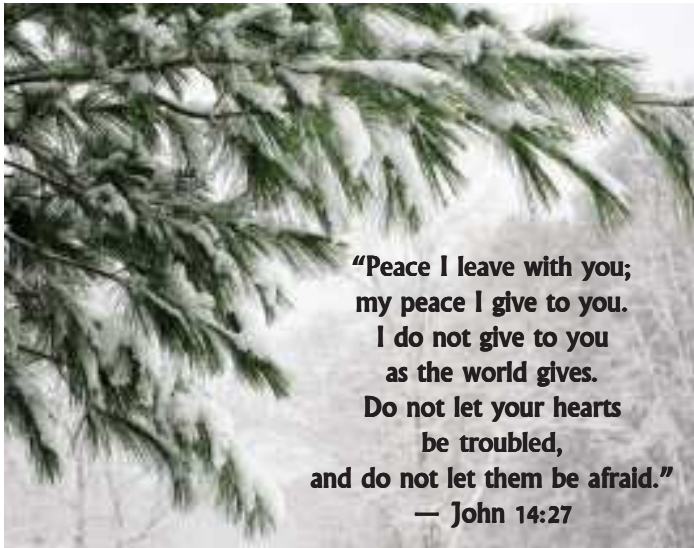


St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 24, 2021



Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St. Joseph"

The Holy Father marked the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church by declaring the Year of St. Joseph through Dec. 8, 2021.

Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

St. Joseph "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting St Paul VI.

The Holy Father offers to us a prayer to St. Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you, Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**Read more
about the Year
of St. Joseph
on the Vatican
website:
vaticannews.va.**

Weekly Collections

Jan. 17, 2021

Envelopes:	\$	3,695
Maintenance:	\$	1,525
Candles:	\$	32
Solemnity of Mary	\$	105

Our Parish Family

Altar Society Raffle

A big thanks to everyone who participated in our Altar Society December Raffle. Congratulations to the winners:

\$100 - Beckie Mikesic

\$ 75 - Karolyn Tomasic

\$ 50 - Katherine Novak

\$ 25 - Food Kitchen

Thinking of you...

Keeping in touch is oh-so kind, so mail a card for a friend to find.

This poem is corny but the sentiment is not. Someone visiting our parish from out-of-state saw our bulletin and their note made someone happy. Now it's your turn.

Here are a few suggestions:

Rosie Andrisevic
8337 Greeley
Kansas City, KS 66109

George Fracul
2724 N. 45th St.
Kansas City, KS 66104

Frank and Betty Baker
7305 Ridge
Kansas City, KS 66111

Velma and Verne Heshner
3026 NW 87th Terr.
Kansas City, MO 64154

Jim Fracol
5511 N. Lucerne
Kansas City, MO 64151

Mary Hoytal
7437 Fontana
Prairie Village, KS 66208

End of year statements

Your end-of-the-year parish contribution statements are heading to your mailbox soon.

This paperwork will not include any donations made to "Support St. John's" as this was included in your thank-you letter. However, if you need additional information on your gift for your 2020 taxes, contact us at OurCroatianParish@gmail.com.

St. John's calendars

If you are missing your church calendar, come by the rectory to get one - the contactless way!

Phyllis Hampton, church secretary, will leave a box of calendars on the rectory porch. Feel free to take extras and drop them off to friends.



This picture - *The Calling of Peter and Andrew* by Domenico Ghirlandaio (1449-1494) - is a fresco on the northern wall of the Sistine Chapel. Source: liturgytools.net

First Reading

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you."

So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding.

Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it.

Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen.

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets.

Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

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