



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Palm Sunday Passion Of The Lord April 13, 2025 Luke 22:14—23:56

**Parish Office:**  
708 N. 4th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101  
**Office:** (913) 371-0627  
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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, JV, VF, Pastor  
Mrs. Wendy Christ, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Tony Locatelli, Music Director

**Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday at 4 pm  
(at St. John the Baptist in April)  
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

Well this past week has been a whirlwind of a week! The week began with the continued sense of shock and grief regarding the murder of Fr. Arul. We were anxiously awaiting the release of his body from the coroner so that arrangements could be made for his funeral and burial. In the midst of this at 5:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, we received the news that Archbishop Naumann's resignation had been accepted and that a new bishop had been appointed. This led to a flurry of activity and meetings at the chancery. Some of you may have seen the press conference that took place that afternoon to welcome our new Archbishop. Following the press conference, there was a little reception for the staff and priests of the Archdiocese to meet and greet him. Immediately following the reception I had to attend a meeting along with the other heads of the departments at the chancery with the new Archbishop where he got to meet us and learn a little bit about us and what we do in the Archdiocese. After that meeting I went back to my office to try to quickly do a few things before heading out for supper with the new Archbishop. I have to admit that I did not know him before this, but the encounters that I had with him that day were very wonderful. He is indeed a different man than Archbishop Naumann, but I believe a very good man and I think our Archdiocese is blessed in him and I look forward to working closely with him. In the midst of supper, I received a message that Fr. Ramon Gaitan had passed away. As you may remember, Fr. Ramon was an Augustinian Recollect who was very close to our community and who lived with us on occasion over the past number of years. He is the priest that Fr. Peter and I went to visit in San Antonio just over a month ago. We are now in the midst of planning his funeral and will travel to San Antonio after Easter for his funeral and burial. On Thursday Fr. Peter and I travelled to Seneca, Kansas for the memorial mass for Fr. Arul. We arrived back in Kansas City in time for me to drop Fr. Peter off at the house while I headed off to hear confessions. As I think you can see this week has not only been busy, but extremely emotional. As we enter into Holy Week and journey with the Lord through his Passion and Death, let us live in the hope of the newness of life that awaits us!



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

# Palm Sunday

*The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem*



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**2025 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**Holy Family Church + St. John the Baptist**

**HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17**  
6:30 p.m. - Holy Family Church  
For both parish communities

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES - APRIL 18**  
3:00 p.m. - St. John the Baptist  
For both parish communities

**HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 19**  
**BLESSING OF FOOD**  
12:00 p.m. - St. John the Baptist  
1:00 p.m. - Holy Family Church

**EASTER VIGIL - April 19**  
8:30 p.m. - St. John the Baptist  
For both parish communities

**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20**  
9:00 a.m. - St. John the Baptist  
10:30 a.m. - Holy Family Church



**It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Fr. Ramon Gaitan, OAR.** He passed to the Father's house on April 8 in San Antonio, TX, city where the funeral services will be taking place in dates to be announced.

*"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen."*

**Welcome**

Archbishop-designate  
**Shawn McKnight**



**"I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving as Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas for over 20 years—it has been a true personal blessing. I'm especially proud of the progress we've made in building a culture of evangelization, strengthening marriage and family life, and living the works of mercy. I congratulate Archbishop-designate Shawn McKnight on his appointment. He brings many gifts—keen intellect, deep faith, and a great love for the Church. With his theological expertise, seminary experience, and national service in clergy and vocations, he is well-prepared to shepherd this Archdiocese. I am confident our priests, deacons, religious, and laity will welcome him as warmly as they welcomed me."**

**- Archbishop Joseph Naumann**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### **Sunday, April 13- Palm Sunday**

**9am-** Family Livojevic  
John "Ivan" Podrebarac  
George & Kate Kucenic  
Josip Panijan



### **Thursday, April 17- Holy Thursday**

**8am-** No Mass

### **Saturday, April 19- Easter Vigil**

**4pm-** *Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist*  
People of the Parishes

### **Sunday, April 20- Resurrection Of The Lord**

**9am-** No Mass Intentions **Easter Sunday**

The Church calls us to set aside our other activities, engagements and regular routines to come together as one, to pray, to celebrate and to remember. We encourage you, your family and friends to attend the liturgies of this sacred time as our journey that began with ashes ends in the glory of Easter!

