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**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 (summer only)  
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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**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.

**Trustees**

SJ	SF
Sheila Bleyl	Alesha Hoffman
Carm Greco	Judy Morrison

### St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

#### Saturday (21) 4 pm

George Lockyer + MaryLou Lockyer  
 Jon DuBois + Ron & Paula Cornell  
 Helen Pawling + Ann Sargalis

#### Sun (22) 10:30 am

Vito & Tony Ottati + Pat Ottati  
 Theresa Ritz + Ritz family  
 Healing of Donald J Ritz + Ritz family

#### Mon (23) 8:30 am

Susana Flores + Myrna Lyons

#### The Nativity of the Lord (24) 4 pm

Joseph Cardone, Jr & Special intention + Pat Cardone  
 Birthday of Sandy Peros + Mary Pisanti

#### Christmas Day (25)

Joe Furman & Gregory Wittmeyer + Joe & Barb Furman  
 Kerry Thurston & Kristin Bradt + their parents

#### Friday (27) 8:30 am

No Mass today - office closed

#### Saturday (28) 4 pm

Jeanne Wilkinson + Pifko family  
 Angela Fusco + Roberta Doblewski

#### Sun (29) 10:30 am

Michael Agneta + Barb & Joe Trimarchi  
 John Gibbons + Marilyn Gibbons

### St. Francis Mass Intentions

#### Sun (22) 8:30 am

Deceased Galligan family members + Betty Richardson  
 Maureen & Kimberly Koval + Rick Koval

#### The Nativity of the Lord (24) 9 pm

Our parish family

#### Christmas Day (25)

Our parish family

#### Thursday (26) 8:30 am

No Mass today - office closed

#### Sun (29) 8:30 am

Lucille Javino Lambreau & deceased Howell family  
 + Margaret Howell



**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY** ~ Christmas is so close now that we can nearly taste it! Children can hardly contain their excitement while adults panic about all they still need to do. But for now, let us consider Mary and Joseph, just days before she would give birth, struggling to make their way up an unfamiliar and dangerous road, hoping to make it to a warm, comfortable place to stay in the city of David. As we well know, nice warm places were no longer available, but it all worked out, even if not exactly as they had hoped. May we keep that in mind during these final days of preparing our hearts and our homes for Jesus' birth.

**WORD OF LIFE** ~ "O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid."  
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity ([www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity))

#### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ~ The Hidden Truth

If you have ever been visibly pregnant, chances are that someone, somewhere, whom you do *not* know, has reached out to touch your stomach.

I've had this happen to me, and sure, it's a little strange. Generally, I prefer people to ask before they touch me. But it's also very sweet, this great mystical excitement inspired by a pregnant belly. We know that belly is special. We know enclosed within it is hope and potential — the very future of our world. Hidden, but real. How can we help but venerate it?

It's why the pregnant Madonna is my favorite devotional image. I even prefer it over the depictions of the Madonna and Child because I find in the sight of Mary's swollen belly more to meditate upon than I find in the unveiled face of the Christ Child. Salvation and redemption, enclosed in flesh, moving, and growing and breathing, but I cannot see it. It's real and it's true and it's *there*.

And it is hidden.

There is much about God that we know with certainty. But there is so much that remains beyond our sight, beyond our comprehension. Questions of evil and sorrow. Pain and tragedy. Life and death. Why don't we have all the answers? We grow very impatient about this. We're like teenagers who want to be trusted with all the family secrets. We hate feeling left out of the loop.

But truth, like life, does not come to us showing its face. Perhaps this is because we could not bear its terrible beauty. Perhaps it's because we would not recognize it if it was laid bare for us to see.

But it's there, right in front of us. We can reach out and touch it. We may not see it. We may not understand it. But we can know it.

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** ~ "Blessed are you who believed," Elizabeth tells Mary. Do we believe? When we hear the voice of God whispering in our heart, do we listen - or do we ignore, out of fear and uncertainty? This last week of Advent, follow Mary's example, and believe.  
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2024** ~ Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45; Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66; Tuesday: *Morning*: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79; Wednesday: *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/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14; Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22; Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8; Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18; Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

<b>SJ</b> Lector	<b>12/24</b> ~ C Pifko	<b>12/25</b> ~ M Doyle	<b>12/28</b> ~ J Raven	<b>12/29</b> ~ K Murray
<b>SF</b> Lector	<b>12/24</b> ~ A Frank	<b>12/25</b> ~ R Koval	<b>12/29</b> ~ Y Gifford	

# St. Joseph's

Thank you to the organizers and everyone who attended our Christmas Potluck Dinner last night. The food & fellowship were perfect for the season.

## St. Joseph's Closet Thrift Store hours:

Tues: 4-7 pm  
Wed: 10 am - 1 pm  
Saturday: 9 am - noon

\*\* We will be closed 12/24/24, 12/25/24, 12/31,24 & 1/1/25

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 - 8 am 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  
Dec 24 ~ SJ 4 pm Children's Christmas Pageant during Mass  
SF 9 pm Christmas Eve Mass  
Dec 25 ~ SF 8:30 am Mass  
SJ 10:30 am Mass  
Dec 26 - Dec 31 ~ offices closed; no daily Mass  
Jan 1, 2025 ~ SF 8:30 am Mass  
SJ 10:30 am Mass



Fr. Jun will be away from January 7-22. There will not be daily Mass during that time.



Thank you to Tom & Patty Herba for donating the trees and wreaths that beautify St. Joseph's church.

# St. Francis'

## ST. FRANCIS LIBRARY NEWS

Rest and refresh with a book on prayer and spirituality. Find a book on a favorite Saint and learn more about them. Our shelves are full of books on different topics. Check out the shelves in the vestibule & on the cart in the hall.



prayer

St. Francis' prayer group meets at 2 pm each Wednesday in St. Francis' St. John Paul II Hall.

All are always welcome to join us.

We are happy to lift your intention in prayer.

Feel free to join us.



Dear Parishioner,

Christmas Season is almost here! During this season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that all four of these will fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I am grateful to God. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us). Without Christ's presence among us we would be lost. Through God's presence working within us we are being healed, transformed, reconciled and made whole. I pray you have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

In Christ, Fr. Jun



## SJ Diocesan Appeal \$15,104

Received: \$5,889

13,425.76  
11,747.54  
10,069.32  
8,391.10  
6,712.88  
5,034.66  
3,356.44  
1,678.22

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

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	12/8/24	SJ 4 / 10:30	SF 8:30
Attendance	62 / n/a	82	
Contribution	\$792 / \$1,145	\$1,689	
Nov e-giving	\$630.48	\$1,297.99	
Poor & Votive	\$24	\$27	
Immaculate Conception	\$296/ \$396	\$365	

## SF Diocesan Appeal \$21,842

Received: \$6,255

19,415.05  
16,988.17  
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