

◇ DECEMBER 15, 2019 ◇

**Eucharist Schedule**

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 8:30, 10:30AM

Weekdays: 8:00AM (7:30AM - 7:55AM Rosary and Prayers)  
(9:10AM Some Wednesdays during the school year.)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 3:30PM & 7:30AM on the days of an 8:00AM Mass, in the Church, or anytime by appointment. Please call the Parish Office.

**Parish Registration:** New Parishioners Welcome is normally the second Sunday of each month at 9:45AM. Please call the Parish Office to let us know you are coming.

**Baptism:** Baptism Information and dates are available on our website or by calling the Parish Office.

**Marriage:** Preparation and instruction must begin at least six months in advance of a suggested date. A specific date will be set with the priest when marriage readiness is indicated.

**Visiting the Sick:** Ministry to those who are homebound, sick, in hospitals or nursing homes is available. Please call the Parish Office if you know someone who wishes to be visited, anointed, and/or receive Communion.

**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. Call 651-484-1048 between the hours of 9:00AM and 9:00PM.

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Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 8:30AM-4:30PM  
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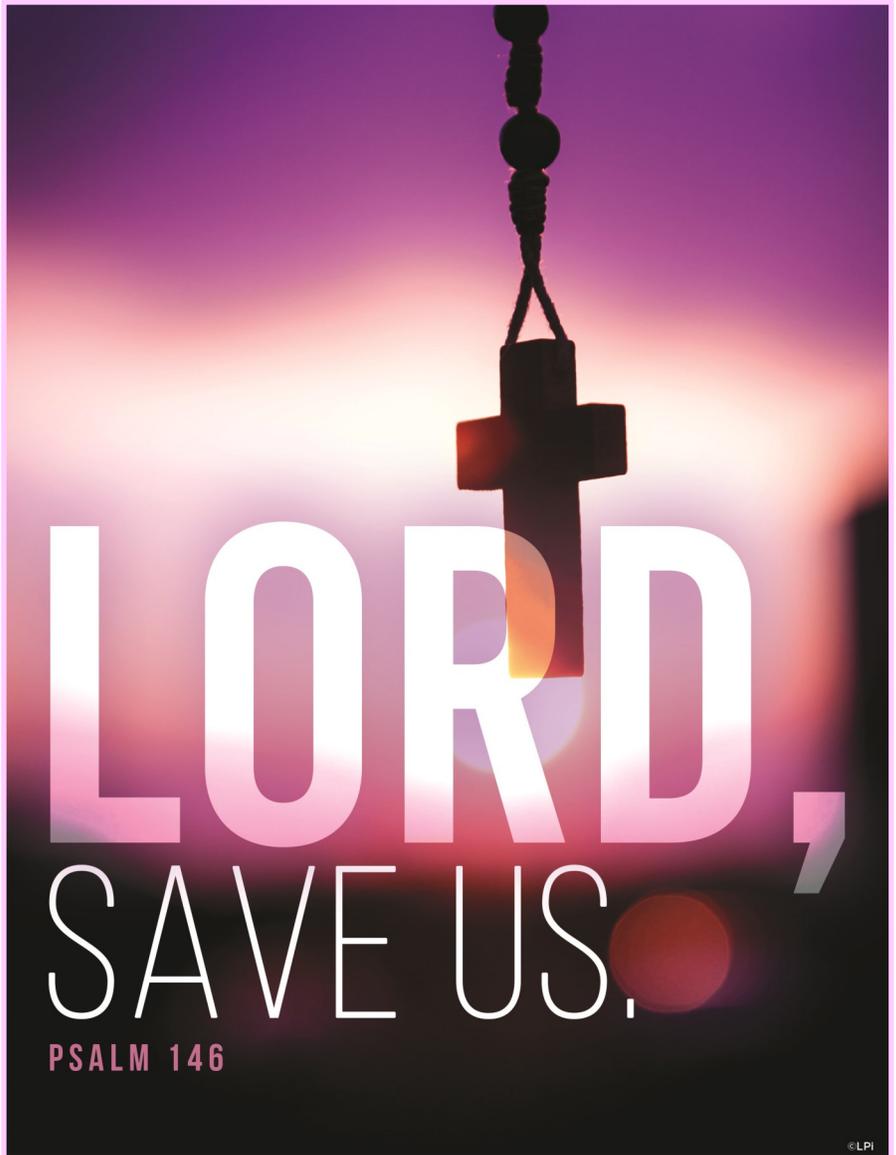
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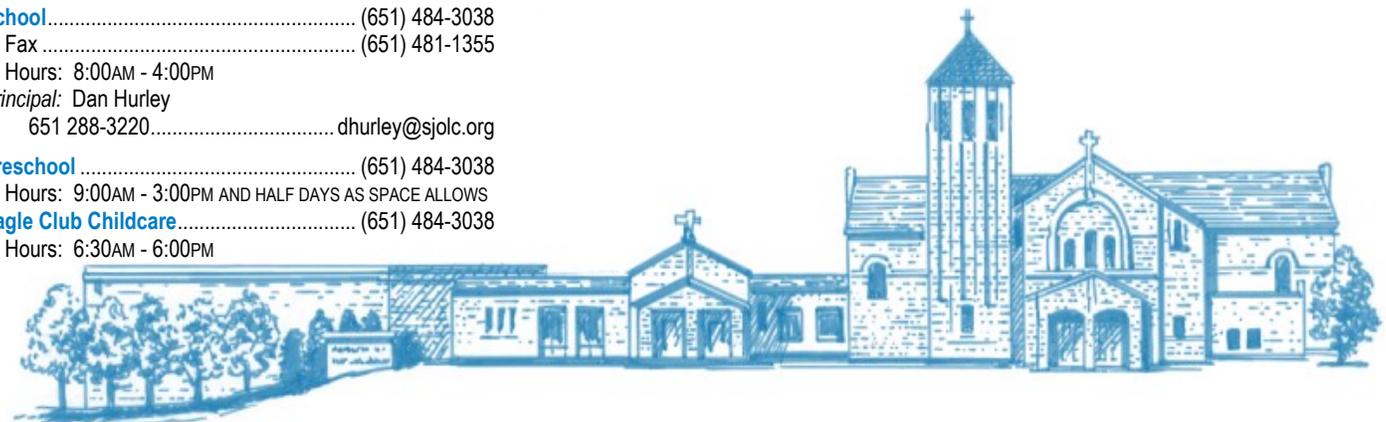
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Hours: 6:30AM - 6:00PM



