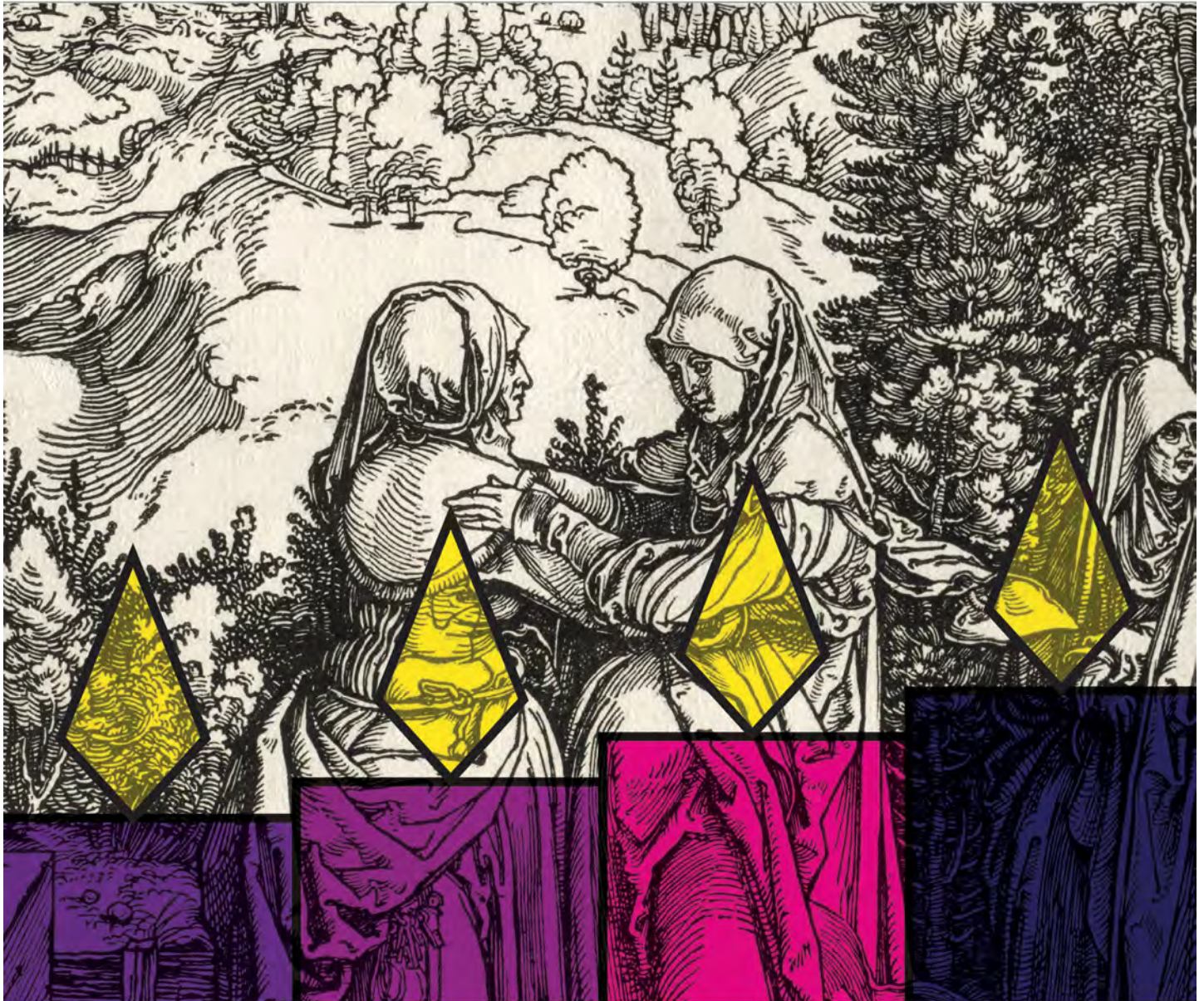


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 19, 2021



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. OLBSEGV.org | (847) 979-0901

MASS TIMES SUNDAY AND VIGIL

Queen of the Rosary Sun 8am, 10:30am
750 W. Elk Grove Blvd

St. Julian Eymard Sat Vigil 5pm
601 Biesterfield Road Sun 9:15am



Have you seen our Mission Statement on our Websites or on the cover of the bulletins?

Our Mission Statement isn't just a catch-phrase or slogan or some fancy words. Our Mission Statement describes who Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament is and how and why we do what we do. The statement also helps to keep us moving in the right direction, ensuring that we are working to serve God and all of His people.

