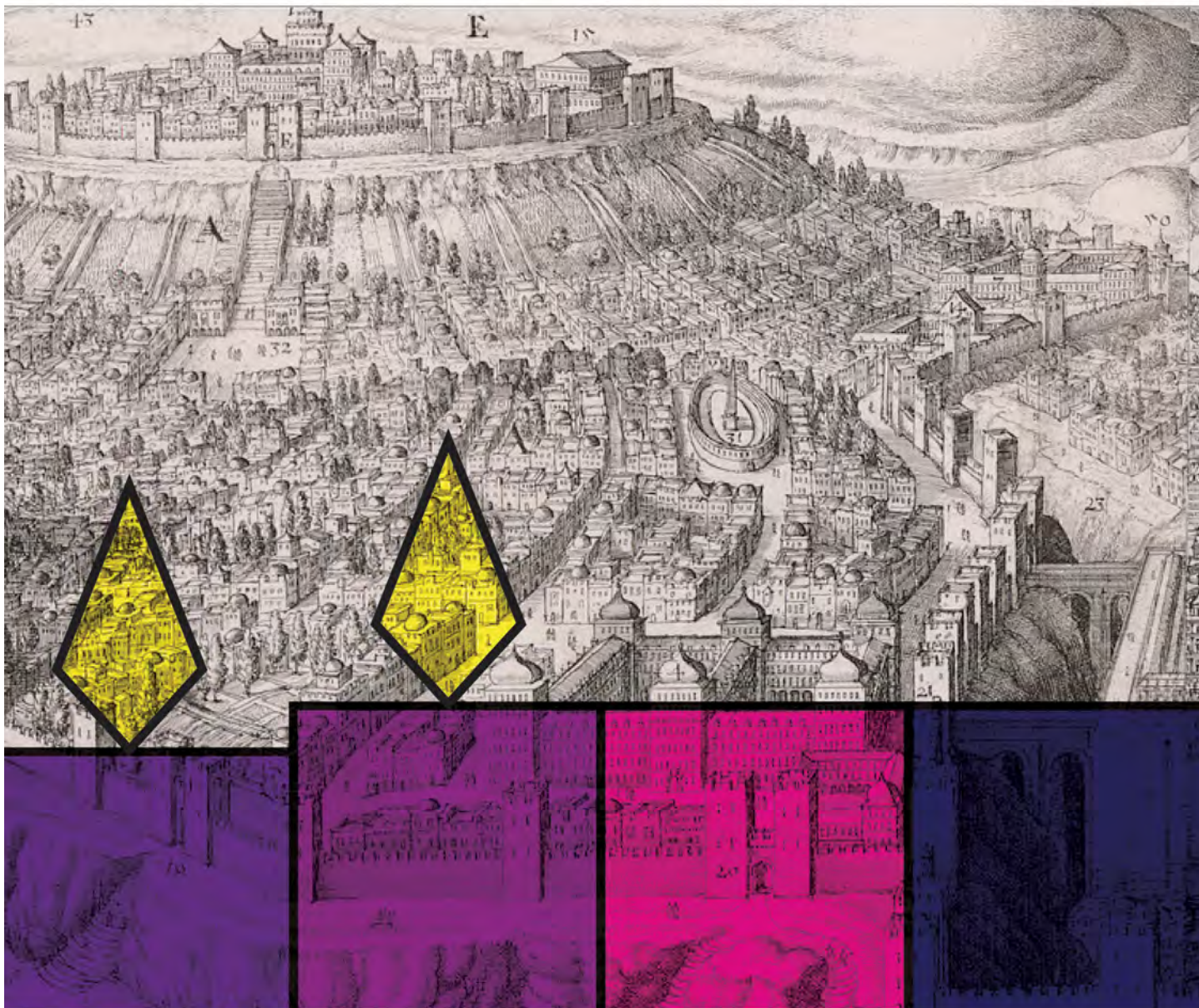


OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent | December 5, 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.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Over the years, when I am asked about my faith, when I am asked why I am a practicing Catholic, my answer is always the same – “I'm a Catholic because of the Sacraments.” If you believe in God, and if you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, our Redeemer, who died for our sins to reconcile us to God the Father, then you seek to connect with Him in the strongest possible way. You seek to connect with the Lord through the Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders.

Each of the Sacraments are important and play a specific role in connecting us to the Lord and opening us up to His grace. I am going to reflect on the Sacrament that I believe is most critical to our lives of faith, love of God and love of others – the Eucharist.

