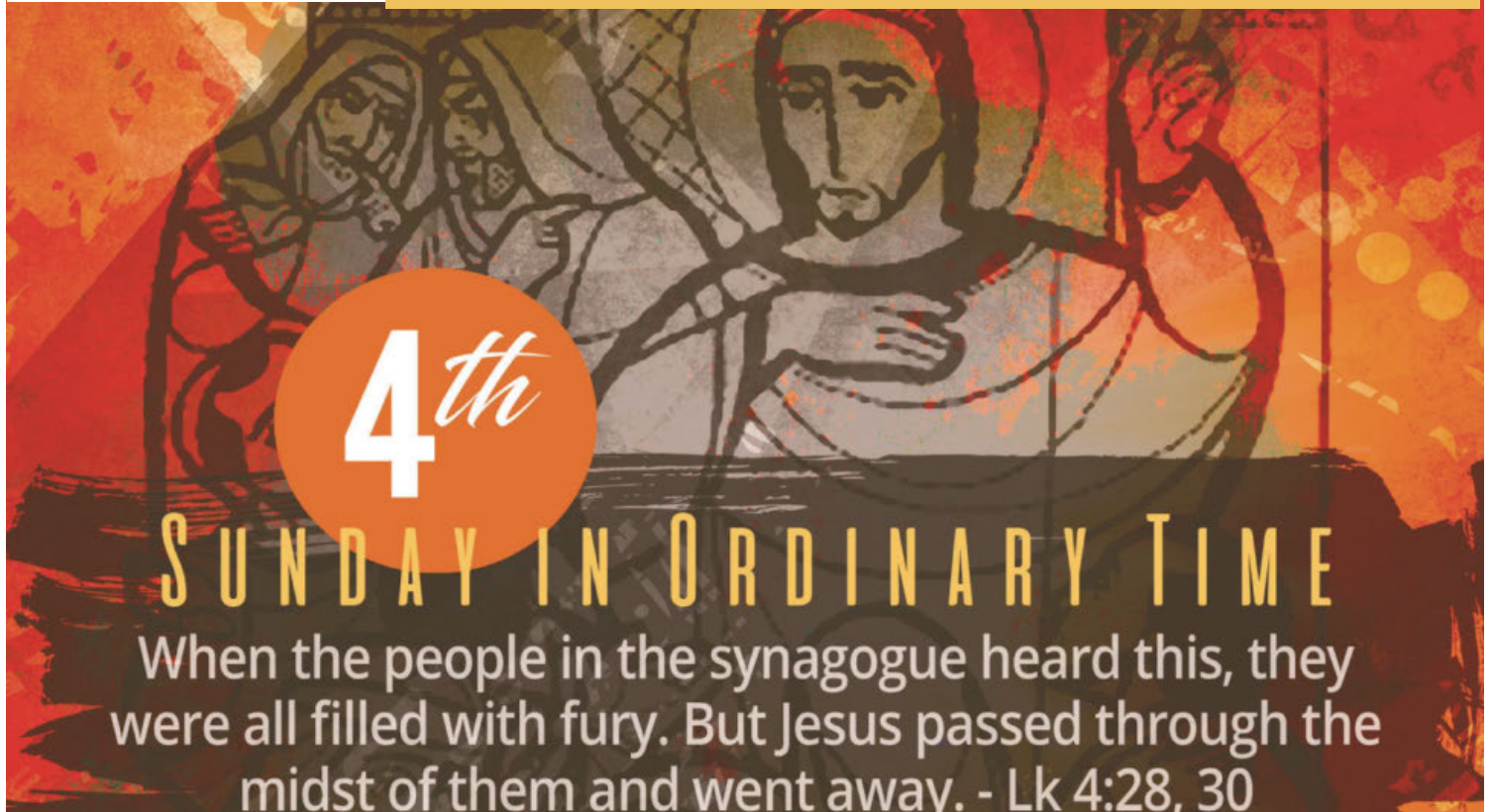




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JANUARY 30, 2022 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

EUCCHARIST

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

SUNDAY: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

DAILY: 8:00 AM Mon. (Communion Service), Tue., Thu., Fri.; 9:10 AM Wed. (with School)

RECONCILIATION

7:30 AM Tue., Thu, Fri.
3:30 PM Sat. and by appointment

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8:30 AM–Noon Fri.

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A NOTE FROM FATHER TOM



Last week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week, which provides an opportunity for us to turn some attention to our parish's primary ministry, the school that's attached to this church building and the hundreds of future Catholics we have the opportunity to help form right now. If you were here for Mass last weekend, you might have heard me reference some of this already. The spiritual welfare of these young people is in our care, and of our utmost responsibility, my friends, and I consider it a personal privilege to get to speak and interact with these youngsters regularly. *We all* have this opportunity, if we choose to take it

We are at the highest enrollment we've been at in more than a decade, at 225 students currently enrolled in the preschool through eighth-grade programs. Almost all of our returning families have fully enrolled for next fall, and more are

still registering for both this year and next year. We could possibly reach our maximum of 250 students in September.

