



# St. Mary's Parish

DECEMBER 24, 2023: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | THIRD 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



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



### **Dec. 24th**

5:00 pm (St. Cyril)  
7:30pm;  
Midnight (High Mass)

### **Dec. 25th**

8:00 am (St. Cyril);  
10:00 am

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

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

"Vas a concebir y a dar a luz un hijo y le pondrás  
por nombre Jesús". - Lc 1,31

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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
*St. John of Kanty*  
**8:00am** Mass  
**4:00pm** Confessions  
**5:00pm** Mass (OF)  
(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Cyril's)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
**7:15am** Confessions  
**8:00am** Mass (Low Mass in EF)  
(+Patricia Davis)  
**11:00am** Mass (OF)  
(Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist)

*Christmas Eve*  
**7:30pm** Mass (OF)  
(All Fallen Away Catholics)  
**Midnight** (High Mass)  
(Christians in the Holy Land)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
*The Nativity of the Lord*  
**10:00am** Mass  
(Baptized Christians of the U.S.)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26**  
*St. Stephen*  
**No Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**  
*St. John the Evangelist*  
**11:30am** Confessions  
**Noon** Mass  
(Andrea Paul & TJ Rende)  
**9:00pm** Adoration Concludes

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28**  
*The Holy Innocents*  
**7:00am** Adoration Begins  
**5:00pm** Confessions  
**6:00pm** Mass (Low Mass)  
(Martinez Family & Holy Souls)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29**  
*St. Thomas Becket*  
**11:30am** Confessions  
**Noon** Mass  
(+Linda Williams)  
**6:00pm** Vespers

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30**  
*Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*  
**4:00pm** Confessions  
**5:00pm** Mass (OF)  
(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Cyril's)

**NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*  
**7:15am** Confessions  
**8:00am** Mass (OF)  
(Abby Peek)  
**11:00am** Mass (OF)  
(+Jerilyn Wilcox)  
**5:00pm** Mass (Low Mass)  
(David & Eunie Barchak and Family)

**NEXT MONDAY, JANUARY 1**  
*Mary, Mother of God*  
**8:00am** Mass (Low Mass)  
**Noon** Mass (OF)

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## CONTRIBUTION INCOME

December 10, 2023

### WEEKLY

ENVELOPES:	\$	3,351.00
PLATE:	\$	1,949.00
ONLINE:	\$	564.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,864.50</b>
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT: \$575.00		

### ANNUAL

DECEMBER ACTUAL:	\$	10,974.00
DECEMBER BUDGET:	\$	19,583.33

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL:	\$	104,476.55
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET:	\$	117,499.98

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

FAMILIES	40	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$7,296.00
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 ADVENT | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 35-37*

**Mass Setting:** Mass XVII (Kyrie II) pg. 887-889  
**Entrance Hymn:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #1  
**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew... (pg. 906 #10)  
**Offertory Hymn:** The Angel Gabriel #143  
**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son... (pg. 907 #12)  
**Communion Hymn:** Ave Maris Stella #119  
**Marian antiphon:** Alma Redemptoris Mater #5  
**Recessional:** The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns #8

## MORNING PRAYER

### PRIOR TO 11AM MASS

We will continue praying Morning Prayer (Lauds) prior to the the 11am Mass on Sundays, moving forward. We will begin at 10:30am. Prayer aids will be on the table near the main entrance of the church and will provide everything you need.

### ALTAR & ROSARY

Christ is born! Have a Christmas full of love and prayers. A huge thank you to all of our parishioners for your continued support. Wishing everyone a very blessed Christmas.

## OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Through the celebration of the Octave, we celebrate the fullness of the perfection of the day. The eighth day represents the second coming of the first day.

The Octave day of Christmas is January 1st. It is very fitting that we begin with the birth of the Lord and the 'day' concludes celebrating the Mother of God and the beginning of the new year.

During these days we also celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, St. Stephen, St. John the Evangelist and the Holy Innocents.

## 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

## CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

This is a time of year where there are many differences between the Traditional and the Current Calendar of the Church. Of important note is that January 1, Mary, Mother of God, is not a day of obligation this year, as it falls on a Monday.

Holy Family	<b>Dec. 31</b>	<i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>
Mary, Mother of God	<b>Jan. 1</b>	8am & Noon
Epiphany (traditional Calendar)	<b>Jan. 6</b>	7pm (High Mass)
Epiphany	<b>Jan. 7</b>	<i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>
Baptism of the Lord	<b>Jan. 8</b>	8am & Noon
Ordinary Time begins	<b>Jan. 9</b>	



## PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS MR. CALEB STONER

HOME PARISH: ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE  
YEAR: COLLEGE II  
SEMINARY: CONCEPTION SEMINARY  
BIRTHDAY: JANUARY 11



