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I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year. I hope that your Christmas was a joyous and enjoyable one.

Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Family can be defined in many ways; a mother, father, and children are a family. People who are descendants of a common ancestor are referred to as family. Family can also be

defined as any group of people who have one or more things in common.

Personally, as I think of the word family, many examples come to mind. First and foremost, there is my biological family. My brother priests are also a family, and there is the parish family of St. Jane Frances de Chantal. The list goes on. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, may we give thanks to God for our own families—but may we also remember those groups of people we interact with who are also families to us.

The New Year is upon us, and we are filled with hopes and expectations. May we take the time to see God’s hand working in our daily life and in the lives of the people we come in contact with throughout our journey of faith. At this time of the year, as we close out one year and begin another anew, I found myself reflecting upon two aspects of my life:

First, I recalled the many people I met and experiences I had in the past year. I also recalled the countless ways God has revealed Himself to me through so many people.

Second, as I begin this New Year, the question that often comes to my mind is: how is God going to use me to proclaim His message? And, more importantly, will I be open to responding to God’s call?

I have said many times that God has a plan for each one of us. We don’t need to understand or know what that plan is. We just have to go along for the ride, because God has us all in the palm of His Hand. God is good all the time; all the time, God is good.

In our prayers, may we also remember those who serve in the military, who protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy. On behalf of a grateful nation, we thank all those who serve in the five branches of the military for their service to our country.

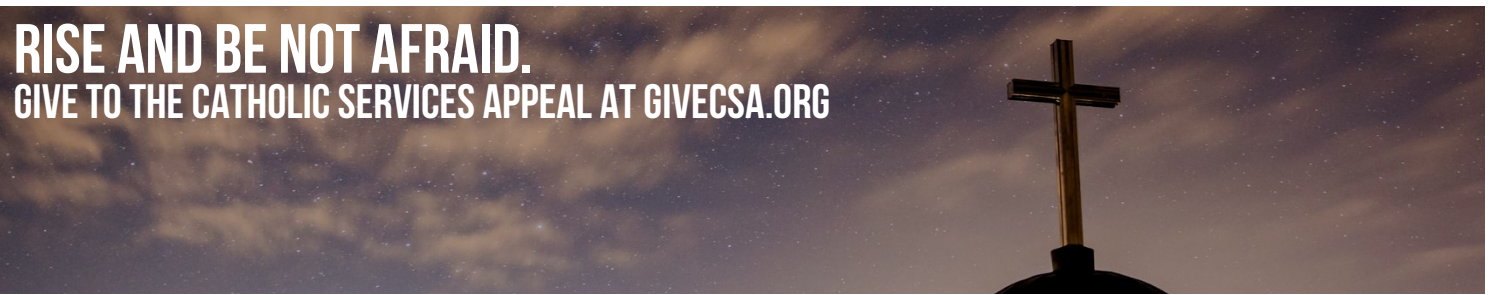
Bon mot: “Many people do not have a clear idea about what is important to them.”

—Anthony Robbins

Have a great New Year.

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony



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DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm
Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

Holy Day Masses As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—8:00pm

Tuesday

2:00pm—8:00pm

Saturday

3:00pm—5:00pm

Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, December 28, 2020

Parish Office closed

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

Parish Office closed

No Mass

No Confession

No Rosary

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Parish Office closed

No Mass

Thursday, December 31, 2020

Parish Office closed

4:00pm Solemnity of Mary Mass
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, January 1, 2021

No events

Saturday, January 2, 2021

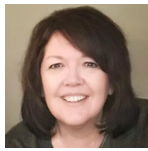
4:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:00am Red Cross Blood Drive

9:00am Mass

11:30am Mass



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“Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. The ordinary events of the Holy Family should not blind us from seeing that God is truly in our midst and only God brings us to the fullness of life.

The full Gospel text for today is the account of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. This includes the encounter between Jesus’ parents and Simeon and Anna. It is worth reading the complete story. The presentation allows us to recognize that the event of Jesus’ birth is greater than a simple family moment. His Nativity is intended to change the course of history, as represented in the beautiful prayer of Simeon.

This change will begin with Jesus’ family life, but will eventually affect our lives. We will all become his family, his beloved, and his disciples.”

(2021 Sourcebook for Sunday, Seasons, and Weekdays, LTP)

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we honor the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, as well as focus on our own families.

