



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday

December 14, 2025

Matthew 11:2-11

Parish Office:

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

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Hours: Mon-Thu 8:30am-5pm Fri 8:30am- 4

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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 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



Third Sunday of Advent

Keeping In Touch

This past week was a little bit of a quiet week which I was very grateful. It enabled me to get caught up on a lot of paperwork. Also this past week, as you know, we celebrated two feasts of our Blessed Mother. On Monday we had the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and on Friday we had the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is always a great joy to celebrate the memory of our Blessed Mother because in doing so we are reminded of God's great love and care for us and we are given a great example to follow in the life of our Blessed Mother.

As we continue in our Advent journey, let us continue to prepare our minds and our hearts and indeed our very lives to welcome the Lord. A friendly reminder that one of the ways that we do that is through confession. Having said that and looking to next week, please say a little prayer for me as I will be travelling Sunday evening to the monastery in Oklahoma to hear confessions returning on Tuesday.

Know as always that I will carry you all in my thoughts and my prayers.

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



ADVENT FEATURE

GAUDETE SUNDAY



The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 14- Third Sunday of Advent

9am- Mike Suljak
Katherine Suljak & Marica Black
John "Ivan" Podrebarac
Kathy Stancic & Mladen Stancic

Thursday, December 18-

8am- Mary Ann Schneider
Ljubica Grdinovac
George & Ainsley Brajkovic
Joe Cavlovic

Saturday, December 20-

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

Sunday, December 21- Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am- Patricia Panijan
Family of Nikola Jadranka Gojmerac
Special Intention
Kate Yuratovich

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - DECEMBER

December 13-14, 2025-

Lectors: G. Garcia ; M. Viskovic, R. Sambol
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Horvat ; P. Mikesic
Servers: A. Garcia ; I. Dordevic
Sacristans: B. Horvat, C. Kolich ; P. Mikesic, P. Hill

December 20-21, 2025-

Lectors: J. Alvey ; V. Tomasic, M. Viskovic
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Tomasic
Servers: A. Morrow ; A. Garcia, M. Garcia
Sacristans: T. Jaksetic, C. Delich ;
S. Sandelich, G. Garcia

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sat. 12/06/25</u>	<u>Sun. 12/07/25</u>
Envelopes:	1860.00	4623.00
Loose:	70.00	112.00
Building Fund:	1103.00	675.00
Candles:	109.50	111.50
Poor Box:		1.00
Immaculate Conception:	10.00	407.00
Christmas Flower:	155.00	270.00
Christmas Offering:	40.00	190.00
All Saints:	10.00	
Campaign Human Dev:	5.00	
World Mission Sunday:	5.00	
Catholic Charities:	60.00	
Donation(s):	122,322.50.00	
(estate of Rita Rodina)		
Mass Intentions:	100.00	

Visit Our Sunday Visitor online giving at

<https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptistsks/giving/funds>

Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, Sarah Skradski-Coleman, John Christ Sr., Diane Boan, Milka Subasic, Dianna Stimac, Kathy Riley, Millie Sambol, James Lipovac, 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, for all the holy souls in purgatory, and anyone else in need of our prayers.

(If you or a family member or a friend requests prayers for someone, we will add them on our Prayer List. Please contact the church office to renew, add, or remove a name from the list.)

Please submit any bulletin news and events by Wednesday to the Parish office by phone 913-371-0627 or email to ourcroatianparish@gmail.com

Ornaments 125th Year Anniversary of SJB

If you haven't had a chance to purchase your St. John the Baptist 125th year anniversary ornament yet then now is the time to do so while the limited supplies last before Christmas! To purchase, you should contact the church office directly I have 32 left! Get yours before Christmas. \$20.00each
You can reach via:

After Mass on Sunday!(come see Wendy after Mass)

Phone: Call (913) 371-0627

Email: Send inquiries to

OurCroatianParish@gmail.com.

In-Person: Visit the church office at

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

Limited Edition only #125 made



Former parishioner **Rita Rodina** generously left in her estate \$122,322.00 to our parish. We are grateful for her generous support in life and in death. May she Rest in Peace.

Experience An Olde World
Christmas at
The Strawberry Hill
Museum

Now Opened for Guided Tours
Tickets available online:
<https://strawberryhillmuseum.org>

720 N. 4th Street Kansas City,
Kansas 66101



POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE OF KCK

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Christmas Fundraiser

ORDER A TRADITIONAL CROATIAN
CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR FOUR!

