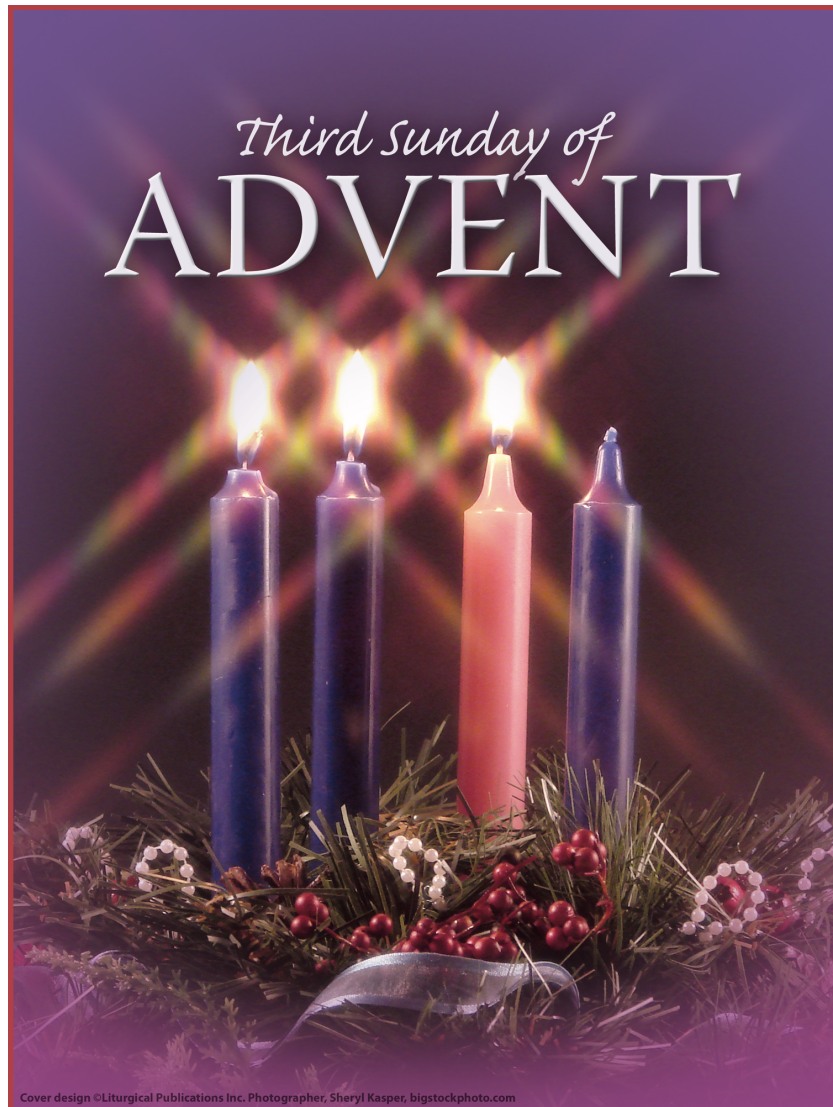


# Saint Mary's Catholic Church



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*December 16, 2018 Third Sunday of Advent*

**Readings:** pgs. 28-30

**Ordinary of the Mass:** pg. 850 *Kyrie Simplex Mass I* (5pm and 8am);  
pg. 887 *Kyrie Mass XVII* (11am)

**Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas:** pg. 1000

**Entrance Hymn:** Rejoice, the Lord is King #138

**Entrance Antiphon (@5pm and 8am):** Rejoice in the Lord...(pg. 905 #7); *Gaudete @11*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**Creed:** Credo III (only sung at 11am) pg. 899

**Offertory Hymn:** On Jordan's Bank #7

**Communion:** Say to the faint of heart... (pg. 906 #9); *Dicite @11*

**Communion Hymn:** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #29

**Marian Antiphon:** Alma Redemptoris Mater #5

**Recessional Hymn:** O Come Divine Messiah #4

### **Saturday December 15**

4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - **(Don Shrewsbury+)**  
6:00pm - K of C Christmas Party (FH)

