

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH



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LITURGY SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY.....4:00 PM
SUNDAY.....8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM
TUESDAY.....5:30 PM
WED., THURS. & FRI.....8:15 AM

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24.....4:00 pm & 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25.....10:00 am

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God.....4:00 pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God.....8:30 am and 11am



3rd Sunday OF ADVENT

“The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.” —Mt 11:5

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:00 PM AGNES PIKE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30 AM GUADELUPE GARCIA SR. &
ROBERT GUADELUPE GARCIA
11:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:30 PM THOMAS F. RYAN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:15 AM MONTE RAINE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:15 AM OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:15 AM FOR THOSE IN NEED OF SPECIAL
PRAYERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

4:00 PM RAMONA AQUINO
MARY AX

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 AM PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS
11:30 AM IN THANKSGIVING OF GOOD HEALTH

PRAY FOR OUR SICK & MILITARY

*Please pray for those who are sick or
recovering:*

Shirley Andrade, Larry Clark, Candy Colorado, Cathryn Dugan, Teddy Elmer, Jose Padilla Enriques, Joe and Ruby Falk, Pat Garcia, Ruth Romaine Glass, Sylvia Harral, Marie Hash, Antoinette Marie Hernandez, Leo Hernandez, Nick and Rita Hernandez, Adri Jordison, Dolores Kiefer, Major John King, Mary Jo Lister, Erma Lopez, Kathy Luna, Lupe Luna, Paul Montes, Fr. Glenn Mueller, Kathy Neal, James Norbury, Carol Oropeza, Celia Padilla, Jose E. Padilla, Rose and Joe Padilla, Pete Pierron, Margaret Reid, George Reutter, Theo Stephen Ridenour, Jessie Ruiz, Lois Ruocco, Betty and Tom Ryan, Jim Scanlon, Mary Stanton, Pat Sullivant, Susan Tarwater, Beverly and Bob Tumberger, Soccorro Velo, Michael Weaver, Pat Woodrum, La Vera Young, and for all the sick and infirmed.

Please pray for those serving in the military:
James Reyes (Marines)

The Week Ahead

Saturday, December 10

2 pm—6pm Christmas Craft Fair Parish Hall

Sunday, December 11

9am—2pm Christmas Craft Fair Parish Hall
11 am Pre-School Cafeteria

Tuesday, December 13

6:30 am Parish Penance Service Church

Wednesday, December 14

7:00 pm RCIA Parish Hall

Thursday, December 15

6:00 pm Bunko Parish Hall

Sunday, December 18

11:00 Pre-School Cafeteria
12:00 pm Christmas Potluck Parish Hall
1:30 pm Music by Kansas City KS
Community Orchestra begins Church
2:00 pm Christmas Concert Church

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2016

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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Congratulations & Welcome to Lucas!

Tim & Violeta Stauffer are the proud parents of Lucas, who was born December 5th.

Next Sunday!! Christmas Potluck and 27th Annual Christmas Concert



Guardian Angels' Christmas Potluck dinner will follow the 11:00 am mass on Sunday, December 18th. Please bring your favorite dish(es) to share. Can't bring a dish? No worries, please still attend this event — we always have enough food and we want to see YOU! Santa will be our special guest. Following the Potluck, the **Christmas concert** will take place at 2:00 pm in the church (the Kansas City, Kansas Community Orchestra begins at 1:30 pm). If you can assist with this years' event, please call Judy Dugan at jdugan@guardianangelskc.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Giving Tree Gifts Due Back this Weekend!!

This Weekend — Our Lady of Guadalupe Christmas Craft Fair

Have you put off Christmas shopping? No worries! Handmade jewelry, gifts from the Holy Land, baby dolls with handmade clothing, American Girl doll clothing, crocheted items, skin care products, cosmetics, nail products, Scentsy and more are available at this annual craft fair.



Also delicious food items like tamales, burritos, candies, cookies and breads. On Sunday, December 11th, there will be free hot chocolate and Mexican bread. Please join us and bring your family, friends and neighbors. Saturday, December 10th from 2pm-6pm and Sunday, December 11 from 9am—2pm.

Year-End Contributions Can Make a HUGE Difference

An end-of-year tax deductible contribution to Guardian Angels can be done to honor a loved one during the Holiday Season (we will gladly send an acknowledgement for each contribution received). This is also the ideal time to make a bequest. To make a bequest, you do NOT need to re-write your will; you file a "codicil," which is similar to writing an amendment to your will. Guardian Angels Parish can also be a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement plan account.

Food Pantry and Harvesters Ministry

Guardian Angels' Food Pantry helps with the needs of the hungry in the Westport/Roanoke area. In addition to



Harvesters, we receive food provisions from our parishioners, Visitation Parish, St. Mark's Parish and other area churches. Periodically, Guardian Angels members go to Harvesters and assist with sorting and organizing items.

During the holidays, we are in need of helpers to assist with preparing Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, and for assisting with the Giving Tree. The Giving Tree assists in acquiring, wrapping and distributing Christmas gifts for those in need.

Parish Support Sunday, December 4, 2016

Envelopes.....	\$3,208.00
Plate	\$763.00
Total	\$3,971.00

This weekend's second collection is for the Retired Religious.

"God is never outdone in generosity."

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Food Pantry

We feel very fortunate at Guardian Angels to have a Food Pantry to help with the needs of the hungry in the Westport/Roanoke area. This is because of your generous support and we thank you.



Food Pantry Requests

Ravioli, Tuna, Mac and Cheese, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Lasagna Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Rings, Crackers, Canned Fruit, Fruit Juice, **Bar Soap,** Toothpaste, **Deodorant, Body Wash,** **Toilet Paper, Shampoo,** Laundry Soap, Dish Detergent.

