

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-11:45am
600 N Liberty Street | Independence, MO 64050

Mass Times

Monday: NO Mass
Tuesday: 12 noon (OF)
Wednesday: 12 noon (OF)
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)

Confession Times

Monday: No Confession
Tuesday: 11:30am
Wednesday: 11:30am
Thursday: 5:00pm
Friday: 11:30am
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:15am & 4:00pm



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

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Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Dec 24 Christmas Eve
5pm St. Ann's
8pm St. Cyril's
Midnight
St. Mary's (EF)

Dec 25 Christmas Day
8am St. Cyril's
8am St. Mary's
10:00am
St. Mary's (Novus
Ordo in Latin)

Parish Registration

New parishioners:
Please fill out a parish
registration form either on
the parish website or by
filling out a printed form
near the church entrances.

December 11, 2022: Third Sunday of Advent Third Sunday of Advent (Traditional)

Advent Lessons and Carols

Dec. 16th @ 6:00 pm
St. Mary's, Independence

Silent Auction and Reception to Follow
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The Lessons and Carols Silent Auction

The Silent Auction begins following Masses on December 11th.

You can browse and bid throughout the week.
Fitz Hall will be open from **5:00-8:00pm** every evening.

Bids will close following Lessons and Carols on Friday the 16th.

Winners who are not present will be contacted.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday December 10

4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(+John & Margaret
Sohrweid)

Next Sunday December 11

Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(Conversion of Russia)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Joseph Magalski)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (EF)
(+Vern Orme)

Monday December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:30am Confessions
12:00pm Mass (OF)
6:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday December 13

St. Lucy

11:30am Confessions
12:00pm Mass (OF)
(Jennifer Martinez)

7:00pm Advent Series

Wednesday December 14

St. John of the Cross

11:30am Confessions
12:00pm Mass (OF)
(+Don Shrewsbury)

Thursday December 15

5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm Mass (EF - Low Mass)
(Ngo Ke Hun)

Friday December 16

11:30am Confessions
12:00pm Mass (EF - Low Mass)
(+Gene Stone)

Saturday December 17

4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(+Tony Rizzi)

Next Sunday December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(Parishioners of St. Mary
St. Ann, & St. Cyril)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Velia Tebeck)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (EF - High Mass)
(Andrea Paul & T.J.
Rende)

*In the Extraordinary Form (EF),
Low Mass is spoken, High Mass
is sung

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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:**

James Warren Bayless III, Mary Brice, Will Carlson,
Alice Crews, Jeffrey Derk, Gennilyn Eckard, David &
Virginia Forbes, Gene Foster, Carolyn Hampton,
Bobbie Harris, Mike Higbee, Joan Ishmael, Teresa
Janacaro, Frances Janacaro, Shane Keeter, Jeffrey
Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Mary Lou Larsen, Nancy
Lathrom, Sharel Mawby, Harold Mitchell, Annie
Moran, Bob Mosier, Ke Hun Ngo, Joseph Olivarez, Eric
Palmer, Eric Parvin, Marie Ramirez, Michelle Rohaus,
Kenneth Tart, Lucas Uresti, Frank Velasquez, Lucy
Villigram, 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)*

St. Mary's Gift Shop

NEW FOR ADVENT

Let us help you make this Advent special. We have numerous small books with daily prayers, inspirational thoughts, wisdom from saints, etc., to start each day of Advent.

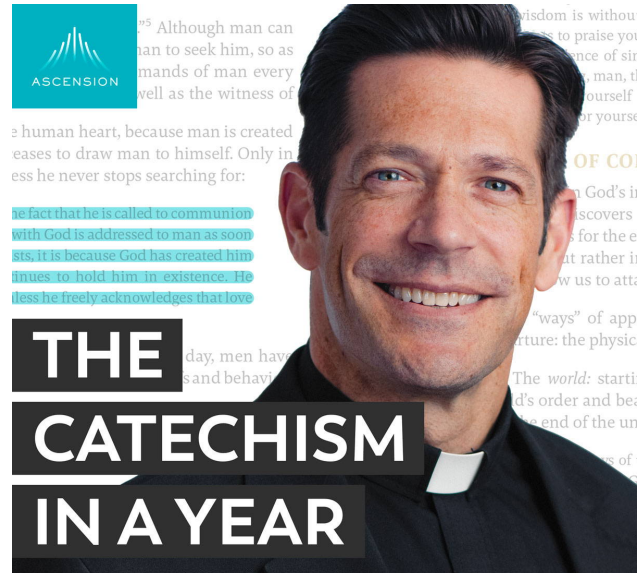
To help the children get in the right spirit for the season we also have:

- Advent and Christmas activity books
- Coloring books
- Christmas story book
- New selection of saint's books.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Give a gift that lasts throughout the year.

