



# St. Mary's Parish

MARCH 10, 2024: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | LAETARE SUNDAY

## Mass Times

MONDAY: 12 noon  
TUESDAY: No Mass  
WEDNESDAY: 12 noon  
THURSDAY:  
FRIDAY:  
SATURDAY: 5:00 pm  
SUNDAY:  
8:00 am  
11:00 am

## Confession Times

MONDAY: 11:30am  
TUESDAY: No Confession  
WEDNESDAY: 11:30am  
THURSDAY: 5:00pm  
FRIDAY: 11:30am  
SATURDAY: 4:00pm  
SUNDAY: 7:15am & 4:00pm

## Adoration Times

WEDNESDAY: 1pm - 9pm  
THURSDAY: 7am - 6pm



## SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Christ came, preaching salvation through the forgiveness of sins. He continues this work foremost through the Sacrament of Confession. It is here that we find restoration.



Regular Confession times are listed above, and are available every day, except Tuesday.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

"Todo aquel que hace el mal, aborrece la luz y no se acerca a ella, para que sus obras no se descubran. En cambio, el que obra el bien conforme a la verdad, se acerca a la luz, para que se vea que sus obras están hechas según Dios". - Jn 3, 20-21

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**  
*St. Frances of Rome*

**4:00pm** Confessions  
**5:00pm** Mass (OF)  
(+Linda Williams)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**  
*4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)*

**7:15am** Confessions  
**8:00am** Mass (OF)  
(+Rolla George Houk)  
**11:00am** Mass (OF)  
(Amanda Stringer)  
**4:00pm** Confessions  
(Rachel Olson)

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**  
*4th Monday of Lent*

**11:30am** Confessions  
**Noon** Mass  
(Hailey Aldana)  
**6:30pm** Lenten Catechesis Series  
Unbound  
**6:30pm** Choir Practice

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**  
*4th Tuesday of Lent*

**No Mass**  
**4:00pm** Youth Catechesis

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**  
*4th Wednesday of Lent*

**11:30am** Confessions  
**Noon** Mass  
(+Fr. John Schuele)  
**7:00pm** RCIA/Ongoing Formation  
**9:00pm** Adoration Concludes

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**  
*4th Thursday of Lent*

**7:00am** Adoration Begins  
**5:00pm** Confessions  
**6:00 pm** Adoration concludes  
**No Mass**  
**7:00pm** Confirmation (St. Mark's)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**  
*4th Friday of Lent*

**11:30am** Confessions  
(+Bill Fountain)  
**6:00pm** Stations of the Cross  
St. Ann Fish Fry

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**  
*4th Saturday of Lent*

**4:00pm** Confessions  
**5:00pm** Mass (OF)  
*Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Cyril's*  
St. Patrick Potluck following Mass

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**  
*5th Sunday of Lent (St. Patrick)*

**7:15am** Confessions  
**8:00am** Mass (OF)  
(+Edward Johnson)  
**11:00am** Mass (OF)  
(+Sharon Derkits)  
Reception for recently Confirmed  
**4:00pm** Confessions  
(+Ruth Ann Nickels))

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## CONTRIBUTION INCOME

March 3, 2024

### WEEKLY

ENVELOPES:	\$	2,810.00
PLATE:	\$	1,106.00
ONLINE:	\$	440.40
TOTAL	\$	4,356.40

### ANNUAL

MARCH ACTUAL:	\$	4,356.40
MARCH BUDGET:	\$	19,583.33

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL: \$155,639.12  
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET: \$176,249.97

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

FAMILIES	46	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$7,963.00
GOAL	112	GOAL	\$9,142.00

(FISCAL YEAR IS JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30)

## PARISH REGISTRATION

*New parishioners: Please fill out a parish registration form either on the parish website or by filling out a printed form near the church entrances.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | LAETARE SUNDAY**  
*Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 133-136*  
**Mass Setting:** Mass XVII pg. 887

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem...pg. 920, #57  
**Offertory Antiphon:** Praise the Lord...pg. 920, #58  
**Offertory Hymn:** Lord Jesus, Think on Me #42  
**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem is built as a city...pg. 922, #62  
**Communion Hymn:** Jerusalem, My Happy Home #102  
**Marian antiphon:** Ave Regina Caelorum #45  
*Exit in Silence*

**ONGOING FORMATION/RCIA**

**7:00PM - WEDNESDAYS**

*I Believe in God: The Holy Trinity*

The Catechism tells us that the Holy Trinity is the central Mystery of the Christian faith. It is the source of all other Mysteries, such that what we understand of the Holy Trinity helps shed light on all other aspects of our faith, and even who we are, created in His Image.

Meetings begin at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center.

**ST. ANN'S FISH FRY**

**FRIDAY, 6:00PM**

Join us, following the Stations of the Cross for the 2nd year of the St. Ann's Fish Fry.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAY @ 6PM**

This Friday we will be praying the Stations of the Cross especially for loved ones who have fallen away from the church.