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY - APRIL

### **April 12-13, 2025- Palm Sunday**

**Master of Ceremonies:** C. Schneider  
**1st Reading:** G. Garcia ; A. Dordevic  
**2nd Reading:** M. Garcia ; Kl. Dordevic  
**Passion Narrator:** G. Garcia ; A. Dordevic  
**Passion Speaker:** M. Garcia ; Kl. Dordevic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Garcia ; M. Tomasic  
**Servers:** A. Garcia, M. Garcia ; I. Dordevic  
**Sacristans:** B. Horvat, C. Kolich ; P. Mikesic, P. Hill

### **April 18, 2025- Good Friday Passion Veneration**

**1st Reading:** S. Glenn  
**2nd Reading:** M. Garcia  
**Passion Narrator:** S. Glenn  
**Passion Speaker:** M. Garcia  
**Solemn Intercession:** G. Garcia  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Kucenic  
**Servers:** A. Garcia, M. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** B. Horvat

### **April 19, 2025- Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil**

**Master of Ceremonies:** C. Schneider  
**1st Reading:** S. Stalker  
**3rd Reading:** M. Viskovic  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** N. Gasparovic  
**Servers:** none  
**Sacristans:** S. Sandelich, W. Christ

### **April 20, 2025- Easter Sunday**

**Master of Ceremonies:** C. Schneider  
**Lectors:** M. Viskovic, M. Grisnik  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** P. Mikesic  
**Servers:** I. Dordevic, A. Garcia, M. Garcia  
**Sacristans:** G. Garcia

## Prayer Requests

Pope Francis I, Bernadette Horvat, Milka Subasic, Millie Sambol, James Lipovac, Dianna Stimac, Chris Braun, Ana Piskuric, George Fracul, Special Intention, In Thanksgiving, for all those who suffer from homelessness, addictions, cancer, mental health issues, for those who are serving time in prison, for all the holy souls in purgatory, and anyone else in need of our prayers.

## Upcoming Events

### **Palm Sunday Bake Sale**

"The Altar Society will host the annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale on **April 12th and 13th**. Bake goods can be dropped off in the church basement after 2pm on Saturday April 12th or before Mass on Sunday, April 13th. Lots of delicious baked items will be available for purchase on Saturday from 2-4 and Saturday and Sunday after Mass. Apple Strudels will be for sale for \$15 per strudel with a limit of 3 per person. There will also be donuts and coffee after Mass on **Sunday, April 13th**. Please support the Altar Society by participating in this event."

### **Food Kitchen**

Food Kitchen date is for **Monday April 14th**. 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.

### **Mother's Day Brunch**

Once again St. John's Catholic Club will be having a Mother's Day breakfast. It will be after 9:00 am mass on **May 11**. Tickets are still only \$5.00 and available at the club at 913-371-9690 or contact **John Mikesic** at 913-669-3262. Hope to see you there!

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat.04/05/25</u>	<u>Sun.04/06/25</u>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	2310.00	2780.50
<b>Loose:</b>	81.00	119.00
<b>Building Fund:</b>	827.00	1527.00
<b>Candles:</b>	65.00	123.00
<b>Poor Box:</b>		19.00
<b>Priest Retirement:</b>	30.00	
<b>Easter Flowers:</b>	125.00	22.00
<b>Easter Sunday:</b>		
<b>Catholic Relief:</b>	35.00	

Visit Our Sunday Visitor online giving at <https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptists/giving/funds>

## 125th Anniversary Book & Memory Page for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Deadline is May 1st

~Save the Date~

125th Anniversary Celebration

October 25, 2025

after 4:00p.m. Mass



## DON LIPOVAC "One of a Kind"

### Exhibit

Strawberry Hill Museum,  
720 N. 4th St., KCK

Weekends May 3rd through Sept

21, 2025 Tour times: 11:30, 1:00, and 2:30

(\$10.00). Tickets are available online, and at the door. Don was known locally for his accordion accomplishments, playing at weddings, festivals, and with his Don Lipovac Polka Band. He was an active member of his parish **Holy Family Catholic Church**, the instructor for St. John Tamburitzans, a member of several Halls of Fame, and holds many more accomplishments. Come experience the exhibit to learn more about the man who created memories for so many people in various communities.



