

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)

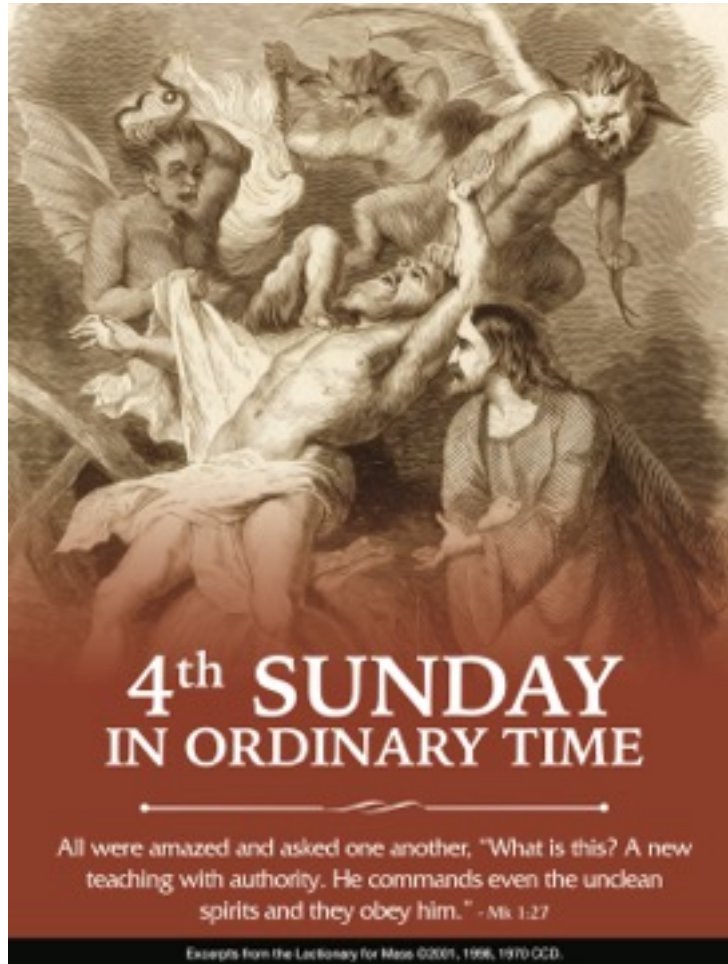
11:00 am (OF)

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 31st, 2021: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Septuagesima Sunday(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 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)

Monday February 1

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22,
23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - (Brodie Gorbet+)

Tuesday February 2

The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/
Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - Candelmas
(The Routh Family)

Wednesday February 3

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2,
13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
(Margarita Magalski+)

Thursday February 4

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab,
3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk
6:7-13
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Eugene
Diamond)

Friday February 5

First Friday

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc
[1a]/Mk 6:14-29
11:30pm - Confessions
12:00pm - (EF) - (Jim & Dixie
Altman)

Saturday February 6

First Saturday

**St. Paul Miki & Companions,
Martyrs**
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Steven & Karen
Swarm)

Next Sunday February 7

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk
1:29-3
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Jerry Britt+)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
Sexagesima Sunday (Brodie
Gorbet+)

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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 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 for more information.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Elmer Albert, Mrs. Trudy Amato, David Barrett, Jeffrey Derk, Kathleen Gilbert, Joan Ishmael, 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

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion—asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan (see [John 12:31](#)).

Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation (see [Exodus 20:8–11](#); [31:12–17](#)), and His deliverance of His covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see [Deuteronomy 6:12–15](#)). On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

“With an unclean spirit” is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons (see [Mark 3:22](#)).

The demons' question: “What have you to do with us?” is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment (see [Judges 11:12](#); [1 Kings 17:18](#)).

And as God by His Word “rebuked” the forces of chaos in creating the world (see [Psalms 104:7](#); [Job 26:10–12](#)), and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus (see [Psalm 106:9](#)), Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons (see [Mark 4:39](#); [Zechariah 3:2](#)).

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see [Acts 3:22](#)). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see [Daniel 7:14, 27](#); [Revelation 12:10](#)), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle (see [Exodus 31:12](#)).

In this liturgy, we hear His voice and “see” His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.

Readings for 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lectionary: 71

Reading I

Dt 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters:

I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Alleluia

Mt 4:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

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.

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 24	Annual Contribution Income
Envelopes: \$ 2955.00	January Actual: \$ 16,920.00
Plate: \$ 157.00	January Budget: \$
Online: \$ 260.00	
Total Contributions: \$ 3372.00	Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 126,834.00
	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.

St. Mary’s Men’s Prayer Group

Men, with Lent fast approaching have you been waiting for an invitation to do something different? St. Mary’s Men’s Prayer Group is a small community of prayer that meets every Saturday morning at 6:30 in the Ministry Center.

We start with the Rosary; then a short audio presentation by a noted Catholic speaker (Bishop Barron, Fr. Michael Schmitz, Fr. John Ricardo etc.) followed by a discussion of issues of faith, family, personal character, and growth. Our goal is to learn & grow as Catholic Men. This may be a Lenten opportunity to sacrifice an hour of time in exchange for whatever gift God has waiting for you. No commitment, no requirements, just show up when you can and join our journey. Please join us. For additional information contact John McEvoy at 582-4835 or e-mail at jancevoy@sbcglobal.net

Congratulations to Sarah Holden on making her First Communion. May God bless her and keep her close to His Eucharist Heart.

BLESSING OF CANDLES

CANDLEMAS

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, WILL HAVE A BLESSING OF CANDLES IN THE SOUTH CHAPEL BEFORE THE 12:00 MASS. PLEASE BRING ANY CANDLES FROM HOME THAT YOU WOULD LIKE BLESSED AS WE CELEBRATE THIS ANCIENT TRADITION.

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.