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— DECEMBER 19, 2021 —

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: *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/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next 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

**MASKS
OPTIONAL
RECOMMENDED**



**NO REP CLASSES DECEMBER
22ND OR 29TH.**

**CLASSES RESUME ON
JANUARY 5TH**

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.



Friday, December 24th

Christmas Eve - Mass at 4pm

Saturday, December 25th

Christmas Day

Mass - 8:30am & 10:30am

**No 5pm Saturday Evening Mass*

Sunday, December 26th

Feast of the Holy Family

Mass at 8:30am & 10:30am

Saturday, January 1st

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 9am

Saturday, January 1st

Vigil Mass for Epiphany of our Lord

Mass at 5pm

Sunday, January 2nd

Epiphany of our Lord

Mass at 8:30am & 10:30am

Merry Christmas!

"Be not afraid; for behold I bring you good new of great joy which will come to all people; for you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk. 2: 10-11).

These were the words of the angels to the shepherds in Bethlehem, who were keeping watch over their flock by night. They receive the good news of the birth of their savior. And they set out immediately to Bethlehem to see for themselves and adore the God child born to redeem them. Over two thousand years later, we too are blessed to hear the news of great joy that, the Divine son born in Bethlehem continues invite us to see His glory and worship him. What a wonderful feeling it is to kneel before this manger and "Ponder everything God has done for us" – God loves us so much that he gives us His only Son, so that we may have life, have it abundantly". Is there anything in the world that can surpass such an act of love and generosity?

After seeing the God child, St. Joseph and the blessed Mother, the shepherds went home "Glorifying God for all they had heard and seen". Imagine what it would have been like one of those shepherds and how much their lives must have been changed by this experience! As we celebrate Christmas, God invites us to share in the same experience and return to our homes with such joy and gladness that our lives will be completely changed.

Christmas, a time of remembering with gratitude the generosity of God, is also a time of sharing with others what God has blessed us with. It is in this context that I would like to bring to your attention what I mentioned at all weekend Masses: that over the last five months alone, we have fallen \$30,000.00 short of our budget goal in envelope giving. I am absolutely baffled by this trend. For ever since I came to St. John Vianney seven years ago, we never had an issue like this. You have all been extremely generous with your giving. So much so, that I have never had to bring up the subject before you. Even during COVID, we almost completely met our budget goals. But now this trend really surprises me. So, if you have not been giving in the past or have cut out your donations, I invite you to please consider giving now to our parish. There are many of you who stepped in immediately this past week to make an extra donation. A heartfelt thank you for that generosity. I further invite all of you who donate regularly to consider increasing your giving at least by 5% so that we can return to being strong financially, a key to our survival as a parish.

Here is how you can give to our parish:

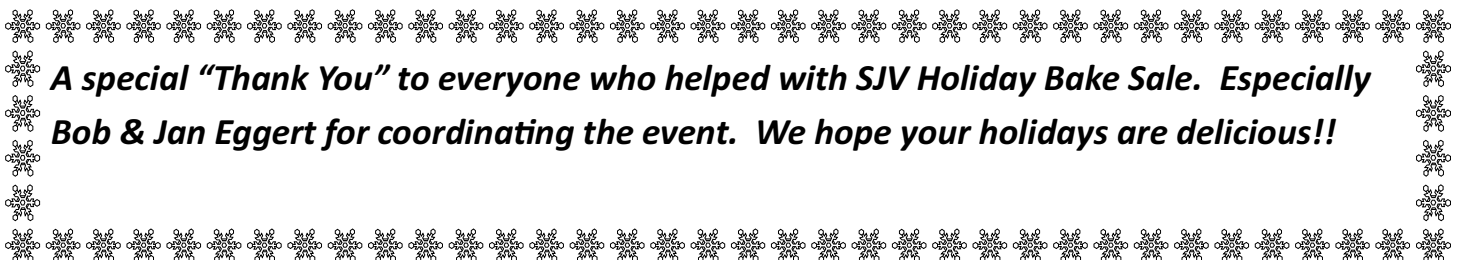
Give electronically (see the form in the Bulletin).