(Items most needed are highlighted.)

Coping with Life Alone®

is a grief support program that meets each week for seven weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, and move through the experience of grief and loss, into a future with renewed hope. The sessions will be held at St. John Francis Regis Parish at 8941 James A. Reed Road on Sunday afternoons (1:30 pm—3:30 pm), beginning January 8th. To register, call Donna at (816) 305-3760.

Upcoming Classes at Keeler Women's Center

Confused about Medicare? Bring your questions to this class on Wednesday, December 14 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm.

Create Beautiful Greeting Cards. Wednesday, December 14th, from 10am to 11:30.

Parenting Support Group. Thursdays, from 1pm till 2:30. Facilitated by Matt Brandmeyer, LMSW, LAC

Classes are held at 2220 Central Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas. Classes are free, but donations are appreciated. Call (913) 906-8990 to register.

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To report abuse:
Ms. Jenifer Valenti.....Ombudsman

Guardian Angels Mission Statement

Guardian Angels is a culturally rich Catholic community strengthened and united in faith and worship. We strive to be messengers of hope, making God's Word active in our everyday lives. We promote unity and self-growth, provide outreach to individuals in need and welcome all for fellowship and worship.

Bulletin Deadlines

Deadlines for submitting items to be included in the bulletin are significantly earlier due to the holidays. If you have items that should be included, please send them in as quickly as possible. Send them to kriha@guardianangelskc.org or call the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Celebrate a special occasion or a loved one by scheduling a Mass Intention. To have a Mass said, please call the office during business hours at 816-931-4351. (*A customary offering of \$10 or more is usually given to the church.*)

Thoughts from Guardian Angels

I am one of the many Guardian Angels parishioners who reside outside of the parish boundaries. I am often asked why I attend Guardian Angels when there are so many other churches that are much closer to where I live. My response is, "The decision is not in my hands. God has selected me to come to GA and gives me the opportunity to attend weekly mass."

Since the early 1990s, I have been a member of the Finance Council. The Finance Council is an important part of the parish organization whose objectives are to help maintain financial sustainability, protect the parish assets, and comply with diocesan financial guidelines. Many of the Finance Council members serve in multiple parish ministries.

To meet our objectives, we collaborate with Fr. Bob, Deacon Tyrone, staff, and the many other parish ministries and committees. We help prepare the annual budget, review on a quarterly basis the financial results against the budget, look for ways to save the parish

money on expenditures, and assist with fundraising efforts. We do not generally make spending decisions; we help to identify how to best use the parish resources to cover the expenditures.

Taking a step back, I see Guardian Angels as a welcoming and diverse community that improves the spiritual wellbeing of individuals and families in the Westport area and beyond. Even with all the great work that is done here at Guardian Angels, there is still more that can be done to share what makes Guardian Angels unique. I pray that each parishioner will help to share the message about our welcoming parish community.

Ruben Zaragoza

Procedures, Sacraments and Information for Guardian Angels Parish

Baptism

Contact the parish office after your baby is born, in order to schedule the baptismal class and the date of the baptism.

Confirmation, Eucharist & Reconciliation

Preparation for this sacrament is offered yearly. Contact the parish office for more information.

Funeral

Contact the parish office at the time of the death.

Marriage

Registered parishioners should contact Fr. Bob Hagan at least nine months before an intended marriage date.

Penance

Saturday afternoon between 3:00 and 3:45 pm and by appointment at the parish office.

Religious Education

Sessions for children and families are held monthly. Contact the parish office for more information.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

This process is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Sr. Linda Barringer at the parish office for information on this process.

Sick or Hospitalized

Contact the parish office when your loved one is sick or admitted to the hospital.

Cafeteria and Parish Hall Rental

Contact Ms. Linda Battle in the parish office for rental information.

Bulletin Announcements

Items to be included in the bulletin need to be sent to Kate Riha in the parish office no later than Monday before that Sunday's intended inclusion date.

Newcomers

Registration Forms are located in the literature holders in

the back and at the north entrance to the church. When completed, these can be returned to the parish office or placed in the collection baskets at Mass. Welcome!

Mass Intentions

Please call the office during business hours.

Our Lady of Hope Catholic School

(next door to Guardian Angels on Mercier)
Mary Delac, Principal
4232 Mercier, Kansas City, MO 64111
Office: (816) 931-1693; Fax: (816) 931-6713

Quinceanera

Please contact the office nine (9) months in advance to schedule a preparation class with Deacon Tyrone.

Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect abuse:

- Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-(800) 392-3738, if the victim is under 18 years of age.
- Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911
- After reporting to the aforementioned law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Kathleen Chastain, Diocesan Victim Advocate at (816) 392-0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Homilist for upcoming masses:

December 17 & 18.....Fr. Bob Hagan
December 24 & 25.....Deacon Tyrone Gutierrez
December 31 & January 1.....Deacon Tyrone Gutierrez

Altar & Rosary Society Gift Shop

The Altar and Rosary Society Gift Shop is open after all weekend Masses. Stop by & see our selection of small, reasonably priced Christian merchandise.



Tuesday, December 13..... Parish Penance Service at 6:30 pm
Sunday, December 18 Christmas Potluck: Parish Hall at 12:00 pm
Sunday, December 18.....Annual Christmas Concert begins at 1:30 pm
Saturday, December 24.....Christmas Eve - Masses at 4:00 pm & 6:30 pm
Sunday, December 25 Christmas - Mass at 10:00 am