Today is a good day to reflect on the joys of family life and acknowledge its challenges. As you reflect, be sure to pray for the needs of your family. When you gather for a meal, consider praying together the following prayer from the book *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*:

We bless your name, O Lord,
for sending your own incarnate Son
to become part of a family,
so that, as He lived its life,
He would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord,
to protect and watch over this family,
so that in the strength of your grace
its members may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace,
and, as the Church alive in the home,
bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May your family be a source of joy and peace!

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.”

(Col 3:12-13)





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I hope and pray that everyone had a wonderful Christmas celebration full of new offerings, new experiences, and joy.

But there are many who may not be experiencing joy (as we define it) right now. Rather, they may have a feeling of loss, due to either a death, a loss of security (financial or otherwise), or a loss of a sense of control, due to everything that this pandemic has handed us.

This is where I focus today during our Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Holy Family began in far less-than-ideal circumstances, according to our human standards. A young wife was pregnant, but not by her betrothed husband. She and her husband took a trip to Joseph's ancestral home for a census, on a carpenter's wages, only to find that there was no place for them to stay. God took care of them; even if it was not "ideal," they were not out in the elements for the birth of their child. The animals, while smelly and "dirtier" than human company, provided warmth and some amenity for the new family. There was no one around to welcome the new member of the family or to aid in those first few moments, but God gave the fledgling family visitors in the form of the shepherds of the field, the stable hands, and the Three Wise Men who bore gifts.

Many of our brothers and sisters have had less-than-ideal circumstances handed to them this year, just as the Holy Family did. The question I might ask is, did God abandon those around us, or has he given each and every one of us the chance to reach out and assist each other in ways we may not have thought of before? This year, we have had drive-by birthday parades, have stood outside the houses of a grandparent or another loved one to let them know that we are thinking of them, have had food dropped off at our doors, or have dropped something off at the house of another. We are all family, even if not in a close, blood-related way. We are called to take care of each other, now more than ever.

Our first and second readings for the weekend call us to honor those who come before us. This means that we are called to respect and care for them. It also means that because God came before us, and because God encompasses all that is good, we need to be to each other as God is to us.

God gives us what we need (not always what we want) and provides for us. We are called to forgive, to serve, and, most importantly, to love one another. Because the greatest example, Jesus, has done this for us, so must we do for each other.

Rarely will this be easy; often, we will be tempted to take the easy way out. Jesus warned His disciples that this path was not an easy one. We choose Christianity, not because of some "esteem" that it brings to us, or because it is a cultural "norm." Rather, because we chose the Christian way, we are called to study and learn about it—to challenge ourselves with the teachings of the Church. We are empowered to embody the Church's teachings so that God's message will reach those who have not yet heard or been witness to them. We are called to be the Holy Family to one another, to overcome adversity for each other, and to reach out and invite others to be a part of this family. To everyone who is new, welcome! To everyone who has been around for a while, welcome back! For those who are no longer with us, you are loved! Merry Christmas! (Yes! We have only just begun the Christmas Season.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS
WEEK OF DEC. 27, 2020

Sunday

*Feast of the Holy Family of
 Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3
 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
 Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17
 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

Monday

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2
 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8
 Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday

*Saint Thomas Becket,
 Bishop & Martyr*

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

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:12-17
 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
 Lk 2:36-40

Thursday

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2:18-21
 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
 Jn 1:1-18

Friday

*Solemnity of Mary,
 The Holy Mother of God*

Nm 6:22-27
 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
 Gal 4:4-7
 Lk 2:16-21

Saturday

*Memorial of Saints Basil the Great &
 Gregory Nazianzen,
 Bishops & Doctors of the Church*

1 Jn 2:22-28
 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
 Jn 1:19-28

Sunday

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6
 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Mt 2:1-12

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Adapted from catholiccurrent.org.

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas. This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

Add an additional prayer to your family routine today and brainstorm ways you might help each other grow in faith throughout this New Year.

"May the Holy Family be a model for our families, so that parents and children may support each other mutually in adherence to the Gospel, the basis of the holiness of the family."

—Pope Francis



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We are now into the throes of winter—and on behalf of our wonderful St. Jane Frances de Chantal Health Ministry, it's time we pay attention to health issues that tend to manifest themselves during these cold

weather months. Many thanks to Chris Cosnowski and Kathy Pawlik for their assistance, time, and efforts for the Health Ministry!

