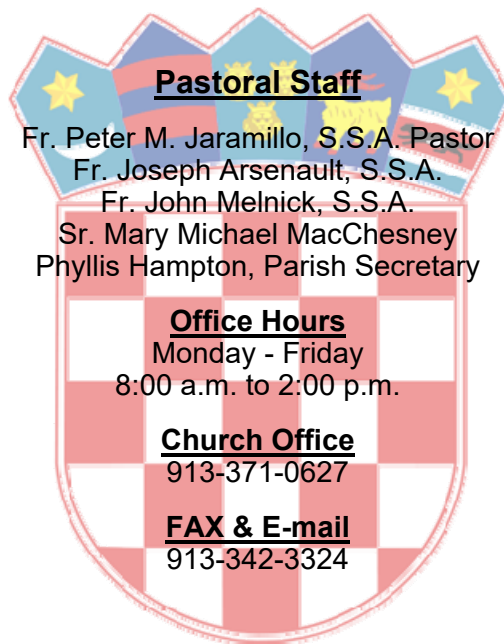


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Office Hours

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

Church Office

913-371-0627

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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.

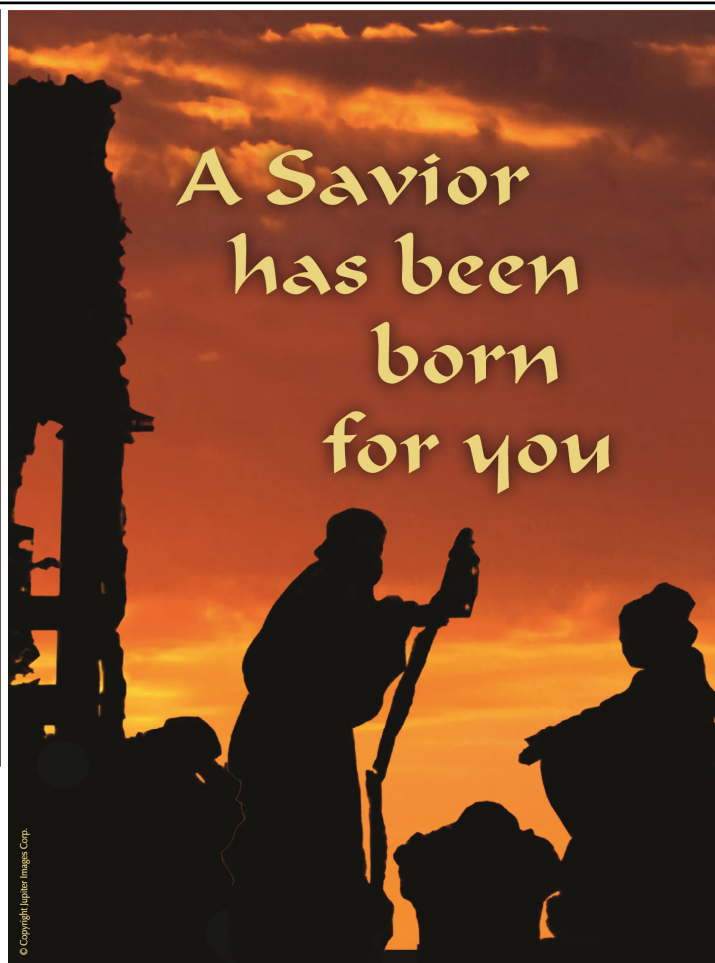
Pastoral Care of the Sick:

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

Anointing and Pastoral Visits: Contact Church Office

Parish Contact Information:

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DECEMBER 25TH, 2016

CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 25TH, 2016 - CHRISTMAS

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, December 29nd, 2016

8:00 a.m. Nick & Josip Fabina,
Mijo & Ana Macan

Saturday, December 31st, 2016

5:15 p.m. Sophia Makar, Josip Sestric,
Ivan Vardijan, Janko & Mary Piskuric,
Mike, Mary, & Steve Suljak

Sunday, January 1st, 2017

9:00 a.m. No Mass at St. John's

January 1st 10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family

New Years Eve Masses

December 31, 2016 - January 1, 2017

	5:15 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lectors	B. Palcher B. Palcher	Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family Church
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Foster C. Lally C. Delich	
Cantor		
Servers	L. Viskovic N. Viskovic	

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 17 & 18

Week: \$
Maintenance: \$
Loose: \$ Not Available at
Poor: \$ this time.
Candle: \$

Meetings & Parish Events

December 27, 2016 - Money Counters

8:30 a.m. - Rectory

December 28 & 29, 2016 - CYO Basketball

January 7, 2017 - Heart of the Redeemer

3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - School Auditorium

January 10, 2017 - Finance Meeting

7:00p.m. - Rectory

January 15, 2017 - Heart of the Redeemer

8:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - School Auditorium

Special Eucharistic Minister Meeting. This meeting is for All Eucharistic ministers and those that would like to become a minister of the body and blood of Christ.

We need you! Please attend this meeting.

Please meet in Church

January 21, 2017

Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

St. John's Church

THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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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.

**Rectory Closed
December 26 & December 30, 2016**

**2017 Calendars Available
Donated by Skradski Funeral Home**



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass

hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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Taste of Kansas City

The 5th Annual taste of KCK, which benefits Resurrection Catholic School, will be held on Saturday, January 28th starting at 6pm.

This year Lamar Hunt, Jr, on behalf of Loretto Foundation, will match all of the gifts received for Taste of KCK up to \$100,000. We need everyone's help with this wonderful opportunity. Double your donation dollars today to help Resurrection School!!

Tickets can be purchased and donations can be made at rscck.org or by calling the school office at 913-371-8101. Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are still available but are selling quickly! Thank you for your continued support of Resurrection!

LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.

--Henry Drummond



Keeler Women's Center, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters is located at 2220 Central Ace. KCK. All programs and services are free donations are welcome. Call 913.906.8990.

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Wilda English, n.d.

**God grant you the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ.**

**Blessings to each of you this Christmas Season and
through the New Year of 2017.
Know of our prayers for you.**

Staff of Keeler Women's Center

**Keeler Women's Center will be closed December 23,
2016 through January 2, 2017.**

Food Kitchen - Year of Mercy

Food kitchen served 300 people Monday, December 12th. Thank you for your help and donations. Next date to help is January 9th, 2017. Same plan, leave items in Church basement after mass. Go to kitchen at 8:30 a.m. from St. John's parking lot.

Thank you.

We need your help, this is a parish project.

Our next date to help is January 9th, 2017

LOVE

Let those who never loved before,
love now:

Let those who always loved,
love the more.

--Anonymous

New Address

Barbara Carroll has moved to Minnesota as of
December 8th, 2016.
New Address is

Hilltop Manor
595 Highway 110
Mendota Heights, Minnesota 55118

Barbara is Fr. Franks sister.
She is the last of the 13th siblings.