

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, Pastor
Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 19, 2021



Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall
come to thee,
O Israel!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

When I was appointed here, the announcement listed not only my appointment as your pastor, but the other jobs in that I am responsible for in the Archdiocese. This however, was not a complete list of all that I do. One of my responsibilities that was not listed is that I am an extraordinary confessor for a monastery. This means that four or five times a year I travel to the monastery to hear the confessions of the monks.



I share this with you because this Monday I will drive to the monastery and Tuesday and Wednesday I will spend hearing the monks confessions returning home late Wednesday night.

Please pray for me as I carry out this important ministry and know that I carry all of you in my thoughts and prayers during my time at the monastery.

Blessings, Fr. Joseph Arsenault, SSA, Pastor

Ho Ho Ho! Be a Santa to those in need!

For many of us, we will enjoy Christmas morning sharing a meal, opening gifts and basking in the love of family. But not everyone.

Our Altar Society continues to gather items to help new mothers and to feed the hungry. Place items in the church basement throughout the month of December.

Non-perishable food items (don't bring expired food!) are being collected for Catholic Charities. Suggestions include pasta and meat sauce, canned chili, stew and soup, rice and beans. You may also give hand

soap, dish soap, feminine products, laundry detergent and paper products like toilet paper.

Donations are also being sought for new moms and babies for the Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic.

The biggest need for babies is always diapers and wipes. Among other essentials for newborns are baby shampoo and wash, burp clothes and baby blankets, long-sleeved onesies, sleepers - plus many other things required to care for the little ones!

Your help is appreciated! God bless you!

Mass Intentions

The 4 p.m. Saturday Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Church in January. Please see page 2 for the Christmas Mass schedule.

Dec. 18 - 4 p.m. Saturday Mass
Janko Ivicak

Ivica & Zorka Malic & Ilija Anic
Robert Sullivan

Anna, Ivan, George, Frank & Jim Brajkovic
Janko & Marija Piskuric

Dec. 19 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
St. John the Baptist Parishioners

Dec. 23 - 8 a.m. Thursday Mass
Mary Ann Schneider
Mara Kucenic
Miro Jadric

With Gratitude

The family of our longtime friend and parishioner Matt Thomas would like to express their sincere appreciation for the showing of love and support they received after his recent death.

All of the cards, prayers and kind words were a great comfort to the family during the time of their sudden loss.

Many of the donations have gone to St. John the Baptist - the Catholic Croatian parish and culture that Matt loved so well during his life.

2021 Christmas Season Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve - Friday, Dec. 24
4 p.m. – St. John the Baptist
Midnight – St. John the Baptist

Christmas Day - Saturday, Dec. 25
9 a.m. – Holy Family Church
No Saturday evening Mass

Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday, Dec. 26
9:00 – St. John the Baptist
10:30 a.m. – Holy Family Church

New Year's Eve - Friday Dec. 31
4 p.m. – Holy Family

New Year's Day - Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022
9:30 a.m. – St. John the Baptist
4 p.m. – Holy Family Church

Sunday, January 2, 2022
9 a.m. – St. John the Baptist
10:30 a.m. – Holy Family Church

Weekly Collections

Dec. 11 & 12, 2021

Envelopes:	\$	7,653
Building Fund:	\$	1,475
Candles:	\$	35
Poor:	\$	25
Immaculate Conception	\$	165
Christmas Flowers:	\$	215
Christmas Offering:	\$	55
Mass Intentions:	\$	95
Food Kitchen:	\$	1,000
Catholic Charities	\$	25
Donations:	\$	7,500
Funeral Donations:	\$	1,285

(Matt Thomas & Frances
Granahan)

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Mass Schedule:
9 a.m. Sundays, 8 a.m. Thursdays,
*4 p.m. Saturday
Confessions before Saturday Mass

(*Saturday Mass is held at St. John's in December,
February, April, June, August & October;
it is held at Holy Family in opposite months.)

Prayer Line: (913) 281-4448