## St. John's Catholic Men's Club

Is happy to announce our scholarships available for the 2025-2026 academic year. There are three scholarships available this year. One to a student attending Catholic elementary/middle school, one to a student attending Catholic high school, and one to a student attending a Catholic university/college or a student attending higher education that graduated from a Catholic high school. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$2,000 and will be awarded based on academic performance, financial need, and service to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Past recipients are not eligible for the same scholarship level. If you'd like an application, please see Wendy in the rectory or look in the back of the church. Submissions are due by **May 11th**.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CLUB ANNUAL CROATIAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

SUNFLOWER HILLS GOLF COURSE,

FRIDAY, MAY 16TH, 2024

SILENT AUCTION The Croatian Golf committee is sponsoring a Silent Auction Item to be awarded at the golf tournament **Friday, May 16th**. Complete Furnace Installation Donated by Adam Golubski, Owner, Delta T Heating & Cooling, LLC. If the past winter has you thinking about a new furnace, you're in luck! Bid now on this brand new Lennox HVAC system, including installation, generously donated by Delta T Heating & Cooling, LLC. This package is valued at \$5,400.00. Auction is open to anyone, golfers and non-golfers. Minimum bid restrictions must be met. The most current bid will be posted on St. John's Club Facebook page. For more detailed information or to place your bids, email **Joe Sachen** at [sachenjoe@gmail.com](mailto:sachenjoe@gmail.com) or text 913-708-4689. Your bids will be placed in the order in which they are received. The auction ends on May 16th, 2:00pm which is the end of the golf tournament. As always, we appreciate your generosity and support. Thank you.



ST. JOHN'S  
CATHOLIC CLUB

SATURDAY  
MAY 3, 2025

# Bingo Night

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM  
BINGO STARTS AT 6PM



TICKETS \$20  
ONE BINGO CARD,  
WALKING TACO  
DINNER, DESSERT  
AND POP INCLUDED

ST. JOHN'S GYMNASIUM  
414 BARNETT AVE

Please submit any bulletin news and events by Wednesday afternoon to the Parish office by phone 913-371-0627 or email to [ourcroatianparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourcroatianparish@gmail.com)

## The Seven Last Words of Jesus

1 – Luke 23:34: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”

2 – Luke 23:43: “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

3 – John 19:26–27: (To the Blessed Virgin) “Woman, behold, your son!” (To St. John) “Behold, your mother!”

4 – Matthew 27:46 (and Mark 15:34): “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

5 – John 19:28: “I thirst.”

6 – John 19:30: “It is finished.”

7 – Luke 23:46: “Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!”



## Saturday, April 8 – Holy Saturday

12 pm- Blessing of Food at St. John the Baptist

Bring your Easter foods - povitica, breads, apple strudels, sausages, ham, eggs, wine, onions, salt, etc. to be blessed by Fr. Joseph Arsenault!



*The Veil of St. Veronica*



*Jesus,  
remember me  
when you come  
into your kingdom*

*Luke 23:42*

**Pope Francis** has asked parishes throughout the world to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to reserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth, to name only a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The recent war has decimated the pilgrimage industry in the Holy Land. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic need of the People of God still living in the Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. Join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous. For more information about **Christians in the Holy Land**, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org).



**Office will be closed on these days.**

**Thursday, April 17-** Holy Thursday  
1/2 day Office closes at noon

**Friday, April 18-** Good Friday

**Monday April 21-** Easter Monday