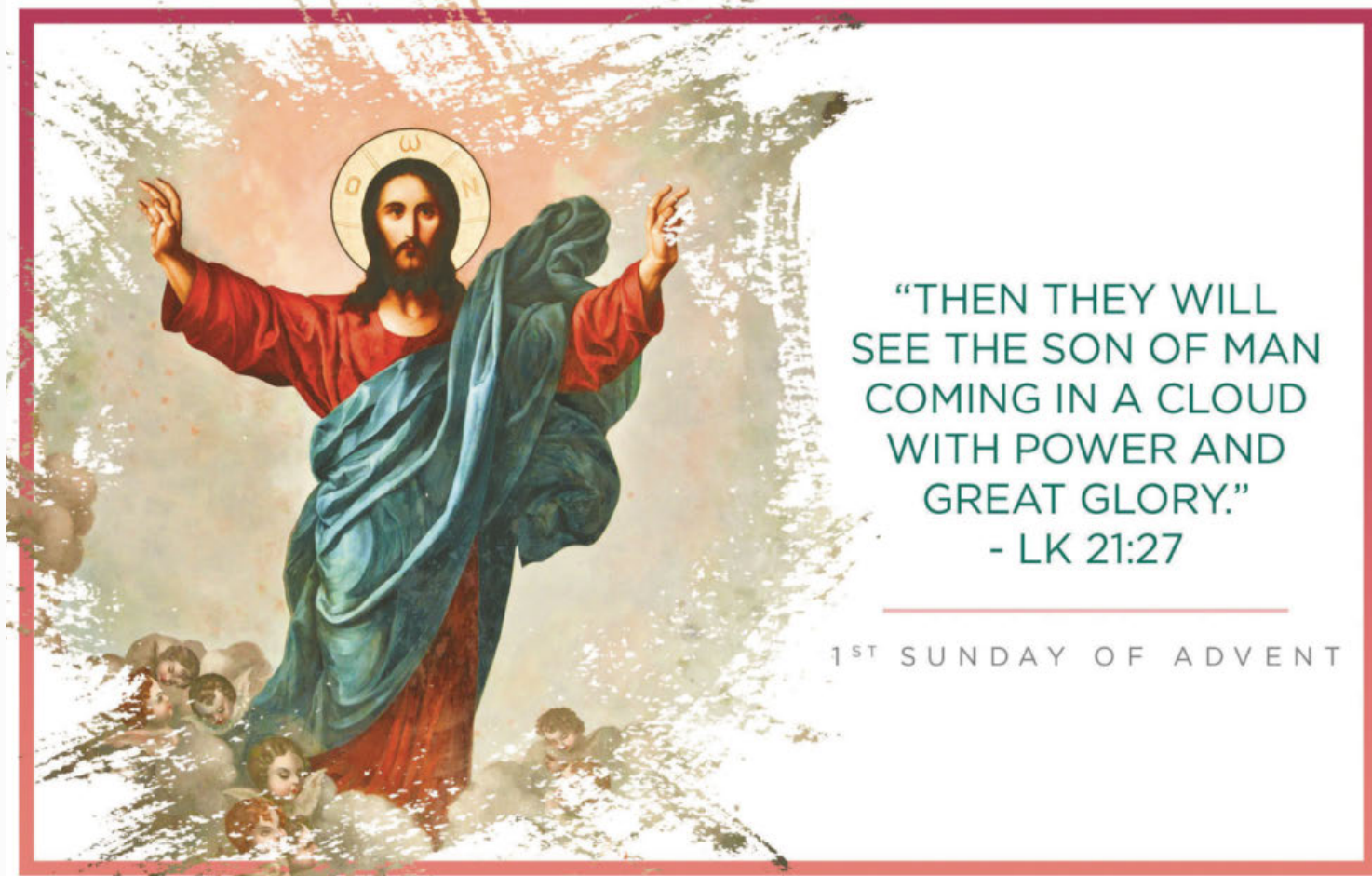




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80 Hayes Road
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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

