



St. Mary's Parish

NOVEMBER 26, 2023: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE | LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mass Times

MONDAY: 12 noon (OF)

TUESDAY: No Mass

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: 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



CONFESION TIMES FOR ADVENT

Friday Holy Hours

Starting Dec. 1st, and each Friday during Advent, there will be a special Holy Hour with Adoration and confessions available from 5:00-6:00pm, concluding with our regular Friday evening Vespers.

Deanery Reconciliation Service

There will be a Deanery Reconciliation service held at St. Mark's on Wednesday, Dec. 13th @ 7:00pm.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." - Mt 25:34

"Vengan, benditos de mi Padre; tomen posesión del Reino preparado para ustedes desde la creación del mundo". - Mt 25, 34

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25*St. Catherine or Alexandria***4:00pm** Confessions**5:00pm** Mass (OF)*(+Deceased Members of
Shrewsbury/Bell Families)***SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe***7:15am** Confessions**8:00am** Mass (OF)*(+Edwin & Leona Crouse)***11:00am** Mass (OF)*(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St.
Cyril's)***4:00pm** Confessions**5:00pm** Mass (Low Mass)*(Hailey Aldana)***MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27***Monday of the 34th Week in OT***11:30am** Confessions**Noon** Mass*(+Don & Luceen Shrewsbury)***6:00pm** Advent Catechesis**6:30pm** Choir Practice**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28***Tuesday of the 34th Week in OT***No Mass****WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29***Wednesday of 34th Week in OT***11:30am** Confessions**Noon** Mass*(Intentions of Jim & Dixie Altman)***6:30pm** Bible Study**9:00pm** Adoration Concludes**Thursday, November 30***St. Andrew***7:00am** Adoration Begins**5:00pm** Confessions**6:00pm** Mass (Low Mass)*(Garrett Andrew Routh)***FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1***Friday of 34th Week in OT***11:30am** Confessions**Noon** Mass (Low Mass)*(+William Ketterlin)***6:00pm** Vespers**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2***Saturday of 34th Week in OT***8:00am** Mass*()***4:00pm** Confessions**5:00pm** Mass (OF)*(Jennifer Lynn Buckley)***NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3***First Sunday of Advent***7:15am** Confessions**8:00am** Mass (OF)*(+George & Leola Cummings)***11:00am** Mass (OF)*(+Msgr. William Caldwell)***4:00pm** Confessions**5:00pm** Mass (High Mass)*(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St.
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ENVELOPES:	\$	2,444.00
PLATE:	\$	1,851.00
ONLINE:	\$	672.50
TOTAL	\$	4,967.50

ANNUAL

NOVEMBER ACTUAL:	\$10,659.00
NOVEMBER BUDGET:	\$19,583.33

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL: \$86,451.55

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET: \$97,916.65

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

FAMILIES	30	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$4,161.00
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.*

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Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 716-718

Mass Setting: Missa de Angelis pg. 873

Entrance Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns #136

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb... (pg. 960 #196)

Offertory Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King #138

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. (pg. 960 #198)

Communion Hymn: O Sacrament Most Holy #133

Marian antiphon: Flos Carmeli

Recessional: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King #137

ST. MARY'S OUTREACH AGENCY

FOOD, CLOTHING & PRESCRIPTION
MEDICATION ASSISTANCE
(816) 252-8649

Hours

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

Food Items Needed: Instant potatoes, Box stuffing (dressing), canned fruit, chili seasoning packets, cake mixes and frosting, and large paper grocery bags.

Clothing Items Needed: Winter clothing, blankets and coats for men, women and children. Women's bras and underwear are also needed.

ALTAR SOCIETY RUMMAGE SALE

A huge thank you to everyone that supported and helped with our bake sale and rummage sale. Through your generosity, we collected \$417.75 from the bake sale and \$1,577.27 from the rummage sale. These fundraisers help in our support to our church with the purchase of altar bread, candles, and wine, plus any other special needs that may arise. A special thank you to Kathy Philpott and team for organizing and overseeing the rummage sale! This is a huge task to complete and could not be done without them.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

Mary D'Angelo, Mary Lou Larsen, William Carlson, Mary and Bob Brice, Clarence Maine, Kathleen Holcro, 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

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

Advent Catechesis Series Begins	Nov. 27
Day of Reflection: Theology of the Theotokos	Dec. 9
Lessons and Carols & Silent Auction	Dec. 15



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS MR. BRETT ZAGAR

HOME PARISH: ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE
YEAR: COLLEGE III
SEMINARY: CONCEPTION SEMINARY
BIRTHDAY: APRIL 19

SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

12/3	1st Sunday of Advent	<i>Hope</i>
12/10	2nd Sunday of Advent	<i>Peace</i>
12/17	3rd Sunday of Advent	<i>Gaudete Sunday</i>
12/24	4th Sunday of Advent	<i>Love</i>

****Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent is distinct from Mass on Christmas Eve for the Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord, even when Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday.**

HOLY DAYS DURING ADVENT

12/6	Feast of St. Nicholas Mass at Noon; 6pm @ St. Cyril's
12/8	Immaculate Conception (day of obligation) Mass at 8am; Noon (low Mass); 7pm
12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 6pm

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

FRIDAY HOLY HOURS

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DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE

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SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 23rd	5pm Vigil Mass
Dec. 24th	8am (Low Mass in EF) 11am (Mass in OF) There is no 5pm Mass

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Dec. 24th	5pm (St. Cyril); 7:30pm; Midnight (High Mass)
Dec. 25th	8am (St. Cyril) ; 10am

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR ADVENT

Advent is an excellent opportunity to begin new spiritual practices. Sometimes, what we do for the season, then becomes a regular practice.

