

St John the Baptist Catholic Church



Joseph Accepts Jesus

Matthew 1:18—24

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2022



Parish Office:

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Sacraments:

Confession at 3 pm before Saturday Mass or call for appointment

Parish Staff:

Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, Pastor

Sr. Mary Michael MacChesney

Mr. Stuart Taylor, Music Director

Mrs. Wendy Christ, Administrative Assistant

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at St. John the Baptist parish in December)

Sunday at 9 am

Thursday at 8 am

Parish Ministries:

Finance Council

Richard Sambol

Parish Council

Don Taylor

Altar Society

Kelly Moutray

St. John's Club

Ken Yarnevich

913-371-9690

Fourth Sunday of Advent



MARY'S YES

Come Holy Spirit, breath and life of God and fill us this day with all that is holy. Give us the courage and strength that you gave Mary. During these days of our final preparations for Christmas, may we too hear your words 'Do not be afraid, I am with you.'



Keeping In Touch

I write to you this week from Magdala (on the Sea of Galilee)! We are coming to the end of our pilgrimage. The time has gone quickly and we have experienced so much. During our time here we visited the Holy sites in Jerusalem (the Holy Sepulchre, the upper room, garden of Gethsemane, tomb of Mary, St Peter in Tears, Mt of Olives ... to name a few), visited the place of the Visitation and the birth place of St John the Baptist as well as the birth place of Jesus. We explored the places where Jesus walked and ministered (Cana, Mt of Beatitudes and Capernaum). We even sailed on the Sea of Galilee. We were blessed to celebrate Mass every day at various places which included cave of St Joseph (next to where Jesus was born), St Peter in Tears, the upper room, the tomb of Jesus, Cana, Capernaum and Mt. Tabor as well as other places. We made a holy hour in the Garden of Gethsemane. There have been MANY blessings on this pilgrimage and I am grateful for this time in the Holy Land. Know that I have kept you all in my prayers during these days and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Blessings in Christ and St. Augustine,
Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, JV, Pastor



Christmas Mass

Saturday December 24th - 4pm Mass & Choral Prelude 11:40 pm

Midnight Mass-St. John the Baptist

Sunday December 25th -

9am Mass—Holy Family

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day have the same regular schedule.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec 18- Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am- Betty Grbcich
Bette Curtin
Katherine Suljak & Mirica Black
Joseph Livojevic & Family



Thursday, Dec 22-

8am-- Mary Ann Schneider
Orville Grover Aldridge
Mary Ann Stimac-Aldridge
Wendy Sue Stimac-Aldridge

Saturday, Dec 24- Christmas Eve

4pm- Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist
St. John's and Holy Family parishioners

Sunday, Dec 25- Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas

9am- No Mass Intentions
Mass at Holy Family



LITURGICAL MINISTRY -December

December 17-18, 2022

Lectors: L. Worner ; V. Tomasic, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Worner ; M. Tomasic
Servers: none ; I. Dordevic
Sacristans: C. Kolich, J. Lally ; P. Mikesic, P. Hill

December 24 , 2022 4:00 PM - Midnight

Master of Ceremonies: none ; C. Schneider
Lectors: G. Garcia, M. Garcia ; S. Taylor, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Morrow ; P. Mikesic
Servers: A. Garcia ; M. Viskovic
Sacristans: B. Horvat, C. Delich; W. Christ

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Sat. 12/10/2022	Sun. 12/11/2022
Envelopes/Loose:	1529.00	1112.00
Building Fund:	150.00	1150.00
Candles:	52.00	33.00
Poor Box:		5.00
Special Envelopes:	15.00	5.00
(Catholic Charities)		
Christmas Flowers:	95.00	70.00
Immaculate Conception:	117.00	130.00
Christmas Offering:	100.00	
Mass Intentions:		100.00
Food Kitchen:	10.00	20.00
In Memory of:		
Charles "Jake" Sutulovich		590.00
Donations:		1600.00

Please submit any bulletin news and events by **Thursday morning** to the Parish office by phone or email to our-croatianparish@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

New Year Spiritual Reflection and Planning Retreat Christ's Peace House of Prayer

22131 Meager Rd., Easton Kansas

Friday, January 6th at 5:30pm - Sunday, January 8th at 4:30pm -2023

Join us for our Annual New Year's Spiritual Reflection and Planning Retreat. Set aside time at the beginning of the new year to create growth goals and devise steps to reach your goals. The structure of the retreat will allow ample time for you to do work on your plan; we will provide resources and ideas to incorporate in your plan. There are conferences, spiritual direction, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Please bring your own personal items that will aid in the process such as: bible, notebook, agenda, journal, catechism, laptop (if this helps you plan better), etc. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single \$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Retreat Reservation Form at ChristsPeace.com

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Newly Married Couples Retreat

Couples married 0-7 years are welcome to join the First Seven Fellowship at **Queen of the Holy Rosary** in *Overland Park* for a Weekend Immersion retreat: *January 21-22, 2023*. For more information go to: archkck.org/livinginlove Scholarships available! Contact Brad DuPont: bdupont@archkck.org

Ignite for Life Mass & Rally

We are excited to have Lila Rose, Founder of Live Action, as our keynote speaker for **IGNITE for Life** on *Tuesday, January 24th in Topeka*! Visit www.archkck.org/ignite to learn more about Lila Rose and Live Action, the IGNITE for Life Rally the Kansas Mass & March for Life, and to register to attend. Please help us promote this event as we celebrate the end of Roe and let all know that in Kansas, we still value them both.

Mark your calendar for the annual, Taste of KCK, Benefitting the students of **Resurrection Catholic School at the Cathedral, 425 N. 15th Street, Kansas City, Kansas** on *January 28, 2023*. Social Hour is at 6:00 p.m. Ethnic Dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. Program starts at 8:00 p.m. For more information on this event, call **Greg Alejos**, Director of Development at 913-371-8101 or visit the school website to purchase tickets or to make a donation. Raising funds for academic programs, scholarships, classroom supplies, and operations.

Items Needed/For Sale

Jewelry & Watches Needed!

Please save all jewelry and watches you no longer want or use and donate to Karolyn Tomasic to remake items to resell. All proceeds will benefit our 3 churches here on Strawberry Hill. Contact 913-371-8075.

Best Choice labels

Best Choice labels continue to be collected. A box is in the vestibule for you to drop off!



Trash Bags for Sale

We now have trash bags for sale in the rectory. Yellow bags are 39gal 25/roll, white bags are 15 gal 65/roll, and the blue bags are 55gal 16/roll, cost per roll is \$12.00. Please stop by the church office during business hours of 8:30am-5pm to get yours! All proceeds will support our Parish. Thank you.



The “**O Antiphons**” are prayed for 7 days in preparation for Christmas: *December 17–23*. For those familiar with the Liturgy of the Hours, these are the antiphons used with the Magnificat each day. They are based on Isaiah’s prophecies and reveal the different titles given to the Messiah.

O Sapientia (O Wisdom) *Isaiah 11:2–3; 28:29*
O Adonai (O Lord) *Isaiah 11:4–5; 33:22*
O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse) *Isaiah 1:1; 11:10*
O Clavis David (O Key of David) *Isaiah 9:6; 22:22*
O Oriens (O Rising Sun) *Isaiah 9:1*
O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations) *Isaiah 9:5; 2:4*
O Emmanuel (God with us) *Isaiah 7:14*

Since each antiphon is short, it is helpful to spend time reading it each day, pondering it and praying it meditatively throughout the day as a way to make immediate spiritual preparation for Christmas.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse’s stem,
sign of God’s love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and
in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the
dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!