**Weekday Mass: 8:00 am-Tuesday &
Thursday**

Confessions: Monday 6:00pm-6:45pm

**Adoration & Holy Hour: Monday 6:00pm-7:00pm
(except Holy Days & Holidays)**

DECEMBER 1, 2024

**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS,
NEW MEMBERS, AS WELL AS ALL PARISH MEMBERS.**

Happy 12th Ordination Anniversary Father Castro



*May the anniversary
of your ordination be a
source of joy for you
with the blessings
of our Lord.
Thank you
for all you do
in the service of God.*

"I have been crucified with Christ;
it is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me;
and the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me."

(Gal. 2:20)



Father Jorge E. Castro Morales
Ordained to the Priesthood
December 1, 2012

Please remember me in your prayers.

St. Junípero Serra Parish

Christmas Choir Concert

Friday, December 20th

7:00 PM

We cordially invite you to attend this **FREE** Christmas Concert featuring our choir accompanied by a chamber orchestra and organ.

St. Margaret Mary Church
80 Hayes Road, South Windsor, CT

Monetary donations graciously
accepted at the door.

Reception following the concert

WELCOME TO ST. JUNÍPERO SERRA PARISH

We extend a special welcome to new parishioners. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith-life will grow. We also hope you will share your special gifts with your parish family.

Your presence, your talents and your prayers are always welcome. **Please introduce yourself to Fr. Castro**, after one of the Masses and also please formally register with the parish through our website at www.saintjuniperoserra.org or by contacting the office.

The churches are open for private devotions:

St. Francis of Assisi: Monday & Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm

St. Margaret Mary: Monday thru Friday 9:00am-3:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm

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Important Information

Baptisms: Parents must attend a pre-baptismal class and sponsor certificates for the godparents must be received before a baptism can be scheduled. Please call the parish office to register.

Prayer Line: For prayer requests or to join the Prayer Line, please call Donna: 860-938-4864, Joan: 860-402-3105

Weddings: At least six months preparation is necessary. Please call Fr. Castro at x109

Ministry to Homebound: Your parish priest, deacons and ministers are eager to help anyone who is unable to celebrate with us because of age, illness or handicap. There is no problem visiting private homes if we are notified. If you, or a relative living in the South Windsor Catholic Community would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office so that we may be of assistance.

Bulletin Submissions: The deadline for the bulletin articles is noon on Friday, one week before publication. Email your submissions to: bulletin@sjs-sw.org

St. Vincent de Paul: 860-648-0216

Winter Snow Policy: Weekdays: When school is canceled or delayed there will be NO Morning Mass. Weekends: Please check our website, or Facebook page or Channel 3 for possible cancellation.



SATURDAY VIGIL, November 30

4:00 p.m. Salvatore & Alfina Neri by Family/
Alfina Milluzzo by Margaret Honan

SUNDAY, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Philip & Winifred Burnham by Their
Children/Paul Barbour by Barbara Barbour
11:00 a.m. Paolo Aliano, 7th Anniversary by Family/
Paul Beltramello by Wife & Children

MONDAY, December 2

8:00 a.m. Willard J. Franks
by William & Judith Hickey

TUESDAY, December 3

8:00 a.m. Louis G. Baker, 10th Anniversary
by Laraine Baker

WEDNESDAY, December 4

8:00 a.m. Paul Valacer by his wife, Stasia

THURSDAY, December 5

8:00 a.m. Ellie Glasser by Joe, Stacey & Brendan Puia

SATURDAY VIGIL, December 7

4:00 p.m. Raymond W. Billig by daughter, Carol Billig/
Robert Trichka by Family

SUNDAY, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. JoAnn Mecca by Her Sister/
Maria Zegarra by Family
11:00 a.m. Joseph SinhCon Pham by daughter, Mimosa
Pham/In Thanksgiving of the Estrosos Family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Light burn at
St. Francis of Assisi or St. Margaret Mary Church for the
intention of a loved one,
please call the parish office 860-644-2411.

