


# 4th Sunday of Advent

## Diocesan & Jesus the Good Shepherd Upcoming Events and Announcements



**RELIC FROM  
SAINT JOHN  
BERCHMANS  
COMING TO  
CATHEDRAL**

**DEC. 8  
TO  
DEC. 18**  
sjbdevotion.org

### The Heart of St. John Berchmans

150 years ago, on Dec. 14, 1866, Blessed John Berchmans appeared to a gravely ill novice, Mary Wilson, and she was instantaneously and completely cured by his intercession, in our state of LA. This was the Vatican-approved miracle needed for Berchmans to be canonized. In commemoration of this anniversary, the Heart of St. John Berchmans will be at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans from December 8-18. This is the first time the Heart has ever traveled outside of its homeland, modern day Belgium, since his death 395 years ago.

During the heart's stay at the Cathedral, there are scheduled times for Masses in the presence of the Heart and opportunities for veneration of the Heart as well as Guest Speakers and an exhibit of items related to the life and miracle of St. John Berchmans. Pope Francis is aware of "this significant ecclesial event" taking place in our diocese. The Pope's prayer for us is the "by the intercession and example of St. John Berchmans, the hearts of many will be converted to a deeper love of the Lord Jesus and a fervent desire to conform their lives to his holy will." His Holiness cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to all who venerate the Heart. All details can be found at [SJBdevotion.org](http://SJBdevotion.org)

### We will be having class on Dec. 20th!



12/27/16: No Class

1/3/17: Class Resumes



## Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are located in the back of the church on the welcome table for Christmas flower donations.

Donations can be made in honor or memory of people. Flower donations will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. Please have Christmas flower donations turned into the church office by Tuesday, December 20, 2016.



JGS Church has the honor of serving needy families in the

Family Promise program during the last week of December beginning on Christmas night. We will serve a traditional Christmas dinner on December 25th and a New Year's Eve dinner on December 31st. Friday, December 30th will be handled by JGS youth and their parents as supervisors. We want to make this a week to remember, so whether you want to help prepare the meals, help serve them or provide small gifts for the needy children and their parents, this is a great opportunity for you and your family to join in the spirit of the season. If you can help, please contact Randy Smith, Community Outreach Director at 387-9118 or 387-6496.

**NO** Family and Faith Enrichment on the following dates:

12/21/16, & 12/28/16. Happy Holidays!

THANK YOU ALL WHO HELPED to put up the tables in Moore Hall on Wednesday evening after the Advent Missions Supper in order to prepare for Fr. Carlos Martins and the Sacred relics on Thursday. May God continue to bless you and your families!

SAT DEC 24

3:25PM *Christmas Eve*  
A Festival of Lessons & Carols

4:00PM Vigil Mass for Christmas

7:00PM Christmas Eve Night Mass

12:00AM Christmas Midnight Mass

SUN DEC 25

*The Nativity of the Lord*

11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass



12/22-12/26: JGS Parish office will be closed for the Christmas holidays

12/26: NO daily Mass; Parish office is closed

12/27: No Adoration or Reconciliation; Mass will be held at 5:30PM

12/30: No school Mass at 8:10AM; Parish office is closed; No Divine Mercy or 7 Sorrows Rosary

