

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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

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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

December 6, 2020: Second Sunday of Advent

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 December 5

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2,
3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—
10:1, 5a, 6-8

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Hannah
O'Donnell+)

Next Sunday December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12,
13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Fr. Bartulica &
Priests of the Diocese)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (The
Grandchildren of Jamie Nibler)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
(Parishioners)

Monday December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10,
11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk
5:17-26

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - (Living & deceased
family, friends, benefactors,
malefactors of Sr. Teresita)

Tuesday December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk
1:26-38

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Steven Swarm)

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Julia
McAfee+)

Wednesday December 9

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and
10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Carolina
Nannini+)

Thursday December 10

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9,
10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Brendan
Teevan+)

Friday December 11

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
[cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Joseph
Magalski+)

Saturday December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19
[15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Adeline &
Richard Drexler+)

Next Sunday December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48,
49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes
5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

7:30am - Confessions

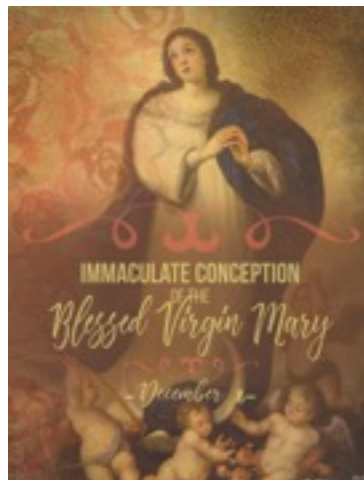
8:00am - Mass - (Brendan
Teevan+)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

4:30pm - Confessions

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



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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.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Elmer Albert, David Anderson, David Barrett, Augie Cruz, Brodie Gorbet, Donald Kempes, Jeffrey Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Harold Mitchell, Annie Moran, Ke Hun Ngo, Eric Palmer, Eric Parvin, Mark & Maryann Polina, Marie Ramirez, Anthony Rizzi, Michelle Rohaus, Harold Stewart, 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.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, AT NOON
AND 6PM. THE 6PM MASS WILL BE A
SUNG LATIN MASS.**

Gospel Reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn

Our God is coming. The time of exile— the long separation of humankind from God due to sin— is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today's liturgy.

Isaiah in today's First Reading promises Israel's future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today's Gospel shows, Israel's historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God—the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God.

God sent an angel before Israel to lead them in their exodus towards the promised land (see [Exodus 23:20](#)). And He promised to send a messenger of the covenant, Elijah, to purify the people and turn their hearts to the Father before the day of the Lord (see [Malachi 3:1, 23–24](#)).

John the Baptist quotes these, as well as Isaiah's prophecy, to show that all of Israel's history looks forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has reached down from heaven and made His glory to dwell on earth, as we sing in today's Psalm.

He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract but for each of us. The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today's readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. He has been patient with you, Peter says in today's Epistle.

Like Jerusalem's inhabitants in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him.

Today, let us hear the beginning of the Gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.

Readings for Second Sunday of Advent



Lectionary: 5

Reading 1

IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

R. (8) **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.

Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

R. **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Reading 2

2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Alleluia

LK 3:4, 6

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

SALVE REGINA

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo es spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Evae. Ad Te suspiramus gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Iesum benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis, post hoc exilium, ostende. O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria!

Weekly Contribution Income **Annual Contribution Income**

November 22 & November 29

Envelopes: \$5330.00	November Actual: \$ 19,394.00
Plate: \$ 234.00	November Budget: \$
Online: \$ 883.00	
Total Contributions: \$ 6447.00	Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 95,507.00
	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.

A Gift to St. Mary's Church for Christmas

Please consider a gift to the parish for Christmas this year. Use the purple envelopes in the baskets for your monetary gift and place them in the collection baskets at Mass. Your generosity to your parish is appreciated and keeps on giving to the whole community. If you have any questions, call the Ministry Center at 252-0121

*St. Mary's Outreach Center
Mercy Tree Project*



Don't forget to check the gift envelopes for gifts for our adopted families available in baskets at the Mercy Tree in the Adoration Chapel.

Please purchase the items, wrap them, place the gift envelope designating the item enclosed on the outside of the package and include any gift receipts. Please use plenty of tape securing the gift envelope to the outside of the package.

The gift(s) you purchase should be brought to one of the weekend Masses and placed under the "Mercy Tree" which will be located at the northwest corner of the church. They may also be returned to the Outreach in the Ministry Center Wednesdays or Thursdays between the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm *no later than Friday, December 11, 2018*. Please be sure to hang the ornament included in the gift envelope on the tree.

St. Mary's Gift Shop News

Annual Missal Delivery May be Late

Notice: Arrival of Annual Missals may not be here at the beginning of Advent. Hopefully they will come in the next week. I will be calling everyone as soon as they arrive to arrange delivery. I apologize for the inconvenience.

The Publisher (Catholic Book Publishing) has lost the order that was placed for this years Annual Missal and Guide. I am working with their technical group to find out what happened. They are looking at a software glitch in their system and have assured me that the order would be fulfilled shortly.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGES FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

December 13 bulletin deadline -

Monday, December 7, @noon

AND

December 20 bulletin deadline -

Friday, December 11 @noon