December 16, 2018  Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: pgs. 28-30
Ordinary of the Mass: pg. 850 Kyriale Simplex Mass I (5pm and 8am);
pg. 887 Kyriale 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
Communio: 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/Savnroch 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 - *(Arminda 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)*
**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**
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 Pendleton, CA (Grandson of Marilyn Pontalion)
Rev. Joseph Reardon - Bahrain (Persian Gulf)
Command Chaplain
SSGT Christopher Wood - Cherry Point, NC (Grandson of Jean Wilcox)
ICSN Josiah Smith - San Diego, CA. (Grandson of Mary Smith) & IC3 Christina Smith - Virginia (wife of Josiah)
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 Pontalion
11:00am - E. Ball

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

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

**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

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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or 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 for more information.

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www.facebook.com/stmarycatholicchurch
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.

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.

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.
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.

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

Circle 6 will meet on Wednesday, December 19th, 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 22nd @ 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

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.