



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

6th Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2026

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Parish Office:

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Office: (913) 371-0627

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

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Facebook: St. John the Baptist Croatian Parish

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

Palm Sunday

The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem



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Keeping In Touch

This past week has been a good week, but an extremely busy week. Oftentimes when I find it being an extremely busy week, it is because of the addition of activities outside of the normal. This past week, however, was just a normal week, but in overdrive. I found it interesting that normal things would go into overdrive at this time of the year where we are being called to enter into the Passion of our Lord. In one sense it is hard to believe that Holy Week is here already and as we enter into this week, I am very conscious of the need to slow down and enter into the celebrations of the week.

I am particularly looking forward to this coming Tuesday when all the priests and various representatives of the parishes will gather in Lawrence for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. At this mass, the Archbishop will bless and consecrate oils that are used in various sacraments throughout the year. The Archbishop will also lead all the priests with the renewal of their priestly commitment.

In addition to what takes place at the liturgy, the priests will be gathering earlier in the day for a time of prayer and reflection. We are blessed to have a priest from another diocese coming to lead us in this time of reflection.

I know that I have said this before and forgive me for it, but I can never say enough about how wonderful it is and how much I look forward to gathering with my brother priests.

Know that as I renew my priestly commitment on Tuesday, I will indeed be carrying all of you before the Lord.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 29- Palm Sunday

9am- George Yuratovich
Mike, Barbara & Anna Kralj
Anthony B. Pham
Stjepan & Ana Jagodic & Frank & Ana Piskuric

Thursday, April 2- Holy Thursday

8am- No Mass



Saturday, April 4- Easter Vigil

8:30pm- Vigil Mass at St. John the Baptist
People of the Parishes

Sunday, April 5- Resurrection Of The Lord

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY - MARCH

March 29, 2026- Palm Sunday

Master of Ceremonies: C. Schneider
1st Reading: S. Glenn
2nd Reading: W. Christ
Passion Narrator: S. Glenn
Passion Speaker: W. Christ
Eucharistic Ministers: N. Gasparovic
Servers: A. Garcia
Sacristans: S. Sandelich, M. Alvey

April 3, 2026- 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 4, 2026- Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil

Master of Ceremonies: C. Schneider
1st Reading: S. Glenn
3rd Reading (Croatian): M. Viskovic
5th Reading: Kl. Dordevic
Epistle: W. Christ
Eucharistic Ministers: N. Gasparovic
Servers: A. Dordevic, I. Dordevic
Sacristans: S. Sandelich, K. Moutray

April 5, 2026- Easter Sunday

Master of Ceremonies: C. Schneider
Lectors: M. Viskovic, P. Mikesic
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Kucenic
Blessed Cup: G. Garcia, M. Garcia
Servers: A. Garcia, M. Garcia
Sacristans: G. Garcia, M. Garcia

Prayer Requests

Pope Leo XIV, Lynda Thompson, Sarah Skradski-Coleman, John Christ Sr., Diane Boan, Milka Subasic, Dianna Stimac, 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.

Upcoming Events

Palm Sunday Bake Sale The Altar Society will host the annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale on the week end of March 28th 2-5pm and 29th after Mass.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	<u>Sun. 03/22/26</u>
Envelopes:	2517.00
Loose:	54.00
Building Fund:	380.00
Candles:	189.00
Poor Box:	135.00
Easter Flowers:	160.00
Priest Retirement:	120.00
Mass Intentions:	260.00
CRS Rice Bowl:	50.00
Donations:	50.00



Visit Our Sunday Visitor
online giving at
[https://osvhub.com/
stjohnthebaptistks/
giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/stjohnthebaptistks/giving/funds)



2026 Holy Week Schedule
Holy Family Church + St. John the Baptist

HOLY THURSDAY - April 2
6:30 p.m. - Holy Family Church
For both parish communities