Lately, with COVID-19, we've heard more about vitamin D, the "sunshine" vitamin, which is actually a hormone and immune system booster.

Here in the north, winter's gray days can cause your vitamin D levels to dip drastically. Less sunlight means less vitamin D, because vitamin D is primarily absorbed through the skin. However, body chemistry may also affect absorption rates, so it can be a good idea to get your vitamin D levels tested.

Low levels of vitamin D have been linked to an increased risk of osteoporosis, heart attacks, dementia, heart disease, and Parkinson's disease. Several studies have also shown that people with low vitamin D levels are twice as likely to have a heart attack or stroke, compared to those with higher levels.

About 15 minutes of sun daily is enough to keep your vitamin D levels at a healthy amount. However, a vitamin D supplement may be needed, in amounts of anywhere from 1,000-5,000 IUs daily. Check with your doctor to see if vitamin D supplements are right for you.

Slippery surfaces can equal deadly falls. Every 18 seconds on any given day, accidental falls send an older adult to the emergency room. With icy streets, wintertime walking can be especially hazardous.

Most of the 23,000 deaths a year attributed to falls are due to head injuries or hip fractures. These can lead to extended hospitalization wherein people contract COVID-19, pneumonia, or other infections.

When it's icy out, wear appropriate shoes, take short steps, walk slower, stay off your phone, and spread salt on your sidewalks. Be aware of your surroundings, and keep an eye out for wet spots due to ice melt.

The last two winters haven't been too severe, but who knows about 2021? Be prepared. In cold weather, your body loses heat faster than it can produce it. While this usually occurs at temperatures well below freezing, hypothermia can occur at 40 degrees and above in people who are chilled from rain, sweat, or submersion in cold water. Wind chill can also be a factor.

The warning signs of hypothermia are shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, slurred speech, drowsiness, and memory loss. If you suspect someone may be at risk for hypothermia, take their temperature. If it's below 95 degrees, call an ambulance. Get the person to a warm room, remove any wet clothing, and use electric or other blankets, warming the chest, neck, head or groin areas first. Provide warm non-alcoholic/non-caffeinated beverages to increase their body temperature, and keep the person wrapped in warm blankets or clothing, including the head and neck.

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When exposed to very cold temperatures, skin and underlying tissues may freeze, resulting in frostbite. The areas most likely affected by frostbite are hands, feet, nose, and ears.

If one's skin looks white or grayish-yellow, is very cold, and has a hard or waxy feel, they may have frostbite. The skin may also itch, burn, or feel numb. Severe frostbite can cause blistering and hardening.

As the area thaws, the flesh becomes red and painful. Gradually warming the affected skin is key to treating frostbite. Protect the skin from further exposure.

If outside, warm frostbitten hands by tucking them into the armpits. Protect the face, nose, or ears by covering the area with dry, gloved hands. Don't rub the affected area and never rub snow on frostbitten skin.

Get out of the cold. Once indoors, remove wet clothes. Gradually warm frostbitten areas. Put hands or feet in warm water. Wrap or cover other areas in a warm blanket. Don't use direct heat, such as a stove, heat lamp, fireplace or heating pad, because these can cause burns. Don't walk on frostbitten feet or toes; this further damages the tissue.

If there's any chance the affected areas will freeze again, don't thaw them out. If they're already thawed out, wrap them up so that they don't become frozen again. If the skin turns red and there's a tingling and burning sensation as it warms, circulation is returning. But if numbness or sustained pain remains during warming or if blisters develop, seek medical attention.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

This Thursday, December 31, 2020, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish will celebrate Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm.

Live Mass will also be available on the homepage of sjfparish.org at 4:00pm.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Adapted from catholiccurrent.org.

Holy and everlasting Lord,
make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

A PRAYER OF THANKS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Adapted from xavier.edu.

