

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm | Friday Office Closed

600 N Liberty Street | Independence, MO 64050

## Mass Times

Monday: 12 noon (OF)

Tuesday: 12 noon (OF)

Wednesday: 12 noon (EF)

Thursday: 6:00 pm (EF)

Friday: 12 noon (EF)

Saturday: 5:00 pm (OF)

Sunday:

8:00 am (OF)

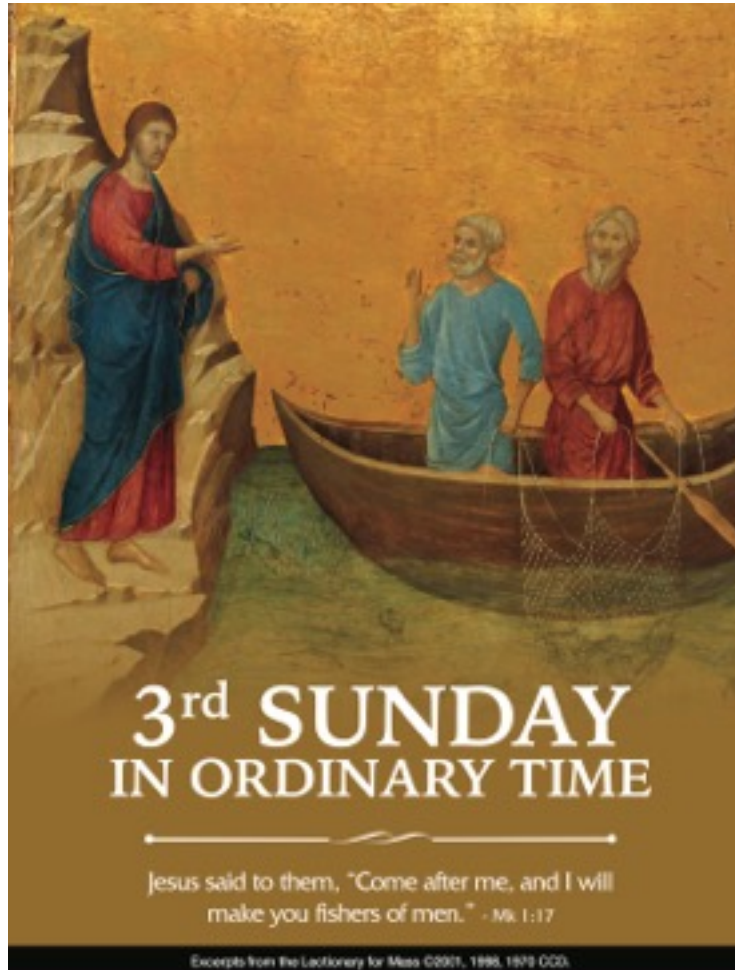
11:00 am (OF)

5:00 pm (EF)

*OF - Ordinary Form*

*EF - Extraordinary Form*

Confessions are 30 minutes  
before every Mass



## Outreach Agency

Food and Prescription  
Medication Assistance

**HOURS:**

Wednesday &  
Thursday 9:00am -  
3:00pm

**(816) 252-8649**  
**(By appointment  
only)**

\*Donations of food  
may be brought to the  
Ministry Center  
Monday - Thursday  
by 12:00 noon

## January 24th, 2021: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (Traditional)

### PRAYER OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Almighty eternal God, behold, I come to the Sacrament of your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as one sick to the physician of life, as one unclean to the fountain of mercy, as one blind to the light of eternal brightness, as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. I ask, therefore, for the abundance of your immense generosity, that you may graciously cure my sickness, wash away my defilement, give light to my blindness, enrich my poverty, clothe my nakedness, so that I may receive the bread of Angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, such purpose and intention as are conducive to the salvation of my soul. Grant, I pray, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, but also the reality and power of that Sacrament. O most gentle God, grant that I may so receive the Body of your Only Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which he took from the Virgin Mary, that I may be made worthy to be incorporated into his Mystical Body and to be counted among its members. O most loving Father, grant that I may at last gaze for ever upon the unveiled face of your beloved Son, whom I, a wayfarer, propose to receive now veiled under these species: Who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Saturday January 23

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7,  
8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-2

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Jerry Britt+)

### Sunday January 24

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

[4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-2

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Brad Swarm)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Carol

Cleeton+)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - **3rd**

**Sunday after Epiphany**  
(Parishioners)

### Monday January 25

**Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps

117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk

16:15-18

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - (Marty Rangel+)

### Tuesday January 26

**Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops**

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a,

2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Dave Barrett

Family)

### Wednesday January 27

Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4

[4b]/Mk 4:1-20

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Poor  
Souls in Purgatory)

### Thursday January 28

**St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and  
Doctor**

Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab,

5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Fr.

