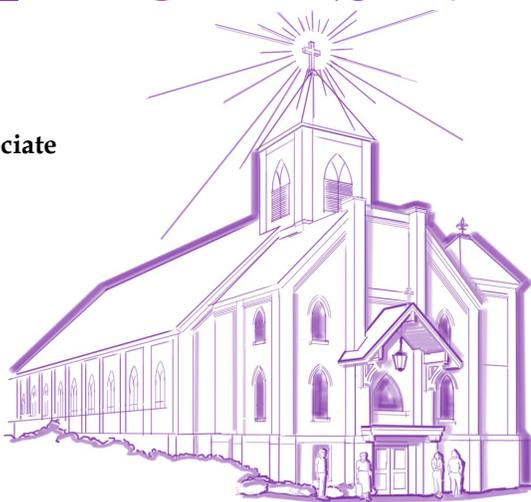


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December 18, 2022



## St. Jerome's Mass Book

Starting Tuesday, January 10th, Mass intentions will be available for April, May, and June 2023. Each family may schedule three Masses per year, with additional Masses for the recently deceased. Donations are \$10. Drop by the office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., or call us at 585-586-3231.

If there is a particular date you would like to have Mass offered, we will do our best to accommodate your request, but we are limited to one intention per Mass, and weekend Masses especially fill up quickly! If you would like to schedule a Mass for a Saturday or Sunday, make sure to mark your calendar so you can make a visit to the office or call in as soon as possible once the quarter is open. We cannot reserve dates ahead of time.

If you would like a Mass said sooner, there are still intentions at daily Masses available in February and March.

### CMA Update

Goal: \$92,000.00  
 Pledged to date: \$45,721.00  
 Number of Donors: 156  
 Accomplished 49.7% of our goal.



There will be no Sunday coffee hour in the month of December. We look forward to gathering with you in January!

## The True Meaning of Christmas

ARCHBISHOP  
 FULTON SHEEN

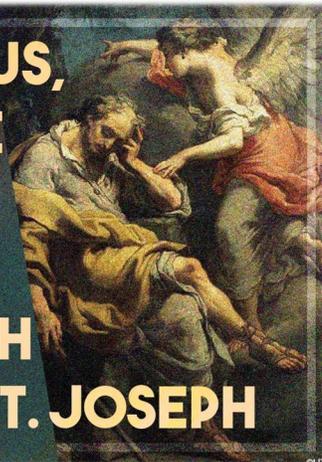


### This Week On Formed The True Meaning of Christmas, by Fulton Sheen

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

To sign up, go to [formed.org](http://formed.org), click **Sign Up**, then select **Sign up as a parishioner**, and enter the zip code for St. Jerome's: 14445.

## JESUS, GIVE ME THE FAITH OF ST. JOSEPH



## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24th

- ◇ 4:00 p.m.
- ◇ 10:00 p.m.

### Christmas Day Sunday, December 25th

- ◇ 8:00 a.m.
- ◇ 10:00 a.m.

### Men's Retreat Weekend January 20-22, 2023



Men's Retreat will be on the weekend of January 20-22 2023 at Notre Dame Retreat House. This year's theme is "Keep Hope Alive".

Come and journey with us this year on retreat with your parish men. Allow yourself time along the road to slow down and reevaluate your walk with the Lord and others.

For details or to make reservations, please contact Mark Brown at (585) 383-8734, [mbrown@gravertech.com](mailto:mbrown@gravertech.com), or [ndlynch@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ndlynch@rochester.rr.com).



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 19, 2022**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:30 a.m. *Giuseppe Spano*, by the St. Nicholas Society

**Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:30 a.m. *Emidio Rossi*, by Maria Rossi

**Wednesday, December 21, 2022**

**Late Advent Weekday**

**Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

7:30 a.m. *Anthony Stortini*, by Deacon Mike Kristan

**Thursday, December 22, 2022**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:30 a.m. *Antoinette Chiz*, by Ralph and Maryann DiTucci

**Friday, December 23, 2022**

**Late Advent Weekday**

**Saint John of Kanty, Priest**

7:30 a.m. *Deceased members of the White & Ruby families*, by family

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

**Late Advent Weekday**

4:00 p.m. *In Thanksgiving*

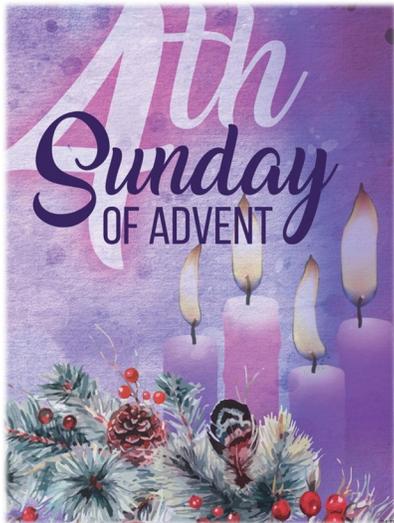
10:00 p.m. *For World Peace*

**Sunday, December 25, 2022**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. *For the people of the parish*

10:00 a.m. *For Our Country*



**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Monday, December 19, 2022**

3:30 p.m.—Legion of Mary

**Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

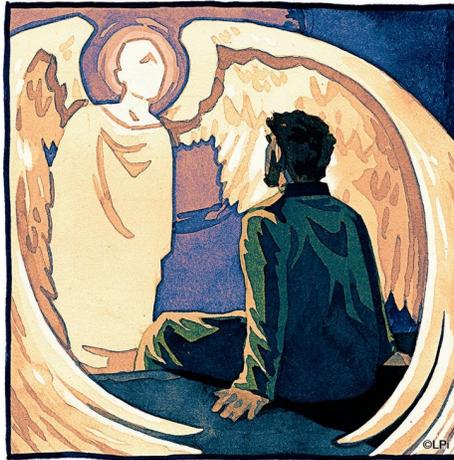
6:00-7:00 p.m.—Faith Formation K-5

7:15-8:15 p.m.—Faith Formation 6-7

7:15-8:30 p.m.—Confirmation Prep

**Wednesday, December 21, 2022**

6:00-7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Fourth Sunday Advent 2022

A seminary professor of mine once said, “Don’t confuse enthusiasm for a virtue with the virtue itself.” How easy it’s been in my life as a priest to talk about the greatest of virtues—love—and totally fail to live up to its concrete demands!