Of these students, something like 45 percent of them are not Catholic. WOW! We have the daily chance to share encounters with Christ's true presence, in the Eucharist and in our church, with all of our Christian neighbors. We are learning and growing with them every day. It is beautiful to see the Holy Spirit working in all of our families, in the beauty of the diversity of their backgrounds and their personal outlooks.

One of the premiere offerings we have here at Saint John's is our year-round preschool program. This is a big deal, as PreK is not only a feeder to our K-8 program, it is a rare opportunity to ensure our children have the most comprehensive preparation for kindergarten possible, offering summer programming that's intentional and specific to this age group. Additionally, academic excellence is always a theme when we speak about the school; that said, in the past four years in particular, I've noticed an increase in the number of kids who have

individual learning plans and accentuated literacy opportunities, that we are now serving in a way that we couldn't before. With the addition of Wilson, Believe and Read, and I understand another new computer literacy program, we really are leaders in literacy, and literacy is the critical key to all learning.

Lastly, we have such a busy building, folks! Between the athletics that's back in full swing, a thriving middle school youth group and faith formation extending from the parish into the school, a new art program called "Young Rembrandts" and Lego Club starting this spring, *Annie Jr.* play rehearsals that partner with a number of local Catholic schools, and general day-to-day after school care, our campus is buzzing! Please be sure to ask about these offerings, and attend one of the next Saint John's School events. The annual Gala is coming up April 22; perhaps donate or save the date and witness first-hand how we are cultivating future Christian Catholics right here in Little Canada.

Peace, Father Tom Balluff

COMING UP THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30: **BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

8:00 AM Family Rosary | Church
8:30 AM Mass | Church
10:30 AM Mass | Church
2:00 PM Rescued Book Club Session 5 | Fireside Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 AM Communion Service | Church
7:00 PM Boys Troop | Holy Family Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30 AM MS Confessions and Coffee | Church
7:30 AM Confession | Church
8:00 AM Mass | Church
8:30 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion | Church
4:00 PM Discipleship Sunday Committee Meeting | Holy Family Room
5:00 PM School Advisory Board Meeting | School Library
6:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Meeting | Fireside Room
7:00 PM Boys Troop Committee | Holy Family Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:10 AM All-school Mass | Church
3:00 PM MS Youth Group | Youth Room
6:00 PM Ascend Formations | Lower Church
6:00 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd | Atrium
7:30 PM AA Meeting | Lower Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:30 AM Confession | Church
8:00 AM Mass | Church
8:30 AM Adoration | Lower Church Chapel
1:15 PM St. Francis Prayer Group | Fireside Room
6:00 PM Ste. Anne's CCW Board | Holy Family Room
6:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting | Virtual
6:30 PM Adult Bible Study | Virtual
6:30 PM Watchmen Book Club | Fireside Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 AM Confession | Church
8:00 AM Mass | Church
1:00 PM School Adoration | Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5: **BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

7:30 AM Confessions | Church
8:00 AM Mass | Church
9:15 AM Lay Carmelite Meeting | Gathering Space
3:30 PM Confessions | Church
4:30 PM Mass | Church and Live Streamed

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6: **FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE POOR**

8:30 AM Mass | Church
10:30 AM Mass | Church

All Calendar dates/times are subject to change. Find up-to-date listings on our website, www.sjlc.org.

LIVING OUR FAITH



WINTER FAITH 4 HIGH SCHOOLERS

High schoolers: Join more than 100 young Catholics for a weekend you'll never forget. (Camp is all-inclusive of meals, activities, materials; scholarships available.) There will be Mass, powerful music and testimonies, Eucharistic adoration, and fun and games. Cost is \$190. Join us Feb. 18–21, at Camp Courage. Contact Joe Block at jblock@sjolc.org.

REGISTER TODAY FOR YOUTH TRIPS

Don't forget to register for our upcoming summer youth programming: sjolc.org/youthevents.

- ⇒ **Extreme Faith Camp** For kids entering grades 7-9, June 20-24.
- ⇒ **Totus Tuus** For grades 7-12 July 17-21, for grades 1-6 July 18-22
- ⇒ **Steubenville St. Paul** High schoolers, July 29-31

LENTEN RETREAT: 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. The retreat lasts March 25-27; free will donations accepted. www.sjolc.org/retreat

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

Our annual fundraiser for Women's Life Care Center begins at all Masses this weekend, January 29-30. Pick up your baby bottle to collect coins, then return the filled bottle the weekend(s) of February 5-6 or 12-13.

