

# 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)

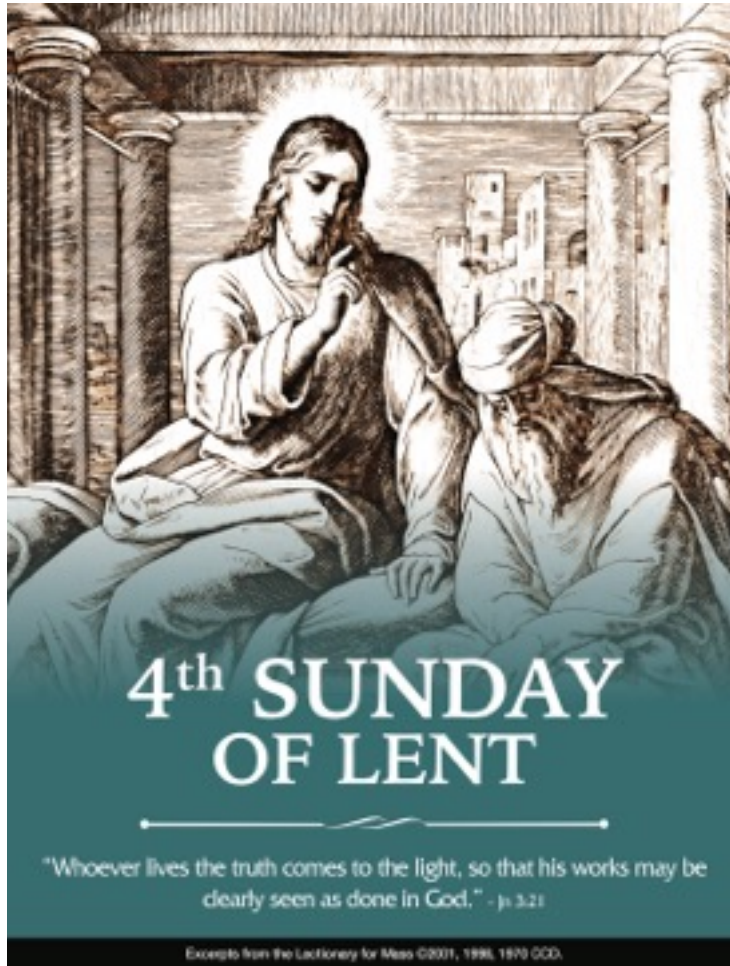
11:00 am (OF)

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

## March 14, 2021: 4th Sunday of Lent 4th Sunday of Lent (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 March 13

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19,  
20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14  
4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - (Parishioners)

### Sunday March 14

*4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)*

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2,  
3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn  
3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,  
10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6  
[1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,  
6-9, 13-17, 34-38

7:30am - Confessions  
8:00am - Mass - (Jerry Britt+)  
10:30am - Confessions  
11:00am - Mass - (Dave  
Anderson+)  
4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) -  
*4th Sunday of Lent* (Brian  
Simmons)

### Monday March 15

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6,  
11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54  
11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass - (Rolla G.  
Houk+)

### Tuesday March 16

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
[8]/Jn 5:1-16  
11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass - (Megan & Matt  
Clark)

### Wednesday March 17

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14,  
17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30  
11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Harold  
Stewart+)

### Thursday March 18

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22,  
23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47  
5:30pm - Confessions  
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Angie &  
Brad Bradley)

### Friday March 19

*St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps  
89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom  
4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,  
24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
11:30pm - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Hailey  
& Amanda Hinrichs)

### Saturday March 20

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10,  
11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53  
4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - (Poor Souls in  
Purgatory)

### Next Sunday March 21

*5th Sunday of Lent*

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,  
14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn  
12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom  
8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
[7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,  
20-27, 33b-45

7:30am - Confessions  
8:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)  
10:30am - Confessions  
11:00am - Mass - (Mary K  
Houk+)  
4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) -  
*5th Sunday of Lent* (Julia Hicks  
Family)



## Contact Information

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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 the Victim Advocate at 816.392.001, or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and  
FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Elmer Albert, Mrs. Trudy Amato, David Barrett,  
Jeffrey Derk, Joan Ishmael, Bill Janner, Teresa  
Janacaro, Frances Janacaro, Donald Kempes, Jeffrey  
Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Sharel Mawby, 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)

## Don't Miss Scott Hahn *after* Lent

Look forward to the end of Lent—**join Scott  
Hahn in Leawood on Friday, April 9.**

Don't miss this evening presentation and the  
chance to ask Dr. Hahn your questions on  
the faith and Scripture!