The unique character of this season lends itself to some particular practices, not only because they help prepare us to enter and receive the Joys of Christmas more fully, but also because it really does help when others are doing similar things with us. Here are some practices you may consider:

QUIET PRAYER (15-30 MINUTES)

Set aside time for quiet, meditative prayer each day. If this is new for you, start with 5 minutes the first week and increase by 5 minutes each week of Advent. If you already do this, add 15 minutes from your normal routine.

ADORATION

In addition to our Adoration hours on Wednesdays (1-9pm) and Thursdays (7am-6pm), make a visit to the church, the doors are open 8-5pm, Monday through Friday and spend time with our Lord present in the Tabernacle.

GOSPEL AND SCRIPTURE READING

Read the Gospel of Luke (Year B) during Advent (John is a good one for Lent). In Year C, read Isaiah and in Year A, the Gospel of Matthew.

ANGEL TREE

St. Mary's Outreach has adopted 50 families for Christmas Food Baskets and gifts for the children of each family. Beginning November 18, 2023, "Angel" tags will be available on each of 3 Christmas trees located in the south vestibule, by the elevator and by the organ in the church. Instructions for the process are by each tree. All gifts should be returned to the tree by the organ in the church. In addition, we will need **New** small kitchen appliances - one for each family.

ALTAR AND ROSARY NUT SALES

Order forms can be found at the entrances of the Church. Please place your order forms, along with payment, in an envelope marked ATTN: Altar & Rosary and place in the collection box. Orders can be picked up two weeks after you place your order. Sales will go through the 1st week of Dec.

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.

FOLLOWING INVISIBLE FOOTSTEPS

ADVENT CATECHESIS SERIES

The goal end object of Spiritual Contemplation is so that through union with God we may follow His Invisible Footsteps.

In his first rule, Diadochus lays out the most basic and meaningful of all truths of discernment: Not only is the goal of the spiritual life to share in union with God, but that through discernment, we can actually follow His Invisible Footsteps.

In this Advent series we will explore the many rules and guides that Diadochus has given in being able to learn discernment in our daily life.

Week 1 Discernment and Perfection: the soul's natural ability to recognize the Divine

Week 2 Recognizing the Divine: rules for how to recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit

Week 3 Advancing in Discernment: How we improve our ability to discern

Week 4 Obstacles to Discernment: identifying the things that cloud and blur our vision of God.

Sessions will be at 6pm on Mondays in Fitzgerald Hall. They will be recorded and can be viewed through the *Fount of Elijah* option in MyParish App.

LESSONS & CAROLS

SERVICE AND SILENT AUCTION

6:00pm Friday Dec. 15th.

Following the Lessons and Carols, we will have hors d'oeuvres and silent auction. Included in this year's auction will be limited edition, wooden prints of the main mural of the Crowning of Mary.

THEOTOKOS

EASTERN CATHOLIC THEOLOGY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

DEC. 9TH 8AM - 1PM

Theotokos (God Bearer) is the most common used title of the BVM in many Eastern Rites of the church. Dcn. John from St. Luke's Byzantine Catholic Church will share with us many of the Eastern theologies and devotions to Mary.

MORNING PRAYER

During Sundays of Advent, we will pray Morning Prayer (Lauds) prior to the 11am Mass, beginning at 10:30am. Prayer aids will be on the table near the main entrance of the church and will provide everything you need.

Through the Psalms and prayers offered, much like the Mass, will be the same that are prayed in every nation and language throughout the world.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Purified Into His Likeness

The Prophet Malachi gives us a very interesting and possibly perplexing image. On the one hand, he warns that the day of fire is coming when all the proud and evil doers will be burned to stubble. This image of a purging fire is one that we are all familiar with. However, at the same time, this very same fire are like the healing rays of the sun to those who fear the name of the Lord. How is it that the very same flames will destroy one while healing the another?

This dual and seemingly contradictory condition, I think, can make it easier for us to think of God's judgment and these purging flames as something magical, if not random. It can make it easier for people to imagine that the Bible says that whether someone is burned in the flames or purified is more arbitrary. Of course, this is not at all what the Prophet Micah is saying. Nor is he describing God's judgment, but His very presence.

When God comes to us, whether it is at the end of time, or even in the present day as we come into His presence as we approach the altar, time spent in prayer, or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, His presence comes to us like a blazing fire. Sacred Scripture also gives us the image of silver being tried in the furnace. If you imagine what happens to silver, or any metal, as it is cast into the furnace, all of the impurities are burned. The metal itself glows red hot and is strengthened by the heat, while flecks of flame flare up and black soot falls to the side. This is what typically happens, the more pure the silver, or steel is, the less burns away. But what if there are more impurities than metal? Then everything is burned and lost. There's not enough silver present to keep it held together.

St. John of the Cross also describes this effect of the presence of God on the soul. It is not the soul that burns, the soul is healed. Rather, the impurities, our sinfulness, our attachments to worldly things, and the effects of our sins, these are the things that burn. If He comes to us in His full presence when there remain too many impurities, then our soul could not survive. This is why Moses knew that he could not survive looking at His face. It is a merciful act that our Lord approaches each of us slowly, and in ways that will heal and not destroy.

What the prophet describes and is at stake is this: what is sinful and opposed to God cannot survive in His presence; while what is Good and from Him, is healed and strengthened by His presence. It is a very natural act and a purifying act (He makes us more like Him, because we were created in His likeness). When we feel the stings of purification, we should give thanks for the work He is accomplishing for us.