



St. Mary's Parish

DECEMBER 3, 2023: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

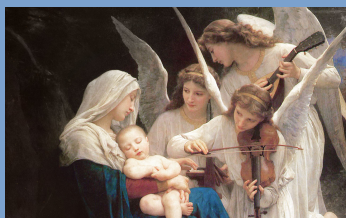
Adoration Times

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



LESSONS & CAROLS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
6:00PM



Lessons and Carols is a traditional Advent Liturgy of music and scripture reading. Through scripture, we receive *Lessons* on the promise of salvation, and then lift our voices in prayer through hymns and carols.

Silent Auction, with hors d'oeuvres and drinks will follow the prayer liturgy.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

"Velen y estén preparados, porque no saben cuándo llegará el momento. ... Lo que les digo a ustedes, lo digo para todos: permanezcan alerta". - Mc 13,33

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
Saturday of the 34th Week in OT

8:00am Mass
(*Don Albers*)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(*Jennifer Lynn Buckley*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
First Sunday of Advent

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(+ *George & Leonla Cummings*)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(+ *Msgr. William Caldwell*)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (High Mass)
(*Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Cyril's*)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
St. John Damascene

11:30am Confessions
Noon Mass
(*Children & Grandchildren of Tony & Kris Douglas*)
6:00pm Advent Catechesis Series
6:30pm Choir Practice

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
1st Tuesday of Advent

No Mass
4:00pm Youth Catechesis

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
St. Nicholas

11:30am Confessions
Noon Mass
(*Martinez Family & Holy Souls*)
9:00pm Adoration Concludes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
St. Ambrose

7:00am Adoration Begins
5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(*David McDonald*)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Mass
(*Fr. John Schuele*)
11:30am Confessions
Noon Mass (Low Mass)
(*Children lost during pregnancy*)
5:00pm Adoration/Confessions
6:00pm Mass
(*Mothers struggling to conceive*)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:00am Mass
8:45am Advent Day of Reflection:
Theotokos: Eastern Theologies of Mary
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(*Marty & Ruben Wrangle*)

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
Second Sunday of Advent

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(*Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren of Jim & Dixie Altman*)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(+ *Jeff Turner*)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (High Mass)
(*David McDonald*)

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CONTRIBUTION INCOME

November 26, 2023

WEEKLY		ANNUAL	
ENVELOPES:	\$ 1,044.00	NOVEMBER ACTUAL:	\$17,710.00
PLATE:	\$ 938.00	NOVEMBER BUDGET:	\$19,583.33
ONLINE:	\$ 578.50		
TOTAL	\$ 2,560.50		

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL: \$93,502.55
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET: \$97,916.65

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

FAMILIES	36	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$5,496.00
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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 4-6

Mass Setting: Mass XVII (Kyrie II) pg. 887-889
Entrance Hymn: The Advent of Our King #3
Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul... (pg. 904 #1)
Offertory Hymn: Creator of the Stars of Night #9
Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty (pg. 904 #3)
Communion Hymn: Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All #130
Marian antiphon: Alma redemptoris Mater #5
Recessional: Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying #11

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, jello 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.

OUTREACH CLOSED

HELP NEEDED

This past Wednesday, the Outreach Center had to close to our normal distribution due to a lack of available volunteers.

Especially with the season of illnesses and travel, we are in serious need of volunteers; this at a time of the year when the need is greatest and most imminent.

If you are able to help in the work of feeding the hungry and clothing the naked, please contact Maggie in the Outreach Center (816-252-8649)

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, Colleen Grosvenor

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 Continues
Feast of St. Nicholas
Adoration with Confessions
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Day of Reflection: Theology of the Theotokos
Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Lessons and Carols & Silent Auction

Dec. 4 (Mondays)

Dec. 6

Dec. 8 (Fridays)

Dec. 8

Dec. 9

Dec. 12

Dec. 15



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS MR. GABRIEL SAPPINGTON

HOME PARISH: OUR LADY OF LOURDES
YEAR: COLLEGE III
SEMINARY: CONCEPTION SEMINARY
BIRTHDAY: JANUARY 10

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

GENERAL ALTAR & ROSARY MEETING

The General Altar & Rosary meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14th, 6:30pm, in the Ministry Center. New members are welcomed to attend.

LESSONS & CAROLS

SERVICE AND SILENT AUCTION

St. Mary's annual *Lessons and Carols* service is on **Friday Dec. 15th @ 6:00pm**. Following the service, we will have hors d'oeuvres and silent auction. This year's auction will feature a limited edition of the main Marian Mural in the church, reproduced on wood. No more than 15 of these images will be produced. We will also feature some religious statues from St. Ann's, dinner prepared and served by Fr. Kendall, a Tandem Bike and several baskets from parish groups.