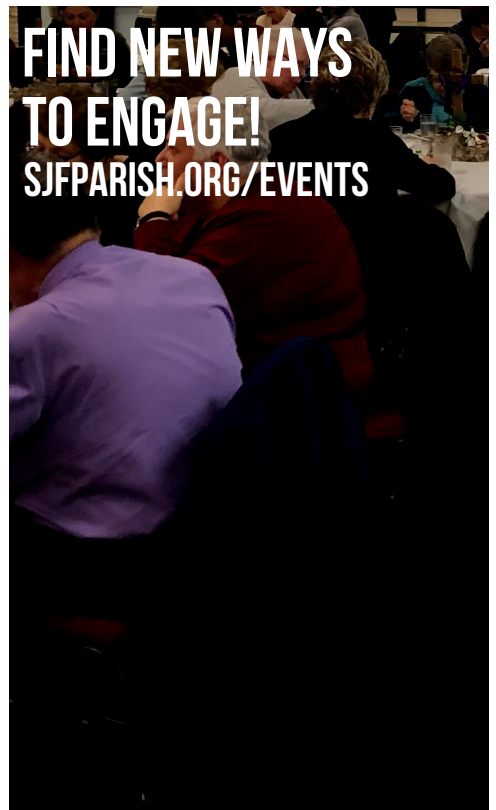
Dear God,
we thank you, for you
make all things new.
Thank you for all that you've allowed
into our lives this past year,
the good along with the hard things,
which have reminded us
how much we need you
and rely on your presence
filling us every single day.

Shine your light in us,
through us, over us.
May we make a difference
in this world, for your glory
and purposes. Set your way
before us. May all your plans succeed.

Grant that we may reflect
your peace and hope
to a world that so desperately needs
your presence and healing.

To you be glory and honor,
in this New Year,
and forever.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.





Pope Francis
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To pray is to light a candle in the darkness. Prayer rouses us from the tepidness of a purely horizontal existence, lifts our gaze to higher things, makes us attuned to the Lord, allows God to be close to us; it frees us from our solitude and gives us hope.

Posted on December 15, 2020



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"In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone."



Posted on December 14, 2020

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

On **January 3, 2020**, the Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive **by appointment only**. Temperature checks will be conducted at the door, and a limited number of people will be allowed inside at the same time. Register online at redcrossblood.org.



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One of the things we've done frequently in the university classes I've taken is reflect. Particularly near the end of the semester, we take time to look back on what we've done,

consider the skills we've gained, and, most importantly, give ourselves credit for what we've accomplished.

Reflecting is important and rewarding. Without reflecting on something after we've done it, we might not feel like we've accomplished much of anything. It's important to take time to acknowledge how far we've come and the things we've learned along the way.

As 2020 comes to a close, we should engage in that same kind of reflection. Without a doubt, this has been a difficult, turbulent year. We should give ourselves credit for not only getting through it, but for doing the best we could to stay positive despite the hardships we've endured.

We have also come a long way this year in our faith lives. For many of us, the COVID-19 pandemic brought about our first experiences with digital worship. Whether you watched live Mass from our parish, participated in televised Mass from the Archdiocese, or engaged in digital prayer or worship music resources, we have all had to transition our faith lives to a digital frontier. Even now, some of us are not able to return to public worship due to health concerns. For those people, digital worship continues to be their way of connecting with their faith communities.

We should give ourselves credit for adapting to this new way of worship. While it has been difficult to be apart from each other during Mass, I hope we all felt some kind of connection as we watched Mass virtually together.

Something many of us do when the New Year approaches is make resolutions. The New Year can be a time to commit to changing ourselves for the better—whether that be committing to an exercise regimen, to reading more, or to engaging more deeply with our faith.

If your resolution for the New Year is the latter, I'd like to invite you to engage in some of the digital worship resources we offer here at our parish. As we've learned this year, while digital worship can be different, it remains rewarding and spiritually invigorating. We offer a variety of worship resources online, including:

Video Mass. If you'd like to worship digitally with us, video Mass is a safe and easy way to do so. Every weekend, video Mass is made available on the homepage of sjfparish.org and our YouTube channel. Fr. Tony celebrates a full Mass and offers spiritual communion for those watching.

The Digital Music Series. If you miss hearing and singing songs of worship during Mass, tune into our Digital Music Series! Join Janina Jacobs, Director of Music at St. Jane Frances de Chantal, as she performs music fit for the Advent and Christmas seasons. You'll feel like you're back in Mass—while in the comfort of your own home! New episodes of the Digital Music Series release every Sunday and Thursday.