### **Sunday December 16**

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30am - Confessions  
8:00am - Mass - **(Quiroga Family)**  
9:00am - PSR Classes (MC)  
9:00am - RCIA & Basic Catechism for adults  
10:30am - Confessions  
11:00am - Mass~ **(Tapko/Savrnach Families)**  
4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - **(St. Mary's Parishioners)**

### **Monday December 17**

11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass - **(Thomas Perez+)**

### **Tuesday December 18**

10:15am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (MC)  
11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass - **(Gene Stone+)**  
5:30 pm - Vespers (C)  
6:30 pm - Choir practice (C)  
6:30pm - Scouts (FH)

### **Wednesday December 19**

**Adoration beginning at 1:00pm today through Thursday evening at 6:00pm**  
11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass - **(George Potter+)**  
6:00pm - Lessons & Carols and Parish penance service (C)

### **Thursday December 20**

5:30pm - Confessions  
6:00pm - Mass - **(Laura Pappas)**

### **Friday December 21**

11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass~ **(Andrea Altman)**

### **Saturday December 22**

### **Saint Peter Canisius**

4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - **(Elizabeth Swarm+)**  
6:00pm - Outdoor Christmas caroling with dinner to follow (FH)

### **Sunday December 23**

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30am - Confessions  
8:00am - Mass - **(Armindia Barrios)**  
9:00am - PSR Classes (MC)  
9:00am - RCIA & Basic Catechism for adults  
10:30am - Confessions  
11:00am - Mass~ **(Curtis Robertson+)**  
4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - **(St. Mary Parishioners)**

### **Mass Times:**

**Monday - Friday @ 12:00 Noon**  
**Saturday @ 5:00pm**  
**Sunday @ 8:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm**

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### **PARISH OFFICE**

**600 N. Liberty St. Independence, Mo.**

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY & TUESDAY**  
**8:00AM - 4:00PM**  
**WED. & THURS. 9:00AM - 12:00PM**  
**FRIDAY - CLOSED**  
**816-252-0121**  
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### **St. Mary's Outreach Agency:**

**Food, Clothing and Prescription  
Medication Assistance**

**Hours: Wednesday & Thursday**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**  
**(816) 252-8649**

**(Please call for an appointment)**

**\*Donations of food & clothing may be  
brought to the Ministry Center  
Monday - Thursday by 12:00 noon.**

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Jeffery Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Betty Underwood, Annie Moran, David Barrett, Mary Pappas, Anthony Rizzi, Bob Trusty, KE Hun Ngo, Bob DeSchepper, Roberta Vargas, Tonya Huey, Brodie Gorbet, Michele Jordan, Pat Sicola, Jerry Belcum, Darlene Huey, Maggie Cruz, Rob Rector, Harold Mitchell, Beth Gibson, Richard McAfee

**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)

**Cpl Trevor Melton** - Camp Pendelton, CA (Grandson of Marilyn Pontalio)

**Rev. Joseph Reardon** - Bahrain (Persian Gulf) Command Chaplain

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**CPT Eric Hoffman** - US Air Force, Middle East (Nephew of Chuck & Karen Vlasin)

**Dec 15 & 16, 2018**  
**3rd Week**

Altar Servers:

5:00pm - Volunteers

8:00am - T & T Spooner, W Pappas

11:00am - A Talato, N Smith, E & J Diamond, M Deggendorf

Lectors:

5:00pm - D Gilbert

8:00am - M Pontalio

11:00am - E. Ball

**Dec 22 & 23, 2018**  
**4th Week**

Altar Servers:

5:00pm - Volunteers

8:00am - A Rincon, W Pappas

11:00am - A Talato, N Smith, E & J Diamond, M Deggendorf

Lectors:

5:00pm - S. Leete

8:00am - D. Gilbert

11:00am - E. Ball

**Collection: 12/9/2018: 6,594**  
**Year to date total: 237,851**



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**Readings for the week of December 16, 2018**

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

**Monday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

**Tuesday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

**Wednesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

**Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), 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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

### Scott Hahn reflects on the Third Sunday of Advent...

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 two-fold "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 Psalm, 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."