**LATIN MASS**

**MyPARISH APP**

With the Moto Proprio, we are no longer able to publish the Latin Mass times in the bulletin. Download the MyParish App to receive messages and updates for Mass times. The regular schedule remains the same and the intention for the Mass will be published.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN  
YOUR PRAYERS**

**OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS**

David Barchak, Kevin and Alicia Connell, Mark Robertson, Eva Rohrbach, Colleen Grosvenor, Janet Howe, Emily Bagley, Janet Howe, Rita Williams, Martin Pope; Shelby Monaco; Mary Messina; Jane Whiting, Phyllis Miller; Julie & Brian Worden; Raymond & Lucy Castellano, Kenneth Gorham, Barbara Hazelrigg, Carleen Marble, Brandon Vasquez; Tom Rangel, Mary Lou Larsen, Gabrielle Nicas,  
All who have asked Father for prayers.

**OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:**

CPL Victor Rangel  
U.S MARINE CORPS  
CAMP PENDLETON, CA  
Son of Phil & Julie Rangel

SFC.Christopher Kinnaman  
WAINWRIGHT, AK  
Grandson of Betty Kinnaman

IC3 Christina Smith  
wife of Josiah Smith,  
Grandson of Mary Smith

Airman Tommy Romano  
ARIANO, ITALY  
Nephew of Sr. Teresita

SSgt Christopher Wood  
U.S. MARINE CORPS  
CAMP PENDLETON, CA  
Grandson of Jean Wilcox

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S**

Unbound (Lenten Series)  
RCIA/Ongoing Formation  
Confirmation (held at St. Mark's)  
Stations of the Cross w/ Simple Supper  
St. Joseph Solemn Vespers and Dinner  
Chrism Mass (at the Cathedral)

**March 11th**

**March 13th**

**March 14th**

**March 15th**

**March 19th**

**March 21st**

**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

**MR. JAMES SAPPINGTON**

HOME PARISH: OUR LADY OF LOURDES, HARRISONVILLE

YEAR: PRE-THEOLOGY II

SEMINARY: CONCEPTION SEMINARY

BIRTHDAY: APRIL 28





## CONFIRMED IN CHRIST

This Thursday, three of our parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Johnston. Mass will be held at 7pm at St. Mark's.

Please keep William (John Paul II), James (Maximilian Kolbe), and Faith (Chiara Luce Badano), in prayer. And join us for a reception welcoming them into the fullness of their Faith following the **11am Mass on Sunday, 3/18**.

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## LENTEN CATECHESIS SERIES

### SOURCES OF ATTACHMENT

In the first week, we focused on the promise of Freedom. The next step, in receiving this Freedom, is recognizing the sources of attachments (or entry points). These are the ways that we open ourselves to spiritual attachments: Sin ; Our response to trauma ; Identification with lies we believe (i.e. I have to earn love) ; Family sin ; Exposure to unholy things (i.e. through movies, music, images) ; Cursing/self-inflicted ; Involvement with the Occult ; marital relations outside of marriage.

Sessions are on Monday evenings in Fitzgerald Hall, at 6:30, with a light supper offered at 5:30.

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## FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

### SOLEMN VESPERS, DINNER &

### REVEAL OF CHURCH RENOVATION DESIGNS

Continuing our Bicentennial events, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph with Solemn Vespers and dinner. Vespers is the evening hour of the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours). We make them solemn in the singing of the psalms and celebrating them in the fullness of their beauty.

Following vespers, all will be invited for a catered dinner with the unveiling of the recently completed concept designs for completing the renovations of the church.

Fr. Kendall, with the Renovation and Facilities Council, has been working with Baker Architects for the past few months. These designs will give us an image of how the church building will look at the completion. Over the next months, we will have parish meetings as we fine tune things and then begin the process of contacting contractors and artists.

## ST. MARY'S BOOK STORE

**\*\*OPEN FOLLOWING ALL WEEKEND MASSES\*\***

### 1st Communion and Confirmation Gifts

Are you needing a gift for someone's First Communion or Confirmation? We have a selection of several sizes of "First Communion Gift Sets", bibles for all ages.

*Children's Missals*

*First Communion Bibles*

*Confirmation Bibles*

*First Communion necklaces and key-rings*

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## ST. MARY'S OUTREACH AGENCY

FOOD, CLOTHING & PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

(816) 252-8649

### Hours

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Clothing Items Needed:** Winter clothing, blankets and coats for men, women and children. Due to your generous donations of socks, we will not need any more until further notice.