- Several new Holy Family Statues
- The religious theme "1000 Piece Designer Jigsaw Puzzles"
- Hundreds of Catholic books to choose from.
- Over 40 Bibles of all types, Hardback, Leather, Paperback, etc.
- New selection of "Spanish" language books & bibles.



WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

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St. Mary's Outreach 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. Instructions are given at the baskets with the gift tags at each entrance of the church. Don't forget to be sure to hang the ornament included in the gift envelope on the Christmas tree. The gifts and any food donations (instant mashed potatoes, dressing/stuffing and cake mixes and frosting need to be returned to the Christmas tree in the Adoration Chapel by December 18, 2022.

Thanks for your continued generosity and support.

St. Mary's Outreach Center

To assist us in our goal of providing 50 families with Christmas food boxes in addition to the Mercy Tree Gifts, we will need some of the same items for our clients' Christmas dinners: Instant Potatoes, Dressing/Stuffing mix, Canned Cranberry Sauce, and Cake Mixes and Frosting. These items may be placed in the baskets at all entrances of the church and need to be collected by December 18. Of course, any donation in cash or other food items found on sale are appreciated. Your contributions are adding up quickly and thank you for your continued generosity. So far, the three parishes have donated 307 items of food.

We are also greatly in need of hats and gloves for men, women and children. These items may be left next to the food baskets or brought to the Outreach especially on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, or our regular pantry hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Weekly Contribution Income

December 4

Envelopes: \$ 2785.00
 Plate: \$ 1944.00
 Online: \$ 422.50

Annual Contribution Income

December Actual: \$ 5151.50
 December Budget: \$ 29,833.33

Total Contributions: \$ 5151.50 Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 101,007.61
 Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 156,624.96

(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)

Please note: There will be a second collection this weekend for Religious Retirement.

Sound System Funding:

Total Cost: \$25,000

Unmatched Contributions: \$7,050

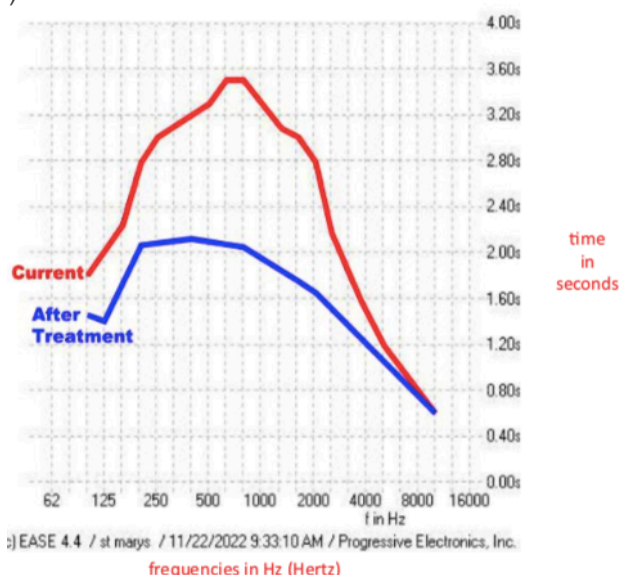
Matched Pledges: \$8721

REMAINING GOAL: \$279 in Matched Pledges

*All future pledges and contributions will be matched up to \$9,000. When we reach \$9,000 in matched pledges, the project will be fully funded.

Sound System Update**Step 2: Acoustical Analysis (Completed)**

On November 22, Progressive Electronics conducted an acoustical analysis, creating a map out the sound frequencies and echoes of the worship space. Below, is a graph which shows the current conditions and what we can anticipate after installation. If you are like me, at first glance it may not mean much. But the bottom line, both literally and figuratively, is that there will be less echo and greater clarity. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be working out the final details for the work that will be done. The next step will then be for me to meet with the finance committee and then installation (hopefully soon after the first of the year).



