

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

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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

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

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



4th Sunday OF ADVENT

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us." —Mt 1:23*

Mass Intentions



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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30 PM MARY BARBOSA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:15 AM FOR THOSE WITHOUT A PERMANENT
HOME

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:15 AM OUR LADY OF HOPE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:15 AM FOR THOSE WHO ARE ALONE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS
6:30 PM MARY AX



PRAY FOR OUR SICK & MILITARY

Please pray for those who are sick or recuperating:

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, Socorro 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

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

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 pm RCIA

Friday, December 23

Parish Office closed

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm Mass
6:30 pm Mass

Sunday, Christmas

10:00 am Mass

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2016

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

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45

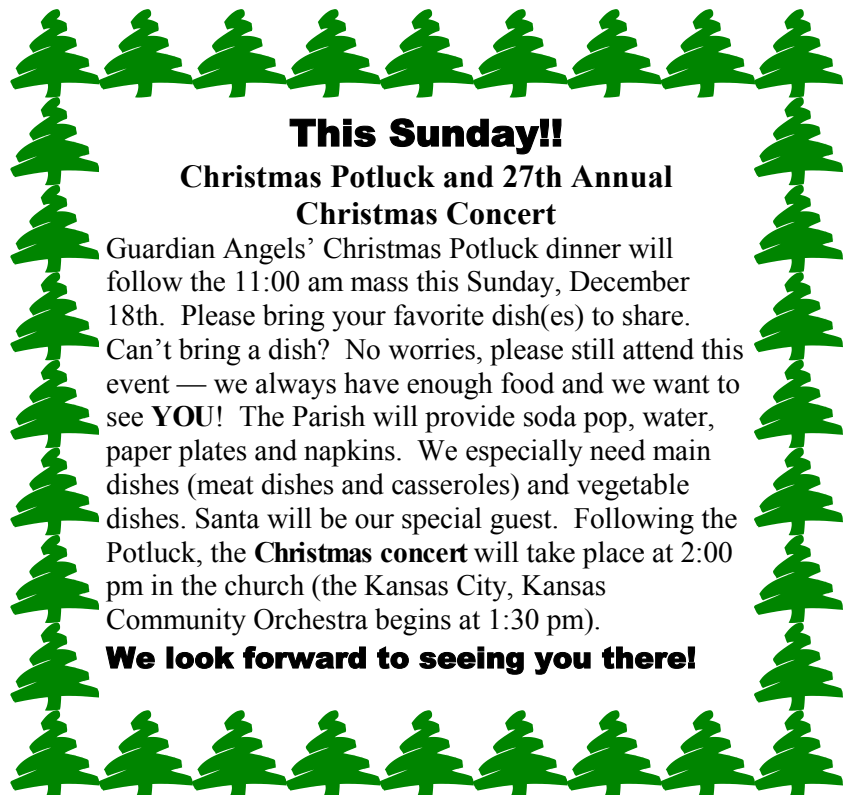
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

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This Sunday!!

Christmas Potluck and 27th Annual Christmas Concert

Guardian Angels' Christmas Potluck dinner will follow the 11:00 am mass this 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!** The Parish will provide soda pop, water, paper plates and napkins. We especially need main dishes (meat dishes and casseroles) and vegetable dishes. 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).

We look forward to seeing you there!

‘Tis the Season

It was refreshing this year to witness several big department stores refuse to open on Thanksgiving. In the past few years, stores have opened earlier and earlier and it was feared that individuals would forgo Thanksgiving entirely, in an effort to get an earlier start on shopping.

We know the true meaning of Christmas in our hearts, but it is also the season when the consumption of “stuff” rules. Just go to a retail shopping area and you will see that it is not love that is all around us, but stuff to buy. Everywhere we look is encouragement to buy, wear, eat, drink, and party. We all know that despite finances for many people being very precarious, the message to consume is strong and creates a whole wave of anxiety and pressure that for some is literally intolerable.

You can’t change the culture but you can change your actions. Buying gifts for loved ones is appropriate; the key is to keep it simple and meaningful. Think of several friends or family members you have exchanged gifts with. Do you remember what they gave you for Christmas last year or what they gave them? Try to find the most thoughtful gifts instead of the most hyped or expensive and they will be remembered and your love will be communicated each time your gifts are used.

It is imperative to also slow down. It is difficult to celebrate this time as a spiritual season if you’re in a constant whirl of activities—parties, shopping, and luncheons. Minimize the anxiety that many people (especially women) feel by separating what you have control over from what you don’t. Decide what you have to do, what you want to do and what others expect you to do, and get rid of those that doesn’t fit into the first two categories.