As we take the Lord Jesus Christ into our physical bodies the Holy Spirit transforms our hearts and spirits to be the best possible person we can be – the best possible representative of our living, loving God in this place and time. We become a part of His Church. We become a vital part of the living Body of Christ.

Each time we receive the Eucharist, we become more open to God's grace. We become better able to focus on the critical, meaningful, positive parts of life, and, likewise, better able to minimize negative, distracting, and destructive influences. The Eucharist provides the spiritual nourishment necessary to become the person God intends for us to be.

When I was in my early teens, I asked my parish's religious education coordinator why it is important to attend Mass each Sunday when we can pray to God at any time and place. She replied that while it is critical that we pray to God and establish a personal ongoing dialogue with Him, it is also vital that we pray to God as a community of believers. She said that God makes Himself available to us in a different and powerful way when we are together worshipping, thanking, and petitioning Him. She referenced Matthew 18:20 – “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in the midst of them.” That really got through my thick skull and remains with me to this day.

I also asked her if it was okay to skip Mass if I was not in a mood to pray or worship or be thankful on any given Sunday. She replied that I should go to Mass every Sunday at a minimum because God welcomes me to Mass and desires my attendance regardless of my mood or disposition. And the most important reason of all to attend Mass is to receive the Eucharist. Again, this made a huge impression on me and helped make the Eucharist a central part of my life's journey. Thank God for that!

I pray that the parishioners of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and other members of our community hear and heed God's loving invitation to the Eucharist.

Don Kauffold, 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 6 + Diane Gambino Loup
Tuesday 8:15am (QR)	December 7 + Louis Cherney
Wednesday 8:15am (SJE) 7:00pm (SJE)	December 8 Anthony Florencio Arboleda, + Concetta Bartucci, + Nicholas Mavrakis For the people of the parish
Thursday 8:15am (QR)	December 9 Anthony Florencio Arboleda
Friday 8:15am (SJE)	December 10 + Kathy
Saturday 8:15am (SJE) 5:00pm (SJE)	December 11 Anthony Florencio Arboleda + Marge Stoddart, + Raymond Jakimczyk, + Charles Smith, + Alexander Gard, + Paul & Alexandra Lukasiewicz, + Ike Wermat
Sunday 8:00am (QR) 9:15am (SJE) 10:30am (QR)	December 12 + The deceased members of the Stompor, Van Damme and Vonder Heide families, + Patricia Fitzgerald, + Bill Costa + Eujenio Pientka For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

7:45am	Daily Mon-Sat Morning Prayer (Telephone or App) All this week, Angel Tree Drop Off in Shea Hall.
Monday 7:00pm	December 6 Book Club (SJE Shea Hall)
Tuesday 7:00pm	December 7 Rosary Group (SJE) Adult Choir (QR)
Wednesday 9:30am 2:45pm	December 8 <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Office Close</i> Morning Bible Study (SJE Shea Hall) Reconciliation w/Adoration (QR)
Thursday	December 9
Friday 7:00pm	December 10 AA Meeting (QR Parish Center)
Saturday 8am-1pm 11am-1pm 4:30pm	December 11 Awakening Hope: Parish Advent Retreat w/Fr. Britto Berchmanns Reconciliation (SJE Shea Hall) Angel Tree Gift Drop Off (SJE)
Sunday 8:30-11:30	December 12 Angel Tree Gift Drop Off (SJE) <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>

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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



Jesus, I Trust In You!

All are invited to stay and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet following the **Dec 5 Mass at 9:15am** at St. Julian Eymard.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Wednesday, December 8 at St. Julian
 8:15am Daily Mass and 7pm Evening Mass
 (No Reconciliation or Adoration at QR)



Lessons & Carols
 Wednesday, December 22nd
 6:30 to 8pm
 Queen of the Rosary



Mark your calendars for **Saturday morning, December 11th** as Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament welcomes Fr. Britto Berchmans to lead our Parish Advent Retreat. *Let's step into the Advent & Christmas season with a new heart for God.* RSVP here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054dadac2ca7f49-awakening>



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





Hey OLBS, are we ready to make an even more powerful difference together?

As part of our Season of Giving, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament has been invited to join Catholic Extension and parishes across the country in a national expression of "Catholic Kinship" with the 1,000 poorest parishes in America.

