

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2020



Holiday Mass Schedule

Merry Christmas to all! Peace and joy to you and yours!

The recording of our Midnight Mass will be posted on Facebook shortly after it ends so you may celebrate by video on Christmas morning.

An additional Mass is planned for 4 p.m. Christmas Eve (December 24) at St. Mary-St. Anthony's, 615 N. 7th St., KCK. No sign-up is required.

If you attend Mass in person - no matter where, please follow safety guidelines, including:

- 🎄 Wearing a mask - and keeping it pulled up over your nose.
- 🎄 Maintaining space in the pews and while walking to Holy Communion.
- 🎄 No lingering after the Mass.

New Year's Eve - December 31

4 p.m. Mass, St. John the Baptist, 708 N. 4th St., KCK. No sign-up required.

New Year's Day - January 1

There will be no Masses at St. John the Baptist or Holy Family.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR MASSES

We are very sorry - but if you did not register for our Christmas Eve Masses at St. John's, you will NOT be able to attend.

Because of COVID-19, our parish is limited to only 75 people in church, per the Archdiocese.

Registration is FULL - and there are NO openings for Midnight Mass.

A few openings are available for the 5 p.m. Mass. Reservations are needed - OurCroatianParish@gmail.com, or call (913) 281-4448.

Weekly Collection

Dec. 6, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 4,732
Maintenance:	\$ 1,235
Candles:	\$ 28
Immaculate Conception	\$ 160
Christmas flowers	\$ 100
Christmas offering	\$ 100

Thank you for your gracious giving this holiday season and every week throughout this trying year. Your gifts are appreciated!

Bulletins

This will be the last bulletin of 2020. Bulletins for the new year will begin on Jan. 3, 2021.

Mass readings for Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass, the Dec. 27 Sunday Mass and New Year's Eve Mass will be available on the church Facebook page and our website later this week.

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First Reading

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!”

Nathan answered the king, “Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you.”

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: “Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD:

Should you build me a house to dwell in?’” It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel.

I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance.

Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies.

The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall

be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.”

Responsorial Psalm

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, “My kindness is established forever,” in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations.”

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.’ Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm.”

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

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Gospel

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.”

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?”

And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.”

Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

Then the angel departed from her.

Mass Readings for December 20, 2020

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Readings: usccb.org Photo: CatholicLivingToday