

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph M Arsenault, SSA, Pastor
Christmas, The Nativity of the Lord - Dec. 25, 2021



KEEPING IN TOUCH

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, know that I carry each of you in my thoughts and prayers. I hope and pray that you have a very happy and blessed Christmas with family and friends.



May the image of the infant Christ in the manger bring joy and peace into your lives.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Joseph

Mass Schedule for New Year's Weekend

New Year's Eve - Friday, Dec. 31
4 p.m. – Holy Family

New Year's Day - Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022
9:30 a.m. – St. John the Baptist
4 p.m. – Holy Family Church

Sunday, January 2, 2022
9 a.m. – St. John the Baptist
10:30 a.m. – Holy Family Church

Keeping the Christ in Christmas

The Christmas season is filled with decorating, baking, shopping, wrapping and parties. The pressure is on to ensure the holiday is picture perfect.

We celebrate this joyous time with kindness, giving and spending time with family and friends.

However, the true meaning of Christmas for Catholics is simple – the observance of the birth of Jesus Christ. This is the day on which God entered the world in human form to save us from the tragic consequences of sin.

The season officially begins with First Vespers or the Evening prayer of the Nativity of our Lord. It concludes on the Sunday after the Epiphany or Jan. 9, 2022, also the Baptism of the Lord.

In addition, there are also 12 days of Christmas - the period between Christmas Day and the Epiphany which commemorates the arrival of the three kings to visit Jesus.

The word for Christmas was first recorded a millennium ago in 1038 and is derived from a Middle English phrase Cristemasse or Christ's Mass. And for those who shortened the word to "Xmas," you still include Christ because the "X" is the Greek word for our Lord.

Early Christians had long celebrated Christmas, but it was in the Fifth Century that Pope Leo I declared it as Dec. 25. Why? March 25 had already been recognized as the Annunciation when the angel announced to Mary that she was with child.

Scientists today suggest there is good reason to believe that Dec. 25 was indeed the day of Jesus' birth based on astronomical events. They believe the Star of Bethlehem which guided the Wise Men was Jupiter, Venus and the star Regulus so closely aligned as to appear as one bright star in the night.

Enjoy the season with your family traditions – but keep Christ in mind!

Sources: *NationalCatholicRegister*, *vox.com*, *catholicstarherald.org*, *denvercatholic.org*

With Our Condolences

Robert Leon Redmon

Our parishioner, Robert Redmon, died Dec. 19. He was 79.

Bob attended the University of Kansas before beginning a career as an entrepreneur and businessman. He followed his own father's footsteps in real estate and was named as the Republican Congressional Committee businessman of the year in 2004.

Survivors include his sons Chris (Kathleen), Kenneth (Amy) and Robert (Emily) Redmon Jr.; and daughters Robin (Michael) Phillips, Kimberly Redmon, Mariah (Anthony) McSwain and Heather Friend; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Kile and Helen (Pinter) Redmon.

A private Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 23 at St. John the Baptist with burial at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Kansas City, KS.

Stay in touch with our church bulletin

St. John the Baptist produces a bulletin each week. You can find this publication at our weekend Masses, on our website and Facebook page, or receive a copy in your email inbox.

Join our list by sending your email address to OurCroatianParish@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

Dec. 30 - 8 a.m. Thursday Mass
Miro Jadric
Jennifer Baumli

Jan. 1 - 9 a.m. Sunday Mass
Ivica Malic
Mike Zeljeznjak
Rade Subasic

Jan. 6 - 8 a.m. Thursday Mass
Matt Thomas

4 p.m. Saturday Mass returns to Holy Family during January.

Don't forget your donations!!

Thanks to the many people who have brought donations to the church basement for the benefit of those in need.

There are a couple of the small tables loaded with items for the Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic and Catholic Charities.

We would love to see YOUR donations! Let's get more tables filled with food and baby items.

So, check the pantry or add a few things to the grocery cart. Take advantage of after-Christmas sales on baby items. Let's all pitch in!

Our Altar Society will take care of the rest.

Weekly Collections

Dec. 18 & 19, 2021

Envelopes:	\$	3,628
Building Fund:	\$	1,310
Candles:	\$	116
Poor:	\$	5
Immaculate Conception	\$	50
Christmas Flowers:	\$	80
Christmas Offering:	\$	50
Mass Intentions:	\$	180
Food Kitchen:	\$	80
Catholic Charities	\$	25
Donations:	\$	560
Funeral Donations:	\$	50
Matt Thomas & Robert Sullivan		

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Mass Schedule:

9 a.m. Sundays, 8 a.m. Thursdays,

*4 p.m. Saturday

Confessions before Saturday Mass

(*Saturday Mass is held at St. John's in December, February, April, June, August & October; it is held at Holy Family in opposite months.)

Prayer Line: (913) 281-4448