

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH



Parish Office:

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Office Hours:

Monday- Thurs 8:30 AM- 4:00PM
Friday..... CLOSED

Parish Website:

guardianangelskc.org

Reconciliation:

Saturday..... 3:15 PM—3:45 PM

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday..... 4:00 PM
Sunday..... 8:00 AM & 9:15* AM and 11:00 am
Tuesday 5:30 pm
Wednesday..... 12:15 pm
Thursday..... 8:15 am

*The 9:15 am mass was added for the Our Lady of Hope Ordinariate Community. Everyone is invited to attend this mass; all are welcome.

Regardless of where you are from, your occupation, your family, your marital status, your personal history, your age, your background, your race, your ethnicity, your political affiliation, your religion, or your gender, **we are happy you are here with us today to worship!** We invite you to learn more about our parish and its activities by contacting our office, website or simply by mingling with our parishioners after mass.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

- Mt 24:44

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30

4:00 pm.....Elizabeth Rush

Sunday, December 1

8:00 pm.....Paul Becka

11:00 am.....Mary Rogers and Family

Tuesday, December 3

5:30pm.....

Wednesday, December 4

12:15 pm.....Joseph Moreno

Thursday, December 5

8:15 am.....Our Lady of Hope School

Saturday, December 7

4:00 pm.....Francis and Joseph Torres

Sunday, December 8

8:00 am.....David & Jessie Arciga



PRAY FOR OUR SICK & MILITARY

Please pray for those who are sick or recuperating:

Shirley Andrade, Angela & Henry Barbosa, Mary Bartlett, Jeanne Boucek, Kelly and Joseph Chambers, Larry Clark, Aurora Davis, Nancy Dixon, Cathryn Dugan, Jose Padilla Enriques, Marie Furlong, Pat Garcia, Shawn Gaupp, Bill Getz, Charles Gurera, Sylvia Harral, Frankie Hernandez, Nick and Rita Hernandez, Adri Jordison, Freddie Juarez, Jackie Kallman, Mary Komoroski, Marilyn Kurtz, Ermaline Lopez, Michael Lucas, Frankie Magana III, Steve McCray, Michael McCunniff, Andy McEachron, Wendy McKellar, Harper McLean, Fr. Joe Miller, Cathy Norbury, James Norbury, Christopher Pacheco, Celia Padilla, Rose and Joe Padilla, Ashley Parton, Margaret Reid, Guadalupe Reyes, Valeria Ricu, Theo Stephen Ridenour, Teresa Rivera, Winston Kenneth Rodricks, Jessie Ruiz, Betty and Tom Ryan, Michael Schlueter, Kelli Seiler, Ben Studebaker, Genevieve Substine-Lewis, Marigene Suellentrop, Susan Tarwater, Warren Toms, Beverly Tumberger, Socorro Velo, Michael Weaver, Jim Wood and for all the sick and infirmed.

Please pray for those serving in the military:

Ryan Asbury (Air Force), Carlos Garcia III (Navy), Daniel Hitchcock (Army), Jonathan Hitchcock (Army), Stephen Hitchcock (Army), Nick Malott, Michael Mathews (Army), Joe Penniston, James Reyes (Marines), Geoff Schultz (Air Force), Richard Sowders (Army), Bill Suellentrop (Army), Garrett Trowbridge (Army), Connor Wiltse (Air Force).

The Week Ahead.....

Sunday, December 1

9:15 am..... First Communion Prep in Parish Hall

11:00 am..... Preschool in Parish Hall

Monday, December 2

7:00 pm..... Controversies in the Catholic Church

Tuesday, December 3

6:00 pm..... Catholic Writer's Group in Parish Hall

6:30 pm..... Pastoral Council in Parish Office

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 pm..... RCIA in Parish Office

Thursday, December 5

6:30 pm..... What Catholics Believe in Parish Hall

Saturday, December 7

10 am — 5:30pm.. Holiday Market in Parish Hall

Sunday, December 8

9:30 am — 1 pm... Holiday Market in Parish Hall

1 pm..... Christmas Concert in Church

Readings for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Food Pantry

Guardian Angels Parish is fortunate to have a food pantry to assist with the hungry in the Westport and Roanoke neighborhoods. We do utilize Harvester's for the bulk of our food items in our pantry, but we rely on the generosity of parishioners for both food and personal care items.

Current food needs: Com flakes or cheerios, dry or canned pasta, tomato sauce, canned corn, canned peas, canned fruit (packed in water), canned chicken or tuna.

