

Our Lady at St. Germaine

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*The shepherds
went in haste
to Bethlehem
and found*

**MARY AND JOSEPH,
AND THE INFANT
LYING IN
THE MANGER.**

Luke 2:16

January 1, 2023 • Mary, the Holy Mother of God

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

As we begin the New Year of 2023, we pause for a few moments to reflect and remember all the events of the past year. We pause and remember those who God has called to his eternal peace, love, joy, and light. And, we thank God for them and for our families, friends, and neighbors, who continue to bring comfort, happiness and love into our lives. May we do the same for them.

It is not merely earthly comfort, joy, peace, and love. It is that of Christ Jesus, our Savior, it is God's blessings that we give thanks for and it is God's blessings that we resolve to share in this coming year.

"May God, the source and origin of all blessing, Grant you grace,
pour out his blessings in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

May he give you integrity in the faith, endurance in hope,
and perseverance in charity with holy patience to the end.

May he order your days and your deeds in his peace,
grant your prayers in this and in every place,
and lead you happily to eternal life"
(the solemn blessing for the beginning of the year)

May we resolve to be a blessing to one another and share God's gifts renewed in Christ Jesus our Savior. A blessed joyous, healthy, and peace filled New Year.

Rev. Thomas S. Cabalq

SIMBANG GABI 2022

Thanks to all who volunteered to help with our Simbang Gabi Mass and reception. It was a wonderful celebration.

Special thanks to:

Flor Filomino, Maria & Marc Natividad,
Mary Grace & Miro Samardzich,
Felicita Ramos, Angelina B. Parale,
Nanette Bugayong, Joven Bugayong,
Asuncion ILarde, Dr. Emelie ILarde,
Dr. Anastacia Largosa, Dr. Pascual Sales,
Dr. Remedios Sales, Dr. Virgilio Jonson,
Teresita F. McCoo, Josephine Bugayong,
Eva Bugayong, Rosaline Bugayong, Anabel
Armada, Francis Victoria, Cora Suiva,
Vincent Ramos.

Thank you also for all those who helped with setting up, serving and cleaning up. Blessings and peace to you all!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17];
Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

THANK YOU TO OUR CHOIR

Our Advent liturgies, Lessons and Carols and Christmas celebrations have been made all the more special and beautiful with the hard work of our dedicated musician Dan Arens and choir.

Thanks to all of you!!!

The choir will take a well-deserved break for the next few weeks.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 2-Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
8:30AM Mass:

Tuesday, January 3-Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:30AM Mass:
Christopher Knight

Weds, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
7:00AM Mass: Molly Skopec, Anna Kolena
8:30AM Communion Service:

Thurs., January 5-St. John Neumann
8:30 AM Mass:
Beatrice Preissler

Friday, January 6—St. Andre Bessette
8:30 AM Mass:
Melissa, Christopher, Anthony & Jimmy Knight

Sat., January 7-St. Raymond of Penyafort
8:30 AM: Big Jim Knight, Paula Donnelly
4:00 PM: Katherine Vanderwarren,
Shea Family, Martin Peter Sum

Sun., January 8—The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30AM— Loretta Barba, James "Jim" Thome
9:30AM—Theresa Dyrek, Arthur Kuhn
11:30AM— Dorothy Trop

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Nancy Kilcoyne
Gregory Philipppo

Please pray for those who are sick, their families & caregivers, including:

David Akai, Michael Barry, Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin, Virginia Bovilsky, Elaine Bridgeman, Baby Nolan Burby, Diane Cernivivo, Pat Cesak, Geri Chaput, Taylor Collard, Mary Connolly, Alexandra Connor, Matthew Connor, Ann Contorno, Elizabeth Czajka, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Emily DiPierro, Adriana Elgas, Paige Epstein, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Lynn Groebe, Gerardo Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Tom Hamilton, Peg Hansen, Kaitlyn Hedderman, Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Gina Jakelski, Robert "Mitch" Jones, Liz Kapovich, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Lorna Kendall, Alvina Kita, Richard Kita, Joe Kress, Mario LaPorte, Judith Lasky, Charles Lee, Kim Lewis, LaVerne Lewandowski, Frank Lopez, Ray Lynch, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Raimonda Miknius, Dean Ojeda, Raul Osornio, Katherine Pape, Nicolas Rossio, Frank Roti, Guadalupe Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom, Sharon Safstrom, Norma Salas, Devin Sanchez, Audrey Schmitz, Monica (Ranalli) Schuberth, Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Jayme Shipman, Ellie Smith, Ryan Smith, Joe Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Carol Spero, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Suchor, Jay Szewczyk, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Mary Ann Trop, Ethan Trusk, Tom Trusk, Zach Trusk, Vickie Vertucci, Pat Walker, Casey Wiedenski, Adrienne Wild, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski



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The Adoration Chapel is closed.

The chapel will reopen

Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

May you celebrate the birth of Christ with joy and peace, renewed courage and a bright vision that makes the New Year truly happy.

The Adoration Committee

**Ministers' Schedule for January 7 & 8, 2023**

	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM
Proclaimer	L. Vorderer	B. Jordan	D. Mayo	M. Maslanka
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Pender K. Mikutis	K. Kobiernicki L. Stawczyk	K. Kleczkowski D. Mayo	G. DiBenedetto
Altar Servers	M. Medina E. Pedroza		J. Akroush T. Ziolkowski	I. Ullrich N. Miller



Adoration Chapel

Adorers are needed for the following ;

Tuesday 3~4pm 4~5pm
Thursday 1~2pm 2~3pm

Please call Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 if
you want to be a scheduled adorer temp or sub.

