

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

CROATIAN PARISH ON STRAWBERRY HILL

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**Pastoral Staff**

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**Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Church Office**  
913-371-0627

**FAX & E-mail**  
913-342-3324

**Weekday Mass Including Adoration:**

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday 5:15 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

By Appointment. Call 913-371-0627

**Rosary:**

Saturday 4:45 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

**Marriage Preparation:**

Notify the parish eight months prior to the wedding.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:**

**Crisis Prayer Line: 913-281-4448 or 913-608-5600**

Anointing and Pastoral Visits: Contact Church Office

**Parish Contact Information:**

Finance Council President	Mark Calvert
Parish Council President	Don Taylor
Altar Society President	Kelly Moutray
St. John's Senior Citizens President	Mary Ann Fanning
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St. Cecilia Choir / Organist	Matt Winterhalter

**REJOICE IN THE LORD  
ALWAYS**



**DECEMBER 13, 2015**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Thursday, December 17**

8:00 a.m. Steve Cavlovic, Nick Fabina & Joe Fabina.

**Saturday, December 19**

5:15 p.m. Catherine Kucenic, Pat Fracol,  
James Ciliberti, Ljubica Sudac,  
Hlade Family, Josip & Mato Brajkovic.

**Sunday, December 20**

9:00 a.m. Parish Members

**Please note Christmas Day Mass  
December 25, 2015  
at St. Mary St. Anthony  
Mass Time at 9:00a.m.**



**Altar Society Christmas Party**  
Thank you St. Bernadette's Circle for the brunch at the Strawberry Hill Museum. Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship and Mimosa drinks.  
--- Great Job!!!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

December 19 - 20 , 2015

	5:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	B. Palcher B. Palcher	P. Subasic R. Braun
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	M. Foster C. Delich C. Lally	M. Calvert C. Braun C. Schneider
<b>Cantor</b>	P. Eccles	Choir
<b>Servers</b>	L. Viskovic N. Viskovic	T. Subasic M. Kucenic

**Marriage Minute  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

In today's readings, we hear numerous times that we are supposed to "Rejoice!" For many marriages and families, the time of Advent and Christmas is not about rejoicing, but survival. It seems that our already busy lives are burdened with even more commitments. Even if we maintain our sanity with scheduling, many of us face family gatherings that are filled with tension.

The readings offer us the great reminder that is the key to a peaceful Advent and Christmas. "The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in His love. He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals." For married couples, it is crucial to remember in the "chaos" of the season. Jesus Christ is present in our midst in the Sacrament of Matrimony. If we give the Holy Spirit permission, He will unleash a flood of grace into our families and we will experience Him "renewing us in His love and singing over us."

Take time this 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent to pray with your family to experience His renewing power present in your Sacrament of Matrimony.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

Week:	\$ 5,246.00
Maintenance:	\$ 1,545.00
Loose:	\$ 113.00
Candle:	\$ 126.00
Poor:	\$ 30.15

If you have a family member who is hospitalized or homebound and would like to have a visit or receive communion, please contact the Church Office. Hospitals do not inform us of a parishioner being admitted to the hospital. Call Phyllis at 913-371-0627.



**Year-End Gifts of Stock**

Using appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds to make year-end charitable gifts has tax advantages to those who itemize deductions if they have been owned for more than one year. Gifts mailed or delivered by December 31 will be acknowledged for tax purposes in the 2015 tax year. Simple instructions for making a stock gift to the parish or other charities within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas are available at [www.archkck.org/waystogive](http://www.archkck.org/waystogive). Contact the Stewardship and Development Office, at 913-647-0365 for help with your gift.

**2016 Calendars Available**

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**One mightier  
than I is  
coming**



**TREASURES FROM  
OUR TRADITION**

This week, our celebration of Advent makes a transition in ritual and texts. Beginning December 18, the countdown of nine days (a novena) to Christmas sees a heightened sense of expectation, and also a turning from the call of the Baptist in the wilderness to the events

leading up to Jesus' birth. In ancient Spain, December 18 was once celebrated as the "Feast of the Expectancy," and customs grew up to heighten readiness in the homes. Some customs arise from monastic life and practice and spill over into our parish life. Beginning tonight, those who pray Vespers will sing in the opening phrase a beautiful title of Christ. These titles belong to a collection of opening phrases called the "O Antiphons" after the awe-inspired "O" sung on the first note. There's a playful code in the titles: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Flower of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dawn, O Ruler, O Emmanuel. When you take their Latin names--Sapientia, Adonai, Radix, and so on--the titles form an acrostic when you read them backwards: "ERO CRAS." In Latin, that is translated as "I will be there tomorrow!" It's as if Christ were answering the prayers of the waiting people in the words of the prayers themselves.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

**One Thing Remains**

The 4th Annual One Thing Remains youth & family event is coming up Dec. 30 at Blessed Sacrament.

This year's performer is Fr. Pontifex who uses spoken word, rap, and music to share the Gospel. Starts at 6:30pm music and adoration with Archbishop Joseph Naumann begins in Blessed Sacrament Church.

A post-adoration celebration with music, art, and food will conclude the night in the ReachKCK Youth Space across the parking lot! Don't miss this Archdiocesan-wide event! Address: 2203 Parallel Ave. Kansas City, KS 66104

**All Young Adults Welcome!**

Trust One Greater is an event for young adults to gather together for an evening of prayer and fellowship with Archbishop Naumann. There will be adoration with a homily given, Q&A, and a reception to follow.

When: Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

Where: Church of the Ascension

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Contact the Office of Evangelization for questions:  
913.647.0352

**EVENTS**

**Visit the Strawberry hill museum**

Open weekends noon - 5:00 p.m.

Information call 913-371-3264

Visit the gift shop stocked full of Polish Pottery and other great holiday gifts.

**Pancake Breakfast - January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

For Bishop Ward High School Senior class.

Location Sr. John's auditorium.

More information will follow.

**"Living in Love"**

See why over 700 couples in the Archdiocese have experienced the "Living in Love" retreat. You can sign up now for the "Living in Love" retreat at Sacred Heart Parish in Sabetha, January 16-17, 2016. Register online at [www.archkck.org/LivingInLove](http://www.archkck.org/LivingInLove) or contact Mary Anne Kierl at the Archdiocese at 913-647-0345 for information.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Come celebrate World Marriage Day. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, at 6:30 p.m., February 11, 2016, at Holy Trinity Parish, Lenexa, Kansas. Mass will be followed by a reception and presentation by International Catholic speaker, author, and radio host, Jon Leonetti. Jon's book—Mission of the Family—is featured in Matthew Kelly's Dynamic Catholic Book program.

**Resurrection Catholic School**

The 4th annual Taste of KCK will be held on Saturday, January 30 from 6-9pm. Registration will open on December 1st. Tickets can be reserved on the school website, [www.rcskck.org](http://www.rcskck.org) or by calling the school office at 913-371-8101. Tickets are \$40 each or \$320 per table of 8. Come join us for an evening of diverse cultures and cuisine to benefit Resurrection Catholic School. We have sold out all three years, so be sure to register early!

Resurrection Catholic School St. Nicholas Open House, a preschool and kindergarten information night, will be held on Thursday, December 10th from 5:00-6:30. Join us to find out what makes Resurrection Catholic School the best fit for your family. Parents will learn more about RCS while students have a cookie and milk, complete a craft and take a picture with St. Nicholas. For more information call the school office at 913-371-8101.

**STRENGTH AND COURAGE**

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.

--Anonymous