



St. Mary's Parish

May 21, 2023: The Ascension of the Lord | Sunday after the Ascension

Mass Times

MONDAY: No Mass
TUESDAY: 12 noon (OF)
WEDNESDAY: 12 noon (OF)
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)

Confession Times

MONDAY: No Confession
TUESDAY: 11:30am
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

—PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION—

Saturday, May 27, 10:00am

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception



This Saturday, Deacon Mark Famuliner will be ordained a Priest of Christ at the Cathedral in downtown Kansas City. Please offer both prayers of Thanksgiving and for his future priesthood. His first assignment is as Associate Pastor at St. Terese in Parkville and as part-time chaplain for St. Pius High School.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
- Mt 28:19-20

LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

"Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones, bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo." - Mt 28, 19-20

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PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 20

St. Bernardine of Siena

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (OF)
(+Lisa Renee Walker)

SUNDAY, MAY 21

The Ascension of the Lord

7:15am Confessions

8:00am Mass (OF)
(Megan Clark)

11:00am Mass (OF)
(+John Sweetland)

12:15pm Talato Family Fundraiser

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (High Mass)
(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Cyril's)

MONDAY, MAY 22

St. Rita of Cascia

No Mass

6:30pm Choir Practice

TUESDAY, MAY 23

7th Tuesday of Easter

11:30am Confessions

Noon Mass (OF)
(+Don & Luceen Shrewsbury)

7:00pm Bicentennial Committee

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7th Wednesday of Easter

11:30am Confessions

Noon Mass (OF)
(+Fr. Mario Pasquale Moscaritolo)

9:00pm Adoration Concludes

THURSDAY, MAY 25

St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

7:00am Adoration begins

5:00pm Confessions

5:50pm Benediction

6:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(Kathleen Halcro)

FRIDAY, MAY 26

St. Philip Neri

11:30am Confessions

Noon Mass (Low Mass)
(+Fr. John McCormack)

SATURDAY, MAY 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (OF)
(+Alice Crews and Lisa Carson)

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28

Pentecost Sunday

7:15am Confessions

8:00am Mass (OF)
(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Cyril's)

11:00am Mass (OF)
(Bishops of the Catholic Church)

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(Genevieve Schelle)

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CONTRIBUTION INCOME

May 14, 2023

WEEKLY

ENVELOPES: \$3,144.00
PLATE: \$1,801.00
ONLINE: \$372.50
TOTAL \$5,317.50

ANNUAL

MAY ACTUAL: \$10,239.00
MAY BUDGET: \$29,833.33

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL: \$230,787.20
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET: \$305,791.70

(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.

This Sunday there is a Second Collection for Tomorrow's Priests, going for the support of the Seminarians of our Diocese

ASCENSION OF THE LORD | FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION
Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 293-296
Mass Setting (Easter): Lux et Origo pg. 876-878

Entrance Hymn: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise #73

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee... (pg. 933 #99)

Sprinkling Rite: Vidi Aquam pg. 840

Offertory Hymn: My Happy Home #102

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always... (pg. 934 102)

Communion Hymn: Soul of My Savior #112

Communion Motet: O Sacrum Convivium-Remondi/The Eternal Gates are Open'd Wide - Christopher Tye

Marian antiphon: Regina Caeli #61

Recessional: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing #74

FACILITIES UPDATE

Work will soon begin on the new Kitchenette for Fitz Hall. Estimates are that the work will take 9 - 12 weeks to complete. Thank you to the members of the renovation council who helped in developing the plans and designs. If you are interested in getting a preview of what's coming in the next several weeks, the design drawings are posted on the bulletin board in the south vestibule.

Last Wednesday, AT&T was on property to connect St. Mary's to their fibre optic line. This is part of a much-needed upgrade to the phone system which will be completed in the next few weeks. There is no cost for the installation.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit all bulletin items to the parish office by **Monday at 12:00 noon.**

ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS

The General A&R is having a raffle after all Masses. We will be raffling a beautiful quilt, generously made and donated by Maggie Cruz. This can be used as a lap quilt or all hanging. We will also be raffling off a picture of St. Mary's Church. This beautiful picture is generously hand painted and donated by Kristy Douglas. Both items will be displayed before/after all Masses through May 21st. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each or six tickets for \$10.00.

SCHEDULE CHANGE BEGINNING JULY 1

To better meet parish needs, Fr. Kendall will be changing his day off from Monday to Tuesday. Beginning July 1st, the weekly Mass schedule will change to include Noon Mass on Monday, confessions beginning at 11:30. There will be no Mass on Tuesdays.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

Ke Hun Ngo, Joseph Olivarez, Eric Palmer, Marie Ramirez, Michelle Rohaus, Kenneth Tart, Lucas Uresti, Frank Velasquez, Peggy Vincent, Nicole Clare, Robert Connell, David McDonald; Mary D'Angelo; Eric Parvin; Liz Schlup, Mary Lou Larsen, William Carlson, Mary Brice, Clarence Maine, Kathleen Holcro

OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:

LCPL. 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

Sgt. John Chase Brunick;
ARMY
SOPHIA, BULGARIA

Airman Tommy Romano
ARIANO, ITALY
Nephew of Sr. Teresita

To add someone to the prayer list,
please contact the parish office.

