Gaudete Sunday

Rejoice!

Third Sunday of Advent
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This Week at Saint Mary’s

Religious Education Classes
Classes on Sundays, 10:45 a.m. to noon in the Parish Center & Children’s Ctr

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, 2022
Las Mañanitas at 5:00 a.m. at St. Nicholas Church
Mass at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church
Mass at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church

St. Mary’s Black Catholics Discussion Group
Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom
Contact Shannon Ambrose: stmaryevanstonbc@gmail.com

Advent Reconciliation Service (Bilingual, English/Spanish)
Tuesday, December 13 in St. Nicholas Church at 7:00 p.m.
Confessors available in English, Spanish, French & Italian

SPRED (Special Religious Development)
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space of St. Mary’s Church

St. Mary’s Quilting Ministry
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Space of the Church

Charismatic Prayer Group (French/Creole)
Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

Weekly Prayer & Worship

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:304:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s, before the 5:00 PM Mass
Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas, before the 4:30 PM Mass

Weekday Mass Schedule
Mondays-Saturdays 8:00 a.m. in St. Mary Church
Monday, Wednesday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. in St. Nick’s Chapel
Friday’s 8:00 a.m. Mass is Bilingual in St. Nick’s Chapel
Tuesdays, at 8:15 a.m. in St. Nicholas Church

Weekly Rosary
Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. in St Mary Church before 8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday Holy Hour
Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. before the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Nick’s

Sunday Mass Schedule
At St. Mary: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday of the months, 12:30 p.m. Mass (French/Creole)
At St. Nicholas: Saturday, 4:30 p.m. (English), Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Spanish)
10:15 a.m. (English) & 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary
Sunday afternoons, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Friday mornings, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m.
Dear Parishioners of St. John XXIII Parish,

Fr. Jean Philippe is finalizing the staffing changes for our new parish and we’re pleased to share these updates.

**Chris Murphy** will be our new pastoral associate for St John XXIII beginning in January 2023. Chris and his family were parishioners at St. Mary from 1984 – 2000, where he also served as pastoral associate for four years. He and his wife Bren (d. 2021) joined St. Nicholas Parish in 2009, and in 2014 Chris was ordained deacon. In Chris’ new part-time role, he will report to Fr. Jean-Philippe and coordinate liturgy, pastoral care, and assist Father with the sacrament of holy matrimony for the two campuses.

**Yolanda Salgado** will begin her part-time position as administrative assistant on December 12, also reporting to Fr. Jean Philippe. She has over 30 years of professional experience as an administrative assistant and is fluent in both English and Spanish. Yolanda has been a longtime parishioner with St. Nicholas from 1990 to present. She has been married for 50 years and has three grown children and six grandchildren.

The Unification Team met on Wednesday, November 30. The general consensus with the group is an overall sense of optimism and hopefulness of the unification process thus far. The unification working teams of Evangelization, Liturgy, Communications, and Hospitality gave a progress report and they are well on their way to developing a structure and model for these ministries to present to Fr. Jean Philippe in January 2023.

Fr. Jean Philippe has engaged a website design consultant to help us develop our new website for St. John XXIII. The target date for the new website will happen in March 2023. Our goal is to ensure that updates to the site continue to reflect the values and identity of our new parish community. We continue to work with representatives of the Archdiocese marketing and design team to create our new visual identity and branding.

With God’s grace,
The Communications Team

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**Pastor’s Pen**

**Third Sunday of Advent 2022**

“Halfway through this season of preparation, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, this Sunday of Joy and gladness. With eager anticipation we prepare our heart for Christ as we prepare our homes for Christmas. Recalling that Mary and Joseph could not find a proper place to give birth to our Savior, we commit to preparing a proper place to receive our Lord anew into our lives. In him, the blind sees and the deaf hear, the poor are fed, and the dead are raised. May we ready ourselves to see the wonders the Lord can do in our midst.” Pastoral Patterns: Winter 2022-2023, P15

Rev. Jean-Philippe Lokpo, mccj

Pastor.

St John XXIII Parish
Reconciliation

St. John XXIII Parish Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:00 p.m.
At St. Nicholas Church, 806 Ridge Avenue, Evanston IL

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12, 2022

Las Mañanitas at 5:00 a.m. at St. Nicholas Church
Mass at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church
Mass at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
12 de diciembre de 2022

Las Mañanitas a las 5:00 am en la Iglesia San Nicolás
Misa a las 8:00 am y 7:00 pm en la iglesia de San Nicolás
Misa a las 8:00 a.m. en la Iglesia St. Mary
A Gaudete Sunday Advent Musical Reflection

A Choral Meditation on Peace and Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 11, 2022

3:00 p.m.
Saint Mary Church
1012 Lake Street • Evanston

Celebrate Gaudete Sunday with a special “Two-Act” Advent Musical Afternoon, followed by our Traditional Holiday Open House

The afternoon begins at 3:00 p.m. with "A Choral Meditation on Peace – How Shall We Wait, Save in the Silence." Scripture readings and original vocal, piano and cello music by Don Colleton (composer of the Stations of the Cross Suite) offered by a small group which rejoices to have been called to pray together in song.

