

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)

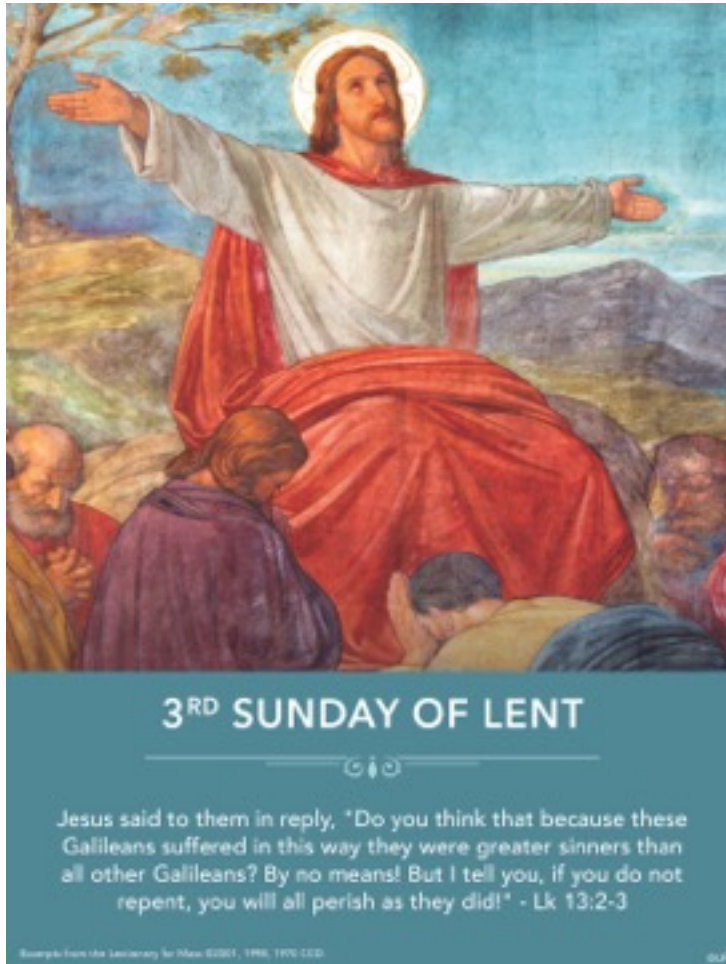
11:00 am (OF)

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 20, 2022: 3rd Sunday of Lent 3rd Sunday of Lent (Traditional)

Lent III, Year C

Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pg. 124-127

Mass setting: Missa Simplex I pg. 850-852 (@5pm and 8am); Kyriale Mass XVII (Kyrie B) pg. 887-889 (@11)

Entrance Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #44

Entrance Antiphon: *My eyes are always on the Lord...*(pg. 919 #53)

Offertory Hymn: Take Up Your Cross #48

Communion Antiphon: *Blessed are they who dwell in your house...*(pg. 920 #56)

Communion Hymn: Soul of My Savior #112

Communion Motet: (@11): *Jesus, As Though Thyself Wert Here*

Marian antiphon: Ave Regina Caelorum #45

Exit in silence

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday 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 and 29/Rom 4:13,
16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Donald
Kempf+)

Sunday March 20

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,
6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6,
10-12/Lk 13:1-9

7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Joyce Klenklen)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Jerry Nikas,
Sr. +)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
(Parishioners)

Monday March 21

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,
4/Lk 4:24-30
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Poor Souls in
Purgatory)

Tuesday March 22

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6
and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Donald
Kempf+)

Wednesday March 23

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16,
19-20/Mt 5:17-19
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Richard
Harner+)

Thursday March 24

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk
11:14-23
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Tony
Wilcox+)

Friday March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9,
10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Evelyn
& Larry Fischer+ and Susan
Fischer+)
6:00pm - Stations of the Cross

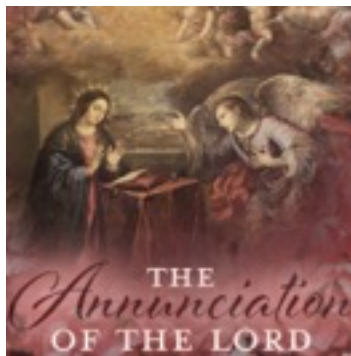
Saturday March 26

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19,
20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Chelsea Anne
Stringer)

Next Sunday March 27

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
[9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3,
11-32
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Fr. Charles
Michael Coleman+)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Ronald
Harmon+)



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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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and
FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

David Barrett, Jeffrey Derk, Gennilyn Eckard, David & Virginia Forbes, Carolyn Hampton, Mike Higbee, Joan Ishmael, Paul Janner, Teresa Janacaro, Frances Janacaro, Jeffrey Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Sharel Mawby, Harold Mitchell, Carol Monaco, Annie Moran, Ke Hun Ngo, Eric Palmer, Michelle Rohaus, Kenneth Tart, Lucas Uresti, Frank Velasquez, Peggy Vincent