Communion Service

Every Friday we have a communion service at 9:00 am in the Chapel, at the beginning of Adoration. Adoration on Fridays typically runs from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Save The Date

The St. Joseph's Table will be Thursday, March 19. We will begin baking cookies the latter part of January and will start gathering ingredients for baking and other items needed. Items needed include flour, sugar, pecans, butter, eggs and powdered sugar. Donations will gladly be accepted beginning in January. Items can be left in the parish office. Please mark the items, "St. Joseph Table". More information to follow and mark your calendars!



Next Weekend

Holiday Market at Guardian Angels

Saturday, December 7, 10am—5:30pm

Sunday, December 8, 9:30am—1pm

The Holiday Market features local artists and vendors selling handmade jewelry, hand knitted, crocheted and woven items, dolls and doll clothes, holiday décor, photography, essential oils, rosaries, purses, tamales, burritos, baked goods, povitica and MORE!

Shop for everyone on your Christmas list!

An Invitation to Taizé Prayer

A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, liturgical readings, and icons. There is no preaching. You are invited to Taizé prayer on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in Annunciation Chapel on the campus of the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, 4200 S. 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. For more information about this meditative, candlelit service, visit www.marillaccenter.org or call 913-758-6552.

From Bishop Johnston's Office

Our Diocesan Vision, *One Family: Restored in Christ—Equipped for Mission*, identifies the need for healing and restoration. Bishop Johnston, in collaboration with lay faithful, has established *Journey to Bethany*, a program designed to address a variety of wounds and broaden awareness of healing resources within our diocese. This program will initially focus on those harmed by clergy sexual abuse.

An email survey, titled "**Bishop Johnston's Healing Our Family Survey**" will soon be sent to randomly selected parishioners throughout the diocese. Your responses will help identify the manner by which we can assist all of those impacted by clergy sexual abuse. Those who do not receive the email survey will have opportunities to attend presentations to hear results and provide additional input.

Parish Financial Support

November 24, 2019

Envelopes.....	\$1,167.50
Plate	\$510.75
Total for the weekend.....	\$1,678.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Time and Talent Sheets

If you did not fill out a Time and Talent sheet this year, please do me a **HUGE** favor and do this. I know many people feel that they have worked in specific ministries for a period of time, and we should remember this. Unfortunately, I do not remember and Fr. Ed is still fairly new, so PLEASE fill one out. Kate

Festival Meeting on December 4

At this point in time, we are seeking team leaders for our annual Festival, slated for June 7, which is our largest fundraiser of the year. We need individuals to head the inside food committee and the outside set-up. We need young (or young at heart), energetic and creative individuals. Can you help? If so, please contact Kate in the parish office. The next Festival meeting will be Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Don't let your lack of a high school education hold you back!

The Kansas City Public Library, in partnership with Literacy Kansas City and Mid-Continent Public Library, is pleased offer a fully accredited, online high school program to selected, qualified adults via Career Online High School (COHS). The COHS curriculum is offered entirely online and can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The program pairs students with Academic Coaches who are available via phone or email to help navigate curriculum options and monitor success. Go to www.kclibrary.org/high-school.

Guardian Angels Christmas Concert

The Guardian Angels Christmas Concert will take place next Sunday, December 8th at 1:00pm in the church. Everyone welcome!!

Consecration to Jesus through Mary Consecration on December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Continuation of readings from True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin by Saint Louis de Montfort:

The Consecration

After the first week devoted to knowledge of self, and the second to knowledge of the Blessed Virgin, the third week we applied ourselves to the study of Jesus Christ. Now, we reach the actual Consecration.

“At the end of the three weeks,” says St. Louis De Montfort, “they shall go to confession and to communion, with the intention of giving themselves to Jesus Christ in the quality of slaves of love, by the hands of Mary. After Communion, which they should try to make according to the method given further on, they should recite the formula of their consecration which they will also find further on. They ought to write it, or have it written, unless they have a printed copy of it; and they should sign it the same day they have made it. It would be well also that on that day they should pay some tribute to Jesus Christ and our Blessed Lady, either as a penance for their past unfaithfulness to the vows of their Baptism or as a testimony of their dependence on the dominion of Jesus and Mary. This tribute ought to be according to the devotion and ability of everyone; such as, a fast, a mortification, an alms or a candle. If they had but a pin to give in homage, yet gave it with good heart, it would be enough for Jesus, who looks only at one’s good will. Once a year at least, on the same day, they should renew the same consecration

observing the same practices during the three weeks. They might also once a month, or even once a day, renew all they have done in these few words: I am all thine and all that I have belongs to thee, O my sweet Jesus, through Mary, thy holy Mother.”

