

Welcome to Advent!

Stewardship...

is our willingness to acknowledge the blessings of our lives, and reflect upon ways to continue sharing time, talent, and treasure, as we joyfully prepare for the coming of Christ anew in our hearts.



Prayer & Reflection

This Advent we join St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Church in praying with the *Little Blue Book*. This book

The Little
Blue Book
2018-2019

contains 6 minute reflections on Advent and Christmas, including Scripture, prayers, action steps, and a variety of thoughts about Catholic traditions & customs.

Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Dec. 3

We will celebrate our patron saint at all masses the weekend of Dec. 1/2.

Support the Giving Tree

Quest teens collect gifts for inner city families through St. Agatha. Take a tag Dec. 8/9, and return wrapped gift before the noon Mass Dec 16.

Advent Wreath

Set up a wreath in your home, and light it for prayer and meals.

Daily Mass

Mon-Wed, 7:45 & 9 am;
Thurs & Sat, 9 am. Fri., 7:45 am.

Communion Service:

Thurs, 7:45 am & Fri., 9 am

SPRED Christmas Mass

All are welcome to attend the 6 PM Mass on Sun, Dec. 9, where friends play a special role. Reception will follow in Joyce Hall.

A Night of HOPE

Wed., Dec. 12, 7-8 pm; A peaceful hour of prayer, music, story telling & reflection on the question: *What gives you hope?*

Reconciliation Services

This Advent we celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation with our neighboring parishes: **St. Cletus:** Mon, Dec. 17, 7 pm; **St. John of the Cross:** Tues, Dec. 18, 7 pm. Individual reconciliation available at SFX on Saturdays, after the 9 am mass and at 4:15 pm.

WELCOME Women's Retreat...

Register now for the Feb 2-3, retreat, to deepen your relationship with God and other women, and be fed spiritually. Details in bulletin & on website: sfxlg.org.



Taizé Prayer

Experience contemplative prayer through simple melodies, scripture, a procession of candles, prayers for peace, and silent reflection. Friday, Dec. 14, 7:30 pm, at Grace Lutheran Church.

Eucharistic Adoration

Dec. 20, 6-7 pm in church

Individual Prayer

The church is open daily for prayer, 7:30 am to 2 pm.

Online Resources:

Visit the SFX Website: sfxlg.org

Congregation of St. Joseph Events at the Well:

- Transformational Breath, Dec. 3, 7-9 pm, register in advance
- Pat Bergen, CSJ: *Something Wonderful and New is Happening*, Tues, Dec. 18, 9:30-11 am; repeated Dec. 18, 7-8:30 pm.

Choose a Ministry & Get Involved!

Visit sfxlg.org for the *Ministry Resource Guide* and to complete the *Ministry Interest Form*.

Advent Events Calendar 2018

Dec. 2

Begin daily Advent Prayer with *The Little Blue Book*

Dec. 3

Feast of St. Francis Xavier,
Celebrated at all masses the weekend of Dec. 1/2.

Dec. 6

Catholic Women's Club
Social Shopping Night

Dec. 7

Service Day for
Day School Students

Dec. 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at 9 am.

Dec. 8/9

Take a tag to donate to **The Giving Tree**



Dec. 9

SPRED Christmas Mass

6 PM Mass, and Reception in Joyce Hall. All are welcome

Dec. 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass at 7:45 am & 9 am

Dec. 12

A Night of HOPE

7-8 PM, in Unity Hall; A peaceful hour of prayer, music, story telling & reflection on the question: *What gives you hope?*

Dec. 13

Day School— 2nd, 4th & 6th Graders present **Carol & Light,** 7-8 pm, Church



Dec. 14

Commit to **baking for incarcerated men through North Lawndale Adult Transition Center.** Drop-off Dec. 21.

Dec. 14

Taizé prayer, 7:30 pm,
at Grace Lutheran Church

Dec. 16

Return your wrapped gift for **The Giving Tree** before the noon Mass today.

Dec. 17 & 18

Reconciliation Services, 7 pm
- St. Cletus: Mon, Dec. 17
- St. John of the Cross: Tues, Dec. 18.
Individual Reconciliation is offered at SFX on Saturdays after 9 am Mass & at 4:15 pm.

Dec. 20

Eucharistic Adoration, 6-7 pm, Church

Dec. 21

Day School— 7th Graders present **Advent Prayer Service,** 10 am, Gym

Dec. 21

Drop off day for baked goods for incarcerated men, 9 am—5 pm.
Details in bulletin.

Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Masses—
In SFX Church
3 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm

In Congregation of St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel
3 pm & 5 pm

Midnight Mass in Church —
Caroling begins at 11:30 pm

Dec. 25

Christmas Day Masses—
in SFX Church:
9:00 am, 10:30 am and Noon

Jan. 1, 2019

Solemnity of Mary

Mass at
5 pm Dec.
31, and
10 am
Jan. 1



Congregation of St. Joseph — Events hosted at the Well Spirituality Center

Dec. 4: **Transformational Breath, Kim Rager,** 7-9 pm, Cost: \$30
Please register in advance; bring pillow and blanket

Dec. 18: **Something Wonderful and New is Happening,**
Pat Bergen, CSJ

Join us during this final week of Advent to attend, reflect and respond to the newness emerging in ourselves and our culture. Offered twice on Tues., Dec. 18: 9:30-11 am & 7-8:30 pm. *Free to parishioners.*

The Well Spirituality Center, Register at: 708-482-5048,
www.csjthewell.org, 1515 Ogden Ave, La Grange Park