

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church



February 24, 2019 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings and Psalm: pgs. 393-396

Mass setting: pg. 850 Missa Simplex I (@5pm and @8am); pg. 873 Missa de Angelis (@11)

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas (before Mass): pg. 1000

Entrance Hymn: To Christ the Prince of Peace #135

**Entrance Antiphon: O Lord I trust in your merciful love...(pg. 937 #116); (Esto mihi @11)**

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Offertory Hymn: Lead, Kindly Light #106

**Communion Antiphon: (Narrabo @11)**

Communion Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #122

Marian Antiphon: Ave Regina Caelorum #45/Recessional Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising #89

**Saturday February 23 Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr**

4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - (David Huey+)  
6:00pm - A & R Ladies Bunko Night (FH)

**Sunday February 24 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am - Confessions  
8:00am - Mass - (St. Mary's Parishioners)  
10:30am - Confessions  
11:00am - Mass~ (Jim Hare+)  
4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - (Joe Magalski+)

**Monday February 25**

11:30 am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass - (David & Elaine Bruns)  
6:30pm - Scout Committee mtg. (FH)

**Tuesday February 26**

11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass- (+ Shirley Fraher)  
6:30pm - Scouts (FH)

**Wednesday February 27**

**Adoration after noon Mass today until Thursday evening @ 6:00pm**

11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass - (Spiritual & temporal needs of priests and all religious)  
6:30pm - A & R Circle 6 mtg (MC)

**Thursday February 28**

**Adoration today until 6:00pm**

10:00am - Secular Franciscans (MC)  
5:30pm - Confessions  
6:00pm - Mass - (Patricia Williamson)

**Friday March 1**

11:30am - Confessions  
12:00pm - Mass~ (Jennifer Altman Buckley)

**Saturday March 2**

4:30pm - Confessions  
5:00pm - Mass - (Nick Altman Anderson)

**Sunday March 3**

7:30am - Confessions  
8:00am - Mass - (+ Linda McDermott)  
10:30am - Confessions  
11:00am - Mass~ (+ Carol Cleeton)  
3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
4:00pm - Confessions  
4:30pm - Vespers  
5:00pm - Mass - (St. Mary's Parishioners)  
6:00pm - Presentation by Fr. Leon Pereira & refreshments (FH)

**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

[www.saintmarysparish.org](http://www.saintmarysparish.org)

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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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**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, Kim Tan, Bob DeSchepper, Roberta Vargas, Richard McAfee, Patricia Williamson, Liz Crosby, Beverly Boynton

**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 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)

**Week of February 17, 2019**

Budgeted Weekly Offertory: **\$6085.48**  
2/17/2019 Collection: - **\$4763.00**  
Difference: **1,322.48**

2018-2019 Fiscal Year to Date Contributions: **\$173,971.73**  
2/17/2019 Collection: + **\$4,763.00**  
Fiscal Year to Date Contributions: **\$178,734.73**

Budgeted Fiscal Year to Date Contributions: **\$206,906.32**  
Fiscal Year to Date Contributions: - **\$178,734.00**  
Difference: **\$28,172.32**

**If you would like a copy of your 2018 church contribution statement, please call Tony @ 252-0121 ext 101 or email [tony@saintmarysparish.org](mailto:tony@saintmarysparish.org) or [debbie@saintmarysparish.org](mailto:debbie@saintmarysparish.org)**

**Readings for the week of February 24, 2019**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

**Monday:** Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday: Sir** 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16

**Next Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

**Feb. 23 & 24, 2019  
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

**March 2 & 3, 2019  
1st 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 - T. Douglas

8:00am - M Pontalion

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](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.

*Medjugorje is a village in Bosnia, Herzegovina where the blessed Mother is said to have been appearing since 1981. I made my first visit to Medjugorje in 1985 when I was 7 years old, and have been taking pilgrimages ever since. I am happy to welcome Fr. Leon Pereira to St. Mary's on March 3rd. Below is a recent interview with Fr. Leon. ~ Fr. Matthew*

### **Fr. Leon's words offer substantial food for thought regarding pilgrimage to Medjugorje.**

#### **UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH'S CURRENT RULING**

"What is the status of Medjugorje?" Fr. Leon started. "Unfortunately, we have to go all the way back to 1991. That was the last official thing that was said about Medjugorje, where the then-Yugoslav Bishops' Conference met in the coastal town of Zadar, and they said that Medjugorje was *non constat de supernaturalitate* – a Latin expression meaning it was not established as supernatural."

"There are three of these categories," Fr. continued. "There's established as supernatural, which is approval, then there's established as not supernatural, which is complete disapproval, and there's the middle category, not established as supernatural, which leaves things open." The declaration also provided permission for the laity to make pilgrimages to Medjugorje, and while priests and bishops are not allowed to *organize* pilgrimages there because it could be misconstrued as approval of the apparitions, their parishioners are welcome to do so, and pastors and bishops are *encouraged* to accompany their parishioners in order to provide pastoral care.

Thus, the official ruling on Medjugorje at the present time is, essentially, that we need to wait and see. More evidence needs to be gathered, more investigations undertaken, before a final decision can be made.

#### **SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH'S STANCE**

"If Medjugorje is not from God, it will die out as Gamaliel says in the Acts of the Apostles," Fr. Leon said, referring to Acts 5:33-40, when the Sanhedrin wanted to put the apostles to death. Gamaliel, a Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, argued that if the work the apostles were doing was not of God, it would fail. "But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God," Gamaliel states in verse 39.

"And the church adopts that same attitude. If something is not from God, it will die out sooner or later. It can't carry on forever," Fr. Leon said.