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are ill: Thomas Russo, Giacomo Ghasa, Scott Mosher, Anne Mosher, Rosemary Saad, Lydia Mele, Barbara Mansini, Tammy Cross, Mary Caswell, Linda Pratson, Beth Jamieson, Teresa Foran, Marie Donnelly, George Rousseau, Charles Flick, Joyce Abrahams, Carmen Rosa Chilicki, Karen Cerrato, Bertha Brasfield, Mark Weyrauch, Robert Billig, Adam Johnson, Taina Marquez-Johnson, Luca and Nicolas Marquez-Johnson, Simone Tedford, Frances P. Medina, John Ferrante, Michael Chappell, Rebecca-Lynn Scullion, Dylan McBreen, Susan Degennaro, Lisa Feinstein, Sylvia Gonsalves, Louise Hynes, Ginette Collin, Laurie Gilligan, Joan Paterna, Linda Nott, Ron Krug, Roy & Cheryl Hauck, Donna Smutney, Richard Holtz, Maureen D. West, Sophie Myzuzikevik, Tracy Robinson, Kate Laurie, Andrew Galinaro, Paul Marianella, Shelia Brown, John Weyrauch, Kenny Lopez, Vicky Vecchiolla, Atlas. Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our parish prayer list.

STEWARDSHIP

Total Offertory including Online Giving:
11/17/2024 Weekly Collection \$11,515.00

These numbers will fluctuate due to monthly and
quarterly donations.

Thank you for your generous support
last week for the collection for the
Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised
\$2,688.00 to support those on the
margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you
missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give"
under "Resources."

#iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection—see <https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/>.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Retirement Fund for Religious Weekend of 12/14&15

Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

We have early transmission deadlines.

Bulletin articles must be received
no later than noon

Tuesday, Dec 3rd for Sunday, Dec 15th

Wednesday, Dec 11th for Sunday, Dec 22

Email your submissions to: bulletin@sjs-sw.org



Immacare Inc. Immacare Homeless Shelter Meal
needs list can be found on the
parish Facebook page the week
before meal preparation begins.

Donations to get supplies for the
preparation, for the 75-80 men in the shelter would
be greatly appreciated also. If you prefer to make a
donation, please make sure to make it out to St. Junipero Serra and clearly note on an envelope that it is
for the shelter meal. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support Charlie &
Mayellen Brennan.



The SJS youth group is offering babysitting!

Attention Parents:

Would you like a night out? The youth group is offering babysitting!

Saturday, December 14th

6-9pm - St. Margaret Mary Church Hall

High School students from the Confirmation program will watch your children (10 and under - potty trained please) with Christmas themed activities! Adult supervision will be provided.

To reserve a spot, please call or text Marybeth Murdoch (860) 680-0515 by Monday, December 9th.



HELP US CELEBRATE THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE AVAILABLE:

Christmas Mass Intentions cards will be on sale starting Saturday, November 23rd till Sunday, December 22nd before and after all Masses. Cards will be sold by the CCD, Confirmation Youth or Knights. Card front artwork was done by children of the parish as part of the Knights of Columbus Christmas poster project. The 11am Mass at St. Margaret Mary will be offered for the intentions of or in memory of those receiving cards. Intentions may be for anyone, living, deceased, ill, homebound etc. and may be sent to family, friends or yourself as part of Christmas.

Enclosed is a form which allows for up to 5 names per card. The back cover informs the recipient of Mass celebration with intention on their behalf. All forms will be placed on the altar Christmas Day for 11am Mass. Cost is \$5 for a card. Forms need to be submitted by Sunday, December 22nd.

