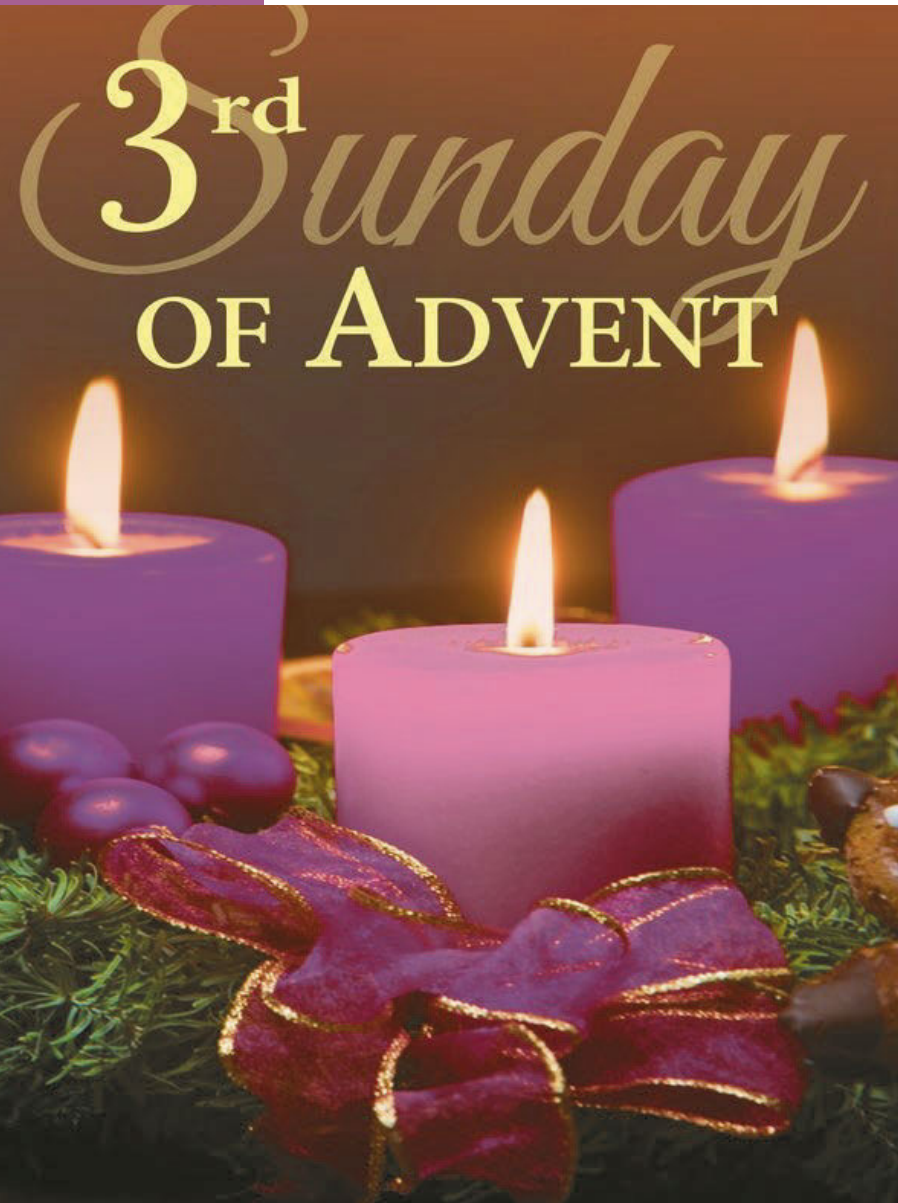


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ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. FRANCIS  
OF ASSISI CHURCHES  
GAUDETE SUNDAY  
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's  
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis  
Wednesday | No Mass today  
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis  
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's  
6 pm St Francis (7/6/23-9/1/24)  
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

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**St. Joseph's Mass Intentions**

**Sat (16) 4 pm**

George Lockyer + Marylou Lockyer  
 Karen Santos + Linda Dickson & Christine Famiano