As we begin a new liturgical year, members of our Parish Council will be sharing about what our Mission Statement means to them. Please check this space throughout Advent for these reflections.

Serving All His Children

I've had the privilege to work in mainly Catholic Hospitals for almost 45 years, the latest being Amita Health/ABHS. I remember passing by mission statement plaques in various buildings over the years, "Alexian Brothers Health System carries out the healing mission of the Catholic Church by...developing effective responses." I didn't have to think about it much because I worked there. I knew the culture and knew what it meant because I saw it in action. I took it for granted. Just like we know the Catholic Church's mission is to carry out and continue the work of Jesus Christ on earth, to be his hands and feet. Even if it doesn't sound familiar, we recognize the culture, "be disciples and make disciples."

Our OLBS mission statement gives us a direction, so we have somewhere to go. We know what we are to be doing, without this the future is fuzzy and out of focus. With this mission, we are sure of our direction and what we are aiming for. We can make decisions based on this mission. We are inspired to unity, to work as a team or community. Our goal is clear, we can strategize, be creative and plan. Our mission is the framework. Part of that framework is to serve others through our ministries, liturgies, time and talent. Ministry effectiveness is reliant on an active and alive mission that everyone knows and wants to rally behind.

Jonah was also charged with a mission. God told him to go to Nineveh, but Jonah didn't want to carry out that mission, so he left on a ship and got thrown into the sea and swallowed by a great fish. We know that Jonah was in the fish's belly for three days and nights before he prayed and was released. He then went to Nineveh to complete his mission and converted the village and its leaders with our Lord's help.

We probably won't get swallowed by a fish, already we are working toward our mission of serving the needs of all His children. And we don't have to go it alone. We have many ministries here at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament focused on serving the needs of All His Children. Our mission isn't just something to put on a plaque, it's connected to our service and the daily life of the church.

I know the culture because I see in action how our parish serves His Children's physical, spiritual and emotional needs on a daily basis...serving at Mass, helping to call parishioners during the shutdown, walking with those grieving the loss of a loved one, monthly meals for the hungry, our Season of Giving, and the list continues to grow.

Kathy Casterton, Parish Council

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Unity Prayer

Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our source of unity and strength, bless us as we become Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Grace us with courageous and compassionate hearts, working together as companions on the journey of faith to build this new Catholic Community of Elk Grove Village, dedicated to your glory by sacrament, service, and witness.

You proclaim: "See, I am doing something new!"
Softening our hearts to your will, and make us respond with ready gratitude and love.
Through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

O Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, the glory of Christians, the joy of the universal Church, and icon of hope, pray for us.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 8:15am (SJE)	December 20 + Diane Gambino Loup, + Tony & Elena Dicrescenzo, + Ralph Anthony Freda, + Alex Gard, + Donald Leach
Tuesday 8:15am (QR)	December 21 Anthony Florencio Arboleda
Wednesday 8:15am (SJE)	December 22 + Deceased members of the Petricca & DiVenti families + Donald & Rosemary Ottenstein
Thursday 8:15am (QR)	December 23 + Sr. Lori Keen
Friday 3:00pm (QR) 5:00pm (SJE) Midnight (SJE)	December 24 For the people of the parish For the people of the parish For the people of the parish
Saturday 8:00am (QR) 9:00am (SJE) 10:00am (QR)	December 25 For the people of the parish For the people of the parish For the people of the parish
Sunday 9:00am (SJE)	December 26 + Mary & John Leon, + Virginia & Peter Leon, + Ann Totos, + Alexander & Genevieve Totos, + Mary Ann & Stanley Skrzynski, + Deceased members of the McGinty & Ryan families
10:00am (QR)	+ Marcus Esparsza, + Carol Bachochin

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

7:45am	Daily Mon-Sat Morning Prayer (Telephone or App)
Monday 7:00pm	December 20 Apostolate for Family Consecration (QR)
Tuesday 6:30pm 7:00pm	December 21 Adult Choir (QR) Rosary Group (SJE)
Wednesday 2:45pm 7:00pm	December 22 Children's Choir Rehearsal (QR) Nine Lessons & Carols with Reconciliation & Adoration (QR)
Thursday	December 23 Parish Offices & Worship Sites Closed for Christmas Decorating
Friday	December 24 Wishing you a Merry Christmas! <i>(Parish Offices closed in celebration of Christmas)</i>
Saturday	December 25 Wishing you a Merry Christmas! <i>(Parish Offices closed in celebration of Christmas)</i>
Sunday	December 26 <i>Baptisms are celebrated 1st/3rd Sunday at SJE and 2nd/4th Sunday at QR each month. Please contact the parish office to schedule in advance.</i>

Advent reflection booklets available in either church vestibule or from the parish office. And be sure to grab a bookmark with the complete OLBS Advent & Christmas schedule, or view online: www.stjulianeynard.org/mass-schedule



During the winter we send meals to PADS guests housed locally. If you are able to help shop, cook, prep or pack, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054dadac2ca7f49-winter10>

Wednesday,
December 22nd
5:00-6:30pm



Winter
suppers



The Promise of Our Savior and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ told through nine short Bible readings interspersed with carols and hymns.