FOOD AND TOILETRY COLLECTION WEEKEND FEB. 4-5

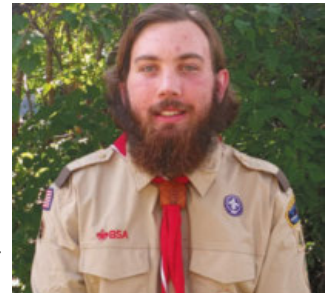
Our next collection date for Franciscan Brothers is February 5; those hygiene items are so helpful, especially laundry detergent, toilet paper and Kleenex. Food-wise, the Brothers have "a great abundance" of cereal, but a shortage of spaghetti sauce (in cans if possible) and peanut butter. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

JOIN US FOR SCOUT SUNDAY AND EXPO FEB. 13 & 21

Doughnut Sunday in February is hosted by Saint John's own Scouts BSA charters, coinciding with the annual Scouts Sunday (a Sunday close to February 8 each year). Hear the testimonies of some of our own Scouts, then consider coming to an Open Expo event, where girls and boys ages 5-18 are welcome to try on knot-tying, derby racing, first aid, tents and more, all with no commitment necessary. Learn more at www.sjolc.org/scouts

SCOUT HONORED

Congratulations to Edward Trombley, the newest Eagle Scout from Troop 9462. Edward's Eagle Scout Project was to provide care packages for veterans, which thanks to your help he completed during Discipleship Sunday last year. As part of his project, he collected 480 pairs of socks, 65 pairs of sweatpants, 62 packages of baking mixes, 264 cans of soda, and Saint John's School students made 127 note cards.



SPAGHETTI & SPEAKERS: DOUG BUSHMAN ON FEB. 12

Join us for free food, fellowship, and an inspiring talk from Doug Bushman, director of parish formation from the Church of St. Joseph, West St. Paul. All are welcome from 5:30-6:30 PM Feb. 12 in the School Dining Hall. Free-will offerings accepted but not required. www.sjolc.org/discipleship-sunday

RETURN OF ST. JOSEPH CONSECRATIONS

Saint John's again will host a St. Joseph consecration ceremony again March 19. Consider the 33 days of preparation to consecrate or re-consecrate yourself to the earthly father of our Lord. There are numerous books available if you don't want to read the same one again. We also will have Consecration to St. Joseph Book Club on Tuesday mornings and/or Sunday afternoons between February 13 and March 15. www.sjolc.org/joseph

ASCEND TO NEW FORMATION HEIGHTS THIS FEBRUARY

Your Catholic identity is likely challenged every day by coworkers, acquaintances, even family and friends. Do you have the answers to defend your beliefs? Do you yourself have questions you want answers to? Join Foundations, the first in four levels of the Ascend formation program, starting February 2. "Foundations," is an open and encouraging space for all teenagers and adults to ask questions and get real, intellectual answers to life's most fundamental questions. www.sjolc.org/ascend

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 1-6

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 1**
Charlotte Pince †

**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 2**
For the School

THURSDAY,

FEBRUARY 3
Karen Iffert †

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 4**
For the Parish

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 5 |
8:30 AM**
For the Parish

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 5 |**

4:30 PM
Lyndon and Rosella
Buesing †

**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 6 |
8:30 AM**
Deacon Tom Barrett †

**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 6 |
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., Joe F., Sue M., Vernon C., Stacy S., Dorothy W. 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

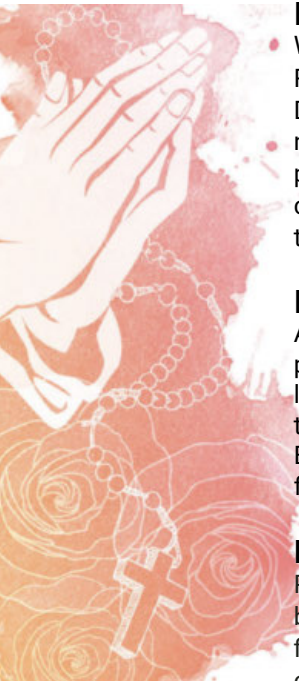
As a faith community, it is important to hold each other in prayer, especially in difficult moments such as the death of a loved one. The families experience much comfort knowing that we are supporting them. Please pray for the souls of Burns Rudy, John O'Brien and Terri Emberson, and for their families.

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

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered" for the sake of others.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11

STEWARDSHIP AROUND THE PARISH

Want to serve but don't want to teach? Be a hall monitor at **Youth Group**. Or consider donating snacks or juice boxes. Contact Joe at jblock@sjolc.org.

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

More Sacristans: Be a doer behind the scenes of any Mass; contact Ryan at rchimzar@sjolc.org.

Sunday Giving - December 2021

	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Sunday/Childrens Envelopes	\$102,212	\$409,108	\$402,000
Holy Day Collection	\$22,948	\$27,327	\$25,000
Plate Collection	\$1,849	\$11,374	\$6,270
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