

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph | December 31, 2023

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**God is good...**As an extension of Christmas, we have reached the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The gospels tell us very little about them. Their purpose is not to satisfy our curiosity. The message they are sending us is indeed very important. What we need to look for is the good news that is being announced. This good news, it is up to us to welcome it, to make it pass into our life, and to communicate it around us.

Today we see Mary and Joseph going to the temple of Jerusalem to perform all that is prescribed by the law concerning the child. Formerly, the prophet Ezekiel had seen, in a grandiose vision, the glory of God come to the temple. He had heard this word: *"Son of man, this is the place of my throne, the place where I put the soles of my feet. I will live there among the Israelites forever."* Now the Son of God is entering the temple of Jerusalem. He does it without glory and trumpet. The first to recognize this is not the official authorities, the scribes, and the priests, but small people. Through Simeon and Anna, the whole people of the poor come to meet Christ the Savior. **This is a summary of the whole gospel.**

This discovery was possible because Simeon and Anna were contemplatives. They served God days and nights in prayer. It is thanks to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that Simeon recognizes in Jesus **"the salvation which God has prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for his people Israel."** Like Simeon and Anna, we can learn in prayer to recognize Christ in our lives. He is there, but too often we are elsewhere. We forget that to live Christmas is to first welcome Jesus who comes.

This meeting with Simeon and Anne leaves us with another message very important. Mary receives the revelation of the trials she will go through. This child will be a sign of division. His message will be rejected by most of his people. Salvation is offered to all, but nothing is possible if men/women do not let themselves be touched by the Light. Simeon predicts resistance among his people: This child will cause **"the fall and rise of many in Israel."** The child will be **"a sign of division."** Then Simeon adds to Mary's address: **"And you yourself a sword will pierce"** It is a way of announcing to Mary that she will feel more than anyone the drama of this rejection.

My dear friends, this is the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, a simple but deeply united family. This is where Jesus grew up. He will spend thirty years there. But one day he will give Mary and Joseph a surprising

revelation. He will tell them that he is also part of the Family of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The whole Gospel wants to introduce us to this Family of God. Mary will have to make a difficult journey to adhere to this mysterious project of God on the child. Saint Luke does not tell us much about her or Jesus' childhood. But what he tells us is very important because he prepares us to hear and welcome the announcement of the good news to the poor.

It is in this perspective that we must situate our human families of today. They are the place where we grow up. This is where children normally receive the structuring values of love, spirituality, and faith. In many families, this mission is fulfilled with great generosity, and it is a pleasure to see. Unfortunately, this is not the case everywhere. Many couples break up, brothers and sisters remain angry for life, even at Christmas time. We are also thinking of families who are facing other very serious problems, unemployment, precariousness, over-indebtedness, illness...

Today's feast would like to encourage us to be apostles of the family so that we may be first and foremost a community of love and sharing, a source of peace, joy, and balance. This is where we learn mutual understanding, listening to each other, respect, forgiveness, service, and patience. We know that in every family life, there are difficult moments and painful trials. Life is a daily struggle against pride, selfishness, resentment... But in this challenge to be overcome, we are not alone, Christ is there. If we want, he will always be with us to teach us to be builders of peace, unity, and reconciliation. With him, the powers of evil will never prevail.

One last point: In reading this gospel, we must remember that we too have been presented to the Lord. It was on the day of our baptism. We were admitted into a great family called the Church. With all the members of this family, we are invited to gather around Christ our Savior. He never stops to come to us, but like Simeon and Anna, we can only recognize him if we have a poor heart. Let us open our hearts to the wonders of his love. Let us bless him for that grace which has incorporated us into him. If we want to, it is with him that 2024 will be a good year. **All the time God is good!!!**

Your Brother, Louis.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Epiphany

Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00pm	Don Kauffold	Ron Matthey Judy VanBooven Virginia Vogt
8:00am	Julie Beesley	David Bergman Kathy Bergman Bonnie Costa
9:15am	Paul Rettberg	Deacon Jerry Vickilynn Gilman Vicky Lucki
10:30am	Patty Cortese	Norene Koziattek Charles Glomski Susan Tremko



