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WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST:

WEEKEND MASSES

5:00 pm: Saturday Evening
9:30 am: Sunday Morning
11:30 am: Sunday Morning

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:30 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at 1:00 PM on the first Sunday of each month. Arrangements must be made in advance with Sister Mary. Please note that there are no baptisms during Advent and Lent.

Marriages Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and participation in the Diocesan Pre-Cana Program is required. Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment with Fr. Frank who will discuss the necessary details.

Sacrament of the Sick In the event of serious illness, please call the Rectory and request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Communion for the Homebound Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to those unable to join us for Eucharist. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Confessions First Saturday of the month in the church from 4:00-4:30 PM. By appointment for all other times.

ST. SAVIOUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Frank W. Spacek, D. Min., **Pastor**
Rev. Daniel S. Murphy, **Pastor Emeritus**
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Dr. Nicholas J. Nicassio, **Music Ministry**

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Friday No Office Hours
Saturday & Sunday No Office Hours
To speak with a priest, please call for an appointment.
For sick calls, phone anytime.

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WHO IS WELCOME IN ST. SAVIOUR CHURCH?

Are you a sinner? Have you been away from the church for a long time? Are you divorced or separated? Are you physically or mentally challenged? Are you from a different culture? Are you not accepted because of your sexual orientation? Are you elderly, a teen or young adult? Are you discriminated against because of your color? Are you feeling broken? Are you poor or out of work? Have you been imprisoned? Have you a feeling that you are left out? **You are welcome here! This is your home, and we are your family!**

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

I'm finding it difficult to believe we are already beginning the second week of Advent and we are just a little more than two weeks away from our celebration of Christmas. There is much truth to the adage we were always told as children that as we get older time goes by more quickly. As kids time seemed to drag at times (especially during school hours) and yet time always flew by during summer vacations. Now as adults time keeps flying by faster and faster. I have grown to appreciate in recent years why the stories in the Bible reminding us to focus and not waste time on silly and selfish things are so important – it's easy to become distracted and miss what is most important in life – in addition to wandering away from our relationship with the Lord and forgetting to prepare a place in our hearts and lives for the coming of the Messiah. If you are one of those people who let the first week of Advent fly right by you, promise yourself you're going to slow-down a bit this week and make some time in your heart and in your life for Jesus. It's really the best gift you can give yourself in this often hectic, chaotic, and at times, scary world.

Tomorrow (December 9th), we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. As a rule, this feast day is celebrated on December 8th, but when December 8th falls on a Sunday, the feast day is moved to Monday, December 9th, as the Sundays of Advent always take precedence. The Bishops of the United States have declared the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception to always remain a Holy Day of Obligation because Mary is the patroness of the United States, and as a result, we do have an obligation to attend Mass on Monday, December 9th. Here at Saint Saviour, we will celebrate this great feast day tomorrow with Mass at 8:30am and again at 7:00pm in the church. I do hope you will all be able to come out and join us for one of these Masses as we celebrate together the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

This weekend, our Second Collection will be the "Maintenance and Repairs Collection." I kindly ask everyone to be a little extra generous in this month's maintenance collection, as this money will assist us in making the necessary repairs to both the men's and ladies restrooms in the parish hall, as well as addressing a few other issues affecting our parish hall. I am grateful to those persons who have already made a donation toward this project, and it is my hope we will have this completed in the coming weeks.

Next weekend (December 14 &15), we will be taking up the Annual National Collection for Retired Religious. As we are all aware, the number of retired religious sisters and brothers continues to grow exponentially. Many of us were taught by religious Sisters and Brothers while we were growing up. I personally was taught by Religious and remain eternally grateful to them for the education they provided and the Catholic values they instilled in me. Next weekend, our own Sister Mary will speak to us at each of the Masses and explain the importance and necessity of this national collection to assist in the care of our elderly religious who have served the Church (and us) so faithfully for so many years. This collection is our opportunity to say "Thank You" to them for their service among us and an opportunity for us to now assist them in their senior years. Please be generous in this special collection for the Retired Religious next weekend.

Have a great week everyone – please stay safe and healthy!

Father Frank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"For God will show all the earth your splendor:
you will be named by God forever
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." (Bar 5:3-4)

Psalm:
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

Second Reading:
So that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ. (Phil 1:10-11)

Gospel:
"The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Lk 3:5-6)

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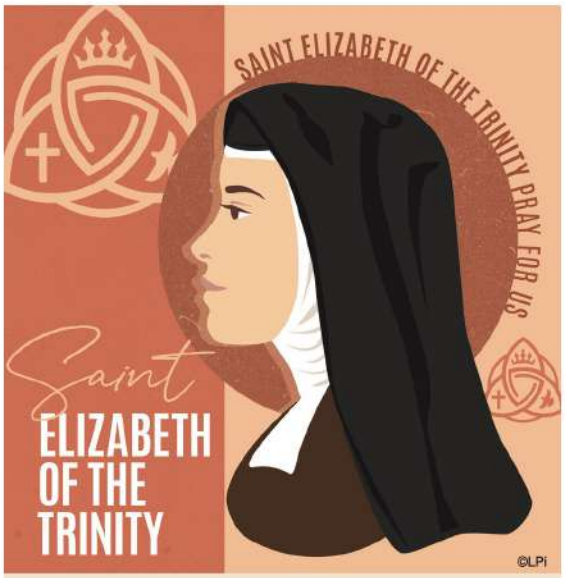
Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.

