

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)

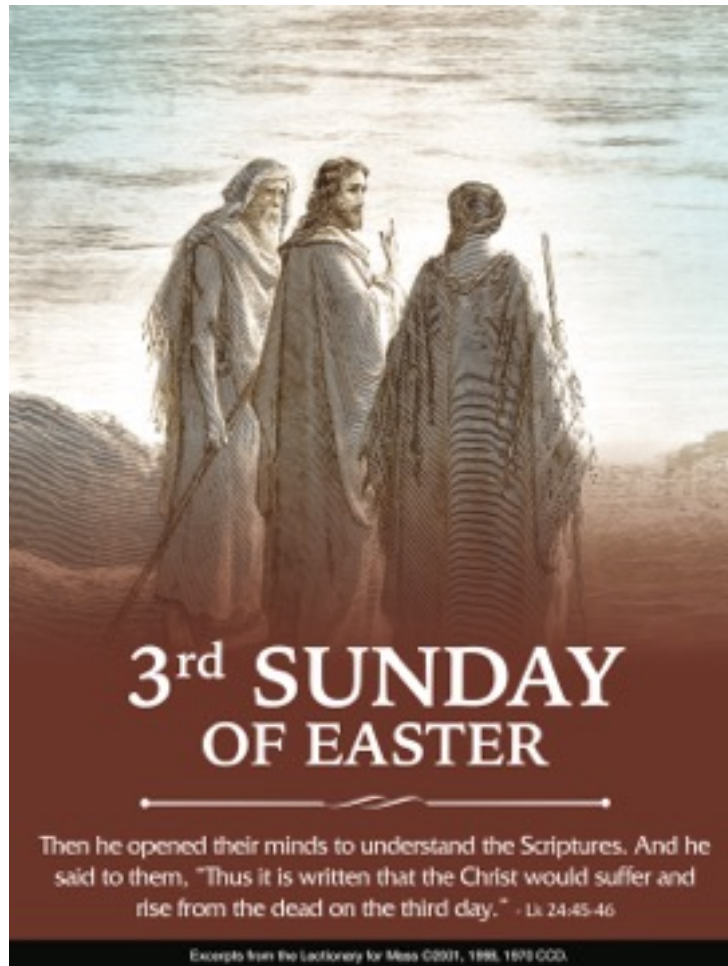
11:00 am (OF)

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

**April 18, 2021: 3rd Sunday of Easter
2nd Sunday of Easter (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 April 17

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

[22]/Jn 6:16-21

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Greg & Tami Routh)

Sunday April 18

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8,

9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Dave

Anderson+)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Family of Julia Hicks)

Monday April 19

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24,

26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Mr. & Mrs.

Victor Stueve)

Tuesday April 20

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6

and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/

Jn 6:30-35

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Robert &

Elaine Spence+)

Wednesday April 21

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a

[1]/Jn 6:35-40

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Family of Dave Barrett)

Thursday April 22

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20

[1]/Jn 6:44-51

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Holy Souls in Purgatory)

Friday April 23

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk

16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

11:30pm - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Brandon Simmons)

Saturday April 24

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15,

16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

4:30pm - Confessions

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

Next Sunday April 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23,

26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn

10:11-18

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Robert

McDermott+)

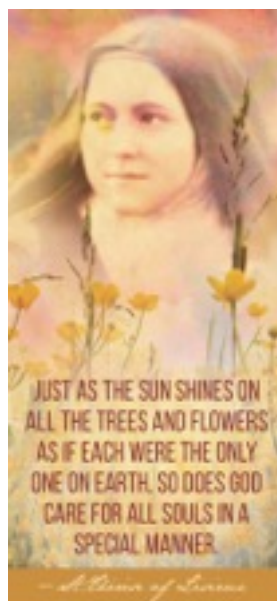
10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Msgr.

Ralph Kaiser+)



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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 the Victim Advocate at 816.392.001, or 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, Deborah Monaco, 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)



April/May 2021

Come! . . . *Arise my love, my beautiful one, and come!*

For see the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. During the this joyful Easter Season, as we celebrate the risen Christ and the promise of new life, come away and tend to the garden of your marriage. The next in- person **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experiences, will be April 30 - May 2, 2021 and July 16-18, 2021**, at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. *For more information*, visit our website at www.wwme4youandme.org, and follow us on Facebook. To apply for the weekend call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

St. Mary's Men's Prayer Group

Men, are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and share faith discussions with other men of the parish? 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 is an 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

For those who need more physical space around them, please fill free to use the south adoration chapel for seating, and at communion time approach the altar rail.

Rachel's Vineyard-Kansas City

Healing hearts in the heart of the nation

Are you or a loved one suffering from abortion? Find hope and allow God to heal your heart by attending a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat.

The next retreat that will take place in Kansas City will be on **April 23-25, 2021.**

For more information or to register, please call Teresa O'Donnell at (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com (please note: you might have to check your Spam folder for the guaranteed email reply) or visit www.rachelsvineyardkc.org.



REFLECTION BY DR. SCOTT HANN

Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures. He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church—to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to. God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see [Exodus 3:6, 15](#)). He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified (see [Isaiah 52:13](#)).

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9–10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God (see [Romans 8:34](#)), and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world (see [1 John 1:7](#)).

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission—to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more “about” Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives. In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.

Regina Caeli

Regina caeli laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Weekly Contribution Income

April 11

Annual Contribution Income

Envelopes: \$ 4491.00
 Plate: \$ 301.00
 Online: \$ 560.00

April Actual: \$ 10,469.00
 April Budget: \$ 17,504.60

Total Contributions: \$ 5352.00 Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 178,777.50
 Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 179,422.15

(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.

Easter Flower Memorial and Honorarium

In Memory of Michael Polina, Julian & Nestora Polina, Julio C Ramirez Sr, Aurora Gorbet



ST. MARY'S GIFTSHOP REOPENS

This weekend April 17, 18

The store will be open after all weekend masses. Stop by and see our new merchandise including:

- ~Missals with Latin and English for *OF* and *EF*
- ~New "Family Bible" from Catholic Book Publishers
- ~Ignatius RV Bibles in hardback and paperback
- ~"The Lighthouse", new novel by Michael O'Brien
- ~"Hope to Die", new novel by Scott Hahn
- ~"Bible in a Year", by Tim Gray
- ~Watch for new rosaries and necklaces, medals, wall crucifixes already on order



**MASS FOR THOSE IN GRIEF
 AFTER SOMEONE'S SUICIDE,
 APRIL 25**

Bishop Johnston invites those who have lost a loved one to death by suicide to participate with him at either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 25, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The 11:00 a.m. Mass will be live-streamed: <https://www.facebook.com/golldomekc>.

Cars4KC

If you have a vehicle you don't want anymore-in any condition, anywhere in the US-donate it to Cars4KC. You'll avoid the hassle of trying to trade, sell or junk it, and you can get a tax deduction that may reduce your tax burden this year. When you donate your car, truck, RV or boat, you help people right here in our community. Proceeds benefit valuable Catholic Charities programs and services across the region. Catholic Charities works to prevent and reduce poverty by offering meaningful programs focused on helping individuals and families find a path out of poverty. Cars4KC is a joint program between Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. To donate your vehicle, use the form on our website at www.catholiccharities-kcsj.org or call 913-647-9080.