Wednesday, December 22nd
7 - 8:30pm
Queen of the Rosary

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CATHOLIC  EXTENSION

A Season of Giving
<https://www.stjulianeynard.org/a-season-of-giving>

We've resumed Mass and ministry here at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, but we know that not everyone is ready or able to join us at this time. We are also aware that many have resumed busy lives with family and work commitments. But, might you have some time to make personal phone calls to fellow parishioners? Or do you have other talents such as organizing spreadsheets that could help? The goal is just to check in and let our OLBS community know that we're here for them and see if we can help with anything.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and contact the parish office (847) 979-0901 if you are able to help **Love Thy Neighbor!**



Help Us Ring the Right Note!

Handbell Choir is looking for new bell ringers to create a unique and glorious sound for worship.

You will contribute to our liturgical ministries, make new friends and have a lot of fun.

All musical abilities are welcome, but basic understanding of reading music is required. *We will teach you the rest!*

Please contact the parish office for more information (847) 979-0901.

Children's Liturgy of the Word coming in January...



Children 4 years and older are invited to join CLW leaders for age appropriate liturgy including the weekly readings with a lesson. **We need leaders** for 9:15 and 10:30 Mass! Interested? Please call the parish office (847) 979-0901.

JOURNEY of the *Heart*

FINDING GOD IN OUR GRIEF



Coming in January...
Season 2 of scripture-based Grief Sharing.
Learn more:
[stjulianeynard.org/
journey-of-the-heart](http://stjulianeynard.org/journey-of-the-heart)

OUTSIDE THE PARISH



EXPLORING THE DIACONATE

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session:

7:30–8:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 14 Zoom

Wednesday, January 19 Zoom

Tuesday, February 15 Zoom

Tuesday, March 15 Our Lady of Ransom, Niles

Wednesday, April 27 Our Lady of Ransom, Niles

RSVP REQUIRED

Contact Sr. Caroline Onuoha, DMMM

847.837.4563 or conuoha@usml.edu



All married couples feeling called to marriage ministry and interested in facilitating PreCana sessions to inspire engaged couples in the vocation and mission of marriage are invited to the upcoming virtual Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Facilitator Training on **Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

To register, visit forms.office.com/r/f2PBUUyWfb.



2022 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Sunday, October 9, 2022

Run in the 2022 Bank of America Chicago Marathon to support Mission of Our Lady of the Angels.

For more info, please contact Sr. Stephanie at olamission@gmail.com, 773-486-8431 or visit www.missionola.com/marathon.html

Entries are limited, sign up ASAP!



GOOD NEWS CRUISE: OASIS OF THE SEAS January 9 – 16, 2022

The **Good News Cruise** will sail out of Miami, Florida aboard Royal Caribbean's largest and most exciting vessel, the Oasis of the Seas on a 7-night Caribbean itinerary. This cruise is the perfect gift for your marriage, but don't miss the boat, cabins are selling fast! Learn more about this Catholic cruise that will change your marriage forever:

<https://goodnewscruise.com/>

SPIRITUAL LIFE



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Bill Anchor, Anthony Arboleda, Jan Becker, Joan Butzen, Laura & Ed Colvin, Karyn Cousins, Norma Crespo, Joan Crum, John Deering, Shirley Eberhardt, Pamela Fasel, Frank Family, Karen Fidler, Jeanine Fitzmauric, Jeff Froio, Frances Gascon, Georgiana Gates, Mary Graff, Tom Guy, Charles Hall, Robert Hamilton, Christopher Kennedy, Becky Kern, Scott Michael Kerstin, Ron Klem, Irene Kopaczewski, Joyce Kordas, Erin Krasny, Christina Ledzema, Richard Lahtinen, Michael Leon, Angelica Luviano and baby, Michelle Markech, Ann Martin, Chris N., Terry Nelson-Johnson, Joe O'Shea, Renee Prost, Kathy Raimondi, Rita Rasso, Karen Rettenbacher, Nydia Rodriguez, Dave Roller, John Schneider, Allan & Anne Schmid, Ramona Sedivy, Sara Solorio, Geri Spinnato, Marge Yackem, Jeanette Zahn, Jim Zorbas

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.

