)
<b>Saturday</b> 8:15am Noon	<b>December 20</b> Adoration begins w/Mass (QR) Reconciliation (QR)
<b>Sunday</b> 9:15am 2:00pm 6:00pm	<b>December 21</b> CLW (SJE) Families of Christ Jesus (SJE Rms 11/12) Youth Ministry Christmas Party (SJE)

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS



**December 20/21**

Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
<b>5:00pm</b> Fr. Art	Simbang Gabi Team	Deacon Jerry Lynette Lee Kathy Casterton
<b>8:00am</b> Fr. Art	Mary Ellen O'Shea	Ray Bauer Larry Zabinski Judi Necek
<b>9:15am</b>	Don Kauffold	VickiLynn Gilman Vicky Lucki Patricia Childress
<b>10:30am</b> Fr. Art	Charles Glomski	Dan Schiffer Chris Schiffer Diana Ambrose

### SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS



Rosemary Beatty, Richard Conrad, Johnny Cogill, Than Van Faughn, Haley & Marilyn Foss, Eileen & Fran Gascon, Sandy Gran, Michael Grear, Victoria Grzesiakowski, Mayor Craig Johnson, Edward Lang, Eileen Meyer, Amy Norbot, Debby Novoryta, Randy Olsen, Gail Quick, John Schneider, William Seiwert, Eileen Showalter, Thomas Smith, Tilla Tillnon, Mary Beth Tomaso, Luis Alfredo Villacress, Jackie Vrtis, Marge Yackem, Ben's Sister

*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...**

Marianne Laga, Lee Fioretto

Please pray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.



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# SEASON OF *Giving*

## Now Collecting

Wings Pantry Drive

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



**Advent Reconciliation Service**  
Wednesday, December 17th | 7pm  
St. Julian Eymard Church

*Additional priests will be available to  
hear Confessions.*



## Let's Do Lunch...and Learn!

OLBS Prayer Shawl Ministry is excited to treat  
our 65+ community to a free, fun, and delicious  
Luncheon coming sometime after Easter 2026!  
Before we set the date, we're gauging interest—  
so if you'd love to join us for great food and even  
better company, let us know!

Scan the code or visit [signupgenius.com/go/  
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**Simbang Gabi**  
**Saturday, December 20th**  
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!  
*Bilingual Mass, worship aids will  
be available.*



**Gospel in Focus: December 21, 2025**

God speaks to Joseph in a dream, telling him that Mary has conceived Emmanuel through the Holy Spirit. "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God with us." — Matthew 1:23

**Discussion Questions**

How might Joseph have felt when the angel told him about Mary?

Why is it hard to trust that God will come through for us?

Share a time when God asked you to do something hard?

**52 Week Mass Guide for Families:**  
[olbsegy.org/prayer-life/#MassGuide](http://olbsegy.org/prayer-life/#MassGuide)

**Let's light up for a cause!**

Join the Good Samaritan Ministry's  
**"Oh, SNAP!" Food Drive: Advent Edition**

Grab a wish list and drop donations in the wicker baskets in the vestibules at both churches. Suggested items include canned meats and vegetables, soup, boxed cereal, stuffing mix, and other pantry favorites to support Catholic Charities.

Let's light up more than trees this Advent—let's fill hearts with gratitude and hope!



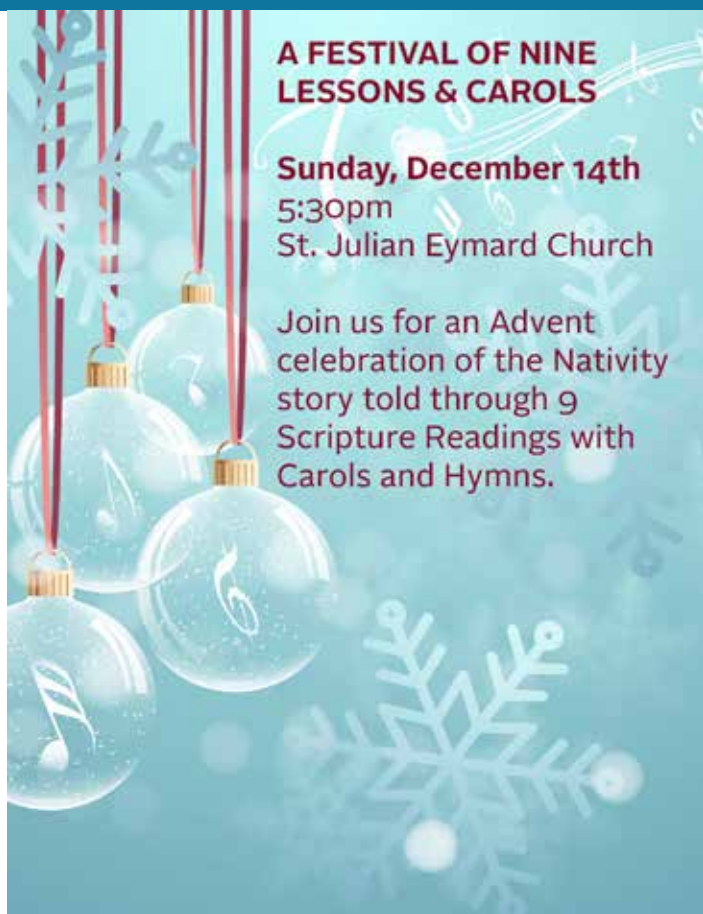
**A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

**Sunday, December 14th**

5:30pm

St. Julian Eymard Church

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



*Uncoink Creativity!*



**Wine 'n Paint: Friday, January 16th**

(If Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, January 23rd)

6:30pm | Shea Hall

\$20 per person, RSVP by January 4th

Sponsored by Women's Club, all are invited to join the fun!





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We also had a wonderful time hosting Pictures with Santa and the Grinch. It was such a gift to see so many familiar faces and share in the joy of the season together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our parish school. If you or someone you know would like more information about Queen of the Rosary School, please reach out!



If you'd like to learn  
more about our school,  
we'd love to connect!



PAWS UP!





## 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 Goal	\$14,000
In-pew/Mail-in Offertory Dec 7, 2025 (Sunday Attendance: 828, more snow!)	\$10,410.00
Queen of the Rosary School Support	\$415.00
Votive Candles	\$161.00
Christmas Flowers	\$250.00
2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges (Projected Rebate \$35,000)	\$97,745.00

Pray, Donate or Volunteer to help us launch Alpha at OLBS!

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Volunteer: 



**Retirement Fund for Religious**



**Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**

Please donate at your local parish on December 14, 2025 or by mail at:  
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[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

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**December** is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.



**January** is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.



**February** is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



**March** is dedicated to St. Joseph.





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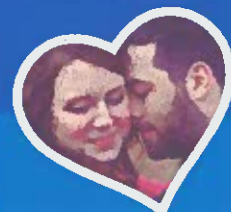
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