Space is limited, so register now to reserve  
your spot.

### EVENT DETAILS

**DATE:** Friday, April 9, 2021

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** St. Michael the Archangel Catholic  
Church, Leawood, KS

**COST:** \$20

## St. Mary's Men's Prayer Group

Men, with Lent upon us, 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 Riccardo 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 [jamcevoy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jamcevoy@sbcglobal.net)

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Mary's is hosting a **diaper drive** through March 28 for our local pregnancy resource center, *Rachel House*. Diapers, wipes, and diaper cream will graciously be accepted, along with items for the mothers, such as travel-sized lotions, body gel, and shampoo/conditioner. Collection bins are located at each entrance of the church.

For more information about upcoming events within our diocese, please visit  
[respectlifekcsj.org](http://respectlifekcsj.org)  
or  
[kccoalitionforlife.com](http://kccoalitionforlife.com)



## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Please visit the diocesan website for ways to celebrate, engage and honor this Patron of the Universal Church

<https://kcsj catholic.org/year-of-st-joseph/>.

## Confidential Assistance for Parishioners

St. Mary's Outreach reserves resources to assist St. Mary's Registered Parishioners with food, diapers and wipes, prescriptions and utilities assistance. Anyone needing assistance should call the Outreach on Tuesday mornings at 816-252-8649 between the hours of 9am and Noon. This assistance is confidential.

## MASS FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH, MARCH 19

Bishop Johnston will preside for the diocesan observance of the Feast of St. Joseph in the Year of St. Joseph at the ***Cathedral of St. Joseph*** on March 19 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome but should reserve a place in advance.



## Readings for 4th Sunday of Lent



### Reading I

#### **2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23**

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

### Responsorial Psalm

#### **137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6**

R. (6ab) **Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

R. **Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. **Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem may my right hand be forgotten!

R. **Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

R. **Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

### Reading II

#### **Eph 2:4-10**

Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

#### **John 3:16**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

### Gospel

#### **Jn 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

### *Ave Regina Caelorum*

Ave, Regina caelorum,  
Ave, Domina Angelorum:  
Salve, radix, salve, porta  
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,  
Super omnes speciosa,  
Vale, o valde decora,  
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

**Weekly Contribution Income**  
March 7

**Annual Contribution Income**

Envelopes: \$ 4461.00  
Plate: \$ 330.00  
Online: \$ 1035.00

March Actual: \$ 5826.00  
March Budget: \$

**Total Contributions:** \$ 5826.00      Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 154,407.50  
Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 157,541.40

(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.



Please join us on Friday's of Lent as we pray the Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm in the Church.

**Mass Time Change**

Thursday, March 18, Holy Mass in the Extradordinary Form will be at 5:00pm, rather than 6:00pm



***St. Joseph's Day Table***

On Sunday, March 21 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, join us in thanking St. Joseph for all his benefits by participating in the St. Joseph's Day Table at St. Mary's. Please bring an offering of bread, pastry, wine or dessert to share. Multiple offerings are welcomed and encouraged. Following the Mass, Father Bartulica will bless the table and all are welcome to take items from the table in exchange for a free-willing offering that will be given as alms to the poor.

*More information about the tradition of the St. Joseph's Day Table is posted in the narthex.*

***Easter Basket Blessing***



You are invited to participate in a great tradition of the Church - an Easter Basket blessing at St. Mary's on Holy Saturday, April 3 at 10 a.m. Please plan to bring your Easter basket full of all the traditional foods your family will eat to celebrate Easter Sunday! Suggestions for what to pack into your basket can be found on fliers at the entrance of the church.

**ST CYRIL'S BAKE SALE**

**PARISH BAKE SALE**

St. Cyril's Altar Society will have a bake sale on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Nut rolls, strudel, kolache and cheese and nut povatica and pies will be sold. Baked goods will be available for pick up after 9:00 am Mass. You are welcome to pre-order: Jean Kaiser 816-210-8056 or email [jmk1018@gmail.com](mailto:jmk1018@gmail.com).