# Church of Saint John the Evangelist of Little Canada



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## DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

### Director of Faith Formation

Here is what I hear time and time again at Saint John's.

1. From grandparents: "I'm worried about my grandchildren. They don't know their faith and are not living it out, and my grown children are doing little to change the situation."
2. From parents: "We're busy with school, activities, and sports. We truly want to follow God more closely, but there is no time. We don't even eat dinner together."

The two are obviously related. Let me say something briefly about each. I don't mean to be controversial, but sometimes as brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to speak truth into one another's lives, even if it may painfully expose a few wounds.

**To grandparents:** Don't dwell on your past mistakes, failures, and sins as a parent. Go to Confession, be forgiven, and move on. You've got work to do!

1. **Strive to be a saint.** Seriously. This is essential if you want to impact the faith of your children and grandchildren. If your life isn't one of radical holiness and beauty imbued with the power of God's grace, then your children and grandchildren will not see you as a credible witness. You'll just be the preachy, fussy elder who talks a good game, but doesn't live it out. If you are noticeably virtuous, you'll be credible. If you're just like everyone else, your words will ring like the "clashing cymbal" of a hypocrite.
2. **Pray, pray, pray.** Remember, when the Israelites were in battle, if Moses kept his hands raised in prayer, the Israelites won. If Moses stopped praying, the Israelites lost. If you cover your children and grandchildren in a thick, impenetrable blanket of intercessory prayer, the powers of darkness will have an impossible time trying to tempt them. But if you don't pray, well, we know how that will likely end.

**To parents:** God has entrusted us, and no one else, with the eternal welfare of our children. **If sports and activities, and even extra homework, are preventing our families from living our faith with vigor, then we must cut those things out of our lives.** We will stand before Jesus, the righteous king, and give a strict accounting of our stewardship of the immortal souls of our children. Christ will not ask us if they scored well on the ACT, or got a scholarship, or won state, or if they were popular, or if they had fun. He will ask us if we *effectively* passed on the Catholic faith and the offer of eternal salvation. What will we say? Here's my recommendation going forward.

1. **Strive to be a saint.** (see above)
2. **Pray, pray, pray.** (see above).