We are also in need of donations of new items or themed baskets. If you have something to donate, please contact Fr. Kendall, or drop it by the parish office before Dec. 8th.

YOUTH CATECHESIS

Our level one atrium students have been learning how to make a silence, how to walk with quiet feet, and how to work with controlled movement. They have learned how to play "the quiet game", how to properly roll and unroll a work mat, and how to sing several of our atrium songs. The purpose of these activities is to create a reverent and quiet work environment that enables them to pray through an inner attitude of joy, which is their natural form of prayer. They have also learned how to set and reset their prayer table, been introduced to the nomenclature for objects used on the altar, and about our liturgical colors.

MORNING PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.



ADVENT REFLECTIONS

ROOTED

This Advent daily reflection series begins on December 3rd. It guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted helps viewers apply the passage and related teachings to each day of Advent, guided by the Church's teaching.

Sign up here to receive these episodes straight to your inbox <https://daily.formed.org/advent>

ANGEL TREE

St. Mary's Outreach has adopted 50 families for Christmas Food Baskets and gifts for the children of each family. "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. Your generosity to the Outreach is appreciated and allows us to continue this special ministry. In addition, we will need New small kitchen appliances - one for each family. Please have all gifts returned to the church or the parish office by **next Sunday, December 10th**

THEOTOKOS

DAY OF REFLECTION ON 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.

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

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

In order to discern one needs to spend time in spiritual discourse and the prayer of quiet.

We have all heard many ways and methods of discerning a major decision: lists of pros/cons, your gifts or your goals; tests to determine personality, interests and skills; simply trust your gut. Diadochus tells us, rather, that the first step is to develop friendship with God, that is get to know Him, and you will better understand what He desires and wills for you.

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.

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

FRIDAY HOLY HOURS

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**.

GIVING IN LOVE

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the support of the Mission of the Church in our Diocese. At last reporting we have had 36 families contribute (32% of our goal) totaling \$5,496.00 (60% of the financial goal). We are well onto our way. Please continue to keep up the good work. If we have just 76 more families/households contribute just \$50, we will meet both goals.

CHRISTMAS 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



PASTOR'S CORNER

Containing all Sweetness

Have you ever thought of Advent as being a particularly Eucharistic season? Yes, all seasons, and even every day, from Ordinary Time to Easter and post-Pentecost, is a Eucharistic time. We are a Eucharistic people just as we can equally say that we are a people of the Resurrection and every day is an experience of the Resurrection, but at the same time, recognize that Easter is the primary season of the Resurrection and Christmas is the season of the Incarnation. Advent and Lent are the seasons of the Eucharist.

In Lent, we experience the chalice. It is a season and time of joining in the sufferings of Christ, and with our brothers and sisters, like the Apostles James and John who drank from the same chalice of our Lord. Advent, on the other hand and in completion of the Mystery, calls our mind toward the body and bread. In a first and very simple, profound way, we may recall the incarnation that is to come and revealed on Christmas morning. Just as the Word became flesh in the birth of Christ, bread becomes His flesh in the Holy Eucharist. In Advent, we are drawn into reaping the harvest of God becoming man.

Psalm 126, which is the Psalm for Mass on the 2nd Sunday Advent in Year C also recalls this relationship between the the chalice (or wine) and the bread.

Those who sow in tears, will reap with cries of joy.

Those who go forth weeping, carrying sacks of seed; will return with cries of joy, carrying their sheaves.

In the prophets and many other places, scripture describes for us the difference and union of wine and bread in experiencing the fullness of joy and salvation. The bread, representing food, nourishment, harvest, abundance and the gifts of blessings of the Lord.

In Advent our attention is focused on the life giving harvest and fulfillment of promises that had been long announced and anticipated with the coming of the Messiah. We recall all of those promises that are fulfilled through Him and the fulfillment of Hope.

We strip away extraneous things, like the false ideas of what a Messiah was supposed to be: he was not born a prince of the kingdom, nor wealthy, nor to the adulation of crowds, but in the simplicity of a manger, to a virgin and a helpless child—the Word made Flesh.

Today, His body comes to us in a similar way: the simplicity of bread, the smallness of a wafer, the most humble of foods, yet containing all sweetness and all nourishment within it; taking us from despair to hope, reminding us of the promises fulfilled and the Son being poured into flesh.