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DECEMBER 21, 2025

“FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT”

Fourth Sunday of **ADVENT**



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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am
St. Joseph
Tuesday & Thursday | 8:30
St Francis

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis
10:30 am St Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8 am St Francis
Or by appointment

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Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community
of St. Francis of Assisi and
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are called to live the Gospel message
of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship,
Faith Formation and Service to others.

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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday (Dec. 20)**

Jon DuBois +By Ron & Paula Cornell

Sunday (Dec. 21)

Diana LaDue +By Cheryl & Richard Palmer

Monday (Dec. 22) No Mass

Wednesday (Dec. 24)

Parish Family of Saint Joseph

Thursday (25) Christmas Day

Parish Family of Saint Joseph

Friday (Dec. 26) No Mass

Saturday (Dec. 27)

MaryLou Lockyer +By Christine Lockyer

Clara Walendziak +By Cassidy Von Steppins

Sunday (28)

James Migil +By Theresa Migil

Diane LaDue +Cheryl & Richard Palmer

The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at either parish for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention. The Intention and Donor's names will be published in our weekly bulletin.

The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is \$20.

All submissions must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the week you are requesting to accommodate bulletin printing deadlines. Please call the office for scheduling requests.

ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday (Dec. 21)**

Renee & Kimberly Koval +By Rick Koval

Deceased Galligan

Family members +By Betty Richardson

Thomas Horesco +Theo Horesco

Tuesday (Dec. 23) No Mass

Thursday (Dec. 25) Christmas Day

Parish Family of Saint Francis

Sunday (Dec. 28)**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE: December 21, 2025**

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard. When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you. ©LPi

Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/

Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt

Observances for the week of Dec. 21, 2025

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday:

Tuesday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Wednesday: Christmas Eve

Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord

Friday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Saturday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Next Sunday: The Holy Family

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Joseph
The Altar
Rosary Society
of Saint
Joseph is hav-
ing their
Christmas
Cookie Sale af-
ter Mass this
weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am pray the Rosary
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 1 pm Rosary Society Meeting
Each Wednesday - SF 2 pm Prayer Group in John Paul II Hall
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Jan. 2, 2026, Mar. 6, 2026: Adoration, SF at 6:00 PM
Jan.31 ~ Filipinos Sponsored Gathering: Mass 11am,
pot luck to follow.
July 16, 17, 18 2026 ~ SJ Annual Summer Festival

*Fr. Jun will be in the Philippines for home vacation from
December 10 to January 8, 2026(Weekday Masses
will be livestreamed if WiFi will be available)*

St. Francis

LENDING LIBRARY NEWS

ADVENT (1st Sunday of
Advent: Nov. 30)
Advent meditation,
reflection and prayer
books will be available
during
Advent. They will help us
as we journey and pre-
pare our hearts for
Christmas.

The Nativity of the Lord

Take a moment to contemplate the symbols of the season. The crèche tells us the Gospel stories: first from Luke, which details the human birth in a lowly stable and the angels' message to shepherds; and later from Matthew, which describes the arrival of Magi who signify that God's salvation extends to all. The angels stand as heralds of the good news, an emblem for each of us on this solemn feast of our own duty to spread the message that Christ is born and saves us from our sins. The tree stands as a symbol of life, its green branches unfading even in the winter cold, just as God's life remains in us even though our human form should die. The wreath made of evergreens reminds us that God is one, without beginning or end. The candles recall the birth of him who is forever the Light of the world. Today, we celebrate the fact that God came to earth as a beautiful, innocent infant who rejects no one. We rejoice this day in the birth of Christ! And to-
night, we remember that Jesus Christ came into this world quietly, humbly, and gracefully, an example of how we should live our lives.

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July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026



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Matthew 6:21*

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12/6 & 12/7	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	54/ 103	118
Contribution	\$ 833.00/ \$ 1,092.00	\$1,712.00
November e-giving	NA	\$1,132.25
Poor & Votive	52	48.00

Prayer for Advent - Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!
Bring your peace to
our world. Inspire
reconciliation, heal
divisions, bind
wounds, rewrite
scripts. You are the
Prince of Peace, bring
that light into every
space. Amen. @Lpi

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