Celebrate all of the Christmas season. Don’t stop on December 25 as the secular season fizzles out. Plan some of your Christmas-season socializing with family and friends after Christmas Day. In your own family, find appropriate celebrations for the liturgical feasts of the season.

Year-End Contributions Can Make a HUGE Difference

There’s no better time than the holidays to get into the spirit of giving through an end-of-year tax deductible contribution to Guardian Angels Parish. Not only could your donation benefit a specific ministry (like the food pantry), but it can provide you with valuable tax savings. This 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.

Parish Support Sunday, December 11, 2016

Envelopes.....	\$2,139.74
Plate.....	\$836.00
Total	\$2,975.74

2nd Collection (Religious Retired) \$979.09

“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.)

Senior Citizens Christmas Day Dinner

If you are 60 years of age or older and can’t spend Christmas with your family or friends, we invite you to a free Christmas day dinner at three different locations.

St. Peter’s Elementary School at 6400 Charlotte in Kansas City, MO, Open Door Bible Baptist Church at 4300 Parvin Rd, north of the river and Christ United Methodist Church at 14506 E.

39th Street in Independence are the locations. Call (816) 572-2646 to make a reservation. If you can not get to one of these locations, please call in advance and have a meal delivered to your home.



Green Team Ministry

Guardian Angels Green Team is a group of environmentally conscious individuals who work to make sure Guardian



Angels Parish and its parishioners do all we can to reuse, recycle and conserve our natural resources. The Green Team keeps on top of current rulings and in turn, keeps us advised on how to leave a smaller footprint on the earth.

Helping to create a sustainable earth is imperative to the future of the planet. In the short term, this might be to reduce utility payments and in the long term, to stop the effects of global warming.

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To report abuse:

Ms. Jenifer Valenti.....Ombudsman
(816) 812-2500

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

As we come to the end of the year and the end of this year's Annual Appeal, I wanted to take a moment to remind you of all the good that it does in our diocese and in our parish.

It helps to support our food pantry so that we can be of service to those in need. In our neighborhood, it was instrumental through the Bright Futures fund to renovate our school and put it on solid footing for the future of our children. It helps to educate our Priests and Deacons so that their vocations can become a reality. And for dozens of other reasons, I ask that you prayerfully consider giving a donation to the Appeal in whatever amount you feel deserving, because as a united community in Christ, our offerings can do so much good in people's lives once combined.

If you have already contributed to the ACA, we thank you for your generosity! Blessings and Merry Christmas.

Deacon Tyrone

Thoughts from Guardian Angels

Reflection for the 4th Week of Advent

Yes, it's almost here! One week from today and we will be immersed in Christmas celebrations.

With one more week and with the plethora of events which seem to crowd this time of year, today might be a day to ask ourselves, How have I been preparing for this day? Has the Christmas music helped me to remember what Dec 25th is really about? Have my efforts to choose the right gifts for family and friends been an act of love? What has happened to me and for me during this Advent season.

I have had a hard time this year jumping into Advent, which is usually a very special time of the Church year for me. I don't know why this is happening but I'm sure it's an invitation to something God is trying to tell me. I do know that when I enter our church, with the Advent decorations, and listen to the Advent Scriptures proclaimed, I feel immersed in another reality: It's Advent, my heart says: I am grateful for the Church that calls us to take time to prepare, to reflect on what this Feast means.

Today's Gospel tells us about the events in the life of Mary and Joseph which changed the course of human history, from a Christian perspective. They, too, waited for a coming which would change their lives. They waited with concern, with some anxiety, but also with trust in a God they knew to be faithful and who had called them to a special role in the life of Israel. I find Joseph to be a person who gets too little press in the Scriptures. We know very little. For me Joseph is a truly inspiring figure. A man who found himself a part of God's plan and was asked to trust in an unknown future. Joseph responds to this invitation because his heart belongs to God. A dream alerts him to God's call and he awakens with a determination to do the right thing, to what God wanted. A response which had all kinds of cultural implications.

As we come to the end of this time of preparation, may we, too, find it in our hearts to allow God to call us, to invite us, to a life of discipleship and service. To a life of love which our Savior modeled for us.

Sr. Linda Barringer, MMB

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 now open after all weekend Masses. Stop by & see our selection of small, reasonably priced Christian merchandise.



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