Michael Tierney+)

### Friday January 29

Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6,

23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

11:30pm - Confessions

12:00pm - (EF) - (Harold

Stewart+)

### Saturday January 30

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70,

71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Msgr. Ralph

Kaiser+)

### Next Sunday January 31

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

[8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Jerry Britt+)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Brodie

Gorbet+)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) -

**Septuagesima Sunday**

(Parishioners)



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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816.812.2500, or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org) if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011, or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Elmer Albert, Mrs. Trudy Amato, David Anderson, David Barrett, Jeffrey Derk, Kathleen Gilbert, Donald Kemp, Jeffrey Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Harold Mitchell, Annie Moran, Ke Hun Ngo, Eric Palmer, Eric Parvin, Marie Ramirez, Michelle Rohaus, Betty Underwood, Frank Velasquez, Peggy Vincent

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:

*SFC. Christopher Kinnaman* - Wainwright, Fairbanks AL. (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)  
*Fr. CPT. Brian Klingele* - Kreech AFB & Nellis AFB, Nevada, (Nephew of Ken & Karen Klingele)  
*ICSN Josiah Smith* - (Grandson of Mary Smith) &  
*IC3 Christina Smith* - Virginia (wife of Josiah)  
*Airman Tommy Romano* - Ariano, Italy (Nephew of Sr. Teresita)

Altar Servers

**5:00pm** - A Talato, J Collins, J Rider  
**8:00am** - M & T Holden, A Rincon, T & T Spooner  
**11:00am** - J Combs, E&J Diamond, T Gearke, R Howe, A Talato, L Uresti  
**5:00pm** - N Leete, N Smith, A Talato

Lectors

Fr. Bartulica will be doing the readings at this time.

Contribution Statements

If you would like a copy of your 2020 contributions, please contact Tony Douglas at 252-0121, Ext. 101 or [tony@saintmarysparish.org](mailto:tony@saintmarysparish.org)

## GOSPEL REFLECTION BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see [1 Kings 19:19-21](#)).

As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus.

Jesus' promise—to make them “fishers of men”—evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send “many fishermen” to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see [Jeremiah 16:14-16](#)).

By Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see [Luke 9:31](#)). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church—a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see [John 1:12-13](#); [Matthew 12:46-50](#)).

From now on, even our most important worldly concerns—family relations, occupations, and possessions—must be judged in light of the Gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle.

The first word of Jesus' Gospel—repent—means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God.

And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have “something greater than Jonah” ([Matthew 12:41](#)). We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope—that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him.

But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance—striving daily to pattern our lives after His.

# Readings for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lectionary: 68

Reading I

**Jon 3:1-5, 10**

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, " when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**R. (4a) Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

## Alma Redemptoris Mater

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli  
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre,  
cadenti, Surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae  
genuisti, Natura mirante, tuum sanctum  
Genitorem Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis  
ab ore Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum  
miserere.

Reading II

**1 Cor 7:29-31**

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Alleluia

**Mk 1:15**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent and believe in the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

**Mk 1:14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

## PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN

You are invited to be a voice and a presence for the unborn by gathering with us in prayer every *Thursday at 3:00PM* in front of the Planned Parenthood, 815 N. Noland Road, Independence, MO.

Resent happenings in our country make it apparent that we need to be a light to the world. If you can, please step from the sidelines of this issue by joining us in standing up for life. For questions, please contact Dixie at 461-3752 or Geri at 509-8070

Weekly Contribution Income January 17	Annual Contribution Income
Envelopes: \$ 2270.00	January Actual: \$ 13,548.00
Plate: \$ 206.00	January Budget: \$
Online: \$ 1605.00	

<b>Total Contributions:</b> \$ 4081.00	Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 123,462.00
	Year-to-Date Budget: \$

(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)

Don't carry cash or checks? Contact Father to set up tithing through automatic direct deposit, or sign up for one-time or recurring donations on our website at the Online Giving tab at the top of the page.

**FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH**

**Men, Women & Marriage:** Having a good sense of humor can really help in marriage! In this talk, psychologist, speaker, and author Dr. Ray Guarendi weaves great humor and storytelling into his constructive advice and practical insights on all things men, women, and marriage—differences, communication, habits, parenting, the importance of apologies, and more. Be entertained and be encouraged to live and love a good marriage. “My wife thought I was afraid of commitment...two years into the relationship she said to me, “You either tell me your name, or it’s over.”

*Please visit our CD kiosk at the front of the church. We have many great topics on CD about the Catholic faith. We ask for a nominal donation of \$3 for each CD.*

**Participate in Local 2021 March For Life Activities!**

Visit [www.respectlifekcsj.org](http://www.respectlifekcsj.org) to learn about additional local March for Life Masses, vigils, rallies and other events and activities scheduled for January, including virtual events that can be hosted by parish ministries and other organizations. Make plans to be a part of the annual Prayer Vigil on Friday, January 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in front of the Federal Courthouse in Kansas City. We will pray and make public witness in solidarity with March for Life pilgrims across the nation for an end to abortion and the protection of human life. Everyone welcome. Parking is available in the Catholic Center, 20 West 9th Street, Kansas City, 64105. For more information, please contact [mrl-wr@att.net](mailto:mrl-wr@att.net) or 816.353.4113.

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 6:00 PM

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**St. Mary's Winter Weather Policy**

If the Independence School District is closed due to SNOW or ICE, the parish office will also be closed.

If the Independence School District is closed due to COLD TEMPERATURE, the parish office will remain open, including Adoration. Mass will NEVER be cancelled due to inclement weather. Please use your own good judgement.