Thank you St. Junipero Serra Parishioners for your generosity! *Please be advised our donation bins are now located at the lower entrance by the lower parking lot only.* Thank you for helping us to help others! Please help us to provide gifts for local children in need and for children and teens at Our Lady Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Sorrows parishes in Hartford for Christmas and Three King's Day. If you know of anyone or any family that needs help with food, utilities, clothing, furniture or rent please let us know by leaving a message on our help line - 860-648-0216, your message will be kept confidential. You can also email president@societyhelpline.org or go to our website www.societyhelpline.org

THANK YOU



An invitation to the ladies of our parish! Advent by Candlelight

Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 pm

Noel Terranova from Holy Family Retreat Center will present an Advent reflection titled "The Origin and Meaning of the Figures of the Nativity".

You're welcome to bring a dessert or finger food for the social to share. A free will offering will be collected for the program. For more information contact:

Ronnie Zagaja at 636-698-4640,

email: ronniezagaja@gmail.com

or

Paulann Marianella at 860-291-9960,

email: pamarianella@yahoo.com

"That little unborn child is created in the image of God, is created for greater things, to love and to be loved." - Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12th is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Virgin of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and of the Preborn. Let us pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe to save and protect the pre-born.



Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Virgin of Guadalupe,

Patroness of unborn children,

we implore your intercession

for every child at risk of abortion.

Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life.

Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion,

and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son.

Teach us to cherish

and to care for family and friends until God calls them home.

Help us never to see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials

to defend each and every human life through just laws.

Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen.

Also, please join us in praying the Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe starting on December 3rd.

<https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/our-lady-of-guadalupe-novena/>

Mark your calendar ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

6:00pm-7:00pm

Monday, Dec 16 at St. Margaret Mary Church

Wednesday, Dec 18 at St. Francis of Assisi Church

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RIDES NEEDED!!

- Elderly parishioner in wheel-chair needs assistance to and/or from a medical appointment in Manchester once per month. You can help in one or both directions.
- Ride needed to Mass from Berry Patch to assist a parishioner to the Saturday 4 pm or Sunday 11 am Mass at St. Margaret Mary.



If you are willing and able, please contact the office
at 860-644-2411

Thank you for your consideration.

TEMPTATION

The mist lured my eyes,
I followed it though I was afraid of it too,
My fear seemed silly to me for a moment
So I continued to follow...

Though it dissipated and left me on a barren road alone,
Making me wish for the mist,
Which did not care for my well-being at all...

Knowing that my desires have not done me well in the past,
A great distrust arose of my own heart,
Leading me to look for You,

What if the mist returns?
I wonder now on this lonely road
carrying my wants in shadow,
With a new breeze lifting off the ground
In stirrings new
But also of old -
But now I know,
Now I know!
I lower my eyes
I Find You,
I know myself
And I pray unceasing!

A temptation arises: it is the wind. It disturbs you: it is the surging of the sea. This is the moment to awaken Christ and let him remind you of those words: "Who can this be? Even the winds and the sea obey him!" Saint Augustine

It often happens that we pray God to deliver us from some dangerous temptation, and yet that God does not hear us, but permits the temptation to continue troubling us. In such a case, let us understand that God permits even this for our greater good.

Alphonsus Liguori

Were you to ask what are the means of overcoming temptations, I would answer: The first means is prayer; the second is prayer; the third is prayer; and you should you ask me a thousand times, I would repeat the same. Alphonsus Liguori

CCC2847 The Holy Spirit makes us discern between trials, which are necessary for the growth of the inner man, and temptation, which leads to sin and death. We must also discern between being tempted and consenting to temptation. Finally, **discernment unmasks the lie of temptation**, whose object appears to be good, a "delight to the eyes" and desirable, when in reality its fruit is death.

God does not want to impose the good, but wants free beings. . . . There is a certain usefulness to temptation. No one but God knows what our soul has received from him, not even we ourselves. **But temptation reveals it in order to teach us to know ourselves, and in this way we discover our evil inclinations and are obliged to give thanks for the goods that temptation has revealed to us.**

CCC2848 "Lead us not into temptation" implies a decision of the heart: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. . . . No one can serve two masters. "If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." In this assent to the Holy Spirit the Father gives us strength. "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, so that you may be able to endure it."

By Maria Rosati – Faith Formation Administrative Assistant /860.644.2549/ faithformation@sjsw.org



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