**Food Items Needed:** hamburger helper, jello, pork & beans, and pop top ravioli and Spaghetios.

**Note:** Also, due to your generous donations of plastic ware, we will not need any more until further notice.

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## CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

### MIRROR OF HUMILITY AND OBEDIENCE

Sunday marks Day 24 of the 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph. As we strive to grow in virtue, it is helpful for us to consider the virtues in pairs. Not only do they encourage one another, but if we are weak in a certain area, such as humility, it can be hard to be humble. We can grow in humility by being obedient. Obedience, which means to listen to, can also be developed by being humble. I can humble myself by relying on another's knowledge, expertise, wisdom and experience, and in so doing, be led into obedience.

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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



This petition goes too far for Missouri!

**Don't sign your rights and freedom away by signing an abortion initiative petition that would alter Missouri's Constitution!**

*Don't let lobbying groups and out-of-state special interests inject abortion politics where it doesn't belong and where it isn't wanted.*

**This extreme initiative petition could:**

- Legalize abortion as a method of birth control and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb.
- Allow unlicensed abortion clinics in your neighborhood – even near schools and churches.
- Give power to judges and the government to force Missouri taxpayers to fund abortions.
- Permit governmental intrusion in health care decisions made by parents with their children.

**Don't be fooled!** Signature collectors might tell you that it's for "women's health" or "reproductive rights" or "to restore Roe" – or that it's "pro-life" or "pro-choice" – or say **anything** to get you to sign. **Don't believe them!**

**DECLINE TO SIGN** any petition that lets lobbying groups and the government take away your rights and freedom! Tell family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and everybody to **DECLINE TO SIGN**.

**The future of Missouri is counting on you!**

For more information on **Decline to Sign**, contact Missouri Stands with Women at [mostandswithwomen.org](http://mostandswithwomen.org)



**Missouri Stands with Women**

## RESTORING PURITY

If you are struggling to be free from pornography, you are not alone. This is one of the greatest and widest spread challenges of our time and it carries many of the effects of other addictions. If you could use help in becoming free and seeing Christ restore your purity, please contact Fr. Ketterlin confidentially, by his personal phone 816-756-6570, or email [frkendall@saintmarysparish.org](mailto:frkendall@saintmarysparish.org)

## MAKE A PILGRIMAGE IN 2024

### THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE & NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Attend the 10th annual National Eucharistic Congress with **Bishop Johnston** and the diocesan delegation.

**INDIANAPOLIS, JULY 17-21ST**

Package includes a 5-day conference pass, four-night stay, roundtrip transportation by deluxe motorcoach, daily transportation to convention center, continental breakfast and all gratuities.

Visit [eucharisticcongress.org](http://eucharisticcongress.org) or [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



**Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe & the Cristero Saints of Mexico**

**MEXICO CITY, JUNE 3-10TH**

Registration is through the tour group's website: [www.206tours.com/frketterlin](http://www.206tours.com/frketterlin) or for more information pick up one of the flyers near the entrance.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Responding to God

Have you ever heard someone say (or possibly even said something similar yourself): If you really believed that, you wouldn't . . . Whether it is belief in something that is going to happen—if you believed it is going to rain, you would be much more likely to take an umbrella with you—or belief in what is right and wrong—if one believes that it is important to go to Mass on Sunday, one is more likely to actually go to Mass. There are, of course, times when outside circumstances or our weakness to temptation comes up, so we may not always act according to our belief. But when all things are ordinary, we act in accordance with our beliefs. What we believe is not simply a matter of what we think, it is how we see the world and what we acknowledge to be true.

When it comes to our relationship with God, the Catechism begins by recognizing that what we believe is our response to God. He presents Himself to us, offers Himself to us and desires to be in union with us. We can easily enough imagine Him standing in front of us, revealing Himself to us; saying "Here I am. I love you?"

To know and to love God is the purpose for which He created us. This is the goal of life and the start of the road toward perfection. The question becomes, what do you do when He presents and offers Himself to you? How does one respond to someone who reveals himself to us? This is belief.

Think of God's revelation of Himself as a gift. And truly this is what it is. Can you recall a time when you were confused and did not know what was going on? Or made there was someone whom you wanted to get to know, but they were secretive and distant. Or think of a time when a good friend or spouse, or possibly even a stranger, revealed a closely held secret to you. Many of us have felt gratitude, and maybe even said *Thank you*, for the sharing of such a secret—revealing one's self and the most intimate, most vulnerable parts of one's self is a true gift. This is what our God has done for us. He stand before us without a veil, and without clothes, saying here I am.

The faith that we believe is the acceptance of His gift and the foundation of our actions. Recall what it was that Simon had done immediately before Jesus named him Peter. When asked "Who do you say that I am." Simon responded "You are the Son of God." And Jesus named him Peter, the rock and foundation of His Church. Belief, that which we profess in the Creed, is the foundation. This is our response to God's presentation of Himself to us. To believe in what He was revealed to us and accept Him as He is, not as we sometimes would desire Him to be, or what others may say He is. This is why our Lord says the "whoever does not believe has already been condemned" because they have denied the gift.