Rosary for Life

On the **second Tuesday** of each month, OLBS Rosary Group is joined by the Respect Life Ministry to pray a special rosary recognizing the sanctity of life from conception until natural death.

All are invited to join for Rosary and stay for a Respect Life meeting.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides a way to wrap people in prayer. Please call the office (847) 956-0130 or (847) 437-0403 to pick up a shawl, blanket or pocket prayer cloth for a member of the church community that is in need of our prayers. Meetings are generally the fourth Wednesday and third Saturday of each month in Shea Hall or, weather permitting, the Marian Garden. Please check the parish calendar on our website for upcoming dates.

Follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SJEPrayerShawl/>



Grant Unto Them Eternal Rest...

Please continue to pray for all lives lost to COVID-19, from our OLBS family and beyond.

Join Rosary Group each Tuesday Evening at 7pm at SJE to pray the Rosary.

Rosary prayer is live-streamed to the SJE Facebook page and website: <https://www.stjulianeynard.org/remote-mass-prayer>





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MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



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& HAPPY NEW YEAR



Queen of the Rosary School is on Christmas Break from December 18, 2021 to January 2, 2022. Classes resume on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Wishing all of our school and parish families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

OLBS RE is on Christmas Break from December 16, 2021 to January 7, 2022. Classes resume on Saturday, January 8, 2022.

Wishing all of our RE, school and parish families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



Reminder, Youth Ministry Christmas Party is Sunday, December 19, 2021 from 4:30 to 6pm in Shea Hall.

Please let us know if you're able to come:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054dadac2ca7f49-ymchristmas>

Wishing all of our YM, school and parish families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Mr. Van, Volunteer Youth Minister
YM@OLBSEGV.org | (847) 979-0901**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS



REFINER'S FIRE

Refiner's Fire Episode 12: Public Speaking, will be LIVE on **Tuesday, December 21st, at 12pm CT** with Gary Schmidt, CEO for Clackamas County in the Portland-metropolitan area of Oregon. In a position like his, you have to be able to speak confidently in front of city-wide crowds and reporters, in-person and live on various news channels. During his career, Gary also served as Director of Public and Government Affairs and as a speechwriter and constituent services coordinator for two U.S. Senators.

Learn more:

<https://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/events/refiners-fire-with-gary-schmidt>

Join YCP Chicago on **Tuesday, January 11th**

for an Executive Speaker Series event, featuring Julia Hogan-Werner, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor in Chicago and owner of Vita Optimum Counseling & Consulting, LLC., who will speak on "Living Your True Identity Beyond Work."

Young adults in their 20s and 30s from ALL industries are invited to this free event, where you will learn insights about the integration of faith and work and network with other young Catholic professionals from the Chicagoland area over complimentary beer, wine, and appetizers.

Mass will be at 6:15pm (confession will be available starting at 5:30pm), and networking and the speaker's presentation will take place from 7pm-9pm. Free parking will be available in either of the St. Alphonsus parking lots (next to or behind the theater).

<https://www.ycpchicago.org/events/chicago-jan-executive-speaker-julia-hogan-werner>

Christmas 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We joyfully celebrate the birth of the Lord. As we do so, we are also very much aware the challenges that we face—moving beyond the pandemic, building social peace in our society, and finding economic stability in uncertain times. In all of this, we reaffirm our faith that Jesus truly is Emmanuel, God-with-us. He accompanies us and walks with us. And that gives us great confidence and sure hope.

This year, Pope Francis has called the entire Church to reflect on synodality, a word that means “being on the road together,” as we make our life journey. We believe that Jesus is on the road with us. And our faith also leads us to commit ourselves to be on the road with each other. In this season, we take inspiration from the Christmas gospel stories of Mary and Joseph journeying on the road together to Bethlehem and the Magi on the road together to find Jesus.

I pray that, accompanied by the Lord, we may learn to be sources of encouragement for each other on the journey.

During this holy season, I will bring you, your loved ones, and your special intentions to the altar. As I pray for you, I also ask you to pray for me, so that together all of us may find renewal in the Lord.

God bless you and keep you,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Whatever you are able to share in terms of financial contributions, volunteer time or prayer, please know that you are a gift to our OLBS family. Your presence, whether in spirit or in person, mean more to our local Church than you can imagine.

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