



St. Mary's Parish

DECEMBER 10, 2023: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | SECOND 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

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

FRIDAY HOLY HOURS

Each Friday during Advent

Holy Hour with Adoration and Confessions

5:00-6:00pm,

concludes with our regular Friday evening Vespers.

DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE

There will be a Deanery Reconciliation service
held at

St. Mark's

Wednesday, Dec. 13th @ 7:00pm.



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

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 Rangel)

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)
(Peter Lozano)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

St. Damasus I

11:30am Confessions

Noon Mass
(John & Robin Richter & Family)

6:00pm Advent Catechesis Series

6:30pm Choir Practice

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:00pm Youth Catechesis

6:00pm Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy

11:30am Confessions

Noon Mass
(Jennifer Rose Martinez)

7:00pm Deanery Penance Service
@ St. Mark's

9:00pm Adoration Concludes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross

7:00am Adoration Begins

5:00pm Confessions

6:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(Mary, Queen of Angels, Reign & Rule)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

2nd Friday of Advent

11:30am Confessions

Noon Mass
(+Adeline & Richard Drexler)

5:00pm Holy Hour/Confessions

6:00pm Lessons & Carols and
Silent Auction

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

2nd Saturday of Advent

1:00pm Server Practice

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (OF)
(+Carol Douglas)

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

7:15am Confessions

8:00am Mass (OF)
(+Max Martin)

11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Gene Stone)

4:00pm Confessions

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

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CONTRIBUTION INCOME

December 3, 2023

WEEKLY

ENVELOPES:	\$	2,247.00
PLATE:	\$	2,312.00
ONLINE:	\$	550.50
TOTAL	\$	5,109.50

ANNUAL

DECEMBER ACTUAL:	\$	5,109.50
DECEMBER BUDGET:		\$19,583.33

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL: \$ 98,612.05

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET: \$117,499.98

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.

SUNDAY OF ADVENT | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 14-17

Mass Setting: Mass XVII (Kyrie II) pg. 887-889
Entrance Hymn: On Jordan's Bank #7
Entrance Antiphon: O People of Sion, behold... (pg. 904 #4)
Offertory Hymn: Comfort, Comfort, O My People #13
Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise... (pg. 905 #6)
Communion Hymn: The Great Forerunner of the Morn #144
Marian antiphon: Alma Redemptoris Mater #5
Recessional: Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending #10

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.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

SAVE US SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

During the season of Advent (and throughout Lent), at the "Mystery of Faith", we will be praying the option: Save us Savior of the World . . .

The change from Ordinary Time and the acclamation that begins with "We proclaim your death . . ." is very intentional. The move reminds us that leading to the birth of Christ, the world cried out to God for Salvation. And so, we too cry out and turn our attention toward the ways in which we need salvation in our lives. It remains a mystery that this salvation came through the birth of an infant.

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
Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Adoration with Confessions
Lessons and Carols & Silent Auction
Server Practice

Dec. 11 (Mondays)

Dec. 12

Dec. 15 (Fridays)

Dec. 15

Dec. 16



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS MR. WESTON WARNER

HOME PARISH: ST. PATRICK'S HOLDEN
YEAR: COLLEGE II
SEMINARY: CONCEPTION SEMINARY
BIRTHDAY: FEBRUARY 24

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 new HP Computer, Signed, George Karlaftis football, a Tandem Bike and 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.

ST. MARY'S GIFT SHOP

NEW FOR ADVENT

Let us help you make this Advent special. We have numerous small books with daily prayers, inspirational thoughts, wisdom from the saints, etc., to start each day of Advent.

To help the children get in the right spirit of the season, we also have Advent and Christmas activity, coloring and paint books, numerous new Christmas story books and new selection of saints books. We have three new religious theme puzzles, a large selection of crucifix necklaces, medals, rosaries, bibles, prayer books, statues and fiction books for all ages.



Retrouvaille is for married couples struggling in their relationship who desire to work through their problems and find healing in Christ. The next Kansas City weekend for Retrouvaille is January 16, 2024.

For more details go to helpourmarriage.org or call 800-470-2230.

CATECHESIS AND CATHOLIC CULTURE



PREPARE THE WAY

In this podcast for the Second Week of Advent, Fr. Peter Armenio directs our attention to the metaphors of conversion found in the gospel description of St. John the Baptist: "A voice of one crying in the desert, 'prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths.'" We, too, want to be imitators of John the Baptist, "albeit in a flawed and imperfect way," as Fr. Peter explains. He points out, "It's not about my talents, my gifts, my skills; but it is about letting that Christ who lives in me through Baptism, to let him grow so He reveals Himself . . . To listen to the podcast visit:

<https://stjosemaria.org/podcast/>

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 jello.

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

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.

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

To learn in the ways of discernment, one must seek spiritual knowledge

It comes as a surprise, and maybe even a shock, for people to discover that the key to discernment is not in making lists or filling out a questionnaire. Rather, the most important thing we can do to advance and improve our ability to discern, is to grow in the spiritual life; to seek knowledge from the saints; and self-knowledge of our own spirit.

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.



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

Fr. Ketterlin will be leading a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and places of the Cristero Martyrs. For more information, please pick up a flyer by the church entrance or visit: www.206tours.com/frketterlin

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

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

Prepare the Way

If you have had the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, chances are that at sometime along the way, your group made the drive out to the Jordan River where John the Baptist preached and baptized our Lord. You would have seen the surrounding desert, a truly arid place, and made note of its isolation and how far out it was from any city or settlement of any kind. I remember my own thoughts while making the drive from there to the mountain and cave where David hid from Saul and Christ spent his own time in the desert and temptation—How much empty space there was and how long it took our van to cover the distance.

And yet, the Gospel also tells us that as John preached:

*People of the whole Judean countryside
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
were going out to him.*

This had come to pass so that it would be fulfilled, in the words of the Prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight his paths.” These two principles and ideas are intrinsically linked, preparing the way of the Lord and going into the desert. It is also worth paying attention to the detail that one prepares by making straight *His path* and not our own.

When we speak of preparing the way for the Lord, we are speaking about removing the obstacles and opening the gates that allow Him to come to us and to enter into us. We do this, first and foremost through prayer. Prayer is the act of preparing the Way. Both John the Baptist and the Prophet remind us that this is first done by going into the wilderness.

If Advent is a season of preparation, then it follows that our prayer during this time would be particularly directed toward this end. We can see that every season of the year, has a particular focus of prayer and all of them, together bring us to the fullness of prayer. Throughout Christmas, we will offer prayers of joy and take solace in being able to speak with God made flesh; in Lent we offer prayers of penance and intercession for others. Each season has a character of prayers that are most affective. In Advent, we focus on prayer as preparing the way and for a world in need.

Go to the desert. Spend more time in quiet prayer (in the desert). Pray with scripture by reading the books of the Prophets, reminding us of the promise that is to come. Offer a prayer like the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus that recalls who the Messiah is. Physically go for a walk outside while praying the Rosary. Most importantly, pray in such a way as to make straight the path of the Lord, allow Him the way to come to you.