Parish News. If you're looking for prayer resources, videos, or other digital reflections, sign up for Parish News at sjfparish.org/news. Every Sunday, we send an email with news from our parish and resources from the Archdiocese and online. Anyone with an email address can sign up for Parish News.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Adapted from catholiccurrent.org.

On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, the household gathers at the table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene. Many people make New Year's Day a day of prayer for peace.

All make the sign of the cross. The leader begins:

"Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying:
Glory to God in the highest!"

All reply "And peace to His people on Earth!"

The leader may use these or similar words to introduce the blessing:

"Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years,
for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets.
We mark ends and we make beginnings, and, in all,
we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days."

Then the Scripture is read—Book of Genesis 1:14-19:

"Listen to the words of the Book of Genesis:

God said: 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth.' And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day."

(The family's Bible may be used for an alternate reading, such as Psalm 90:1-4).

Reader: "The Word of the Lord."

Response: "Thanks be to God."

After a time of silence, members of the household offer prayers of thanksgiving for the past year, and of intercession for the year to come. On January 1st, it may be appropriate to conclude these prayers with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (in Part VII: Litanies) since this is the solemn feast of Mary, Mother of God.

In conclusion, all join hands for the Lord's Prayer. Then the leader continues:

"Let us now pray for God's blessing in the New Year."

After a short silence, parents may place their hands on their children in blessing as the leader says:

"Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights,
seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours
in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever."

All reply "Amen."

With Deepest Sympathy

The community of
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
extends support and prayers
to the family and friends of:

Thomas J. Guirey

Beloved husband and father.
Cherished brother and grandfather.
Friend to many.

Norman J. LaPrise

Beloved husband.
Dear father and grandfather.
Loving brother.

Robert "Greg" Corby

Cherished husband.
Loving uncle.
Beloved brother.

Fatima E. Habacon

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May the souls of all
the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*

THE 2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Rise and be not afraid.

The Catholic Services Appeal is an annual campaign that raises funds for the Archdiocese of Detroit ministries, programs, and services that serve all the faithful in southeast Michigan. It benefits parishes and people in the Archdiocese of Detroit by helping to fund campus ministries, Catholic school grants, and more. This campaign communicates that the local Church extends beyond the parish.

The CSA is an opportunity for the faithful to respond to Christ's command "to love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12) by helping to fund services throughout the southeast Michigan area. This collaborative archdiocesan campaign is a way to demonstrate the unity of the larger Church and to fund these vital programs.

This year, as our families, parishes, and communities find ways to continue the mission of Christ amid new challenges, we are reminded that we too must rise up.

Our parish goal is \$79,000. If we do not meet our goal, our parish must pay the difference. If we exceed our goal, the money over and above comes back to our parish.

Please visit givecsa.org to make a contribution. We thank God in advance for your support!

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Let us pray for you! Although we are still socially distant, our Intercessory Prayer team is here for you. They are praying for all requests submitted.

Our Intercessory Prayer box remains open on our website. Please visit sjfparish.org/intercessoryprayer to submit prayer requests.

If you have any questions, contact Laurie Hall at LHall@sjfparish.org or call 586-977-8080, Ext. 104.

HOW TO DISCERN YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND TALENTS—AND PUT THEM TO WORK

Adapted from unleashthegospel.org. Written by Laura Piccone-Hanchon.

During the month of October, Pope Francis asked for our prayers for a specific intention—the laity's mission in the Church. "We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church." By the sacrament of baptism, we are called to some form of ministry.

As *Lumen Gentium* reminds us, all people of the Church, not just the priests and religious sisters and brothers, but all of us, make up the Church. There are various ways you can share in the Church's ministry in your family, parish, and community.

Some of us are called to hold professional positions within the Church as lay ecclesial ministers. Others give their time and talents as sacristans, lectors, choir members, parish council members, finance committee members—the list goes on and on. We all share in the responsibility of participating in the Church's ministry.

We each have God-given gifts and talents. Some are keenly aware of these gifts and talents, while others are discovering them in new ways. If you are unsure of yours, consider reading a book like *Living Your Strengths* and taking its personality-assessing quiz, or asking those close to you what natural talents they see in you. Take those answers to prayer and ask God to help you use the gifts He has placed within you.