**SARMA ROLLS,
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\$40

TO ORDER, EMAIL ella@palkck.org
OR CALL/TEXT (816)876-4260



THE CULTURE PROJECT

Advent Adoration

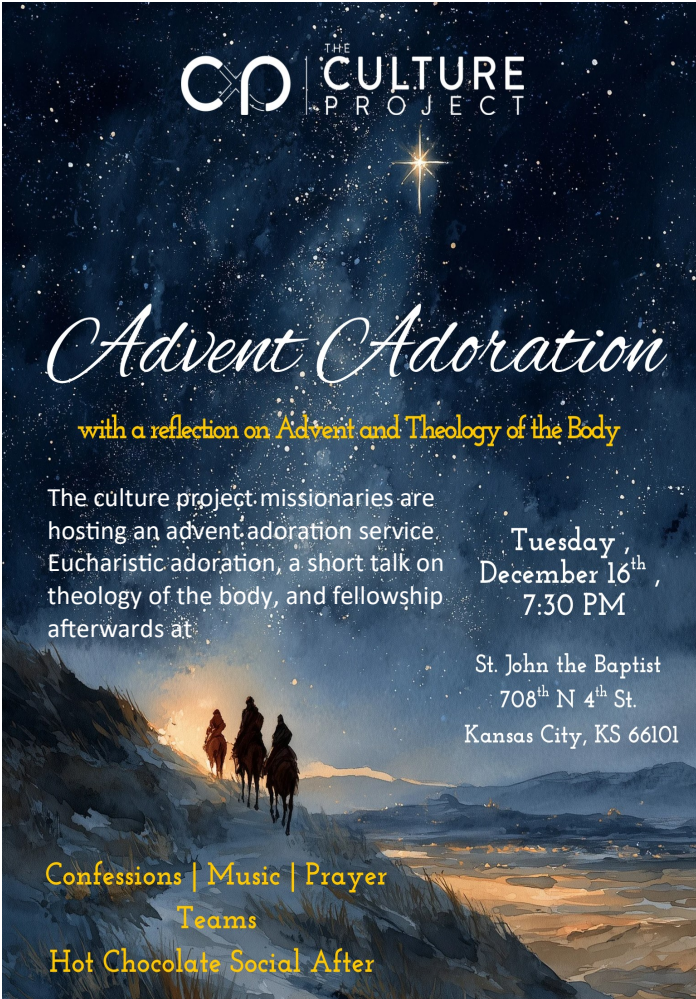
with a reflection on Advent and Theology of the Body

The culture project missionaries are hosting an advent adoration service, Eucharistic adoration, a short talk on theology of the body, and fellowship afterwards at

Tuesday,
December 16th,
7:30 PM

St. John the Baptist
708th N 4th St.
Kansas City, KS 66101

Confessions | Music | Prayer
Teams
Hot Chocolate Social After



Taste of KCK

Tomorrow's Legacy Begins Today



RAISING FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
CLASSROOM SUPPORTS

January 24, 2026

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL
425 NORTH 15TH STREET
KANSAS CITY, KS 66102

 Social Hour 6:00 PM Drinks & Appetizers School Tours Student Projects	 Ethnic Dinner 7:00 PM KCK diversity on a plate.	 Program 8:00 PM Honoree Student Speaker Performances
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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 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. Please stop by the church office during business hours of 8:30am-5pm to get yours! All proceeds will support our Parish. Thank You.



Year End Gifting Now is the ideal time to consider year end gifting to our church. Those aged 70 and a half and older with an IRA account can take advantage of a savvy way to make a donation and save money on taxes. A Qualified Charitable Distribution direct from your IRA account to the church when handled properly would not be considered ordinary income and potentially lower your income bracket. Please contact your financial advisor or tax preparer for further information. The church office can offer limited assistance.

Just a few sides Notes....

Request for Photos of Fr. Joseph's 25th Anniversary Celebration

We're gathering photos of Fr. Joseph's 25th Anniversary Mass and Reception to create a special collection of memories in a book for Fr Joseph and his family. If you wish to share any photos taken during the celebration, please send them to our parish email address: ourcroatianparish@gmail.com.

125th Anniversary Books

Thanks to everyone who purchased the 125th Anniversary Books! We are very excited to share the book and its many memories with everyone. **We are preparing for pick up in the next week! Stay tuned!** Questions? sjb125years@gmail.com.

We have 5 Salamis left from this year's festival that are available for sale at \$30 a piece. Please call Wendy at the rectory, 913-371-0627, if you want to make a purchase. Thank you.

Sacristans 2026

If anyone is interested in serving as a Sacristan in 2026, please contact the church office. The time commitment for Saturdays is generally one Mass per month. It is for the six months in the year that St John's has a Saturday Mass. The commitment is the same for our Sunday Mass except it is for all twelve months of the year. Time spent as a Sacristan is one hour before Mass preparing the church and altar for Mass and about 20 minutes after Mass. Training and written instructions will be provided

Help feed the hungry! Donate non-perishable food items such as tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, soups, vegetables, beans, canned fruit, crackers, rice, cereal, etc.

Also, personal hygiene items such as toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, soap, and toothpaste. **Expired items and opened packages will not be accepted.** All the items you donate will be taken to Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

As of today 12-11-25, **391.1lbs.** has been donated!

Please keep donating as we will continue to collect till the end of December.
Thank you!



BABY SHOWER DONATION DRIVE *In Honor of the Christ Child*

The St. John Altar Society is sponsoring their annual Baby Shower Donation Drive from November 15 through January 4, 2026.

Suggested items to donate:

- Diapers
- Wet Wipes
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Wash
- Baby Lotion
- Pacifiers / Baby Bottles
- Onesies / Sleepers
- Diaper Rash Ointment

Bring your donations to the church when you attend mass or bring to the parish office at 708 N 4th St.

All the items donated will be given to Kansas City Pregnancy Clinic, 636 Tauromee Ave., Kansas City, Kansas.



Holy Family Church +St. John the Baptist Church

2025 Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:00 p.m. - St. John the Baptist

8:00 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)

Midnight - St. John the Baptist

(11:30 p.m. - Chorale Prelude)

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(Christmas)

Thursday, December 25, 2025

9:00 a.m. - Holy Family Church



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

5:30 p.m. - Holy Family Church

8:00 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 a.m. - St. John the Baptist

12:15 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)

2026
Happy New Year!

O Antiphons of Advent

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 11:1; 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



The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.