Advent III - Gaudete Sunday | Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 23-25
Mass Setting: Kyrieale Mass XVII (Kyrie B) pg. 887

Entrance Hymn: O Come, Divine Messiah #4**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice in the Lord always... (pg. 905 #7)**Offertory Hymn:** Savor of the Nations, Come #12**Offertory Antiphon:** You have blessed, O Lord, your land...(pg. 906 #8)**Communion Antiphon:** Say to the faint of heart... (pg. 906 #9)**Communion Hymn:** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #2**Motet:** Veni Jesu - L. Cherubini**Marian antiphon:** Alma redemptoris Mater #5**Recessional:** Lift Up Your Heads #6

The Lessons and Carols Silent Auction

The Silent Auction begins following Masses on December 11th. This year's items will include:

*Tickets and Tailgate for 4 to MU football game

*Movie night in Fitz Hall with popcorn and snacks for 20 people

3 Slate Pool Table

Foolz Ball Table

2009 daVinci Grand Junction Tandem, blue (valued +\$3,000)

Limited edition, on wood prints of Sts. John Paul II and Teresa of Calcutta from St. Mary's chapel. each measures 24"x10". Only 20 total made

Dinner with Fr. Ketterlin

Bobby Witt Jr. Jersey

Harrison Butker Signed photo

Limited edition Albert Pujols photo

Special framed edition of Kansas City's MVPs

George Brett and Patrick Mahomes

Super Bowl seat back

Chiefs Kingdom plaque

Plaque commemorating the Royals 2015 World Series

Several items, including figurines, from St. Joseph the Worker.

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us,
And lightens every load.

Parish News

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - We will have a *noon Mass* on Monday, December 12th for Our Lady's Feast Day.

Nut Sales are still in progress. Order forms can be found at the entrances of the church. Just place your order, along with payment in an envelope and drop in the collection basket. **Last day to order is this Sunday, December 11th.**

Confession Times

St. Mary's: Tuesday 11:30am
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Thursday 5:00pm
Friday 11:30am
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 7:15am & 4:00pm

St. Ann's: Saturday from 3:00-3:45p
2nd and 4th Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm

St. Cyril's: Wednesday 5:00-5:50* (during Advent)

BULLETIN COLUMN 3RD
SUNDAY IN ADVENT



A Rose Blooms:

The 3rd Sunday of Advent, along with the 4th Sunday of Lent, are two of the most recognizable Sundays out of the year. Not because they are particularly significant solemnities, but because these are the 2 days out of the year when the rose vestments are worn. Or as many like to warmly chide the priest on, these are the days when father wears pink. The back and forth inevitably follows: It's not pink, it's rose; No, father, it really is pink. These two days and the banter that ensues is so common, that I've had to consciously keep it out of my homily, lest this remains what more people remember about the 3rd Sunday of Advent, it's the day that father wears pink.

And yet, as is always the case, there are significant and long-standing reasons behind the chosen color of vestments. We wear red to recollect the sacrifice of the martyrs, or the fire of the Holy Spirit; White symbolizes the resurrection and purity of the life the saints; violet, while being a royal color, is a sign of penance (which may also be a reminder to us of the true nature of royalty); while blue is not a main color for vestments, it is used in honor of Mary the Blessed Ever-Virgin and Mother of God; Green is a sign of hope and life, a recollection of the message of Christ's public ministry; Gold is a color of great celebration; and then there is the color of the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

One of the more beautiful Advent hymns comes from 15th century Germany: *Lo How a Rose 'er Blooming*. In the midst of this season of desert and penance, the Church reminds us of the nearness of God's promise of fulfillment. The hymn begins: *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming ; From tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, As men of old have sung. It came, a flow're bright, Amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.*

This image of the rose has come not only in a hymn, but in the reality of life. As we also celebrate this week the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we recall how Juan Diego struggled to convince others that the Blessed Mary was truly appearing to him. She led him into a mountain desert, where in the cold of winter, the ground was covered in roses. But she was not the rose.

From the beginning of our faith, and even going back to the first promises announced by the prophets, the rose has been a sign and symbol of the coming Messiah, recognized to be Jesus Christ. Our Blessed Mother is always leading us toward Him, and so, presents the rose to us, not as a prideful act of drawing to her beauty, but as to remind us of the source of her beauty.

In the midst of the seasons of Advent and Lent, the Church is giving us a sign of the promise and Christ's presence. To be clothed in the color of the rose, is to be clothed in Christ. It reminds us that he is in our midst and constantly in our presence in hidden ways. And in times of worry, doubt or fear, it may also just remind us of the hope of promises from long ago.