**Sun (17) 10:30 am**

Rose Lyons + Myrna Lyons  
 William Bidanset + Anne Frasier

**Mon (18) 8:30 am**

The Moll & Bradt families + Laura Lee Bradt

**Fri (22) 8:30 am**

Bill Herba (34th anniv. of death) + Herba family

**Saturday (23) 4 pm**

Susan Flores + Myrna Lyons  
 Jon DuBois + Ron & Paula Cornell  
 Kristen & Kerry Thurston Bradt + Laura Lee Bradt

**Sun (24) 10:30 am**

K & J Weafer, C & R Russell + Tony & Teresa Russell  
 Sandy Peros (living birthday) + Mary Pisanti

**Sun (24) 4 pm**

Joe Cardone, Jr & Helen Cole + Pat Cardone  
 Vito & Tony Ottati + Pat Ottati

**St. Francis Mass Intentions**

**Sun (17) 8:30 am**

Maureen & Kimberly Koval + Rick Koval  
 Daniel Mochrie + Rosenzweig family  
 Marianne Bianco + Rob & Judy Morrison

**Tuesday (19) 8:30 am**

Kimberly Snyder + Jim & Katy Ryan

**Thursday (21) 8:30 am**

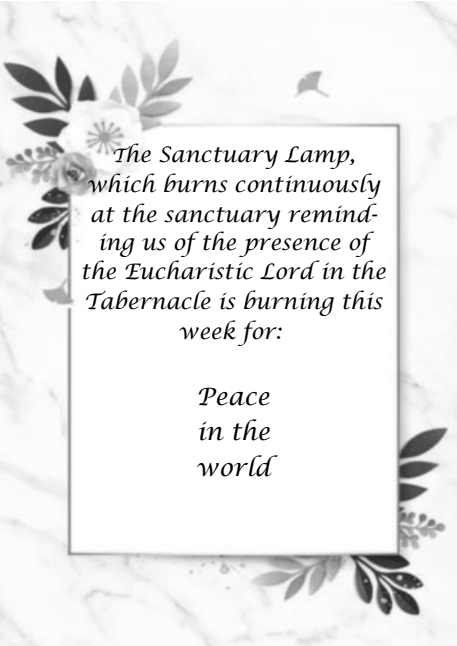
Rev. Joseph Windbiel, Rev. George Keefe, Rev. John G Phillips, Dcn. August VanPatton, Rev. James B Longergan

**Sun (24) 8:30 am**

Roy & Esther Edwards + Cynthia & Bill Cromie

**Sat (24) 9 pm**

Lucille Javino Lambreau & deceased Howell family members + Margaret Howell  
 Deceased Galligan family members + Norm & Betty Richardson



**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY** ~ Through this season of Advent we are called to prepare for the Lord’s coming by repenting of our sins, removing the obstacles that make it difficult for us to recognize his approach, and remaining ever watchful for his arrival. But today we rejoice (in Latin, gaudete) because we focus on the knowledge that the One whom we await comes to embrace us, transform us, and redeem us. Gathered together in joy, we look forward, as always, to his coming.

**WORD OF LIFE** ~ “Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.” Learn how at [respectlife.org/support-her](http://respectlife.org/support-her).  
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”

**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE** ~ Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We’ve never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we’ve never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John’s Gospel we hear: **“There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him.”** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a *pattern* at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God’s promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa & countless others. In my life, the Baptist’s spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary & Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let’s commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light. Father John Muir ©LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ God sends a John the Baptist into every person’s life - someone who prepares His way, who calls out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life. Pray you can be this person for someone else. ©LPi

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023:** Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28; Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25; Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25; Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38; Thursday:Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45; Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56; Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66; Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

SJ Lector		SF Lector	
12/23/23	J Naple		
12/24/23	J Raven (10:30am) M Doyle (4 pm)	12/24/23	B Flynn (8:30am) A Frank (9pm)
12/25/23	J Fenzl	12/25/23	R Koval

# St. Joseph's



The **Broadalbin Ecumenical Food Pantry** is asking for donations of **\$25 gift certificates from Target or Walmart or cash donations** for local eligible families.

Please drop off all donations in the vestibule or the church office.

### Thank you to

Pat & Tom Herba for their generous donation of all of our beautiful trees & wreaths.



Today is the day!

**St. Joseph's Altar Rosary Society** is having their

### **Annual Christmas Cookie Sale**

this weekend

following both Masses.