After a brief intermission, the program continues with the Annual Advent Lessons & Carols,* presented by the members of Saint Mary Music Ministry, sharing scripture and song placed together in a special way to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord.

*Lessons & Carols will begin at approximately 4:15 p.m.
St. Nick’s Fest a Big Success!

Thank you, St. John XXIII Parish, for coming together to make this year’s St. Nick’s Fest a success! Thank you for ordering Trees and Greenery, shopping at our Craft Fair, attending the Night with Bishop St. Nicholas, participating in the Raffle (see winners below), baking for and shopping at our Bakery Booth, ordering from our Concession Stands (especially the homemade Mexican delicacies), ordering food from Firehouse Grill, etc.

Thank you, our fabulous committee members, (Sarah & Malachy Cross, Bob & Lois Shuford, Nick Miles, Debbie Anton, David Stumpf, Nora Bondi, Sally Clark Arden, Suzanne Lefevre, Eileen Heineman, Leonor Rojas, Marta Estrada, Giselle Rico, James Holzhauer-Chuckas, United Catholic Youth Ministries, Kathy Benn, Shelly Benson) and the over 100 volunteers Elves that spent time to make this Fest a success.

A big THANK YOU to our Pope John XXIII Family for loaning iPads and other technology support. Sales throughout the St. Nicholas campus went smoothly.

Congratulation to the St. Nick’s Fest 2022 Raffle Winners
Felicidades a los Ganadores de la Rifa del Festival de San Nicolás

$3,000 Maureen Fenty
$1,000 Pat & Mary Lou Voitik
$500 Bob & Lois Shuford

Checks must be payable to St. Mary Parish or St. Nicholas Parish NOT St. John XXIII Church.
We Pray for One Another & the World

Mass Intentions

Every mass that offered for the needs and intentions of someone. You can request that we support you in your intentions and your needs.

Contact the Parish Office to request a mass be offered for someone you know that is in need of prayer, for your own intentions, or for the repose of someone’s soul. The stipend is $10.

We pray for those who are sick, especially ...

Anne Teoli
Peter Kelly, brother of Mark Kelly     Joani Sowinski
James Whitsitt  Terri Keifer          Jack Martin
Jean Antoine    Doug Abts              William Kitchens
Albin Michalowski Margie Murray

We pray for those who have died, especially ...

Agnes Colon, mother of Fr. Jackson Colon

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Fr. Jackson Colon’s mother, Agnes Colon. Many of you might have known Father Colon. St. Mary’s was his first assignment as a newly ordained priest. He served as associate pastor of St. Mary’s from 1990-1999. Funeral Mass for Father Jackson Colon’s mother (Agnes Colon) will take place December 17 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church. Wake: Friday, December 16, 2022 From 5:00 pm-8:00 pm at Donnellan Family Funeral Services 10045 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie.

We pray for those who serve and for peace

- 1st Lieutenant Patrick Benn, U.S. Marine Corps, son of Kathy & Adrian Benn
- CDR Edward Carlton, U.S. Navy, son of Caroline & Frank Carlton
- 1st Lieutenant Henry L. Clark, U.S. Air Force, son of Gayle & Dan Clark
- Airman Lindsey Foley, U.S. Air Force, niece of Chris Foley
- 1st Cadet Helen Hitt, U.S. Air Force Academy, daughter of Stephanie & John Hitt
- Lt. Daniel Kozicki, U.S. Navy, nephew of Linda O’Dwyer

We Join Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, In Prayer

The Holy Father has designated December as a month to pray for Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations.

“We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.”

Join the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network: popesprayerusa.net which addresses the challenges facing humanity. We pray and work to meet the challenges of the world identified by the Pope, while walking a spiritual path called the “Way of the Heart.”

Sunday, December 11: Third Sunday of Advent

Sat.  5:00 V Hattie Mae Ferrell
Sun.  8:00 That this Advent season will open our hearts to a deeper encounter with Christ
       9:30 For Our Parishioners
       11:00 V James Piper

Monday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 V George Frank
     V Antonine Denis

Tuesday, December 13: St. Lucy

8:00 Giving thanks for all the blessings

Wednesday, December 14: St. John the Cross

8:00 That these seasons of Advent and Christmas will deepen our knowledge of our faith and the commitment to live its traditions

Thursday, December 15

8:00 For a fruitful unification of our parish, St. John XXIII

Friday, December 16

8:00 People struggling with sadness and depression in this season of joy

Saturday, Dec 17

8:00 For those who are hungry

Vigil Mass for Sunday, Dec 18

5:00 V Jesus Montalvo