



December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent




Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community
A Covenant Community

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**4th SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the
child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.” - Lk 1:35

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Worship Aid and Bulletin

Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community Covenant Prayer

Father, you have called us to be a People of the Covenant. You sent your only begotten Son to be our Savior so that we might praise You, proclaim your Word, encounter You in the sacraments, welcome each other, share our faith, bring our sacrifices and be strengthened for your service.

We pray that we might be a source of compassion toward the poor, justice for the oppressed, peace for the troubled, healing for the wounded, and wisdom for the searching.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that we might live the mystery of your love and fulfill the covenant we celebrate in the Eucharist. Father, we ask this Jesus' name. Amen

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

“Drop down dew from above, you heavens and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a savior.”

ADVENT LITANY

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Greeting

Penitential Rite and Confiteor:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,

[All strike their breast three times]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet,

“Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!”

Nathan answered the king,

“Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you.”

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:

“Go, tell my servant David, “Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?”“

”It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked contin-

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ue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.”

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: 89



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1. The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, “My kindness is established forever;” in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations.”

2. “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant:

3. “He shall say of me, ‘You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.’
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm.”

Second Reading: Romans 16: 25-27

Brothers and sisters:

To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



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Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to

her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Music during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

Instrumental

The offertory baskets will not be passed, instead we ask that you give your offering on your way in or on your way out in the contactless drop baskets.

To maintain the brevity of the Mass and protection of all during this pandemic, the Eucharistic Acclamations will be recited.

Preface Dialogue

Preface Acclamation

Memorial Acclamation

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Rite

Communion Antiphon

**“Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and his name will be called Emmanuel.”**

Meditation



An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



During Communion: The direction for communion is the opposite of what we used to do. We will be using the side aisles to receive and return on the opposite aisle.

The outside sections go first and then the center sections. Center sections, please remain kneeling until it is your turn.

Please use the markings on the floor to maintain 6ft from other families in the communion aisle out of care for our community.

Concluding Rite

Blessing

Solemn Dismissal

Sending Forth **Instrumental: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Please be patient as you leave and avoid crowding the aisles by using all church exits. Thank you for worshipping with us today, and we are praying for you and your family!

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Bulletin for December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday— 8:00 a.m. in the church; 10:45 a.m. In church or in your car *live-streamed at 10:45 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube*

Weekday Mass

Mon—8 a.m. Eucharistic Service (in the church)
 Tues-Sat—8 a.m. (in the church)
live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube

Click here to [Sign up for Mass](#)



JGS continues to offer Sunday Mass and Weekday Masses via livestream, either on our Facebook Page or on our Youtube page. Christmas Eve Mass will also be livestreamed. Don't miss out. Like us on Facebook or join our YouTube Channel.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is hard to believe that this coming Thursday and Friday is Christmas Eve/Day! Let us rejoice!



To prepare us for later this week, today's Gospel on this Fourth Sunday of Advent heightens our anticipation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus! I don't know about you, but every time I read this story of the Annunciation I am caught up in just how extraordinary this moment must have been for Mary, and at the same time struck by her remarkable and humble acceptance. How might WE accompany HER in these next few days? Perhaps by recalling our own willingness to be a servant of God's will. And, by renewing our desire to be "bearers" of the Lord's love into the lives of others, especially at this holy time of year.

Let us pray. O God of mystery, you have opened the heavens and sent us your Son to be the savior of the world. May we ever praise you with grateful hearts, and with humble spirits, like Mary, may we serve you all our days. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

God willing, I hope to see you in person later this week for the great feast of Christmas! God bless you!