**Create a Catholic culture in your home.** See <https://churchlife-info.nd.edu/a-report-on-american-catholic-religious-parenting> for a detailed explanation.

## PARISH & COMMUNITY



### Introducing Marriage Enrichment Classes

We're excited to be offering the **Beloved series** from Formed.org as Marriage Enrichment Classes one Sunday a month now through the end of the school year. The first session will be from 4:30 to 6 PM Sunday, December 15 in the Fireside Room. Feel free to come to just one or all six. A full schedule and other resources are available on our parish website at [sjolc.org/marriage-enrichment](http://sjolc.org/marriage-enrichment).

### Last Chance - Giving Tree Items Returned

This weekend, all items for the annual giving tree are due to be returned to the Gathering Space. Simply put the tag on the outside of the packaging and return under the tree (or box for gift cards)—*wrapping is not required*. **All gifts must be returned by this Sunday December 15 no later than 12 PM.** Thank you for your generosity!



## HOLIDAY Mass Schedule

- ◆ Christmas Eve: 4:30PM & 8:00PM
- ◆ Christmas Day: 8:30AM & 10:30AM

### Solemnity of Mary

- ◆ Dec. 31st: 6:00PM
- ◆ Jan. 1st: 9:00AM

## FAITH FAMILY



### IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember those who need healing, including: Rita H., Kevin H., Jenny G., Ellise J., Cathy P., Dick F., Joanne B., Terry C., Mary M.

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact our pastoral minister, Deacon Eric Cooley at [ecooley@stjohnsofjc.org](mailto:ecooley@stjohnsofjc.org) or call 651-288-3268. We will include names in this listing for 2 months. If you need the time extended, please contact Deacon Eric.

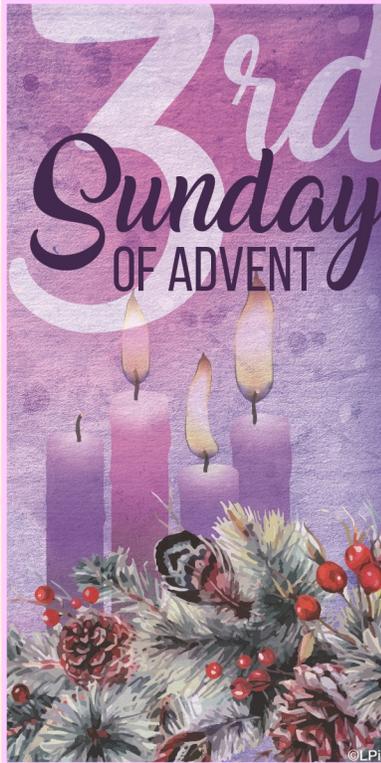


O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from your hand. Gracious and loving God, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen

## FAITH FORMATION

### Did You Know?

It is a grave sin to skip Mass (except for emergencies like an illness, broken-down car, etc.) on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. If someone has skipped Mass, they must confess this sin in the Sacrament of Confession before presenting themselves for Holy Communion. Receiving Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin is a sacrilege. St. Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit wrote, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died." (1 Cor. 11:27-30)



## FAITH FORMATION



## YOUTH GROUP

### Upcoming Youth Group Times

Let Christ change your life. No more anxiety; Peace. No more fear; Trust. No more mediocrity; Fully alive.

- ◆ Gr. 6-12 - Tues, Dec 17, 3:30-5:00 PM @ Youth Room.

### Roseville Area Young Adults

Calling all young adults! You are invited to a Christmas party sponsored by the Roseville Area Young Adults. The date is December 19th at 7 PM. The place is Corpus Christi Church in Roseville. Please know you are welcome even if it is your first time participating!



### Congratulate Deacon Eric Cooley

Our director of Pastoral Ministry was ordained a Permanent Deacon on December 7. Check out our website's News Page ([www.sjlc.org/news](http://www.sjlc.org/news)) for more information about a celebration we have planned for December 22.