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday</b> 9:00am (SJE)	<b>January 1</b> + Irene & Jan Kopaczewski, + John & Margaret Rybicki, + Carl & Esther Brown, + Lawrence & Margaret Hansen
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:15am (QR)	<b>January 2</b> + Therese Raimondo
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:15am (SJE)	<b>January 3</b> + Tom Mikula
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15am (QR)	<b>January 4</b>
<b>Friday</b> 8:15am (SJE)	<b>January 5</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 8:15am (QR)	<b>January 6</b>
5:00pm (SJE)	People of the parish
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am (QR)	<b>January 7</b> + Art Christenson, + Eleanor & Edward Dzike, + Larry Walter, + Helen Zabinski, + Phillip Pederson
9:15am (SJE)	+ Lois McCabe
10:30am (QR)	+ Mario Bartucci

## 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)

**Monday** **January 1**  
*Parish Office Closed.*  
Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

**Tuesday** **January 2**  
*Parish Office Closed.*  
Rosary Group (SJE)

**Wednesday** **January 3**  
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration (SJE)  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (SJE)  
7:00pm Reconciliation (SJE)  
7:30pm AA (SJE Ministry Center)

**Thursday** **January 4**

**Friday** **January 5**  
8:15am First Friday Eucharistic Adoration (SJE)  
7:30pm AA (SJE Ministry Center)

**Saturday** **January 6**  
8:15am First Saturday Devotions (QR)  
12:00pm Reconciliation (QR)

**Sunday** **January 7**  
10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (QR)

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Mike Armstrong, LuAnn Bailey, Jan Becker, Timothy Bellis, Mary Berry, Jake Bratten, Joseph Cimino, Karyn Cousins, Tommy DeLorenzo, Theresa Dill, Petra Falk, Ashley Fink, Herbert Fink, Marilyn Foss, Ralph Friese, Rebecca Gallerizzo, Tamera Garrity, Frances Gascon, James Geocariss, Sue Grear, Tom Guy, Diane Hetzer, Kapera family, Mark Kochera, Tom M., Dolly Markech, Michelle Markech, Debbie Novoryta, Mike Ryan, Kenny Schlobohm, John Schneider, Anne Schmid, Melanie Szymanski, Mary Beth Tomaso, Dave Tisor, Karen Poncher, Jackie Vrtis, Wermuth family, Marge Yackem, 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...

Donald B. Dewitt, Rose Mary Meuret, Jeannine Ross, Allison Ross

Please pray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.



**First Friday Adoration**

1/5/2024 | 8:15am - 11:30am | SJE

**First Saturday Devotions**

1/6/2024 | 8:15am - 1:00pm | QR

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**When:** Thursday Evenings 7:00pm  
January 18, 2024 to March 21, 2024.

**Where:** Over Zoom or in the Ministry Center at St. Julian Eymard Church

**Cost:** \$30, which includes a workbook, companion book, Jesus timeline chart, online video access (1 year) and an online workbook.

To sign up contact the Parish Office at **(847) 979-0901** or [info@olbsegv.org](mailto:info@olbsegv.org) or stop in the office at 601 Biesterfield Road.

Christus Victor Lutheran Church  
Sunday, January 14, 2024  
5:30-8:00pm

If you are able to help shop, cook, prep or service at Christus Victor, please sign up here: [signupgenius.com/go/Jan24WinterSupper#/](https://signupgenius.com/go/Jan24WinterSupper#/)



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"For you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19)



Ash Wednesday is **February 14th**.  
Save the date and stay tuned for  
our complete schedule of liturgies  
with distribution of ashes!

## SEASON OF *Giving*

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Merry Christmas!



**Gospel In Focus: January 7, 2024**

The magi follow the star to Bethlehem where they find the Holy Family. *"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*

—Matthew 2:2

**Discussion Questions**

Which part of the Gospel stands out to you the most? Why?

The magi traveled with gifts for the newborn King. What "gifts" has God given you this Christmas season?

The magi traveled a long time before finally meeting Jesus. How is God calling you to patience?

**52-Week Mass Discussion Guide for Families:**  
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**Planning to Marry? Congratulations!**

The Catholic Church and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament take special care in preparing a couple for the Sacrament of Marriage. We'd love to talk with you about your plans. Please contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901 or discover more here: [olbsegv.org/ministry/#Marriage](http://olbsegv.org/ministry/#Marriage)