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN &
WOMEN:

PFC. Victor Rangel U.S Marine Corps - (Son of Phil & Julie Rangel)

SFC. Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright, Fairbanks AL. (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)

IC3 Christina Smith - (wife of Josiah Smith, Grandson of Mary Smith)

Airman Tommy Romano - Ariano, Italy (Nephew of Sr. Teresita)



Diaper Drive

During this lenten season St. Mary's is asking for donations of diapers, baby wipes, and diaper cream to be donated to our local pregnancy resource center, *Resource Health*. Donations can be dropped off in the baptismal chapel and will be delivered directly to them. Thank you for your support! If you would like more information on this great apostolate, please visit resourcehealth.org.

FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

Saint Augustine: The Patron Saint of Millennials?: Dr. Elizabeth Klein, theologian and millennial, with a special devotion to St. Augustine discusses the many reasons why St. Augustine should also be the patron saint of this generation. St. Augustine's teachings are as timely as ever as millennials today search for ways they can live out their vocation by way of his teachings and guidance.

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.

March 25-26: 24 Hours For the Lord

March 25 @ 9:00 am - March 26 @ 10:00 am

In response to the 24 Hours for the Lord initiative, the Office of Divine Worship is co-sponsoring 24 hours of adoration and confessions with the ***Cathedral of St. Joseph in St. Joseph, Mo. and Holy Cross Parish in Kansas City, Mo.***

The 24 Hours for the Lord initiative was first launched in 2014 by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. In his 2018 Lenten message, Pope Francis invited the entire Church to "celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration".

"Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life," the pontiff said.

"Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew."

The pope also desired that at least one church in each diocese around the world to remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharist adoration and sacramental confession.



Gospel Reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today’s First Reading.

Mindful of His covenant with Abraham (see [Exodus 2:24](#)), God came down to rescue His people from the slave drivers of Egypt. Faithful to that same covenant (see [Luke 1:54–55, 72–73](#)), He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today’s Psalm tells us.

Paul says in today’s Epistle that God’s saving deeds in the Exodus were written down for the Church, intended as a prelude and foreshadowing of our own Baptism by water, our liberation from sin, our feeding with spiritual food and drink.

Yet the events of the Exodus were also given as a “warning”—that being children of Abraham is no guarantee that we will reach the promised land of our salvation.

At any moment, Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, we could perish, not as God’s punishment for being “greater sinners” but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits.

Jesus calls us today to “repentance”—not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. We’re called to live the life we sing about in today’s Psalm, blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy.

The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel (see [Jeremiah 8:3; 24:1–10](#)). As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance (see [Luke 3:8](#)).

Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let “the gardener,” Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity.

Weekly Contribution Income
March 13

Annual Contribution Income

Envelopes: \$	2363.00	March Actual: \$	15,472.50
Plate: \$	562.00	March Budget: \$	22,596.15
Online: \$	1757.50		

Total Contributions: \$	4682.50	Year-to-Date Actual: \$	187,012.70
		Year-to-Date Budget: \$	162,692.28

(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.

Lent would be a great time to use
our Parish **Formed** Account!

This is a free resource available to parishioners, containing unlimited access to Catholic movies, children's books, audio dramas and books...even sacramental prep, Bible studies, documentaries, and so much more!!

Sign up by going to [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup). Select "I Belong to a Parish", search for St. Mary's, then follow the remaining steps!



Altar & Rosary Spring Rummage Sale

It's back! After a two year hiatus, our annual Fall Rummage Sale is back, but this time for Spring!

The sale will be held Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 22nd-24th, Fitzgerald Hall.

Set-up days will be Wednesday, April 20th and Thursday, April 21st, 10:00am until ???

We are seeking donations of new/gently used items. As you complete your spring cleaning, please consider donating usable items to our sale. Your donations can be brought to the church basement on either of the set up days.

We are also in need of volunteers to help with set-up and the actual sale. Please contact Kathy Philpott, (816) 810-0516, with questions/scheduling.

Proceeds from this sale go to help with the purchase of wine, altar bread and candles.



St. Joseph's Table

Please plan to participate in our **St. Joseph's Altar this Sunday, March 20** following the **11 a.m. Mass**. This beautiful tradition of the Church, given to us from the Italians, is a way to honor St. Joseph and the many blessings he has bestowed on us throughout the previous year.

Please bring an offering of bread, pastry, wine or dessert and place it on the altar located in front of the St. Joseph statue in the Adoration Chapel prior to Mass. Multiple offerings are welcome. Following the Mass, Father will bless all the offerings and everyone (even if you weren't able to make an offering) is welcome to take items from the table in exchange for a free-will offering that will be given as alms to the poor.

St. Joseph, Protector of the Church, pray for us!

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