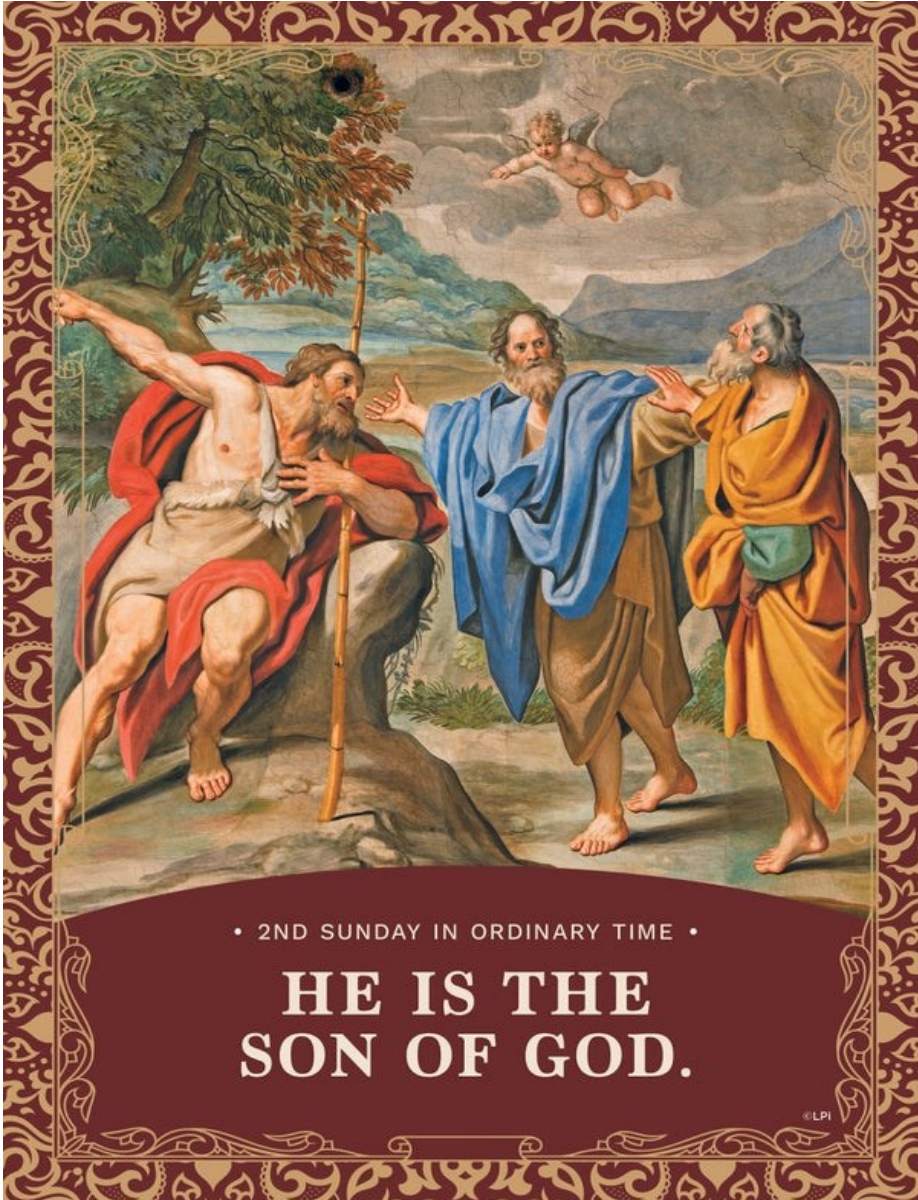


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## JANUARY 18, 2026

### “SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME”



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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  
St. Joseph's

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 (Jan. 17)

Healing of Jane Ruggeri & Lucy Wilcox  
By SJ Pastoral Care

### Sunday (Jan. 18)

Healing for Maryanne Izzo By SJ Pastoral Care  
Healing o Sean Munnelly By his wife

