



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4th Sunday of Advent-
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023

Luke 1: 26-38

Parish Office:

708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

Office: (913) 371-0627

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm

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Instagram: OurCroatianParish

Sacraments:

Confession at 3 pm before Saturday Mass or call for appointment

Parish Staff:

Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA, Pastor

Mrs. Wendy Christ, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Tony Locatelli, Music Director

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at St. John the Baptist 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

Prayer Line (913) 281-4448



Keeping In Touch

Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

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



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23rd- Regular Mass Sunday Obligation

4:00 pm - St. John the Baptist

Sunday, December 24th- Regular Mass Sunday Obligation

9:00 am - St. John the Baptist

Sunday, December 24th- Christmas Eve

4:00 pm- St. John the Baptist

Midnight Mass - St. John the Baptist

Choral Prelude - 11:40 pm

Monday, December 25th- Christmas Day

9:00 am - Holy Family Church

New Years Schedule

Sunday, December 31st- Regular Mass Sunday Obligation

9:00 am - St. John the Baptist

Monday, January 1st- New Year's Day (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

10:00 am - St. John the Baptist

For both parishes

Follow Regular Mass Schedule for Saturday and Sunday Obligation



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.

- Luke 1: 26-38

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 24- Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am- John F. Novak
James Markovich
Mary Ann Schneider
George Gray Jr.



Thursday, December 28-

8am- Theresa Evelyn Baker

Saturday December 30 -

4pm- Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist
St. John & Holy Family parishioners

Sunday, December 31-

9am-

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - DECEMBER

December 23-24, 2023- Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lectors: L. Worner ; G. Garcia

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Worner ; M. Garcia

Servers: none ; A. Garcia

Sacristans: T. Jaksetic, C. Delich ; W. Christ, G. Garcia

December 24-25, 2023- 4pm- Christmas Eve & Midnight Mass

Master of Ceremonies: none ; Chris Schneider

Lectors: L. Worner, R. Sambol ; S. Taylor, P. Mikesic

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Morrow ; A. Kucenic

Servers: A. Morrow ; M. Viskovic, I. Dordevic

Sacristans: G. Garcia ; W. Christ, A. Nastav, R. Nastav

December 30-31, 2023-

Lectors: L. Worner ; M. Piskuric, R. Sambol

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Worner ; N. Gasparovic

Servers: A. Garcia ; I. Dordevic

Sacristans: A. Nastav, R. Nastav ; W. Christ, H. Koch

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

| | <u>Sat. 12/16 /23</u> | <u>Sun. 12/17/23</u> |
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| Envelopes: | 1340.00 | 1225.00 |
| Loose: | 87.00 | 57.00 |
| Building Fund: | 70.00 | 210.00 |
| Candles: | 87.00 | 78.50 |
| Poor Box: | | 13.00 |
| Immaculate Conception: | 30.00 | 40.00 |
| Christmas Flower: | 20.00 | 10.00 |
| Mass Intentions: | 50.00 | |



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Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, James Lipovac, Dianna Stimac, Irene Delich, Ana Piskuric, George Fracul, Karen Novak, Chris Braun, Special Intention, In Thanksgiving, for all those who suffer from homelessness, addictions, cancer, mental health issues, for those who are serving time in prison, and anyone else in need of our prayers.

Upcoming Events



Food Drive

Food Collection (non-perishable) Items will be collected from **November 19th thru December 31st**. Items can be placed in the vestibule at the back of church or dropped off in the church basement. Proceeds go to **Catholic Charities**. Please check the expiration dates.

Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative

Items will be collected from **November 19th thru December 31st**. Onesies, diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, and baby lotion will be collected to create gift bags for expecting mothers. Proceeds go to the **Catholic Charities**. Items can be placed in the vestibule in the back of the church .



Best Choice labels

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

USHERS NEEDED!

If you would like to usher at any of our week-end Masses, please call the church office at
913-371-0627



Trash Bags for Sale

We have trash bags for sale in the rectory. Yellow bags are 39 gal 25/roll, White bags are 15 gal 65/roll, Blue bags are 55 gal 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.

Please submit any bulletin news and events by Wednesday afternoon to the Parish office by phone or email to ourcroatianparish@gmail.com

THE FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN 26TH DECEMBER

St. Stephen, the first of the Martyrs, d. c. 34AD, was a popular deacon in the early Church of Jerusalem, who distributed alms to the orphans and poor. He was falsely accused of blasphemy and stoned to death by the Jewish Authorities.

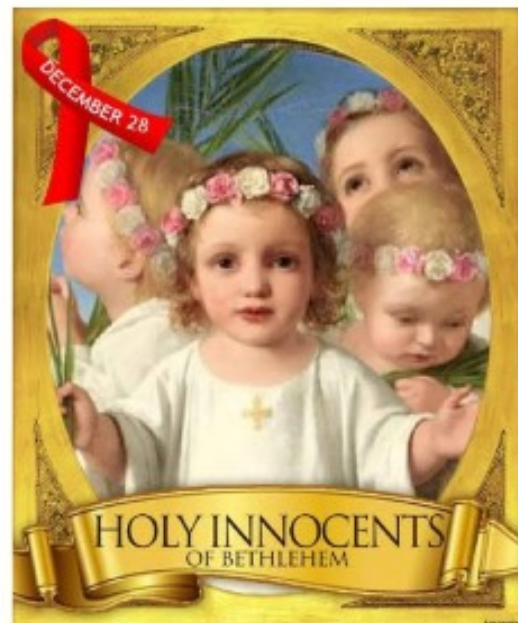
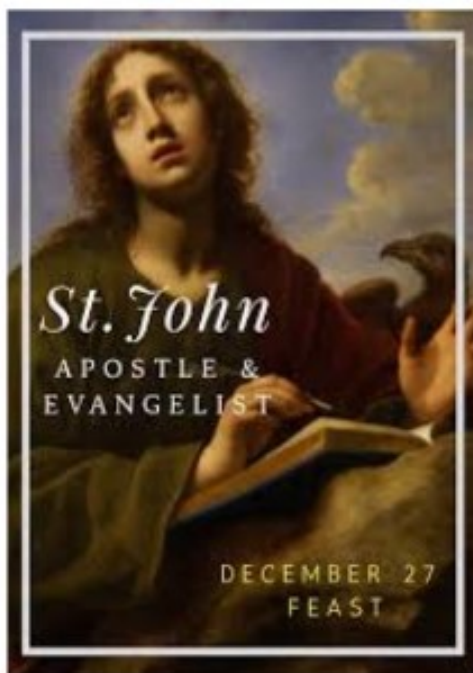
His martyrdom was witnessed by the Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus—who would later convert to Christianity and become St. Paul the Apostle.

St. Stephen is the Patron Saint of deacons, and stonemasons, and is usually shown with a martyr's palm and three stones. His Feast Day is celebrated as 'Boxing Day' in New Zealand, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom.

The Guild of St. Stephen traditionally award their crosses, medals and awards to altar servers on this day.



St. Stephen by Giacomo Cavedone, 1691 (detail)



ST. THOMAS
BECKET

December 29