**Come join us (after 5:30pm Vespers) this Wednesday, December 19 at 6:00pm in the church for Advent Lessons and Carols, combined with the seasonal Penance Service. Come contemplate the season of Advent, and prepare your heart for Christmas, with Scripture, song, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

### FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

**Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Many people have heard of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but few people know her story. In this talk, speaker and catechist Luis Soto (who himself was born and raised in Mexico) shares the little-known history and life-changing importance of Mary's appearance to a peasant man named Juan Diego, and the miraculous image she left behind.

Loved by millions (including St. John Paul II), Our Lady of Guadalupe is a patron and example of how to share the Gospel with the whole world.

*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.*

Reverend Mr. John McKenzie is a transitional deacon of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Deacon McKenzie is on Priestly Ordination Canonical Retreat and will be visiting St. Mary's next weekend. Deacon McKenzie will be preaching at all the Masses next weekend.



**Christmas Masses:** Monday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) Masses @ 4:00pm and 12 midnight  
Tuesday, December 25th (Christmas Day) Mass @9:00am  
Congregational and choral singing of carols 30 minutes before all Christmas Masses.

### Attention Altar Servers and Lectors

The Christmas / New Year Ministry Schedule is in the Sacristy. Please sign up if you are available to help at these Masses .



Come and help decorate the church for Christmas after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, December 23rd. We will divide up into different areas of the church so that everything will run smoothly. Please consider helping us out for a few hours in making our church beautiful for the birth of Our Lord.

### St. Mary's Outreach Center News for November 2018

For the month of November, we assisted 149 families with food for a total of 303 people of which 98 were children and 44 were elderly. 1,437 items of clothing were given to 123 families. We assisted 4 persons with prescription assistance. 8 packages of diapers and wipes were given. Thanks to our volunteers who put in 338.5 hours in support of our services

**Thank you to everyone who supports our St. Mary's Parish Outreach Center.**

**Here We Come A-Caroling:**  
**St. Mary's Christmas Caroling Party**  
Saturday, December 22 at 6:00 pm.  
Outdoor caroling by candlelight, hot wassail and cocoa, dinner and dessert to follow. Free and open to all.



### Altar & Rosary News

The Guild meeting will be held at Cheddars on December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am. Please note location/time change. This will be the annual Christmas luncheon.

Circle 6 will meet on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm, in the Ministry Center. This will be the annual potluck meeting. Please bring a dish to share. Also, note date/time change.

### Annual Fall/Christmas Sale

The annual Altar & Rosary Christmas sale was a huge success! We profited \$959.70. Thanks to everyone that donated items and volunteered time to set up/sell/pack up. This sale would not have been so successful without all of the donations and volunteers. Special thanks to John McEvoy, Roger Cummings and the Boy Scouts for their hard work. The proceeds from this sale allow A&R to support the needs of the Church with wine, altar bread, candles and linens. *Thank you, thank you, thank you!*

### Christmas Cleaning

Please mark your calendars for the annual church Christmas cleaning that will take place on **Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00am**. Many hands make light work. We welcome all that are able to donate some time to prepare the Church for Christmas. Refreshments will be provided.

### Basic Catholic Catechism Study Groups Advent-Christmas schedule:

Sun. December 16 – Regular class

Sat. December 22 – NO class  
Sun. December 23 – NO class

Sat. December 29 - Regular class  
Sun. December 30 – NO class

Sat. January 5 – Regular class  
Sun. January 6 – NO class (Epiphany)

12/13 January onward – Regular class