Observances for the week of December 8, 2024

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Loreto
Wednesday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Thursday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday:	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906) was a French mystic, a member of the Discalced Carmelites. In her writing, her fierce belief in the Trinity within us, reachable through contemplative prayer, and her deep wish that we embrace God's love by letting ourselves be loved are her powerful legacy.

Prayer of Preparation

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival — Make straight the paths, Lord! Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name.

Amen.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Today—Maintenance & Repair
December 9—Immaculate Conception
December 15—Retirement Fund for Religious
December 22—Christmas Mass Remembrance
December 25—Christmas Offering/Catholic Charities

St. John Paul II began a tradition early on in his papacy where he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent during his Angelus address. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their Nativity set at home.

John Paul II blessed the figurines of those present and told them to assemble before the manger scene with their family in a spirit of prayer.

It is a beautiful Advent tradition, one that sanctifies the home with the baby Jesus and makes his arrival in the manger scene an even more joyous event.

Please bring your figure of the Christ Child to be blessed by Fr. Frank on Sunday, December 22nd at all the Masses

We still have Mass Intentions available for both weekday AND weekend celebrations of Eucharist. Please consider having a Mass celebrated for a loved one or family member—either living or deceased. We are ALL in need of prayers, and there is no greater prayer than the celebration of Eucharist. Each Mass Intention is only $15.00. If you are interested in having a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or in honor of someone who is living, please call Emily at the Rectory and she will be more than happy to assist you.

The Giving Tree

Christmas is the time of year when we begin to turn our thoughts to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Beginning today the **Giving Tree** will be decorated with "gift tag ornaments" that are marked with gender, age and gift suggestions. This year the gifts are being collected for Providence House.

The **unwrapped** gifts with the tags taped to them should be placed under the Giving Tree no later than **next Sunday, December 15th**.

God Bless you & Happy Advent

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
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Called to **Communion, Participation & Mission**

As a committed parishioner, friend, and Catholic, we need your support to uphold our mission. We are grateful to the 110 donors who have already made a generous commitment to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Parish Goal: $64,900
Raised: $93,229

You may also make your gift online now at annualcatholicappeal.org or text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255** or call 718-965-7375 and have a pledge card mailed to your home.

Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach

The Brownbaggers project serves the poor in NYC during the winter months. Since 2009 we have delivered thousands of lunches. Meeting monthly in the Parish Hall at 12:30pm, we assemble 100 brown bag lunches with food and clothing items donated by our volunteers. We then travel via subway to multiple Manhattan parks to distribute our lunches to those most in need, returning to Brooklyn by 3:30 pm. Dave Beaudry is the current director of our Brownbaggers Homeless Outreach Program.

Please RSVP now for Sunday, January 12

Children under the age of 18 must to be accompanied by an adult. Please wear comfortable shoes and have your metro card charged.

Twenty-five volunteers are needed for this event.

RSVP to: davebeaudry@gmail.com

Please consider donating warm socks, hats or gloves into the Brownbaggers Donation Box which will be located in the vestibule of the church after every Mass. Any donations received will be distributed at that month's Brownbagger event. Also, financial donations used to purchase food items can be made in the Parish rectory. Thank you for your support.

***Just a reminder that all adults must be VIRTUS trained to attend.**

UPCOMING PARISH COLLECTIONS

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE

Included with the monthly contributions envelopes is a special envelope for the Christmas Mass remembrance. Please use this envelope for your special intentions, which will be remembered at each of our celebrations of Eucharist this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO MY PARISH

At this time of the year we all receive many requests from worthy charities and soon realize that we can't respond to them all. However, one appeal that hopefully everyone will respond to is the annual Christmas Gift to My Parish Collection. A year-end Christmas gift is your chance to go beyond the day-to-day support of your parish that you fund through your weekly support in the Sunday collection.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Each year we take great pride in the beautiful Christmas decorations in our church. Contributions to help defray the expense of decorating the church for the holiday season may be made in memory of deceased relatives or friends, or in honor of the living. There are envelopes for this purpose in the set of monthly envelopes or you may obtain one in the vestibule of the church. Please help the Altar Guild in creating a beautiful setting for our liturgical celebrations during the Christmas season.

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WeShare allows parishioners a safe and easy way to donate online. If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

1. Visit our website: www.stsaviourchurch.org and click "Give Online."
2. Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
3. Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you've added your information, donations will automatically deduct from your account.

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." - Hamilton Wright Mabie

November 30-December 1

Offertory $4,738

Children's Collection $219

Christmas Gift to My Parish $3,703

Attendance 257

CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24
5:00 p.m.
12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25
10:00 a.m.

This week's Advent candle was donated by Fr. Frank, Charlie, Denise, Charles Michael & Emily Rose Spacek

In loving memory of the Deceased members of the Loyal, Rybacki & Spacek Families

Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. Marguerite Gephardt/
Jane Marie DeWitt

Monday, December 9, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virign Mary
8:30 a.m. John Chadwick
7:00 p.m. Virginia & Luciano Cortes

Tuesday, December 10, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Coreen Billello

Wednesday, December 11, Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. Thomas Ferris

Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe
10:00 a.m. Intentions of Emily SanPietro

Friday, December 13, Saint Lucy
8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, December 14, Saint John of the Cross
5:00 p.m. Warren Pusz/Marian Allen/
Jane Marie DeWitt

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Christopher Raozzi
11:30 a.m. Mafalda Cento/ Hendrick Rillen

FEAST DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 9th

8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

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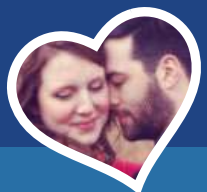

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