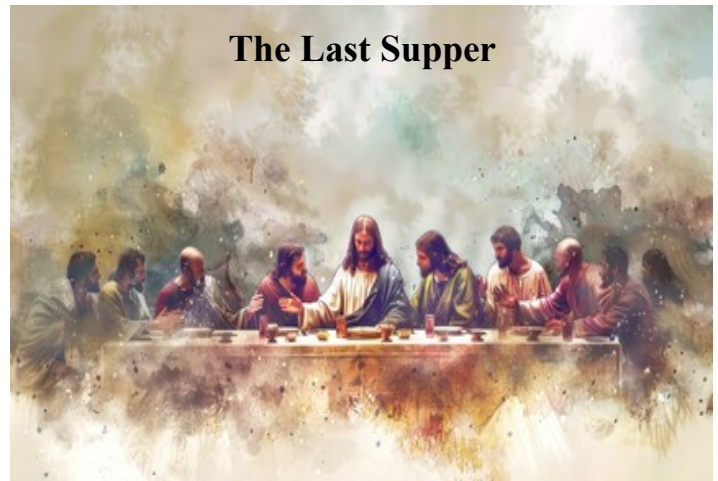
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES - April 3
3:00 p.m. - St. John the Baptist
For both parish communities
5:00 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)

HOLY SATURDAY - April 4
Blessing of Food
12:00 p.m. - St. John the Baptist
1:00 p.m. - Holy Family Church

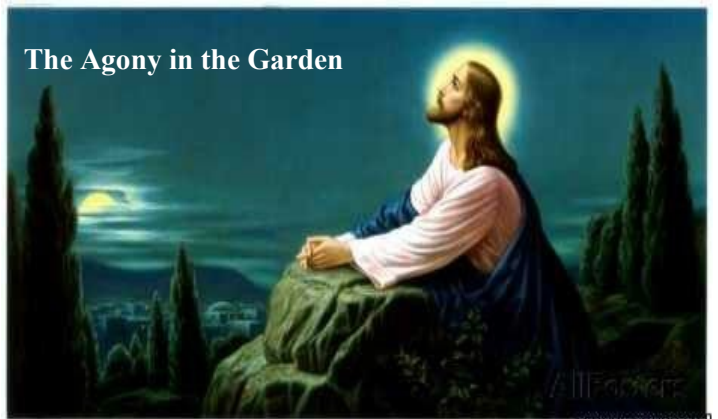
Easter Vigil - St. John the Baptist - 8:30 p.m.
For both parish communities

Easter Vigil - Holy Family Church
(Burmese) - 8:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 5
9:00 a.m. - St. John the Baptist
10:30 a.m. - Holy Family Church
12:15 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)



The Last Supper



The Agony in the Garden



Veronica offers her veil for Jesus

Stations of the Cross

1. Jesus is Condemned to Death
2. Jesus Carries the Cross
3. Jesus Falls for the First Time
4. Jesus Meets His Mother
5. Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross
6. Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
7. Jesus Falls a Second Time
8. Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus Falls a Third Time
10. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments
11. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus Dies on the Cross
13. Jesus' Body is Removed from the Cross
14. Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.
Because by your holy cross you have
redeemed the world.*

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

Blessed Mother Mary & Lord Jesus Christ

FIRST WORD

"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM,
FOR THEY KNOW NOT
WHAT THEY DO."

-LUKE 23: 34

SECOND WORD

"AMEN I SAY TO THEE,
THIS DAY THOU SHALT BE
WITH ME IN PARADISE."

-LUKE 23: 43

THIRD WORD

"WOMAN, BEHOLD THY
SON. AFTER THAT, HE
SAID TO THE DISCIPLE:
BEHOLD THY MOTHER."

-JOHN 19: 26-27

FOURTH WORD

"ELI, ELI, LAMMA
SABACTHANI? THAT IS,
MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY
HAST THOU FORSAKEN
ME?" -MATT 27:46

FIFTH WORD

"I THIRST." -JOHN 19:28

SIXTH WORD

"IT IS CONSUMMATED."
-JOHN 19:30

SEVENTH WORD

"FATHER, INTO THY
HANDS I COMMEND MY
SPIRIT." -LUKE 23:46

Saturday, April 8 - Holy Saturday

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

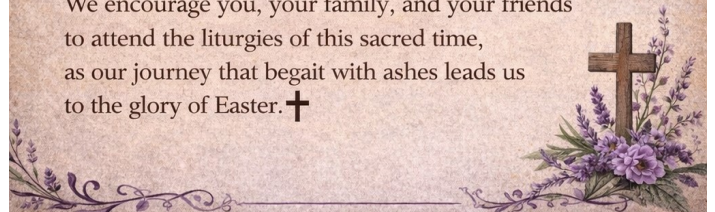
Bring your Easter foods - povitica, breads, apple strudels, sausages, ham, eggs, wine, onions, salt, etc. to be blessed by Fr. Joseph Arsenault!



