

# 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)

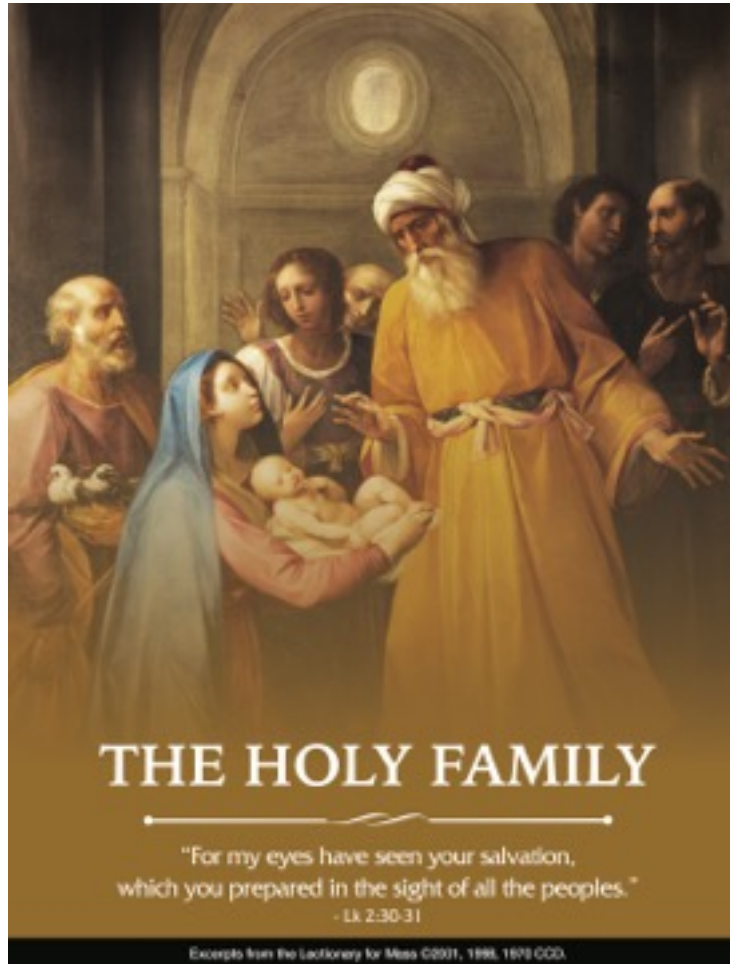
11:00 am (OF)

5:00 pm (EF)

*OF - Ordinary Form*

*EF - Extraordinary Form*

Confessions are 30 minutes  
before every Mass



## 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 27, 2020: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### 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 26

*St. Stephen, The First Martyr*

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4,  
6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt  
10:17-22

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Jessica Swarm)

### Sunday December 27

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6;  
21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]  
or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a,  
8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or  
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk  
2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-4

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Max Martin+)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Sherman  
Harlow+)

### Monday December 28

*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5,  
7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - (JoAnn Hart+)

### Tuesday December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6  
[11a]/Lk 2:22-35

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Bob Trusty+)

### Wednesday December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
[11a]/Lk 2:36-40

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Abigail  
& Maren Peek)

### Thursday December 31

*New Years Eve*

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13  
[11a]/Jn 1:1-18

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Vigil Mass - (OF) -

Karen Swarm

### Friday January 1

*First Friday*

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
(Holy Day of Obligation)*

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
[2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

11:30pm - Confessions

12:00pm - (EF) - (Bob Trusty+)

### Saturday January 2

*First Saturday*

*Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory  
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors  
of the Church*

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
[3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Jerry Britt+)

### Next Sunday January 3

*Epiphany of the Lord*

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11,  
12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt  
2:1-12

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Mark Hart+)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Richard  
McCarthy+)



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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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Elmer Albert, David Anderson, David Barrett, Augie Cruz, Jeffrey Derk, Brodie Gorbet, Donald Kemps, 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)

*St. Mary's Christmas Memorials and Honorarium*

- \* Gertrude Amato in honor of The Amato Family and in memory of The Blackman Family
- \* Timothy Truman in memory of Ralph Deloach

*Christmas Flower Donation*

Linda Trusty



Altar Servers

Lectors

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

Fr. Bartulica will be doing the readings at this time.



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

Thursday, December 31, 6pm Vigil Mass (OF)  
Friday, January 1, 12noon Mass (EF)



The liturgy of this Sunday after Christmas invites us to contemplate the Holy Family of Nazareth, a wonderful model of human and supernatural virtues of all Christian families. Let us meditate on the mystery of this unique family: we can find in it values and teachings which today are more indispensable than every to give human society sound and stable foundations — St. John Paul



# Readings for the The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Lectionary: 17

Reading 1

**SIR 3:2-6, 12-14**

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9**

**R. (7a) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;  
make known among the nations his deeds.

Sing to him, sing his praise,  
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

Glory in his holy name;  
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!  
Look to the LORD in his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

You descendants of Abraham, his servants,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He, the LORD, is our God;  
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

He remembers forever his covenant  
which he made binding for a thousand generations  
which he entered into with Abraham  
and by his oath to Isaac.

**R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

Reading 2

**COL 3:12-21**

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Alleluia

**Heb 1:1-2**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

**LK 2:22-40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

## *Alma Redemptoris Mater*

**Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli  
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre, cadenti,  
Surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti,  
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem  
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore  
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.**

Weekly Contribution Income	Annual Contribution Income
December 13	
December 20 (Not Available)	
Envelopes: \$ 1850.00	December Actual: \$ 7071.00
Plate: \$ 115.00	December Budget: \$
Online: \$ 593.00	
<b>Total Contributions: \$ 2558.00</b>	Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 102,578.00
	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.

## St. Mary's Bookstore 2021 Wall Calendar

For a \$15 donation the bookstore is selling, at a discounted price, a beautiful Mary and the Saints Wall Calendar designed to suite every taste and inspire greater devotion to the Blessed Mother for every day of the year.

The TAN calendar contains special feast and fascinating Catholic traditions. It is marked with days of Fasting, special Saints Days, and the Sundays of the Liturgical Year for both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Calendar.

**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

## Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

This year of operations of the St. Mary's Outreach Center has gone by and has not been without it's challenges. As the Board of Directors reflects this holiday season, there are many people and organizations to thank. The continued support, during these challenging times, both financial and goods of all kind have been vital to serve an ever-increasing number of those less fortunate and those affected by the pandemic. We wish to thank all of the volunteers who support the operation along with our special donors throughout the different liturgical seasons. As well, we would like to thank Father Bartulica, Tami Routh and John Williamson for their continued support as well as the St. Mary's Parish Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Parish Altar and Rosary Society. We would like to recognize the financial, food drives and volunteer support of St. Mark, St. Ann, Nativity of Mary, St. Joseph the Worker, Our Lady of Lourdes parishes as well as Nativity of Mary School. Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year. We pray that God will bless you as much as you've blessed us. We thank Him for your gifts, shared from a heart of love. We pray that God would touch you in a very special way and fill you more with his love each and every day. Your continued support in 2021 is appreciated.

Board of Directors of St. Mary's Outreach Center...

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