# Weekly Scripture Readings, Holiday Schedule, & Small Faith Groups

<b>Mon., 12/19/16</b> 6:30AM Mass	<b>Tues., 12/20/16</b> 7-5:20 Adoration 5:20 Benediction 5:30 Mass 4-5 Reconciliation	<b>Wed., 12/21/16</b> 6:30AM Mass School out at noon	<b>Thurs., 12/22/16</b> Office Closed 5:30 Mass	<b>Fri., 12/23/16</b> Office Closed No Mass, DM or Rosary	<b>Sat., 12/14/16</b> 3:25 Carols 4:00 Mass 7:00PM Mass 12:00AM Mass
<b>Sun., 12/25/16</b> 11:00AM Mass ONLY: Merry Christmas!!					
<b>Mon., 12/26/16</b> Office Closed No daily Mass	<b>Tues., 12/27/16</b> No Adoration or Reconciliation 5:30PM Mass	<b>Wed., 12/28/16</b> 6:30AM Mass	<b>Thurs., 12/29/16</b> 5:30PM Mass	<b>Fri., 12/30/16</b> Office Closed No Mass, DM, or Rosary	<b>Sat., 12/31/16</b> 4:30 Mass 10:45PM Mass with New Year's Reception (MH)
<b>Sun., 1/1/17</b> 11:00AM Mass ONLY: Happy New Year's Day!					
<b>Mon., 1/2/16</b> 6:30AM Mass Office Closed	<b>Tues., 1/3/17</b> 7-5:20 Adoration 4-5 Reconciliation 5:20 Benediction 5:30 Mass	<b>Wed., 1/4/17</b> 6:30AM Mass School Resumes	<b>Thurs., 1/5/17</b> 5:30PM Mass	<b>Fri., 1/6/17</b> 8:10AM Mass 9:15 Children's Adoration	<b>Sat., 1/7/17</b> 7:30AM Mass 3-4 Confessions 4:30 Mass

### Readings For the Week of Dec. 19-24, 2016

<b>Monday: Dec. 19</b>	<b>Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25</b> <b>Ps 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17</b> <b>Lk 1:5-25</b>
<b>Tuesday: Dec. 20</b>	<b>Is 7:10-14</b> <b>Ps 24:1-6</b> <b>Lk 1:26-38</b>
<b>Wednesday: Dec. 21</b>	<b>Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18</b> <b>Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21</b> <b>Lk 1:39-45</b>
<b>Thursday: Dec. 22</b>	<b>1 Sm 1:24-28</b> <b>1 Sm 2:1, 4-8</b> <b>Lk 1:46-56</b>
<b>Friday: Dec. 23</b>	<b>Mt 3:1-4, 23-24</b> <b>Ps 25: 4-5, 8-10, 14</b> <b>Lk 1:57-66</b>
<b>Saturday: Dec. 24</b>	<b>2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16</b> <b>Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29</b> <b>Lk 1:67-79</b>
<b>Saturday: Dec. 24 Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Is 62:1-5</b> <b>Ps 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29</b> <b>Acts 13:16-17, 22-25</b> <b>Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25</b>
<b>Saturday: Dec. 24 Mass at Night</b>	<b>Is 9:1-6</b> <b>Ps 96:1-3, 11-13</b> <b>Ti 2:11-14</b> <b>Lk 2:1-14</b>
<b>Saturday: Dec. 25 Mass at Dawn</b>	<b>Is 62:11-12</b> <b>Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12</b> <b>Ti 3:4-7</b> <b>Lk 2:15-20</b>

**Join the JGS Choir**  
December 24, 2016  
At 3:25PM  
For  
A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Please enter the church quietly  
  
Scriptures will be read and carols will be sung.  
  
Merry Christmas



### PARISH SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

All groups are open, everyone is welcome!  
*Small Faith Communities: Please join us in one of the following:*

Sunday Morning: .....	9:45am - 10:45am Parish Hall <i>(Study on Mercy)</i>
1st Sunday of the Month.....	3:00pm Joanne Worley's home <i>(Direction for Our Times Lay Apostles)</i>
Monday at Noon (Cause of Our Joy—Mom Group).....	Noon Parish Hall
Tuesday Morning: .....	6:30 am Parish Hall <i>(Early Morning Men's Group)</i>
Wednesday Lunch Hour: .....	11:30 am Parish Hall <i>(Men's Lunch Hour Group)</i>
Wednesday Afternoon.....	12:00pm Parishioner's home <i>(Women's Scripture Study)</i>
Wednesday Afternoon: .....	1:30pm Parlor <i>(Scripture study)</i>
Wednesday Evening: .....	6:30pm Parishioner's home <i>(Cause of Our Joy—Mom Group)</i>
Wednesday Evening: .....	7:00pm—8:30pm Parishioner's home
Thursday Evening: .....	7:00pm Parish Hall

*If you would like more information, please call: 325-7549*