- IRA charitable rollover: A great planning tool if you are age 70 1/2 or older is to give money from an IRA directly to charity. This is called a "qualified charitable distribution (QCD). This is an option if you wish to lower the taxable balance of an IRA, or if you are age 72 or older and you don't need the money from your required minimum distribution (RMDs). Donating through a QCD is a good way to avoid paying taxes on the money you withdraw while helping a qualified charity. The money must go directly from the IRA to a charity to ensure the distribution doesn't count toward your taxable income for the year.
- Mail in your usual collection envelopes to our parish office at 789 17th Ave. N, So. Saint Paul, MN 55101.

I have great hope that the Lord sees and cares for our every need. He is never outdone in generosity and knows the sacrifices each of us makes in being generous.

Thank you for your generosity so that St. John Vianney parish can continue to serve you and all the parishioners into the immediate future and beyond. May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly this Christmas season and every day of the New Year!

~Fr. Antony Skaria CFIC



A special "Thank You" to everyone who helped with SJV Holiday Bake Sale. Especially Bob & Jan Eggert for coordinating the event. We hope your holidays are delicious!!



PARISH GIVING	DESCRIPTION	NOVEMBER	YTD	YTD BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE
(Fiscal Year	Envelopes	\$ 29,975.35	\$ 120,386.75	\$ 150,000.00	\$ (29,613.25)
July'21-June'22)	Plate/Loose	\$ 1,755.00	\$ 6,839.50	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 589.50
	Mortgage	\$ 2,494.00	\$ 14,072.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (928.00)
	TOTAL:	\$ 34,224.35	\$ 141,298.25	\$ 171,250.00	\$ (29,951.75)

ELECTRONIC FUNDS AUTHORIZATION FORM-VANCO PAYMENT SOLUTIONS

Name of the organization: **St. John Vianney Church**

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Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation		
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DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____/____/____	FREQUENCY OF DONATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly – 1 st and 15 th <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th	FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Apostolate AMOUNTS: \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____
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Prayer Requests



Myrt Milner	Robert Delia
Jim Schema	Kay Buhl
Bob Bringgold	Debbie Knoll
Becky Thomas	Marcy Jansen
Barb Thompson	Alice Hamilton
Mark Todd	Paul Rebholz
Gloria Powers	Sandy Thompson
Simon Scott	Jim Bruhn
Jack Barrett	Judy Fuglie
Linda Pelletier	Grayce Hartman
Dave Vonarx	Geri Loder
Katie Loder	Theresa Skillrud
Fran Delia	Jeri Boomgaarden
Kevin Conroy	Shari Bergman
John Cosgrove	Joann Krantz
Alex Larson	Frank Strut
Cathy Derr	Marla Hawley
Fred Friedrichs	Bill Holzmer
Kathy Olsen-Roebke	Randy Gillette
Joel Oberpriller	Alex Bussiere
John Rose	Gloria Perkovich
Dustin Bergh	Terry Delia
Sandy Lotzer	Jeanne Cosgrove
Lyndon Baker	Vi Stewart
Marge Willer	Tom Lehmann
Lily Kehler	Mildred Hoff
Carlos Garcia	Bill Reynolds
Steve Stremski	Steven Temes
Krista Marks	

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY	DEC 20	8:00 AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	DEC 21	8:00 AM	MONICA GLASS+
WEDNESDAY	DEC 22	8:00 AM	FRANCIS FAMILY
THURSDAY	DEC 23	8:00 AM	POPE FRANCIS
FRIDAY	DEC 24	8:00 AM	NO MORNING MASS
CHRISTMAS EVE		4:00PM	ALL PARISHIONERS
CHRISTMAS DAY	DEC 25	8:30AM	GIL & MARION NOVOTNY+
		10:30AM	DAVID WILCOX+ & BILL NOVOTNY+
SATURDAY	DEC 25	5:00PM	NO EVENING MASS
SUNDAY	DEC 26	8:30 AM	LARRY JOSWIAK+
		10:30 AM	JOAN GLEWWE & JENNIFER FRID JENNIGES+



Save The Date!

Three Kings Feast

Saturday, January 8th at 6:30 pm

The Three Kings Feast is an Italian family style feast to support St. John Vianney parish. COVID has hit many parishes financially and St. John Vianney is no different. So, let's come together to raise funds by sharing a feast. Three amateur chefs and their friends will come together to create a meal fit for the King's. Enjoy fresh homemade pasta while listening to the sounds of Italy. We will also toast the night away to you for your support and dedication to St. John Vianney.

Tickets on-sale after all Masses beginning December 11th

Adult: \$25.00 Child: \$15

Table: \$260* - Includes complimentary bottle of wine



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