Cookies are \$8 per 1lb package.



### **THE SJ CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE ~**

Thank you for your generosity in filling children's wishes purchasing gifts from the Christmas giving tree. Catholic Charities thanks you for your giving spirit, as well.

### **St. Joseph's Closet Thrift store hours:**

Tuesday: 4-7 pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1 pm

Saturday: 9 am - noon

Our reorganization is almost complete. We now have Christmas items available. Thank you

for your

support and for your patronage.

## Upcoming Events

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary

1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8am, pray the Rosary

1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 6:30 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

12/19 - **SF ~ 5 pm** Christmas Potluck dinner

12/21 - Finance Council Meeting **SF ~ 4 pm**      **SJ ~ 7 pm**

12/22 - **SJ ~ 5 pm** Christmas Potluck Dinner

12/24 - 4th Sunday of Advent **SF ~ 8:30 am**      **SJ ~ 10:30 am**

**SJ ~ 4 pm** Nativity of the Lord at the Mass during the Night (Children's Mass)

**SF ~ 9 pm** Nativity of the Lord at the Mass during the Night

12/25 - Nativity of the Lord at the Mass during the day **SF ~ 8:30 am**

**SJ ~ 10:30 pm**

12/28 - Joint Pastoral Council Meeting

1/1/2024 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God **SF ~ 8:30 am**

**SJ ~ 10:30 am**

# St. Francis's

### Our Christmas Giving Tree will



be set up on Dec. 3. Please

return the wrapped gift with the tag attached by today, **Sunday, December 17th.** Thank you brightening someone's Christmas.

### **Schedule of Masses for December 24 & 25, 2023**

#### **4th Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am St. Francis of Assisi

10:30 am St. Joseph's

#### **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas): at the Mass**

##### **During the Night**

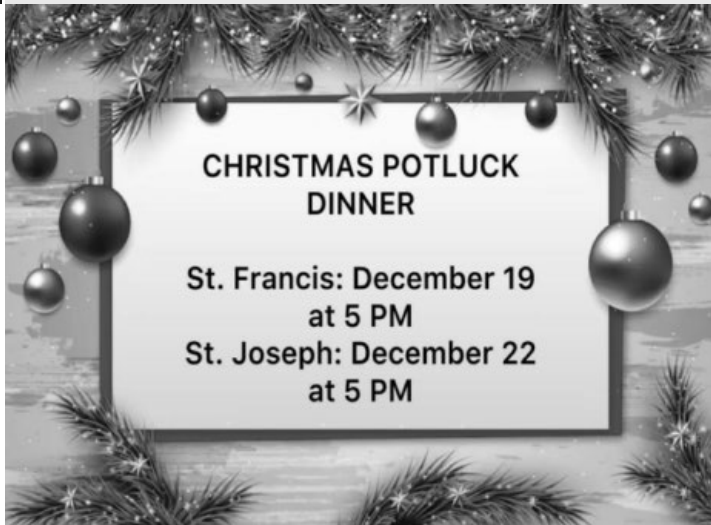
4 pm St Joseph's

9 pm St. Francis of Assisi

#### **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

8:30 am St. Francis of Assisi

10:30 am St Joseph's



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



### *Our Giving:*

*"Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also."*

*Matthew 6:21*

### **ONLINE GIVING (E GIVING)**

SJ text 12025 to 73256

SF text 12134 to 73256

or online at

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

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

<b>12/3/23</b>	<b>SJ 4 / 10:30</b>	<b>SF 11/19</b>
Attendance	58 / 78	86
Contribution	\$832 / \$1,023	\$2039
Nov e-giving	\$648.40	\$1,427.90
Poor & Votive	\$21	\$54
Christmas Flowers	\$265 / \$360	\$486

**St. Francis' prayer group** meets each Wednesday at 2pm in St. Francis' John Paul II Hall. All are always welcome. We are happy to lift your intention in prayer. Feel

### ~St. Francis' Library~

The month of December is filled with expectation and celebration. Preparation is the key word for the first 24 days of December. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas - shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity.


Christmas is a Christian feast - and we must reclaim it as such! In the same way that a family eagerly prepares for a baby, so in Advent should we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

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