

MASSES FOR JANUARY 13-19

Monday, 13	8:30 am (SF)	No Mass Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday, 14	8:30am (SJ)	Rita Ventolo & Esther Pavia (Ron & Pat Giltinan) Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2q, 5-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, 15	8:30am (SF)	For the People Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, 16	8:30 am (SJ)	Maryann Ohalek (Christine Augustynowicz) Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday, 17	8:30 am (SF)	Susan Kresser (Jim & Diane Orsini) Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3:4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, 18	5:00 pm (SF)	Armando Mendez (Gladys Abbott)
Sunday, 19	9:00 am (SJ)	Rosemary Rebres (CWC of Toronto)
	11:00 am (SF)	Brian Rowland (Shirley Miller) Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY:	Pirohi Making - 9:00am (SJH) Comfort Bears - 9:00am (SJH)
WEDNESDAY:	Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJH)
THURSDAY:	Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SF)
SATURDAY:	Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 12/30/2024: Trinity West: ; Trinity East; . **Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes.** If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.



It's Pirohi time! Need to get out of the house for a while? We will begin making potato pirohi on **Mon., Jan. 13 – 9:00 AM – SJH – and every Monday morning through the end of February.** New workers are *always* welcome. Bring your apron and join this “fun” group. If you are an “early bird” and would like to help with some of the prep work (making the potato or cabbage balls), the kitchen is open at 8:00 AM. With enough help, we are usually done by 11:00. You may contact DeDe Kidder (740-632-3372) with questions or to volunteer your help.



Comfort Bear Ladies: Don't forget Comfort Bears tomorrow, **Monday, January 13th at 9am at St. Joseph Church Hall!** Interested in becoming a part of this worthy project? New members are always welcome! Call Janet (544-6097) with any questions. No sewing experience is needed!

A Note from our Pastor

St. Joseph Parish has received a gift of \$3,000 from the Estate of Mary Micko. I am most grateful that Mary remembered our parish in her Will. I pray that God will reward her for her generosity to St. Joseph Parish.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: \$4,384.00; Loose: \$392.00; Candles: \$61.00; Initial Offerings: \$535.00; Christmas: \$50.00; Jan. 1: \$691.00; St. Joseph: Adult: 1,088.00; Loose: \$80.00; Candles: \$31.00; Building: \$3,000.00; Initial Offering: \$75.00; Christmas: \$100.00; New Year's Day: \$305.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for Jan. 4: 95; 9:00am: 69; 11:00am: 54. New Year's Eve: 5:00 pm: 78; New Year's Day: 51**

MASSES: St. Francis Church for Theresa Popp by Marlene Mehalko.

MEMORIALS: For St. Francis Church in memory of **Theresa Popp** by Mary Ann Huff; Mary Jo & Chuck Andrews; Bob & Janice Anderson & Family; Debbie Artman.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD GROW AND GO

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: In many renditions of the Baptism of Jesus, artists connect the scene at the Jordan River with Jesus' death. A withered tree, for example, reminds us of the cross, or a mountain points to Mount Calvary. These connections show a real relationship between Jesus' baptism and his passion: his baptism marks the acceptance and beginning of his mission, which would ultimately lead to his crucifixion. For us, too, baptism is a decisive moment which destines us for – you guessed it – death! Not physical death (which will happen regardless), but a death to everything that is not of God. By making us part of God's family as his adopted children, our baptism summons us to “die” to our old life of sin and take on new life in Christ. This means turning away each day from sin so we can become increasingly fit to spend eternity with God. Like Jesus who rose both from the baptismal waters and from the tomb, we are meant, by our daily efforts to be faithful – to “rise” with him in the new life he won for us.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: After Jesus is baptized, two important events occur immediately: the Holy Spirit descends upon him while God the Father proclaims his delight in his Son: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Here we see the profound meaning of our own baptism and its effects. In addition to cleansing us from the stain of original sin, baptism: 1) gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit; and 2) welcomes us into God's family as his adopted children. Armed with the Holy Spirit and the assurance of God's fatherly care, we are equipped to engage in the daily struggle of dying-and-rising in Christ. We can always call on the Holy Spirit for strength when we face temptations or difficult decisions. Likewise, when we are discouraged or we confront our own weaknesses, we can look to the Father for help. Recall the words which the Father spoke to Jesus, and which he says to us in our baptism (and he doesn't take them back!): *You are my beloved son. You are my beloved daughter. With you I am well pleased.*

CELEBRATE: Find the date (or approximate date) of your baptism and the baptismal dates of your immediate family members. Make a list of the dates and spend time thanking God for his fatherly care for you. Then, when someone's baptismal anniversary comes around, make sure to celebrate!



Have you gotten your squares yet? It isn't too late to participate in our annual Super Bowl Pool in support of our SF/SJ Educational Fund. Super Bowl LIX (59) will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9th! A parishioner will be at the back of the church entrances and the cost is \$20 a square and 8 prizes of various amounts will be awarded. The squares sell fast. If you are getting a square for a non-parishioner, please put your name in the **Sold By** column on the contact information sheet. If you are unable to get a square after Mass, the list is at the Rectory during the week, feel free to purchase one there .