Lenten Invitation Message

The Church calls us to set aside our daily activities, engagements, and routines to come together as one—to pray, to celebrate, and to remember.

We encourage you, your family, and your friends to attend the liturgies of this sacred time, as our journey that began with ashes leads us to the glory of Easter. †



Office will be closed on these days.



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

Friday, April 3- Good Friday

Monday, April 6- Easter Monday

ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE

Follow-Up Weekend

As of **March 20th**, our parish is getting off to a slow, but steady start with **47** gifts totaling **11,345.00**. Our parish goal is **\$20,000.00**, however, **100%** participation is our objective, As of right now we only have **27%** total participation at this time

A gift, no matter how small or large, is appreciated by those truly in need.

To learn more, visit the ACTS website at <https://archkck.org/call-to-share/about-acts/>.



Scan here to donate to the Archdiocesan Call to Share

MISSION.ARCHKCK.ORG



For questions about your gift, please call the Office of Stewardship and Development at 913-647-0325.

Prayer helps us know the Father's plan for our lives. Our Father wants what is best for us. We can help bring this about for others by supporting ACTS.

God so loves us that He sends His Son to die for us. God so wants to have a personal relationship with us, that He shares Jesus with us. When we experience pain and suffering, though, we wonder how this can be God's plan for us. Where is God in illness, violence, betrayal, economic hardship, natural disaster, and cruelty? Why does God, who desires intimacy with us, seem so far away? And where is the Father

We may feel like God is far away, but He isn't. God reminds us: "When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:12). Relying on God during difficult times draws us closer to Him. And if, during times of trial, we open ourselves up to God, we can be instruments of His love and grace, just as Christ was to those witnessing his passion.

As we enter this holiest time of the liturgical year, please consider ways you can pick up the cross and follow Jesus into greater intimacy with God. Please pray for the continued success of the ACTS, and please consider supporting the appeal to help lighten the crosses others are bearing.

Father, your will be done." – Matthew 26:42



ACTS
ARCHDIOCESAN
CALL TO SHARE



Just a few sides Notes....

Altar Servers Needed

Would any of the children, who have made their First Communion, be interested in serving as Altar Servers for either Saturday or Sunday masses or both? Scheduling for each child will be once per month or at your request and since we only have Saturday masses every other month, there are only 6 Saturdays in the year in which they would be scheduled. Sunday scheduling can be up to 12 times for the year. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Garcia at mygarcia@wycokck.org or 913-645-6726. Training will be provided.



125th Anniversary Books

We're excited to share that the books are here! If you have not already, **Please** come by the office to pick up your book(s) during office hours Monday - Friday. If you paid for shipping then your books have been shipped! Thank you!!

Best Choice labels

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



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.



Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs)

Charitable Giving:

Receive income and support your parish: If you are age 55 or older and would like fixed lifetime income, a charitable income tax deduction, and the opportunity to support your parish endowment fund, consider a charitable gift annuity (CGA). Your fixed payout rate is based on your age at the time of the gift. For a personalized illustration, contact the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas at 913-647-3062 or cfnek@archkck.org.

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



LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS



HEALING

SPACE

INSIGHT

FREEDOM

of divorced, separated or never-married parents

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.**

APRIL 24-26, 2026
KANSAS CITY, KS

SPACE IS LIMITED.
REGISTER TODAY!