The goal is to have 1,000 parishes like OLBS contribute \$1,000 (or more if we are able) to lift up our brothers and sisters before Christmas in parishes that are most in need.

What difference will our \$1,000 make? For parishes supported by Catholic Extension, \$1,000 is a major gift and may represent up to 10 Sunday collections!

Take Father Hemmer, pastor of a small remote parish in the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska...a gift of \$1,000 would help to continue to bring peace, faith and the Word of God to the people of his challenging and remote region of our country.

Fr. Hemmer lives in a small fishing village near the church he tends to his Alaskan Catholic brothers and sisters on a daily basis, even in the Winter when they typically experience six feet of snow, sudden ice storms and temperatures as low as 60 degrees below zero.

To help build faith, inspire hope and ignite change, look for the signs in our vestibules and place your donation in the gold envelopes, or call the parish office (847) 979-0901 to make a donation online.

Together we can make a powerful difference!

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, 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:

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Grant Unto Them Eternal Rest...

Beth Labant, John Deering, Jim Kuntz, Mary Haddigan, Carol Montego, Aileen Pelrine

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>





QUEEN OF THE ROSARY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Our current plan is to have this year's Christmas program in-person on **Thursday, Dec 16 at QR Church at 7:00 p.m.** Due to the need to distance, each family will receive two tickets to attend the performance. Unfortunately we can't make any exceptions. We are planning to livestream on Facebook. (**Please note:** If we have too many active cases of Covid, we may have to go with a virtual show. The decision will be made closer to the date of the performance.)

Last chance to purchase tickets!

Grand Raffle Drawing will be held on December 5th via live stream on QR School's Facebook page.

Tickets are available for online purchase.

Visit qrschool.org for details or go to: grandraffle2021.givesmart.com.

Share with friends and families by texting [gradraffle2021](https://text.graffle2021.com) to 76278 .



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Kathleen McGinn, Principal
www.qrschool.org
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Join OLBS RE for the first annual Christmas Carol Sing-Along on Monday, December 20th at SJE at 7pm. All RE families and catechists are invited.

And just remember, if you don't sing well, sing loud!



SAVE THE DATE... coming in January, Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered at the 9:15am and 10:30am Masses once per month. Specific dates will be noted on the Parish Calendar:
<https://www.stjulianeynard.org/olbs-calendar>

Carol Uhlarik, CRE; (847) 979-0901
carol@OLBSEGV.org



Calling all Youth Ministry teens, join the fun at our Annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 19th in Shea Hall from 4:30 to 6pm! Each person should bring a white-elephant gift to play Robber Santa. Gifts can be, but don't have to be, something purchased. Remember, gifts don't have to cost anything and something you already have around the house will work just fine. The funnier the better (but keep it clean, folks!) Gifts should be wrapped. Be sure to sign up using this link so we know how many we will be: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054dadac2ca7f49-ymchristmas>

We still have upcoming service opportunities:

Kid's Christmas Film Night | Friday, December 10
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054dadac2ca7f49-kids>

March for Life | January 8
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054dadac2ca7f49-2022>

We can't wait to see you there!

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Saturday, December 11th St. Joseph Saturday Retreat

St. Joseph Saturday is a FREE half-day retreat (open to all young adults in their 20s and 30s), where young adults are encouraged to "look upon work with the eyes of faith" and see God's presence in their vocations and professional lives. The retreat will include talks, group discussion, and prayer, and it will be a time to reflect on the life of YCP's patron saint, St. Joseph the Worker.

Learn more:

<https://www.ycpchicago.org/events/chicago-st-joseph-saturday-retreat>

Are you looking to connect with other young adult Catholics, or thinking about bringing a young adult ministry to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament? Check out these online resources from the Archdiocese of Chicago:

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/covid-19-pastoral-resources/young-adult-online-resources>



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-Fr. Dan





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Meet Emma, a 17-year-old mother of a six-month old baby. The high school senior did not want to be pregnant again, but her boyfriend promised to support her if she decided to keep their second child. Grandma wanted her to have an abortion, but Mom was strongly against it. A free ultrasound at The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland revealed that Emma was further along in her pregnancy than she thought. She ignored wellness calls for several weeks, and soon after her phone was disconnected. Not giving up, The Women’s Centers wrote to Emma and were thrilled to receive the good news that Emma is keeping her baby, due March 25, 2022! *Our Baby Bottle campaign proceeds will be split between The Women’s Centers and TLC Pregnancy Services.*

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