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

### Monday, 16

- 8:00AM - Communion Service - Church
- 9:00AM - School Rosary (All Are Welcome) - Church
- 2:00PM - Communion Service @ Gable Pines
- 5:30PM - Taste of Winter Committee - Fireside Room
- 6:00PM - Cub Scouts - School Dining Room
- 7:00PM - Boy Scout Troop - Gym
- 7:00PM - AA Meeting - Lower Church

### Tuesday, 17

- 7:30AM - Confessions - Church
- 8:00AM - Mass - Church
- 9:15AM - Men's Faith Discussion - Fireside Room
- 3:30PM - Gr 6-8 Youth Group - Gym
- 6:30PM - Catholic Watchmen - School Dining Room

### Wednesday, 18

- 9:10AM - All School Mass (5th Grade) - Church
- 11:00AM - Communion Service @ Suite Living
- 1:45PM - Piano Recital - Gathering Space
- 6:00PM - Traditional Choir Practice - Church
- 7:30PM - AA Meeting - Lower Church Kitchen
- 7:30PM - Contemporary Choir Practice - Chapel

### Thursday, 19

- 7:30AM - Confessions - Church
- 8:00AM - Mass - Church
- 8:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
- 1:00PM - St. Francis Prayer Group - Fireside Room
- 6:30PM - Adult Bible Study - Lower Church
- 6:30PM - Parish Council Meeting - Holy Family Room

### Friday, 20

- 7:30AM - Confessions - Church
- 8:00AM - Mass - Church

### Saturday, 21

- 3:30PM - Confessions - Church
- 4:30PM - Mass - Church

### Sunday, 22

- 8:30AM - Mass - Church
- 9:30AM - Celebration: Deacon Eric Cooley - Gathering Space
- 10:30AM - Mass - Church



## MASS INTENTIONS

### December 17-22

Tuesday: Bill Stenger †

Wednesday: Charlotte Pince †

Thursday: Patrick Youmans †

Friday: Michael Thome †

4:30PM Saturday : Henry Cremisino †

8:30AM Sunday: Alice Schwinn †

10:30AM Sunday: Carl Helgeson †

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

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

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

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24



**December 24th, 25th, 31st  
&  
January 1st**

## Monthly Financial Report

Month-ending November 30, 2019

### Stewardship

Sunday Envelopes	\$	56,284.91
EFT Sunday Envelopes	\$	10,175.86
Children's Collection	\$	142.60
Holy Day Collection	\$	2,284.00
Plate Collection	\$	1,496.76
	<b>\$</b>	<b>70,384.13</b>

### Other Donations

Tuition Assistance	\$	2,408.34
General Second Collection	\$	5,612.15
Mortgage Fund	\$	6,383.74
	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,404.23</b>

<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>84,788.36</b>
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Regular Monthly Contributions	\$	70,384.13
Amount Needed	\$	87,433.92
This Month's Surplus/(Deficit)	<b>\$</b>	<b>(17,049.79)</b>
Fiscal Year-To-Date Surplus/(Deficit)	<b>\$</b>	<b>(85,248.99)</b>

Note: this is the new Monthly Financial Report which communicates our monthly needs, as well as, our year-to-date Surplus/(Deficit) for the parish (church and school operations combined). Feel free to contact Don Kellett (email: [dkellett@stjohnsofbc.org](mailto:dkellett@stjohnsofbc.org) phone: 651-288-3267) in the parish office if you have any questions regarding the new reporting format.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

### Religious Give Thanks.

"Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.

## PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

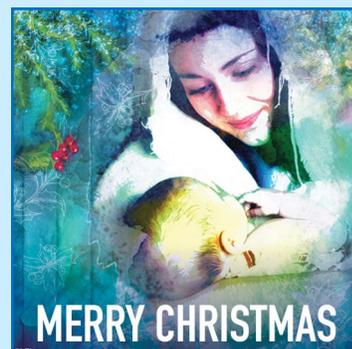
### Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

### Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.





**THE WATCHMEN OF ST JEROME & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST INVITE MEN OF ALL AGES TO OUR NEXT MEETING:**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>,  
2019 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**MEETING LOCATION: CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST OF LITTLE CANADA - SCHOOL DINING ROOM - SOUTH SIDE OF THE CAMPUS.**

**THEME: PRAYER – Adoration, Confessions and Holy Rosary.**

**FEATURING – Fr Tom, Pastor at St John the Evangelist.**

**6:30 PM – Dinner:  
Sub Sandwiches,  
Sides, St Jerome's  
Booya, Beverages.**

**7:00 PM –  
Testimony by Dale  
Oden.**

**7:45 PM –  
Adoration, Rosary  
& Confessions.**

**8:30 PM – Closing  
Prayer.**

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