The Divine Mercy Novena

begins on Good Friday, *April 3, 2026* and concludes Saturday, *April 11, 2026*. In private revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena praying for nine intentions with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The novena can be accessed online at www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ALTAR SOCIETY

2026 RUMMAGE SALE!

Mejak Hall, 513 Ohio Ave., Kansas City, KS




Thursday, April 9 - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 10 - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 12 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First day customers get the best choices!

WE NEED YOUR USED, CLEAN ITEMS & TREASURES!

YES, we want...

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Electronics
- Household Décor (i.e. picture frames, knick-knacks, new & used candles)
- Ceiling Fans
- Lamps
- Flat Screen TV's (working)
- Seasonal Decorations (Valentines, Easter, Christmas)
- Gently Used Toys
- Books
- Sporting Equipment
- Cell Phones, Music CD's, & DVD's
- Linens, Bedding, Quilts, Sheets
- Antiques
- Chiefs, Royals, KU & K-State Clothing (No Other Clothing)
- Purses

NO we don't want...

- Computer monitors
- Non-working televisions & Old Box TV's
- Car seats, baby beds
- Chemicals
- Paint
- Mattresses
- Large entertainment centers
- Furniture that is broken & unclean
- Stained, odorous, or any items with mold.
- **NO CLOTHES OR SHOES!!!**

Accepting donations beginning March 7. Please deliver to the back door of the gymnasium and to be able to drop-off inside the gymnasium, as we do not have people to carry the items into the gym.

Delivery of items can be arranged by contacting Patty Westfall at 913-342-6817 or Sandy Cannon at 913-492-2612 or 913-396-1564 to schedule a time for drop-off.

St. John's Catholic Men's Club is proud to announce we are now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 Charles "Jake" Sutulovich scholarships. There are three scholarships available at the Elementary/Middle School, High School, and Higher Education levels. Each scholarship will be \$2,000.00. The scholarships are open to all with a connection to St. John Club, St. John the Baptist Parish and/or the scholarship applicant's Croatian heritage. For applications and questions please email **Andy Mikesic** at andymikesic@gmail.com.

CROATIAN GOLF TOURNAMENT SUNFLOWER HILLS GOLF COURSE, FRIDAY, MAY 15TH, 2026

Croatian Open Golf Tournament is **May 15, 2026**. Our field is unofficially full. However, If you golfed last year please submit your team entry fee of \$400 by **April 15** to reserve your spot. After that date your spot is not guaranteed. Hole sponsorship is also very important to the success of the tournament. Sponsorship levels are \$100, \$250, and \$500. Proceeds will go towards bowling equipment and lane maintenance. Sponsorships forms are available in the back of the Church or at the Club. Any questions please email me. Sachenjoe@gmail.com

SILENT AUCTION

The Croatian Golf committee is sponsoring a Silent Auction Item to be awarded at the golf tournament **Friday, May 15th**. Complete Water Heater Installation Donated by Adam Golubski, Owner, Delta T Heating & Cooling, LLC and Joe Faulk, Equipment Representative, with KC Winnelson. If your water heater is leaking or showing signs of aging, you're in luck! This package is valued at \$2,500.00. 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 or text 913-708-4689. Your bids will be placed in the order in which they are received. **The auction ends on May 15th, 2:00pm** which is the end of the golf tournament. As always, we appreciate your generosity and support. Thank you.

CROATIA
REPUBLIKA HRVATSKA



SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH BINGO NIGHT



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

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM, AFTER 4PM MASS
BINGO STARTS AT 6PM

ST. JOHN'S GYMNASIUM
414 BARNETT AVE

The Office of Evangelization and Communion and Liberation (CL) invite all to join them in witnessing Christ's presence among us by walking the Way of the Cross through the streets of downtown Kansas City on Good Friday. CL is a lay ecclesial movement recognized by the Vatican, founded in Italy in 1954 by Father Luigi Giussani. It exists "to demonstrate the relevance of faith to the needs of life," and has communities across the world, including Kansas City, Atchison, and Lawrence. We will **start at 10 a.m.** and end at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception KCMO**, stopping to sing, hear the gospel and a spiritual reading, and pray. **Bishop Johnston** will give a blessing. The route is stroller-accessible. For more info, please email the Kansas City CL secretary: omartin2756@gmail.com.