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & HONORARIUM

- \*Mr. John Collins in memory of Julia Collins, Eugene Kubell
- \*Joseph & Rowena DeSmedt in memory of Mary E. & Feliz J. DeSmedt, Felix E. DeSmedt, Annabell Smith, Kathey Collins, Ron Karst
- \*Mr. Mikaele Talato in memory of all deceased members of Talato family
- \*Mrs. Mary Johnson in memory of Edward Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. G. Verhulst
- \*Ms. Elizabeth Ramirez in memory of Julio Ramirez, Michael J. Polina, Julian & Nestora Polina, Aurora Gorbett, Mary Ann Polina
- \*Ms. Petra Rangel in memory of Marty Rangel, Ruben Rangel, Charles Cruz, Delores Cruz
- \*Mr. & Mrs. Gary T. Robinson in memory of Robinson and Madden Families
- \*Mr. & Mrs. Asalemo Amato in memory of Sgt. Michael Fuga
- \*Mrs. Kathy McMullen in memory of Corky & Martha Campion, Fred & Mary McMullen, Merrill McMullen
- \*Mr. & Mrs. Michael Higbee in memory of George & Florence Huddleston, Patty Brady

### 2023 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Mrs. Norma Wilcox  
Roger & Paula Cummings  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Pope  
Mr. Alfonso J. Martinez  
Mark Bergin  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Kempf  
Robert & Ann Brosseau  
Kenneth & Stephanie Baillie

## ST. MARY'S GIFT SHOP

### GIVE A CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT LASTS

Stop by and see our selection of new gifts for everyone in the family. Crucifix necklaces, wall crucifixes, bibles, saints medallion necklaces, statues, fiction books, rosaries, figurines, saints books, three new 1000 piece puzzles.

We've added a lot of new books for children. Christmas coloring books, Advent coloring books, Christmas story books, activity books, paint books, seek and find books. We also have a new selection of "Tomie dePaola" books.

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

## ST. MARY'S OUTREACH CENTER

Another year of operations of St. Mary's Outreach Center has gone by. As the Board of Directors reflects this holiday season, there are many people and organizations to thank. The support, both financial and goods of all kinds, have been vital to serve those less fortunate. We wish to thank all of the volunteers who support the operation along with our special supporters through the different liturgical seasons. As well, we would like to thank Father Kendall, Rosemary and John for their support; as well as Mary Pühr (St. Cyril's) In addition, we wish to thank St. Mary's Knights of Columbus (donated hams and turkeys for Christmas baskets), St. Mark's Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society for their support this year. A special thanks to the parishioners of St. Mary, St. Mark and St. Cyril for their support. Trinity Episcopal Church provided pie baking kits for our clients. Food boxes, gifts for the kiddos and small appliances we much appreciated by the smiles on clients' faces.

Have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year. We pray that God will touch you in a very special way and fill you more with his love each and every day. Your continued support in 2024 is appreciated!

Glenna Coleman   Margaret Cruz   Rita Hunter

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.





## Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

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## 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](http://www.206tours.com/frketterlin)



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](http://helpourmarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### *Sing with Mary*

Beginning on December 17th, the Roman Church enters a privileged time of Advent. These are the days when our hearts are most stirred toward the hope of the coming of our Lord. As children, many of us could hardly contain our excitement because Christmas was so close; many of us had seen the number of presents under the tree growing; some grew in anticipation of family that would be arriving soon, looking forward to going to visit family. If all of Advent is a time of expectant waiting; sitting always on the verge, so close to stumbling forward that a deep breath may push us over; hearing that first foot fall of a long awaited loved one, yet stalled in silence awaiting the call of their voice, then this final week is the time when the Church reminds us of what is lying just ahead and who our long awaited beloved is.

The O Antiphons of Advent have been with the Church for over 1,200 years. To put it into perspective, St. Ethelbert, the first Christian King of England would have sung these for his entire life--the O Antiphons are older than Christianity in England. These are sung as part of the Divine Office. They are the antiphons which accompany the Magnificat, Mary's prayer that she offered at her visit to Elizabeth, as part of Evening Prayer.

The O Antiphons recollect our hope in the one who is to come, not only by recalling his names through the imagery of the Old Testament, but reminding us to be active and call upon him. We do not wait apathetically and passively, but with expectation as we cry out: O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power! (The antiphon for Sunday, Dec. 18th)

We are reminded both of who Christ is and to pray for the salvation of the world and all whom we love. Christian prayers and anticipation are not like a child's who can barely wait to open his own presents, but are offered for the world. Today's antiphon names the Messiah as the Leader, or head, of the household of Israel. He leads, we follow. We are not lead alone, but as part of a family. He is also the one who gave the Law to Moses, such that even Moses followed him and listened to him. And we ask that he rescue us.

In these last days of Advent, and in preparation to receive the gift of Christ to your life, It is a good practice to pray the Magnificat each night, along with the O Antiphon. To sing with the Blessed Mother of God and join in her love and anticipation of the birth of our Lord.