



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

Mark 1: 21-28

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 St. John the Baptist in February)

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

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

-Mk 1:21-28

Keeping In Touch

This past week I have had a lot of funerals. One of those funerals was unique and in fact in my 23 years of the priesthood it was a first. The funeral was a private funeral, but that is not what made it unique. What made it unique was that the funeral was for a child who died in the womb. While it is rare to have such a funeral, it was a very powerful funeral. To see the very tiny coffin spoke volumes. The message that it spoke was two-fold. First it spoke of the grief of the parents for the child. Secondly it spoke of the sacredness and dignity of human life from conception to natural end. Another funeral that I had was also unique in that the deceased person did not have any family here and it was their friends and the community that came together to give the one who died a Christian burial. This was also a very powerful moment for me because once again it spoke not only of grief but also of the sacredness of human life. As Catholics we say that the burying of the dead is a corporal work of mercy and to pray for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. These two works of mercy are very important and not always easy. Let us strive to be a merciful people as we care for the dead. Death is never an easy moment, however, we seek to be merciful as our God is merciful. May they rest in peace!



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

CALL TO SHARE 2024 PARISH TARGET: \$19,822 JANUARY 28, 2024

Today's Gospel states that Jesus "taught as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). He proved his authority with accompanying signs, such as casting out a demon. The people were astonished. Today, many of us waver between craving real authority and rebelling against authority altogether. We criticize our leaders for being too weak or the Catholic Church for being too firm. Why can't the Church loosen up her doctrines and "get with the times"? The truth is, the Church cannot "change with the times." Jesus, who "is the same today, yesterday, and forever," founded the Church (Hebrews 13:8). However, together, we can continue to stay strong in the way God is calling us and, through your support of the Archbishop's Call to Share appeal, spread the Good News as we always have.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 28-

9am- George Gray Jr.
Fanika Lozancic & Rabe Subasic
Janko Hlade & Family
Marija & Bozo Sirkovic

Thursday, February 1-

8am- John F. Novak
Andjelka Radmilic-Jackson
Edward Stimac
John Stimac

Saturday February 3-

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

Sunday, February 4-

9am- John F. Novak
Eugene Sostarich
Anne Ozbolt
Mike & Ana Skradski

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - JAN-FEB

January 28 , 2023-

Lectors: M. Viskovic, C. Schneider
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kucenic
Servers: M. Viskovic
Sacristans: W. Christ, H. Koch

February 3-4 , 2023-

Lectors: B. Horvat ; S. Taylor, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Morrow ; N. Gasparovic
Servers: A. Morrow ; M. Viskovic
Sacristans: M. Foster, J. Foster ; W. Christ, H. Koch

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun. 1/14/24</u>	<u>Sun. 1/21/24</u>
Envelopes:	548.00	1969.00
Loose:		41.00
Building Fund:	50.00	170.00
Candles:	41.00	86.00
Poor Box:	8.00	25.00
Mass Intentions:	40.00	
In Memory of:	100.00	
(Andjelka Radmilic- Jackson)		
Donation(s)	545.00	



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to St. John the Baptist*



Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Sarah Skradski Coleman, James Lipovac, Dianna Stimac, Chris Braun, Irene Delich, Ana Piskuric, George Fracul, Karen Novak, **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

Coffee and Donut Sunday

The event will be hosted by the **St. Johns Catholic Club** 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,
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.

White Mass

Date: February 10, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Location:

Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle

409 N 15th Street, Kansas City, Kansas
66102

Mark your calendar for this year's White Mass! We encourage all healthcare professionals and their families to attend the mass.

History of White Mass

The tradition of the White Mass in the United States finds its origins in the development of the national Catholic Medical Association in the early 1930s.

From its inception, the medical profession has been understood as a healing profession, a way in which Christ's work continues upon the earth. Moreover, since the apparitions at Lourdes in the late 19th century, the plight of the infirmed- and those who care for them- have taken on renewed appreciation in participating in the mysteries of Christ's own life. The White Mass, so named by the color worn by those in the healing profession of medicine, gathers health care professionals under the patronage of St. Luke to ask God's blessing upon the patient, doctor, nurse, and caregiver alike.



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To our community here at St. John the Baptist, Thank you to all for coming together and giving your love to support Andjelka Radmilic-Jackson. Your time, prayers and all efforts was much appreciated. May she Rest in Peace

February Fun



St. Mary – St. Anthony Church

Bishop Forst Hall

615 North 7th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101

Sunday, February 18th - 2:00 P.M.

Win **Poviticas** & **Apple Strudels**

\$5 admission

for a card, desserts, popcorn, coffee

Additional Cards may be purchased

**Give something more than flowers
and chocolates this year!**



This Valentine' Day give your spouse the greatest gift of all – your time and attention. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will allow you to reconnect and reaffirm your love for each other. It is a gift that will last all the days of your lives. For information or to apply for an experience visit www.wmme4youandme.org or scan the QR code.

Upcoming Dates

February 16-18th - Kansas City, KS

March 15-17th - Carthage, MO

June 15-16th - Kansas City, KS



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

Mardi Gras Celebration

February 10 2024
St. John's Catholic Club Gymnasium
414 Barnett Ave Kansas City KS
The Baric Brothers 5pm-7pm
The Good Fuzz 7pm
(Retro Cover Band)

\$10 for entry
\$10 for dinner

Please call Club at 913-371-9690 for tickets
Tickets available for purchase at door

Back by Popular Demand

Lent⁺en Shrimp Dinners



Friday February 23, 5:30 pm

Friday March 15th, 5:30 pm

Dinner includes:

**Jumbo Shrimp Corn on the Cob-
Hushpuppies-Potatoes-Salad and Bread
\$20.00 Donation**

RSVP by calling:

Larry Steele 913-956-2096
Or the Club 913-371-9690

**Upstairs, In the GYM, or Carry Out
Hosted by:**



St. John's Catholic Club

414 Barnett Kansas City, KS 66101

CHILDREN WELCOME w/ Special Pricing



Please bring non-perishable food and personal items (especially diapers and baby supplies) for the St. John's Church pantry. The need is great.