Interestingly, in places like Lourdes and Fatima, the vast numbers of pilgrims actually contributed to the eventual approval of the apparition sites. "One of the things that was listed in the documents approving them as worthy of belief was the sheer number of people who came there," Fr. Leon stated. "And so presumably the same is true of Medjugorje. The people coming here is part of the process of establishing whether something is actually going on here. Because if Medjugorje is not from God, it will die out.

"Now Medjugorje ... that decision belongs to the Bishops Conference of Bosnia/Herzegovina, or failing that, the Holy See herself, but in the meantime, people are free to come here, to pray, to be converted, and to go home and testify what they experienced here. Good or bad."

#### **THE LIGHT FAR OUTWEIGHS THE SHADOWS**

So, what is the good and the bad? Fr. Leon has seen both. Quoting Archbishop Hoser, who went to Medjugorje as Papal Envoy in the spring of 2017, and has now been assigned as Special Apostolic Visitor to the Parish of Medjugorje, he said, "Medjugorje is full of light. It has some shadows. But the light far outweighs the shadows."

"I myself have experienced what I call the little signs. People talk about the miracle of the sun, and rosaries turned into gold, or the intense smell of roses. I have experienced all three of these myself, but I don't make a fuss about them, and I discourage people from latching onto these little signs as though they are an end in themselves. The big signs in Medjugorje are the sacraments – Confession and the Eucharist – because it's all about Jesus. If we're not here for Jesus, then we're wasting our time."

Regarding confession, Fr. Leon remarked on the number of people who return to the confessional after 20, 30, 40 and even 60 years away. In addition, he spoke of the vast number of priests and religious who attribute their vocations to Medjugorje, and the people who make dramatic commitments to change. Catholics divorced and remarried without the benefit of an annulment, for example, or those in same-sex relationships who "have come here and renounced their past life and set out to follow Jesus and to live according to his commandments, and to live fully reconciled with their God and Holy mother Church."

Fr. Leon also pointed to the quality of adoration one finds in Medjugorje. "Adoration really is the heart of Medjugorje," he said. "I remember, there was an African priest sitting next to me during adoration, and there were 10,000 people kneeling outside and you could have heard a pin drop. He turned to me and said, 'Now I believe something is going on in Medjugorje.'"

**We look forward to having Fr. Leon Pereira at St. Mary's next weekend.**



- You are invited to a special event on Sunday, March 3. St. Mary's will host Fr. Leon Pereira, Chaplain to English Speaking Pilgrims in Medjugorje. Look for flyers at the entrances to the church and plan to join us.
- On March 6 (Ash Wednesday), Mass will be celebrated at Noon and 6pm with the distribution of ashes. Adoration will follow as usual.
- Join us on the Friday's of Lent beginning on March 8 as we pray the Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm in the church. Following the stations please join us for a simple supper in Fitzgerald Hall. These simple meals are hosted by various parish groups and a free will offering is appreciated.

### St. Mary's Outreach Center News for January 2019

For the month of January, we assisted 138 families with food for a total of 249 people of which 87 were children and 32 were elderly. 923 items of clothing were given to 92 families. We assisted 5 persons with prescription assistance. Eight packages of diapers and wipes were given. Fourteen blankets and 14 coats were given. And, 24 items of furniture were given. Thanks to our volunteers who put in 334 hours in support of our services.

We would appreciate your assistance in purchasing items of hygiene: toilet paper, individually wrapped toothbrushes, men's and women's deodorant, combination shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream for the pantry. We could also use gently used winter coats of all kinds, especially men's coats as well as men's socks.

Thanks again to everyone who support our Parish Outreach Center throughout the year.

You are invited to be a voice and a presence for the unborn by gathering with us in prayer every Thursday at 3pm in front of Planned Parenthood, 815 N Noland Rd. in Independence. Recent happenings in our country make it apparent that we need to be a light to the world! If you can, please step from the side lines of this issue by joining us in standing up for life. Questions? Contact Dixie @ 816-461-3752 or Geri @ 816-509-8070

### 2nd Annual St Mary Stakes Horse Race is On!! - Saturday, March 9th 2019 6 - 8:30 - Fitz Hall

Everything about the event will remain the same, just a new date. *This will also allow 2 1/2 more weeks of sales for anyone who wants advanced tickets or horses.* The online advanced ticket / horse sales will remain open at <https://tinyurl.com/ycmc4oe9> - scroll down to St Mary Stakes Horse Race. Also see a video of how a horse race works (*only that video is about 1/100th the excitement of ours*) - there are also pictures of how to dress up for a Horse Race (*if you choose*) as well as the information flyer about the event.

***We will Not tempt Mother Nature a 3rd time however - If for any reason the new date does not work out, the Horse Race would be cancelled for this year and KofC will work on an alternative Parish activity***

**St. Ann's Church will have their Famous Fish Dinners every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) – March 8 to April 12, 2019, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The menu includes boiled shrimp, fried shrimp, whole catfish, catfish fillets, baked beer batter cod fillets, French fries, boiled potatoes, coleslaw, hush puppies and cornbread. Drinks are included with dinner. Dinner prices range from \$9.50 to \$11.50. A fish sandwich with fries is \$5.00. Ala carte items may be purchased separately. Desserts are available and sold separately by the Altar Society. Call 816-252-1160 for more information.**

### Safe Haven Sunday: Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children

The family home is to be a safe haven. But the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role, and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world. Next weekend, March 2-3, 2019, The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is taking a bold step to help families by celebrating Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks.

Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, please contact The Office of Domestic Church & Discipleship at 816-714-2373 or visit [kcsjfamily.org/protectyourfamily](http://kcsjfamily.org/protectyourfamily).