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PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS REV. MR. BENJAMIN FENLON

HOME PARISH: ST. THOMAS MORE

YEAR: THEOLOGY IV

SEMINARY: MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

BIRTHDAY: APRIL 5

CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

We kicked off the 2023 Baby Bottle Drive over Mother's Day weekend and every single bottle was taken home to be filled. Thank you for this great response! Remember to fill the bottles with change and cash, then please return them back to church on or around Sunday, June 18th — Father's Day. We hope to have more bottles available this weekend or the next. Even if you don't have a bottle, you are still free to collect change at home and bring it to church on June 18th in a container of some sort. We'll make sure it gets counted and contributed to the cause.

The funds from this year's Baby Bottle Drive will be donated to two local outreaches - Mother's Refuge and St. Mary's Home for Mothers. Learn more about them in coming weeks!

TALATO FAMILY FUNDRAISER

As many of you know, Mike and Aaron Talato recently lost their home to a fire. Mike suffered some injuries. A fundraising luncheon has been scheduled for Sunday, May 21, following the 11:00 am Mass (approx. 12:30 pm), in Fitzgerald Hall. This luncheon will be a free will donation, with all proceeds going to the Talato family.

*Please make all checks payable to: **St. Mary's Outreach***

If you would like to donate and are unable to attend, you can place your donation in an envelope, marking it "*Attn: Talato Family*" and place in the collection basket. These envelopes will be forwarded to Mike Talato. God bless you for your contributions. Thank you for helping support the Talato family!

BICENTENNIAL HELP NEEDED

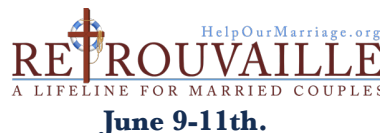
HISTORY BUFFS

History is a big part of the Bicentennial celebration. We are in need of someone to help coordinate and compile photos, artifacts and the written history of St. Mary's in Independence.

Please send your contact information to:

bicentennial@saintmarys.org or you can contact Cathy Anderson at 816-718-6547.

Thank you for supporting our Bicentennial Celebration!



The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples Facing Difficult Challenges in their Relationship. For more information please contact Fr. Kendall or visit their website: <http://www.retrokc.com/>

ST. MARY'S OUTREACH NEWS

Items needed for the Outreach Center for our clients this month: kid-friendly healthy snacks and juice, pork and beans, ramen noodles.

Please remember the 4th Sunday Food Donations

For the first two weeks in May, we served 87 families (food, homeless, clothing, medications and diapers).

ST. MARY'S OUTREACH AGENCY

FOOD AND PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ASSISTANCE
(816) 252-8649

Hours

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

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

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 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 for more information.



NEW LOGO

As part of our Bicentennial Celebrations, we have a new logo for the parish. The logo continues to feature St. Mary's well-known steeple. Added are the 12 stars of Mary's crown, itself a symbol of the Church arrayed for the 12

apostles and tribes of Israel. We are grateful to Sarah Smitka for lending her talent for the parish and her profound patience as we worked through many iterations.



PASTOR'S CORNER

THE LIVING FLAME OF LOVE

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

As the apostles shows us, from the very beginning, the Church has wondered when Christ was going to return. But unlike the many occasions when he spoke in parables and ways that leave us today scratching our heads, this time, he answered them in very clear and direct terms: It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."

Often times, when the answer is something that we don't want to hear, we try to look more deeply to find a hidden meaning. Not only do we want our Lord to return--and this is a good thing to desire-- but we also want to know when he is going to return. We want to know when is the world going to end so that we can be prepared; we don't want to be caught off guard; many are afraid that we might miss him and so be left behind. But recall his other words: You are children of light, not of the darkness. And those in the light have no fear of the thief because they see him coming.

Not only will we not know the hour (this is a strong hint that anyone who claims to know the hour is not right), but Jesus tells the Apostles they will not even know the seasons determined for the coming of the Kingdom. He answers in a way that is telling them: You are asking something that you do not need to know. Not because our Father is unfairly marking this as need-to-know and they are not of the chosen ones. These were the Apostles. They are the chosen ones whose thrones are seen in the Book of Revelation surrounding the altar of heaven and who are the foundation of the New Jerusalem.

He tells them: What you need to know, rather, is that I will send you the Holy Spirit so that you can be virtuous and faithful and have all that you need to go to all the nations announcing salvation and preparing the earth to receive the Kingdom of my Father. In other words, go forth and till the soil (remember the parable of the sower and the vineyard). Like Adam was placed in the Garden to tend the soil and no plant had yet grown because man had not been there to work the soil, so the Apostles were sent into the world.

Do not worry about when the Kingdom, nor about the signs that may accompany its arrival; do not worry about identifying the season. Focus, rather, about being good and faithful. Live as the Lord has instructed us. Share him and the news of his Salvation to the world. As the Apostles and numerous Saints have shown us. So long as we follow the Lord, live in his light, and live a life of faithfulness, virtue and mercy, then, there is nothing to worry about.



FIRST COMMUNIONS

When receiving Holy Communion for the 1st time, we are, in that moment, irrevocably united to the Body of Christ. This union, like each of the Sacraments, is permanent and cannot be undone, anymore than a marriage can be broken. And each time we receive the Holy Eucharist, all our venial sins are forgiven, as members of the Body, we are nourished by Christ and our communion is strengthened.

This Sunday we welcome and congratulate Brantley, Faith, Ava, Anthony, John and Alex on receiving their 1st Communion and being joined to the Body of Christ.