Fortunately, our religion is not mainly about ideas or virtues but about persons. The angel of the Lord says to Joseph, “Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit” (Mt.1:20). We don’t know exactly why Joseph was scared to receive Mary and therefore Jesus. We do know the solution: take Mary home. It’s so concrete. Look at her. Listen to her. Talk to her. Protect her. Help her. Laugh with her. Eat with her. Rest with her. Christianity begins here for Joseph, so it must with us, too.

New year challenge: This week I challenge you to choose a concrete way to “take Mary into your home.” Praying a weekly or daily Rosary is a proven way. Perhaps for you it’s making a little shrine with a statue or image. Maybe it’s praying a weekly Litany of Our Lady on Saturday night. Whatever it is, make sure it is a concrete action and do it. She will be there. Soon her virtues will follow, especially love.

— Father John Muir

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The parish office will be closed for Christmas from December 23rd to December 26th.

**Please Pray for Those in the Military:**



*Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

- Brandon Beauchamp USAF
- 2nd LT Matthew Blejwas
- Specialist Aaron Brochu
- Airman Rachel Brock
- BM3 Mary Carr USN
- Captain Craig Carlisle
- Captain Todd Cimicata USN
- Sgt. Robert DeMaria US Army
- 1st LT Matthew J. Dunn USMC
- AO2 Timothy Fennell USN
- Captain Brian Findlay
- Lt. Kurt Findlay
- Sgt. Daniel Frate
- CW5 Thomas C. Grove
- CPT John P. Hansen 7 SFG (A)
- 1LT Michael X. Hansen 1-182 IN
- Cpl. Kevin Harte
- LCDR. Bart Hicklin USN
- CPT. Jeffrey Huddle US Army
- Sgt. Ryan Jackson
- HM1 Christian R. Kissel USN
- PFC Jaden H. Kuhn, USMC
- Ryan LaFountain
- HM3 Marcella Levato USN
- Bryan McAuliff USN
- PVT. Brett McCarthy US Army
- HM3 John Ross McCarthy USN
- SFC. Nathaniel McAvoy
- Staff Sgt. Joseph Meritt Jr.
- CPT James Revekant, USMC
- Brady Schroeder, USN
- CPT. AJ Spacher US Army
- Staff Sgt. Alesa Whelehan
- Tech. Sgt. Christopher Whelehan
- SR Darroch Zingg USN



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish in the hospital, the sick at home, and those in nursing homes.

In your Christian charity, you are asked to pray for those who have died. May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

# Good News!

December 18, 2022  
Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)  
Isaiah 7:10-14 / Romans 1:1-7 /  
Matthew 1:18-24

Instincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention.

In *Saint Joan*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, "I hear voices. They come from God." Robert disagrees, "They come from your imagination." "Of course," says Joan, "that is how messages of God come to us."

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God.

—FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS



# Dear Padre

December 18, 2022

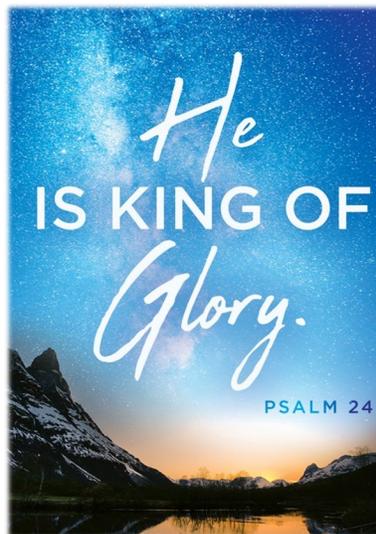
**My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the "Eucharist." I grew up calling it the "Mass." Why the difference?**

Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*. This word simply means "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. "Eucharist" was used to describe the early Church's gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do.

The word *mass* comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means "the sending." This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." In the Latin Mass, this phrase is "*ite missa est*." No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the "missa" or "mass." Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the "dismissal," or the "Mass."

—The Redemptorists

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## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.,  
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

## HOLY DAYS

Please consult bulletin

## DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Fri. - 7:30 a.m.  
Consult bulletin for changes

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory Office 586-3231

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
(or by appointment)

## PARISH STAFF

Judy Joslin, Faith Formation Coordinator  
Nicole Fantauzzo, Secretary  
Patrick Vogt, Business Manager  
Alessio Giacobone, Music Director

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

John Schroth - Grand Knight, 585-202-1673, more info: [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org)

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## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to worship regularly with us and to join our Parish Community formally, offering your time, talents, and financial support. Newcomers are wholeheartedly received into membership by simply registering at the office at their convenience.

## Are you having trouble hearing Mass?

Saint Jerome's is equipped with a hearing-impaired loop system. We also have a new hearing technology that does not require hearing aides. If you are having trouble using our loop system with your current hearing aides, or if you'd like to know more about this new hearing technology that does not require hearing aides, contact John Schroth at 202-1673 or [jfs@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jfs@rochester.rr.com).

Collection figures for the week of December 11, 2022 will be published in a future bulletin.