*Greetings from Fr. George!
He is settling well in
California. If you would like
to contact him, his info;*

Fr. George Velloorattil
1884 Arlington Court
Manteca CA 95337
vgeorge78@yahoo.com

CHALKING THE DOOR ~ AN EPIPHANY BLESSING



An Epiphany blessing is a way of marking our home, usually at the main entrance, dining room and bedrooms, with sacred signs and symbols as we ask God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. On the Twelfth Night after Christmas, many families gather in their homes to celebrate this Epiphany Feast with friends, singing, and gifts. It is at these Twelfth-Night celebrations that "chalking the door" with this blessing is most often observed. The following blessing is written over the doorway of the house with chalk.

20 + C + M + B + 23

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the customary names of the three Magi; Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "*Christus Manisonem, Benedicat,*" "May Christ bless this house." The year is divided before and after these letters because it is 2023 years since the incarnation. The crosses (+) represent the protection of Christ.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Help Needed



We are looking for anyone who would be interested in crocheting baby Christening Blankets and assisting in special projects moving forward. The yarn is provided for you. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Eleanor at 708-422-3643.

Many blessings are crocheted and knit into what we make through the prayers we say for every shawl. We have come to realize that there are endless possibilities for the use of Prayer Shawls. Whether there is a serious need or a special celebration the one common factor is that the comfort and healing power of prayer is sent with every shawl. Stop in the Parish Center or call 636-5060 to request one.



THE MARION GIVING TREES

THANK YOU for your generosity in helping so many families!
Together, we were able to help over 75 families this holiday season.

Saying "Thank you" doesn't seem enough, but know that it
comes with prayers of gratitude for all of our generous givers.

Happy New Year!!!!!!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Please be generous in your support of our parish ministries and services.

December 18, 2022

Sunday:	\$9,631.75
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,252.50
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$11,884.25
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Food Baskets:	\$118.00
Religious Retirement::	\$220.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$160.00
Christmas:	\$3,185.00
Aid to Education:	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$60.00
Solmnity of Mary:	\$20.00

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

Split The Pot Drawing



On December 18th envelope #1444 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **\$1,512.50** will be added to next weeks pot.

Don't forget to put your regular Sunday envelope and your orange envelope in for your chance to win!

Good Luck!



FOOD PANTRY

Needed this month....

Tomato soup, veggie soup, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, jelly, coffee, cereal, mac & cheese, pudding cups, cookies, toilet paper.
Gift cards to buy perishables

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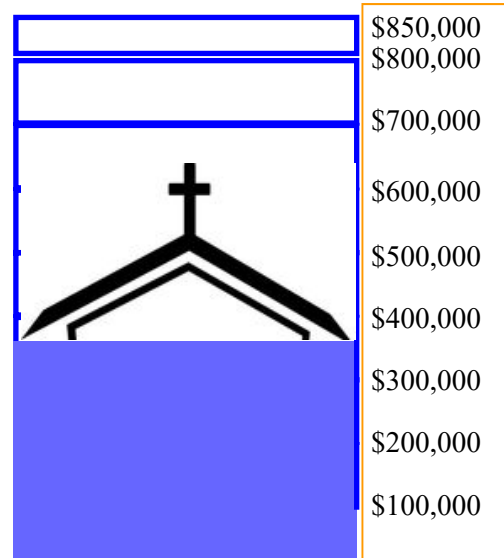


Thank you to the **274** donors who have started off our **Raise the Roof** campaign pledging **\$381,199.23!**

We continue to receive pledge cards in the mail daily and will keep you updated on how successful this campaign is.

Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity.

Can you help us raise the roof?





THE COURAGE PROGRAM THANKS YOU!!!

Christmas is that wonderful time of year when we have the opportunity to bridge the generosity of this parish with the needs of the women and children in the COURAGE Program.



Thank you for the baby care items, toys, clothes, hats, gloves, gifts for moms, gift cards, & monetary donations which bring joy to so many!
We could not do this without your loving concern.

We wish you and your families all the peace and joy throughout the New Year!



SNOWBIRDS

If you are away for an extended period of time, please be sure to send a note with your envelopes, or email the following info to:

jstazak@archchicago.org

Name, address, Winter address, Email, Date leaving and Date returning. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date.

PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

Want to kick-off the New Year with a fresh start?

Desire to connect with the greater Catholic community of Chicago?

Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass to be held Thursday, January 5, Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. Confession is available at 6:00 p.m. Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at stritashrinechicago.com for more information.

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Monday—Friday 9:00am ~ 2:30pm

Website: ourladyatstgermaine.org

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 8:30AM Mass
Wednesday: 7:00AM Mass, 8:30AM Communion Service

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 4:00 PM; Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 2:45-3:30 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Tuesdays 9-6pm, Wednesdays 9-8pm, Thursdays 9-6pm

Welcome to Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish!

To register in the parish, or for information about any of our organizations, ministries, services, or educational opportunities, please call the Parish Center at 636-5060.

BAPTISMS— Call Parish Center to schedule.

Fr. Thomas S. Cabala

Jack Malone

Joe Gonzalez

Frank Mamolella

Amy Condon

Phillip O'Rourke

Marianne Powers

Sr. Regina DeVitto CND

Dan Arens

Casey Wiedenski (636-6647)

Nancy Dunne

Molly O'Grady (636-8001)

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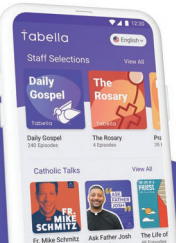


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