We can respond to these gifts by giving of ourselves. Each of us can build up and utilize our talents to serve in our parish. In return, we can grow in faith through our participation in the ministries of the Church. By sharing our talents with our faith communities, we can foster a sense of belonging and meaning that is personally life-giving.

Consider the following examples of the many talents that could be utilized in our parishes:

Are you good at **analyzing details**, developing plans, or observing trends and tendencies?

Do you **naturally empathize** with people, relate with those around you, or easily make connections between different things?

Can you **clearly communicate** complex or important information, bring a story to life through performance, or offer encouragement and praise to someone sharing their gifts and talents?

Are you **good at strategizing** or goal-setting, leading others in a project, or managing resources and time?

Once we have an idea of our gifts and talents, we can prayerfully discern how best to use them in our parishes and communities. It may be in a ministry or role that already exists at the parish, or it may mean thinking outside of the box, looking at new and creative ways to serve. This might look like:

Serving the poor and helping those who are in need.

Being intentional about spending quality time in prayer.

Utilizing your talents in specific ministries in the Church by accompanying, teaching, or leading young people through adolescence, young adulthood, and all age groups throughout various life stages.

Serving during liturgy or on councils and commissions.

We have been graced with special gifts from the Holy Spirit to be living examples of Gospel teaching in our everyday lives—to minister to and with others. Each of us plays a role in bringing our Church to life! We can make the life of the parish and broader communities better with our personal involvement.

We are created and called to be a light to the world in our own unique ways. Inspired by the Holy Father’s intention for the month of October, let each of us pray and be mindful of these words attributed to St. Teresa of Ávila:

*Christ has no body but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours;
yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world,
yours are the feet
with which he walks to do good,
yours are the hands,
with which he blesses all the world.*

*Yours are the hands,
yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes,
you are his body.*

*Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours;
yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

PRAYER FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Adapted from followingjesus.org.

God of love,
source of mercy and compassion,
weave your dream for the world
into the fabric of our lives.

Transform our lives
so that we may accomplish your purpose.

Help us to reach out to those
whom no one else will touch,
to accept the unacceptable,
and to embrace the enemy.

Empower us to respond to the call of Jesus –
to deny ourselves, to take up our crosses,
and to follow. Make us your disciples. Amen.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Thursday Dec. 31, 2020	Saturday Jan. 2, 2021	Sunday Jan. 3, 2021
4:00pm Ronald Mobley	4:00pm Chris Darner	9:00am John Martin 11:30am Robert Skwara

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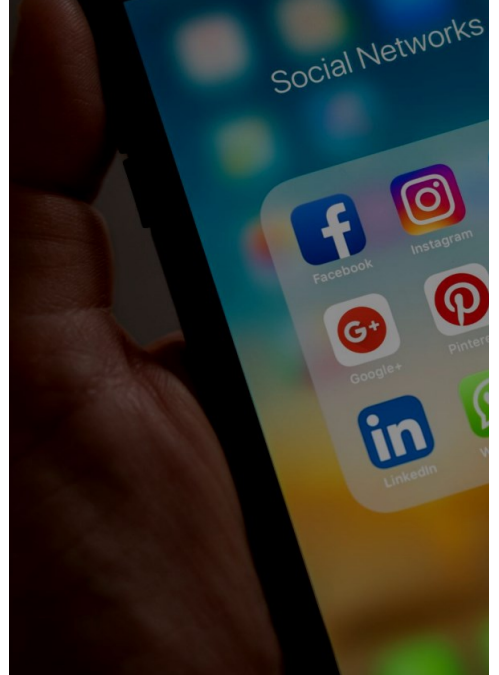
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Names added to the Prayer List remain for a period of four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request additional prayers. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 28, 2020 *No Mass*

Tuesday, December 29, 2020 *No Mass*

Wednesday, December 30, 2020 *No Mass*

Thursday, December 31, 2020

4:00pm For the Parishioners
 Dec. Linda Hayes (Jane Jeffrey & Family)
 Dec. Larry Krzeminski (Karen Graziano)

Friday, January 1, 2021 *No Mass*

Saturday, January 2, 2021

4:00pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, January 3, 2021

9:00am First Sunday Monthly Memorial Members
 Dec. Elizabeth Koczon (Judy Taylor)
 Dec. Ronald Pellerito (2nd Anniv.) (Wife, Vera Pellerito)
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