Father Mike



Weekend Mass Intentions for December 19-20, 2020

4:30 PM Vigil	For the repose of the soul of AnnaMaria Radosevic at the request of Louis and Laurel Ann Renaud
8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Peter Schwenk at the request of Chuck and Lynn Kuhn
10:45 AM	For the repose of the soul of William "Bill" Weeks, stepfather of Gerald Cullens, at the request of the JGS Men's Club

Mass Intentions for December 21-26, 2020

Mon	12/21	8 AM	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	12/22	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Edilberto Pe at the request of Grace Lumidao
Wed	12/23	8 AM	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	12/24	3 PM	Blessings for Margaret and Merle Horsman at the request of Kathleen Crandall
		8 PM	For the repose of the soul of Anthony Jaskulski at the request of his wife Bette and family
		12:00 Midnight	For the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Crandall family, including the Mulvihill family and the Richards family
Fri	12/25	9:30 AM	Blessings for the Silva Family
Sat	12/26	8 AM	Ray Wenderlich, husband of Vicki, at the request of the JGS Walking With Purpose Ministry

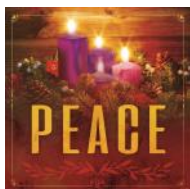
Mass	Eucharistic Support	Lector	Greeter	Sanitizing Volunteer
4:30 PM Vigil	Please volunteer on MSP! Help is needed at ALL Masses Contact Sheryl Fischer in the church office at receptionist@ccjgs.org			
8:00 a.m.				
10:45 a.m.				

New to JGS?



NEW MEMBERS—Are you new to Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community? WELCOME! The registration form for JGS is available on the JGS website by clicking here: ccjgs.org and scrolling down. We would like to welcome you in person. You and your family are invited to our next New Member gathering on Sunday, January 10, 2021 in the Centre following the 10:45 Mass. Masks required.

Upcoming Events

TODAY WE LIGHT THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT. How is your Advent going? Are you choosing Advent? This week, Choose Peace. Look for a flocknote Sunday evening with tips on how to Choose Peace this week.



If you haven't already, please:

- sign up for Flocknote, by clicking the logo 
- sign up for Formed.org
- like us on Facebook 



Christmas Decorating, TODAY, Sunday December 20th: All Christmas decorating will be done on Sunday December 20, and we need helpers to make the church Merry and Brite! Won't you give of your time this advent! This is a fun way to give back with your family! Please let Cynthia

know by emailing her at: cynthiawagenhofer@comcast.net

Sunday December 20 from 12:00-2:00pm Shift 1

Sunday December 20 from 4:00-6:00pm Shift 2



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE DURING ADVENT:
Advent Tuesdays, last one: Dec 22 10-11 a.m.



What is the Advent Jesse Tree? "The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."

Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history."

† Loyola Press <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/the-jesse-tree/>

The Jesse Tree will remain in the back corner of the church near the sound closet and is sponsored by the JGS Children's Choir, who made the crafts!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS JOY!

December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:00pm Mass outside at the Pavilion

Car spots also available. After Mass all are welcome to stay for physically distanced fellowship by the firepit. Hot cocoa and cider will be served. And, who knows, we may have a surprise visitor!!!

8:00pm Mass in the church

12:00am Midnight Mass in the church

December 25 - Christmas Day

9:30am Mass in the church



Signups are now available at: ccjgs.org/virtual-resources

[Click here to sign up for Christmas Mass!](#)

NOTES FOR THE 3:00 P.M. OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS MASS:

- † This Mass will take place rain or shine. There will be a tent on the lawn next to the pavilion for additional covered seating.
- † Please bring your own chair.
- † Plan to dress for the weather.



FEED YOUR SOUL Looking for an On Demand service that deepens your faith and feeds your soul?

FREE On Demand service through JGS.

- Learn about the Saints
- Participate in a bible study
- Watch a series that deepens your faith, increases your joy and delivers hope! **JOIN TODAY!** Click on the link <https://formed.org/signup>

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE OF ALL AGES!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS in the name of a loved one can be made using the red poinsettia envelopes found in the vestibule. Please put the envelopes in the mail slot of the church office. Please write legibly.



Children's Faith Formation Children's Faith Formation classes (Pre-K4 through 8th) are currently meeting online. Upcoming class dates are Dec 20, Jan 10, and Jan 24.

