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**SATURDAY:** 4:30 PM (also live stream; find the link on our website)

**SUNDAY:** 8:30 & 10:30 AM

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3:30 PM Sat. and by appointment

### PARISH OFFICE

P: 651-484-2708

8:30 AM–3:00 PM Mon.–Thu.

8:30 AM–Noon Fri.

### CHURCH HOURS

Mon.–Fri. | 7:30 AM–4:30 PM; 30 minutes before Masses

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# PARISH OFFICE

## A NOTE FROM FATHER TOM



Merry Christmas!  
I hope everyone is having a wonderful time away, enjoying family and friends and the good holiday cheer! As we all know, Christmas is a very special time of year. It is the moment that God comes to visit poor, sinful humanity. Jesus is born at Bethlehem, my friends. He is born in all humility ... in mean estate, with the ox and the ass, in the cold, laid in a manger (a feeding trough for animals).

Jesus could have come as a great King and Lord it over us behind castle walls. Instead, our Lord comes to be with us. Jesus wants to know our difficulties and our problems. He wants to be intimately connected to us as our friend.

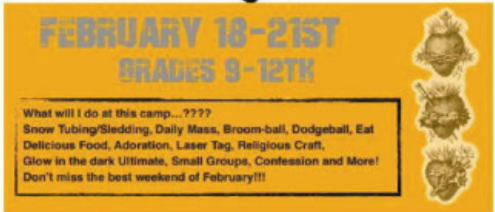
Jesus walks with us through everything, whether we feel him close or not. He is here and loves us all infinitely, incomprehensibly, unconditionally!

Let us take some time out of our busy schedules and reflect on the importance of what we are celebrating. What is taking place? Our God has become a human being, not to condemn us because of our personal sin, but rather to save us from our sinfulness.

Appreciation and a deep sense of gratitude are in order. God loves us and is with us!

Peace,  
Father Tom

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## COMING UP THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:30 AM Mass | Church and Live Streamed  
10:30 AM Mass | Church

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

*Parish office closed*

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 AM Confession | Church  
8:00 AM Mass | Church  
8:30 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion | Church

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:30 AM Confession | Church  
8:00 AM Mass | Church  
7:30 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal | Church Choir Loft  
7:30 PM AA Meeting | Lower Church

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

*Parish office closed*  
7:30 AM Confession | Church  
8:00 AM Mass | Church

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31: SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL

*Parish office closed*  
7:30 AM Confession | Church  
8:00 AM Mass | Church  
6:00 PM Mass | Church and Live Streamed

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY

9:00 AM Mass | Church  
10:30 AM Mass | Church  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2  
8:30 AM Mass | Church  
10:30 AM Mass | Church



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# LIVING OUR FAITH

## CHRISTMASTIDE MASS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 23-25, 27, 30-31 *Parish Office Closed*

DECEMBER 26

8:30 AM Feast of the Holy Family Mass | Church, Live Stream

10:30 AM Feast of the Holy Family Mass | Church

DECEMBER 27

No Communion Service

DECEMBER 28-31

7:30 AM Confessions | Church

8:00 AM Mass | Church

DECEMBER 31

6:00 PM Mary, Mother of God Mass | Church, Live Stream

JANUARY 1

9:00 AM Mary, Mother of God Mass | Church

4:30 PM Epiphany Mass | Church, Live Stream

JANUARY 2

8:30 & 10:30 AM Epiphany Masses | Church

## LENTEN RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE

This March 25-27, Saint John's families are invited to hear the incredible conversion testimony of Marino Restrepo, a fallen-away Catholic who was far from the Lord and living a selfish, sinful life, and who was kidnapped by Colombian guerillas, kept in a horrible captivity for months on end, and just when things reached rock bottom, the Lord came to him in an extraordinary way. Registration is \$10/family at [www.sjlc.org/retreat](http://www.sjlc.org/retreat).

## ANNIVERSARY MUGS FOR YOU

If you have not yet done so, swing by the Gathering Space to pick up your 170th Anniversary Mug.

## BOOK CLUBS BEGIN NEXT MONTH

Thanks to a generous donation, we were able to share the gift of *Rescued*, a book about the truth of our faith and the meaning of the Gospel. Join director of faith formation Joe Block as we unpack the powerful message of Kerygma. Sign up at [www.sjlc.org/book-club](http://www.sjlc.org/book-club).

## CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

If you are interested in participating in this year's consecration or re-consecration to St. Joseph, save the dates of February 15-March 19. Learn more at [www.sjlc.org/joseph](http://www.sjlc.org/joseph).

## Giving Tree Results: Abundant Gratitude

As we wrap up another annual Giving Tree program here at Saint John's, it is an opportunity to highlight the service and generosity offered by our parish community.

This year, we had some families helping to sort, package and prepare for distribution of the more than 260 gifts purchased for those in need this year. We also collected more than \$3,600 in donations to help the various organizations we partner with. We estimate that, combined, we provided roughly \$10,000 in gifts/donations—THANK YOU!

While many parishes have a giving tree program, the scale and scope of Saint John's is unique. Your generosity is so inspiring and has far-reaching impacts on our larger community, and even more importantly, on the lives of all those you have supported throughout the years.

Interested in getting involved? Christian Services is always looking for new members.

Contact Deacon Eric Cooley in the Parish Office for more details.



Saint John's Giving Tree is unique in its scope and scale, compared with other parishes in the greater metro area. Numerous Saint John's families helped transport the more than 260 gifts we received this year.



## MUSIC FOR JANUARY 1\*

*Feast of Mary, Mother of God*

**Entrance:** "Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly" #545

"Gloria" Mass of Christ Light of Nations #351

**Psalm 67:** "May God Bless Us in His Mercy"

Christmastime Alleluia

**Offertory:** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" #529

"Eucharistic Prayer" Mass of Creation #259 (Memorial Acclamation B) #262 and #266

"Lamb of God" Mass of Christ Light of Nations #268

**Communion:** "Ave Maria" #1009

**Recessional:** "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" #546

\*At some Masses, music might vary

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
DECEMBER 28–  
JANUARY 2

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28**  
Charlotte Pince †

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29**  
For the Parish

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30**  
For the Parish

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
For the Parish

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 | 9:00 AM**  
Feast of Mary, Mother of God

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 | 4:30 PM**  
For the Parish

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 | 8:30 AM**  
For the Parish

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 | 10:30 AM**  
George Valento Family †

## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All those interested in joining the parish are invited to call the parish office to register. Please contact us at 651-484-2708.

**VISITING THE SICK:** Visiting the sick is a corporal work of mercy and something we want to help with! Procedures for ministry to those who are homebound, sick or in hospitals varies depending on location. Please contact the parish office if you would like to schedule a visit for yourself or a loved one.

**BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE:** For questions or to set up a meeting, please contact Kay Wimer in our Parish Office, kwimer@sjolc.org or 651-288-3271.

**Call the Parish Office:** 651-484-2708



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO NEED HEALING, INCLUDING Rita H., Kevin H., Dick F., Diana C., Margaret V., Robert V., Lucille N., Joe F. and Jim S. If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact our director of pastoral care, Deacon Eric Cooley, at ecooley@sjolc.org or call 651-288-3268. We will include names in this listing for two months.

### IN MEMORIAM

As a faith community, it is important to hold each other in prayer, especially in difficult moments such as the death of a loved one. The families experience much comfort knowing that we are supporting them. Please pray for all the souls of the deceased and for their families.

### PRAYER NETWORK

Parish teams pray on behalf of the entire parish for needs brought to them. One call begins the chain of prayers. Only a first name and the prayer need are given to preserve confidentiality. Please call Deacon Eric at 651-288-3268.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER



### STEWARDSHIP AROUND THE PARISH

**EMEs and Servers:** With the return of these ministries, we'd love to boost our volunteer corps. Contact Ryan at rchimzar@sjolc.org.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5–2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Sunday Giving - September 2021			
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Sunday/Childrens Envelopes	\$50,845	\$167,964	\$201,000
Holy Day Collection	\$7	\$1,757	\$3,000
Plate Collection	\$1,805	\$5,425	\$3,135
General Second Collection	\$3,298	\$12,870	\$12,525
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,955</b>	<b>\$188,016</b>	<b>\$219,660</b>
Sunday Giving - October 2021			
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Sunday/Childrens Envelopes	\$85,760	\$253,724	\$267,500
Holy Day Collection	\$490	\$2,247	\$3,000
Plate Collection	\$2,102	\$7,526	\$4,180
General Second Collection	\$5,758	\$18,628	\$16,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$94,110</b>	<b>\$282,125</b>	<b>\$291,380</b>





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