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**World Marriage Day**

Sunday, February 11, 2024  
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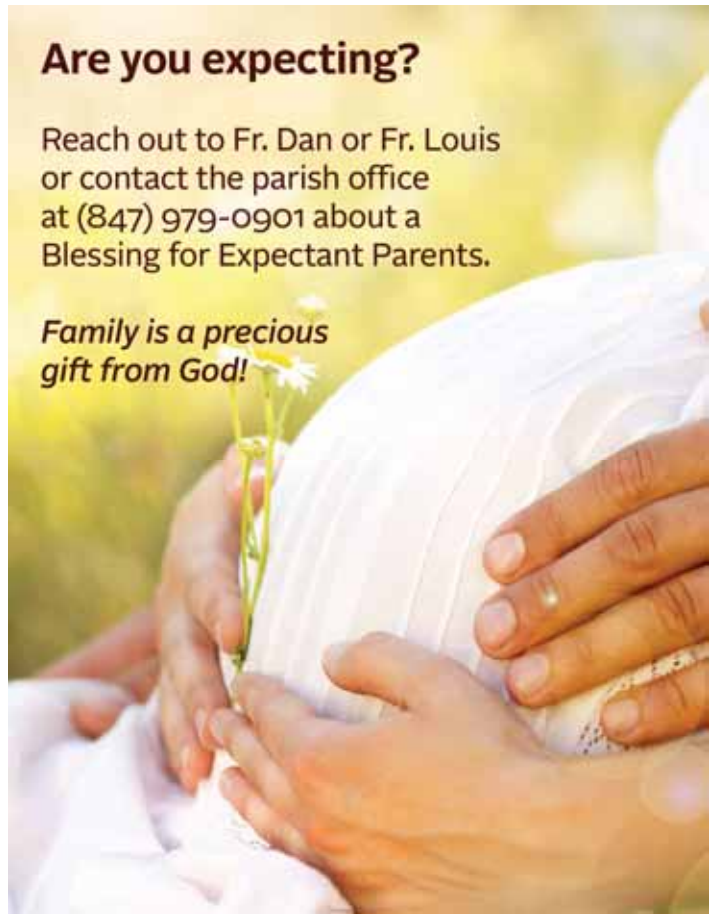
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Watch the bulletin and  
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THURSDAYS AS SCHEDULED  
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New Season begins 1/8/23 from 10:30am to Noon in the Ministry Center at St. Julian Eymard Church. All are invited!

**BOOK CLUB**

*Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy reading. We will take a break until February 5th where we invite you to read a book of your choice and discuss with the group!*

**Future Dates**

- January - Off
- February 5
- March 4
- April 1
- May 6
- June 3



Tuesday Morning Group will begin discussing *Exodus: God to the Rescue* on January 9th. Tuesday Morning Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Shea Hall at St. Julian Eymard Church. Books are available in the parish office.



As you read this, our Queen of the Rosary School students are finishing up their Christmas break. But, in the weeks leading up to Christmas, Kindergartners learned what an Advent is and how to be prepared for the infant Jesus. They got ready in their hearts and minds when thinking about the needs of other people and doing little acts of kindness. They made Christmas cards for others, prepared surprise gifts for their families, and prayed joyful mysteries of the rosary thinking about members of their families. They shared love and kindness around. Children made Advent wreaths to visualize approaching Christmas and to remember the attributes of every week of Advent. They wanted to use this time wisely and be ready to welcome little baby Jesus in their hearts and families!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Catholic Schools Week**  
**January 28, 2024 to February 5, 2024**

And mark your calendars for these events leading up to CSW24 to tour Queen of the Rosary School and discover the advantage of faith-based education:

**Shadow Days**  
**Thursday, January 11 & Friday, January 12**  
**8am to 11am**  
Open to students currently enrolled in Third through Seventh Grade. Please register by calling (847) 437-3322.

**Early Childhood Open House**  
**Thursday, January 18**  
**9:00am to 10:30am**  
Learn about our early childhood program for 3- & 4-year old PreSchool and Kindergarten and enjoy Q&A with Mrs. Ellefson. Please register by calling (847) 437-3322.

**Open House**  
**Sunday, January 28**  
**Noon to 1:30pm**  
Learn about our Queen of the Rosary School community. Meet teachers, students and current school families. Register for the 2024-2025 school year!

**Questions?** Contact our principal, Ms. Kathy McGinn at (847) 437-3322 or [kmcginn@qrcougars.org](mailto:kmcginn@qrcougars.org) today!



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**Confirmation Mass is April 14, 2024**

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**02/27/24** Candidate/Parent Meeting

**03/10/24** Confirmation Retreat

**04/11/24** Confirmation Practice



Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament **Youth Ministry** visits **Alexian Village** in Elk Grove Village to lead games and activities for residents approximately twice per month.

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