There will no longer be a Parent Meeting on Jan. 2. **Please pick up a fun Advent Activity Booklet from the church Centre before/after Mass or during office hours.**

Interested in volunteering, now or later? The VIRTUS Child Protection workshop is currently being offered via Zoom. The steps for becoming a volunteer have never been easier. Attend the workshop once and it never expires. To sign up, contact Casey Esser (religioused@ccjgs.org), Tammy Genelin (religiouaide@ccjgs.org) or Pam Huseman (accounting@ccjgs.org).



Active Catholic Teens ACT youth group meets from 6:20 to 7:30pm in the Youth Room and Gym. Upcoming sessions are Dec 20, Jan 10, and Jan 24. All high school teens are invited to join us to play games, make friends, and grow in faith. Registration is helpful but not required and is available at ccjgs.org/youthministry. Questions? Contact Casey Esser at youth@ccjgs.org.



Confirmation Preparation Confirmation prep is over two years, typically 8th grade and 9th grade. Our 9th grade Confirmation Preparation this year includes an online group and an in person group. Upcoming sessions are Dec 20, Jan 10, and Jan 24

Virtue of Spirituality

We pray for all the members of the United States Military. We pray that all are kept from harm, especially:

<i>Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Skirchak; LT Jg Matthew Schwartz; Steve Looney; Billy Looney; Will Jones; Michael Hardy; LT. Alex Scott; Nicholas Majers; David Keffer; James Lanson Weeks; Captain Robert Patterson, USMC; LT Nadila Khan, USN; Ross Noon; Col Phil Noltemeyer; Sr A Matthew Cullens; William Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian Genelin; Michael Parker; Mi-</i>	<i>chael Henry Thayer; LT. Col. Gerald Cullens; Noah Pirner; Scott Mega; Capt. Kal Bassma; Mark Smith; Jacob Floyd; Joseph Masoero; Christopher Kuczek; Tyler Menoche; Tim Addison; Dylan Rayfield; Joshua Snyder; Brennan McConnell; Ian Torr</i>
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Please contact the church office to have a name added to this list.

The "O Antiphons" of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/the-o-antiphons-of-advent>
You are invited to say the antiphon before your evening meal. It is a particularly rich ritual to say with children. After saying the "O Antiphon" ask your children what the name might mean. (The images below are by Look and Learn Catholic Visuals, which has beautiful Advent and Christmas family resources.)

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!



December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!



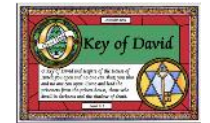
December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!



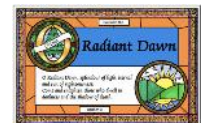
December 20

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!



December 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.



December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!



December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!



JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRIST! Are you ready to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Discover the love Jesus has for you and the critical role Catholicism plays in this incredible faith journey! RCIA begins in just a couple weeks! For more information, contact Liz Parker at adultfaith@ccjgs.org.

Pray For... The sick: Marian DeBruyn, Tammy Pierce, Jay Roque, Elizabeth Ann Hebb, James Richardson, Sr., Steve Collins; Verna Jurewicz; Greg Bodenhorn; Bev Ganley; Christopher Crandall; Louis Johnson; Doreen Dardzinski; Katie Lakie; Elaine Shelby; Mary Ann Harlan; Keith Hanagriff; Tim Connors; Alma Marie Streicker; Frank Santora; Sue Baczynski; Anne Brophy; Duke Dusseau; Buddy Curtis; Bob Adams; Marsha Dunn; Janet Cleary; Pat Conway; Leslie Hill.

Friends/relatives in need of prayer and for those who have died contact the church office monthly to include them in our bulletin.



Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66 Thursday: *Morning*: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. *Night*: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. *Dawn*: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. *Day*: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22 ©LPI



On Wednesday, November 25th, 574.6 pounds of donated food were delivered to the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry. Many thanks for your generosity to our neighbors in need at this difficult time!



GAZEBO FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION AT JGS CEMETERY: We are very happy to share with our broader community the presence of a new gazebo in our cemetery here at Jesus the Good Shepherd. It is in loving memory of our former parishioner, AnnaMaria Radosevic.

