

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



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

Excerpt from the Sacramentary for Mass (2002), 1988, 1970 CCC

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

December 12, 2021: 3rd Sunday of Advent 3rd Sunday of Advent (Traditional)

Advent III

Readings, text of the antiphons, and responsorial psalm: pg 28-30

Mass setting: Mass XVII (Kyrie B)

Entrance Hymn: O Come, Divine Messiah #4

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Offertory Hymn: Comfort, Comfort, O My People #13

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us. (pg. 906 #9)

Communion Hymn: Ave Verum Corpus #132

Marian Antiphon: Alma redemptoris mater #5

Recessional Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King #138

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday December 11

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b,
15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Joseph
Magalski+)

Sunday December 12

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Delbert Melvin
Miller, Sr+)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Joyce
Klenklen)

Monday December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6
and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Lucy Sadler)

Tuesday December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7,
17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt
21:28-32
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Haylee Marie
Atagi-Barker & Unborn Child)

Wednesday December 15

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab
and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk
7:18b-23
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Michael
& Mildred Romano+)

Thursday December 16

Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6,
11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Fr.
Donald Sturm+)

Friday December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab,
7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
11:30pm - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Andrea
Altman & T.J. Rende)

Saturday December 18

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
[cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Gene Stone)

Next Sunday December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
[4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Marty &
Reuben Rangel+)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
(Intentions of Hielgard Quilligan)



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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, Mike Higbee, 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, Michelle Rohaus, Lucas Uresti, Frank Velasquez, Peggy Vincent

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN &
WOMEN:

RCT. Victor Rangel - (Son of Phil & Julie Rangel)
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)

FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

Waiting for the Lord-Patience and Penance in Advent: Advent is a time for patience and awaiting the coming of the Lord. While waiting may be difficult to do, Dr. Prothro explains that it is the best way to prepare and what God truly wants from us during this time. Patience is the penance that we need in order to fully prepare for God and this holy season. This exciting new talk explores different ways that we can prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord this Advent season.

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.

MASS TIME CHANGE

Thursday, December 23 evening Mass will be at 5pm, rather than 6pm

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" (Rejoice in the Lord Always). So in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. You may see rose-colored vestments and additions to the church environment due to the special Sunday.

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 books

New selection of saint's books

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We have added 4 new religious theme "1000 Piece Designer Jigsaw Puzzles, (27"x39"). For Christmas and many winter days after —

The Last Supper

Adoration of the Magi

Wedding Feast at Cana

Miraculous Draught of Fishes

St Mary's souvenir Coffee Mugs are back in stock.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WAS
ABLE TO HELP VINCENT CELEBRATE
HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY**

If you would like to keep in touch with Vincent over the Christmas Holiday, below is the address of the nursing home facility that he now resides. We know he would surely love to hear from his friends at St. Marys.

Vincent Xarhadjizamtheopoulos
Timberlake Care Center
12110 Holmes Rd, Room 502
Kansas City, MO 64145

Please remember to send in your Christmas Flower Memorials and Honorariums so they can be included in the bulletin on December 19th.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGES FOR THE
UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:**

December 19 bulletin deadline -

Monday, December 13, @ noon

AND

December 26 bulletin deadline -

Friday, December 17, @ noon

**Next PSR date is December 19 from
9-10:30 in the ministry center!**



Gospel Reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn

The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?"

The messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose—to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too (see [Luke 3:3](#); [5:32](#); [24:47](#)).

"Repentance" translates a Greek word, metanoia (literally, "change of mind"). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a twofold "turning"—away from sin (see [Ezekiel 3:19](#); [18:30](#)) and toward God (see [Sirach 17:20–21](#); [Hosea 6:1](#)).

This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change. It requires "good fruits as evidence of your repentance" (see [Luke 3:8](#)). That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice. In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" Our repentance should spring not from our fear of coming wrath (see [Luke 3:7–9](#)) but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God.

This theme resounds through today's readings: "Rejoice! . . . The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all," we hear in today's Epistle. In today's Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us.

In today's First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting (compare [Luke 1:28–31](#)). Mary is the Daughter Zion—the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, "a mighty Savior." She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: "One mightier than I is coming."

Weekly Contribution Income
December 5

Annual Contribution Income

Envelopes: \$	4558.00	December Actual: \$	6645.50
Plate: \$	659.00	December Budget: \$	18,076.92
Online: \$	1428.50		
Total Contributions: \$	6645.50	Year-to-Date Actual: \$	113,123.95
		Year-to-Date Budget: \$	106,068.56

(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)

**Please note: There will be a second collection
this weekend for the Retirement Fund for
Religious**

Come and help decorate the church for
Christmas on Tuesday, December 21st! We'll
start at 9am and go until finished, dividing
up into different areas of the church so that
everything runs smoothly. Please consider
helping us out for a few hours in making our
church beautiful for the birth of Our Lord.



A Penance Service, along with Lessons and
Carols will be Monday, December 20 at 6:30pm.
Join us to contemplate Scripture, listen to the
choir, and sign carols. Confessions will be
available during the service.

Here We Come A-Caroling:

*A St. Mary's Candlelight Christmas
Caroling Party*

When: Thursday, December 23, after the
Mass at 5pm* with dinner following in Fitz Hall
after caroling

*please note the change in Mass time from 6pm
to 5pm on this day

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.



Altar & Rosary Nut Sale

Nuts will be for sale after all masses
**Saturday, December 11th and Sunday,
December 12th.** Payable by cash/check.
Stock up for your holiday baking needs!

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

**CHRISTMAS MASS
SCHEDULE**

Friday, December 24th
4:00pm Vigil Mass and
12 Midnight Latin Mass

Saturday, December 25th
10:00am Christmas Morning Mass
and
5:00pm Vigil Mass for *Sunday, December
26th*

Congregational and choral singing of
carols 30minutes before all Christmas
Masses