



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 31, 2023

Luke 2:22-40

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

Mrs. Wendy Christ, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Tony Locatelli, Music Director

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 4 pm

(at Holy Family in January)

Sunday at 9 am

Thursday at 8 am

Parish Ministries:

Finance Council

Parish Council

Altar Society

St. John's Club

Richard Sambol

Don Taylor

Kelly Moutray

Ken Yarnevich

913-371-9690

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Prayer Line



Feast Day-
December 3rd

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

~Luke 2:22-40

Keeping In Touch

Have a blessed and Happy New Year!

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, December 31- The Holy Family of Jesus
9am- Mary & Joseph**

Thursday, January 4- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8am- Dellaverne Harris
Anne Ozbolt
Kate & George Yuratovich

Saturday January 6 - St. Andre Bessette

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

Sunday, January 7- The Epiphany Of The Lord

9am- Mike Suljak & Marica Black
Ivan Zeleznak
George Gray Jr.
Nick & Joe Fabina

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - DEC - JAN

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

January 7, 2023-

Lectors: S. Taylor, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: N. Gasparovic
Servers: I. Dordevic
Sacristans: B. Horvat, K. Moutray

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.**

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat. 12/23 /23</u>	<u>Sun. 12/24-25/23</u>
Envelopes:	1365.00	4138.00
Loose:	201.00	2028.89
Building Fund:	300.00	945.00
Candles:	103.50	255.00
Poor Box:		95.00
Immaculate Conception:		50.00
Christmas Flower:	25.00	5.00
Christmas Offering:	372.00	1970.00
Catholic Charities:	10.00	629.00
Manger Basket:	2.00	36.00
Mass Intentions:		40.00
Food Kitchen:	20.00	
Endowment Fund:		1250.00
In Memory of:		865.00
(Loren Taylor)		

Happy New Years
2024

New Years Schedule

Saturday, December 30th- Regular Mass
Sunday Obligation

4:00 pm - St. John the Baptist

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

Upcoming Events

Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the **Altar Society** in the church basement after the 9am Mass on *Sunday January 7th*, Please come and join the parish for fellowship and updates from other parishioners. **Trash Bags will be available to buy during coffee and donuts!** Yellow bags are 39 gal 25/roll, White bags are 15 gal 65/roll, and the Blue bags are 55 gal 16/roll, cost per roll is \$12.00. Make checks payable to St. John the Baptist Church. Exact money if paying with cash please.

Food Kitchen

Food Kitchen date is for *Monday January 8th*. Desserts may be dropped off in the church basement the weekend before or the day of at the **Willa Gill Center** (645 Nebraska Ave) after 8:30. **There is a desperate need for desserts and volunteers** to help serve from 11-12:30. Financial donations can also be made. Checks can be made to St. John the Baptist Church with a designation for the food kitchen.

St. Bernadette's Circle

Members of the circle are invited to come to the meeting on *Tuesday January 9th at 6 pm* in the church basement. Not a member, but want to become a member? Call the office for more information 913-371-0627 ask for Wendy.

Monthly Senior Luncheon

Senior meeting bring a brown bag lunch. Desserts will be served. Bring a friend and come join us for fellowship, with bingo and prizes on *Wednesday January 10th starting at 11 am* in the church basement.



A Single-Women's Retreat

What are the
qualities of a
healthy
spirituality?

January 5-7, 2024
Fri., 7:00 p.m.—Sun., 1:00 p.m.



Using S. Melannie
Svoboda's book,
*Traits of a Healthy
Spirituality* and the
expressive arts, we
will explore what a
healthy spirituality
looks like for you.

Invite your friends!

www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org

Thank you to our parishioners for all of the donations to our Catholic Charities Food Drive.

Catholic Charities gave St. John the Baptist parish credit for donating **273.12 lbs.** of food on **December 19, 2023.**

This organization allows their clients to come once every 30 days to get food. The homeless can come once a week for a homeless package. The clients can get bread and desserts every day if available. In addition to the Food Pantry, Catholic Charities also offers the following programs: Emergency Assistance, Refugee & Immigration Services, Hospice, In-Home Support, Adoption & Pregnancy Counseling, Friendly Visitors, Foster Grandparents and Shalom House.



Care of the Earth, Care of the Poor

A College-aged retreat
January 26-27, 2024

Friday, 4:00 p.m.-Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
at Sophia Spirituality Center, Atchison, KS

Come celebrate our inherent goodness and our
interconnectedness with all of creation!
Only \$25 and scholarships are available!



HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN

of divorced,
separated or
never-married
parents

JANUARY 12-14, 2024
KANSAS CITY, KS

at Savior Pastoral Center

\$150 (Commuting)
\$250 (Single room)
\$220 (Double room)

Limited scholarships available
for residents of the Archdiocese
of Kansas City in Kansas.

HEALING

The Life-Giving Wounds
retreat gave me space to
grieve and be understood
in this wound. It also gave
me tools that integrate
humanity and spirituality
to lead me to forgiveness
and healing. — Kevin

SPACE

This retreat was a
beautiful, intentional
space to be seen and
heard, without judgment,
in all my messiness.
— Maggie

INSIGHT

So many "aha!"
moments, especially in
unpacking this wound
with the sacraments.
— Anonymous

FREEDOM

Learning about this basic,
fundamental law that
was known but never
understood gave me
freedom from unhealthy
patterns of behavior I
didn't even know I was
doing. — Anonymous

SPACE IS LIMITED.
REGISTER TODAY!



This peer-led weekend includes insightful
talks, optional small group and one-on-one
discussion, Eucharistic adoration, Mass and
the opportunity for Reconciliation.

Life-draining wounds can become a
LIFE-GIVING MISSION.

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OFFICE OF MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY LIFE



TASTE OF KCK January 27, 2024

An evening of food,
culture, and
community benefiting
the students of
Resurrection Catholic
School.