Anna Maria was the wife of William Radosevic, mother to present members, Frank Radosevic and Teresa Schrodell. AnnaMaria passed away August 6, 2020 after a tragic fall in the family home. AnnaMaria, William, Frank and Teresa are original "founding" members of Jesus the Good Shepherd. As active members, they wanted to create a memorial to AnnaMaria and thus make a contribution in the form of a gazebo to honor AnnaMaria's devout faith and love for Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Through the family's generosity, the gazebo was constructed to provide a place for prayer and reflection in our parish's cemetery. Friends and family of the Radosevic and Schrodell families donated the funds for the gazebo, the walkway and the overall landscaping.

This generous donation is another example of the generosity of our members and of "giving back" to Jesus the Good Shepherd in an inspiring way for others to follow. We sincerely thank the family of AnnaMaria Radosevic for their generosity and in honoring their relative in this beautiful, tangible and permanent way at Jesus the Good Shepherd. May this wonderful donation bring many blessings upon our community for many years to come!



December Share Food Distribution will be held Sat, Dec 19th from 9-10:30am. We will again have a no-contact drive thru set up by the pavilion. Picking up your groceries is as easy as pulling up and popping the trunk. And remember -- anyone can order!!

COVID-19 UPDATE

Because we love our neighbor, JGS has been operating at a capacity of 25% in the church.



Even though our max capacity is 500, given the shape of the venue, and the pews, we could not safely increase our capacity beyond 125 while keeping 6-ft distances.

With the current pandemic restrictions changing due to COVID numbers going up, please know that we are maintaining this 25% capacity of 125 for each mass, with overflow in the Centre set at 75.

If current conditions concern you, please remember that you can participate in Mass by listening on your car radio at both 8:00am and 10:45am Masses and receive Holy Communion outside.

Contact Laura Cleary at 410-257-3810 (secretary@ccjgs.org) for Mass Cards/Intentions; Sponsor Certificates (for Sacraments) or to place bulletin announcements. *Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at noon, 10 days before the weekend you want your article to appear. Thank you!*



50/50 Lion Raffle is here! We are requesting families sell/purchase 2 tickets. Ask a relative, neighbor or friend if they would like a chance at some \$\$\$. Makes a great gift! The purchaser does not need to be affiliated with CHA. Please contact the office to request tickets
office@cardinalhickeyacademy.org .

Cardinal Hickey Academy "Lion Raffle"

Know anyone who could use more money?

Only 200 Tickets will be sold @ \$50 per ticket

50% goes directly to CHA

50% to a Lucky Winner!

If 200 tickets are not sold, winner receives 50% of purse.

Will Be Drawn January 15, 2021

Lion Raffle gives anyone a chance to win!



CHRISTMAS GIVING—Our parish depends very HEAVILY on our annual Christmas collection to make ends meet and to get JGS off to a positive start for the new year. **If your means allow, please help us.** If you are not giving on-line or coming to weekend Mass to contribute in the regular offertory,

kindly consider giving on-line. If the latter, you may wish to consider a gift that is accumulative from the last weekend Mass you were here at JGS. See below for the links to give online. Thank you for your support of your parish. May God who is not outdone in generosity bless you many times over for your thoughtful generosity.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING for the weekend of December 13, 2020 was not available when this bulletin was transmitted for publication.

We need \$7,000 weekly in the offertory to stay afloat

November Faith Direct offertory \$ 37,535

We need \$32,500 monthly in Faith Direct to stay afloat

*Egiving through FaithDirect is calculated monthly.

Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!



ARE YOU ON FAITH DIRECT? Offertory is essential to your JGS church operations! JGS relies heavily on Sunday offertory to maintain operational budgets, staff, and resources for our community. It is essential that, during this isolation time, we continue to give an offering to our church for it to be sustained in the future. Questions? Contact Pam Huseman accounting@ccjgs.org

OFFERTORY WILL BE COLLECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Via FaithDirect • go to ccjgs.org/partners

Online Banking • You can send us your offertory through your personal online banking, just like you pay your bills. Please use the mailing address below.

BY MAIL • You can mail your offertory envelope to the church:

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