

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024



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Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am
12pm Spanish

Thursday 6:00pm

Reconciliation/Confession:
Thursday 5:30-6pm

Religious Ed:
Sundays 9-10:15am

Anointing of the Sick & Visits:

Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit.

Marriage Prep: Notify priest 6+mo. in adv.

Baptism: by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS

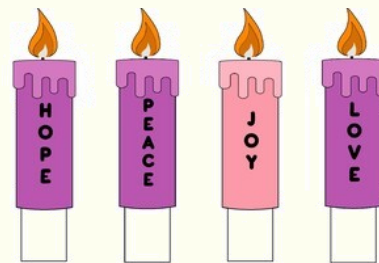
Dec. 08....George & Marsha Shaw

Dec. 15....Doug & Carol Lane

Dec. 22....Patrick Ridenour

DO YOU HAVE MASS INTENTIONS?

We have envelopes at back of the church. Ask an usher.



A Word from Fr. Jim: Sunday, December 8, 2024

I can vaguely remember the events that surrounded my life at the age of roughly three and a half years. But one event that resonates with me, to this day, was the joy I remember then when seeing many of my aunts, uncles, and my father as they returned home from their stints of serving our country's military during the Second World War. That joy was reflected in my grandparents who had also agonized over the First World War as well as the Second. And when we recall the millions of military and civilians that perished through the evil of those two wars, it might seem strange that, as a young boy, the emotion that is still etched in my mind is that of joy. But all of my loved ones were home and safe. Only later would I understand the cost and misery tormenting families of those who did not return home.

Similarly both of Baruch's and Luke's accounts resonate with the joy of the kairos, or opportune time, that heralds that of "daughter Jerusalem" and John the Baptist in their respective roles in today's first and gospel readings. Baruch, who was Jeremiah's scribe and author of his own prophetic book, spoke of the prophets who sustained the faith of the Israelites while they were exiled for 40 years and then he speaks of the mantle of joy they bear on their return home. John the Baptist, often portrayed as an "ascetic, bellowing prophet," instead joyously proclaims "a baptism" of repentance and forgiveness while preparing the way of the Lord. What could be more joyous than that!

In our own day and age, Thomas Halik, a Czech Catholic priest and prophet in his book, *The Afternoon of Christianity*, joyously foresees a similar kairos, or opportune time, for our own day and age. He foresees a new age of faith which challenges the traditional barriers separating believers from non-believers or faithful from non-faithful- the so-called "nones" or those who proclaim no specific religion when polled but who act and speak in ways not unlike "the way of the Lord," we know as Jesus Christ's. They may have been scandalized by the sex abuse in our Church or who scorn so-called "believers" who, against Vatican II, continuously refute the proven findings of science and creation care. But their actions, more than what they say, proclaims a faith beyond words. What could be more joyous than that!

New to Our Parish?

Returning and need to update information?

Ask an usher for the parish registration form. Complete and return to the church office or put in the collection plate.

We are happy you are here!

DO YOU GET THE FLOCKNOTES?

Keep in touch with our parish through text and emails!

Text SJSPSA to
84576

OR go to this
QR code:



RECYCLE THOSE LIGHTS!

Until January, we have a box to receive and recycle broken stringed lights in the back of the church.

Volunteers are needed to stay at Sterling House Warming Center during cold weather (<30F). 7pm to 7am. Please contact Vicki Wenz.



Do you love to sing? Please join us for the Christmas Choir practices on Tuesday nights at 5:30pm. This is a special choir that will sing at the Christmas Eve service. All ages are welcome!!

“Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction.”

- John of the Cross
(1542-1591),
Priest,
Patron of
Contemplatives,
Feast Day
December 14



December Birthdays (Dec. 8th—14th)

12/08...Larah Ballard
12/11...Nancy Montgomery
12/14...Danielle Waters



Please return
ANGEL TREE GIFTS
by Dec. 14th.



SERVER TRAINING DEC. 14th 9-10AM

Open to entire parish (English/ Espanol) who have received their First Communion, no age limit. Existing youth servers are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend. Pizza after training.



Those who are interested are encouraged to stop by the office and pick up a copy of the training material in order to be familiar with it prior to the 14th.

UPCOMING ST PATRICK (SPC) or ST JOSEPH (SJC) MASS TIMES:

Monday 12/9

Immaculate Conception mass at 6pm. HDO.

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Immaculate Conception mass at 8:30am & 7:45pm. HDO.

Wednesday 12/11

Midnight Serenade for Guadalupe at 11pm.
Services in Spanish. Bread & hot cocoa after.

Thursday 12/12

Our Lady of Guadalupe mass at 6 pm
with potluck meal after.

All Parishioners are invited to attend!
Services in Spanish.

YOU GOTTA EXPERIENCE IT!