### Monday (Jan. 19)

SJ Parish Family

### Friday (Jan. 23)

**SJ Parish Family**

### Saturday (Jan. 24)

Daniel Frasier

By Anne Frazier

### Sunday (Jan. 25)

Nenita Chvilicek

By SJ Altar Society

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 (Jan. 18)

Healing of Marilyn Miranda Bocchi  
Birth of Baby Nina for Cait & Saaman Germani  
By Bob & Nancy Jones

### Tuesday (Jan. 20)

SF Parish Family

### Thursday (Jan. 22)

Tony, Nancy & Jared Adams

By Jim & Katy Ryan

### Sunday (Jan. 25)

Healing for Ann Tedeschi By Bob & Nancy Jones  
Norma Porteus By Judy & Rob Morrison

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE: January 18, 2026

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time. @LPi

### Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

### Observances for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Saturday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary

### 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The time is always right to do what is right."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## St. Joseph

### Mass Intentions:

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by stopping into or calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing; Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

## 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  
 2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting  
 Jan.31 ~ Filipinos Sponsored Gathering: Mass 11am, pot luck to follow.  
 Feb. 11 ~ Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Special Mass: 8:30 AM  
 with anointing of the sick at SJ Church  
 Feb. 18 ~ Ash Wednesday; Mass: 8:30 AM SF; 6:00 PM SJ  
 July 16, 17, 18 2026 ~ SJ Annual Summer Festival

## St. Francis

### Pastoral Care:

If you know of someone who is ill & needs to have communion at home or in hospital, please call the office, so a pastoral minister knows to visit them.

St. Francis' office  
 518-863-4736  
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 518-883-3774

## Everyday Stewardship

Can you imagine what kind of response I would get if I asked my three children, "Who would like to volunteer to clean up the kitchen after dinner today?" Six eyeballs staring at me like I had two heads! If I couch my request in terms of volunteerism, I have suggested that they don't have any real ownership in this matter. Perhaps they do sometimes think that their mother and I are simply hired hands to take care of them, but rest assured, I have not received a paycheck for services rendered lately.

When you and I give a donation of blood, we volunteer our time and blood to the Red Cross. The Red Cross does not employ most of us, nor do we own a part of the Red Cross. We can only volunteer ourselves for the cause.

As parishioners we are part of a parish family. We belong to our parish community. We do not visit on a Sunday morning, since we cannot visit a place that is home. The call of the body of Christ occurs in every parish and our response should be that of the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." Real stewardship never counts the cost and never asks for volunteers. We step forward because we belong to something greater than ourselves and the head of that community is Jesus. After dinner at my house, someone needs to clean up the kitchen. In your parish community, someone needs to respond to the call of Jesus. In both cases, no volunteers are needed. We will rely on family instead.

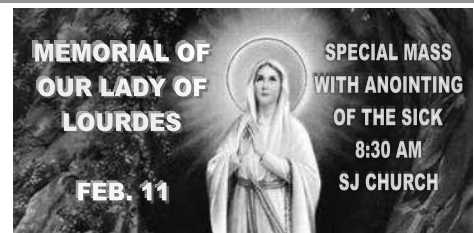
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**JANUARY 22, 2026**  
*Day of Prayer for the*  
**LEGAL PROTECTION**  
**OF UNBORN CHILDREN**



**Diocesan Appeal**

**July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026**



### SAINT JOSEPH'S CLOSET THRIFT STORE



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*"Remember where your treasure is,  
your heart is also."  
Matthew 6:21*

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<https://onrealm.org/StFrancisAssisNorthville/Give>

12/24&25	12/27	12/28	SJ 4/4 / 10:30	SF 8:30/8:30
Attendance			218/76/45/90	99/96
Contribution	\$2,031.50/\$1,439.00/\$513/\$901			\$1,607.00/\$1,553.00
December e-giving	\$1,126.80			\$921.90
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### Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,  
 Bless and anoint us today.  
 You are our Father and guide.  
 Remind us of our identity in You:  
 loved, called, and equipped for mission.  
 Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step.  
 Amen.  
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