The Devotion at Holy Communion

Para. 266 from True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin:
“Place yourself humbly in the presence of God. Renounce our corrupt nature and dispositions, no matter how good self-love makes them appear to you. Renew your consecration saying, “I belong entirely to you, dear Mother, and all that I have is yours.” Implore Mary to lend you her heart so that you may receive her son with her dispositions.”

(please continue this section in the book)

Act of Consecration

“Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom, most lovable and adorable Jesus, true God and true man, only Son of the eternal Father and of Mary always virgin, I adore you profoundly, dwelling in the splendor of your Father from all eternity and in the virginal womb of Mary, your most worth Mother, at the time of your Incarnation.”

(please continue Act of Consecration from True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin; if you need a copy of this prayer, please contact Father Ed before December 8)

Reflection from Fr. Ed

Beloved,

Each Sunday we announce “The mystery of faith. We proclaim your death, O Lord and profess your resurrection until you come again.” When we read the book of The Acts of the Apostles, we see how this simple proclamation was the basis of apostolic preaching. Speaking to a crowd who was familiar with the events surrounding the life of Jesus, and familiar with his teachings, the apostles had a simple three-point message.

- Jesus was the Messiah, the Christ. He was put to death as a sacrificial lamb on the feast of Passover that recalled how the lamb was killed and eaten with its blood sprinkled on the door posts of the Israelites to save them from destruction in Egypt and lead them to their Exodus and freedom.
- Jesus rose from the dead, so the freedom experienced by those who believe in him is freedom from death and the separation from God with its self-destructive behavior that the Bible calls “sin.”
- Jesus will return to establish the fulness or perfection of the Kingdom of God.

This simple message is still the core of our faith, and we repeat

it at every mass.

As we enter the season of Advent, we focus on these foundational truths, beginning with the final point. We look to Christ’s coming to perfect his kingly power in the earth. Throughout the season, pay especial attention to the first reading, which will be an Old Testament prophecy of the coming of the Messiah. See how these ancient writings were fulfilled by Jesus as he preached and healed throughout Israel. We will observe the ministry of John the Baptist, Jesus’ cousin and forerunner, who gathered all Israel around him and announced Jesus as “The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” In all these ways we prepare ourselves for the wondrous Feast of the Incarnation (Christmas).

To help us all prepare, we have made available to everyone a book of Advent reflections published by Magnificat. Reading these five minute reflections, perhaps around the family dinner table, will help us all prepare for the Messiah, who was not just born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, but, as Phillips Brooks wrote in the beloved hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem”, He is “born is us today.”

Yours in Christ,
Father Ed

Procedures, Sacraments and Information for Guardian Angels Parish

Baptism

Contact Fr. Ed in 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

Please contact Fr. Ed in the office, preferably nine months before your proposed marriage date. Note that it is wise not to make other arrangements until you know your wedding date is available here at our church. Guardian Angels does have a wedding planner for an additional cost, please let us know if you are interested in this service.

Penance

Saturday afternoon between 3:15 and 3:45 pm.

Religious Education

Sessions for children and families are held monthly. Contact Sr. Linda in 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.

Parish Hall Rental

Parishioners who have been registered for one year or more, should contact the parish office for rental information.

School Cafeteria Rental

Contact the parish office for availability and cost.

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. Announcements are

subject to approval.

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)

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Our Lady of Hope is a Deanery school, not a parish school (it is made up of six parishes).

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office if you or a loved one is ill or if you have surgery scheduled, to arrange for an anointing.

Quinceanera

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

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 sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911,
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, 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 the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



Guardian Angels Giving Tree

On Thanksgiving, we put up our Annual Giving Tree at the back of church. This tree has angel ornaments. On each ornament is an item that is desired by someone less fortunate. These less fortunate are individuals who utilize the Guardian Angels food pantry. Please choose an ornament from the tree and purchase the item listed on the ornament. After you purchase and wrap this item, please affix the ornament on the outside of the wrapping and return to Guardian Angels when you come to mass. **All gifts should be returned to the church or parish office no later than Tuesday, December 17th.** Thanks so much for your participation!

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 2

7:00 pm.....Controversies in the Catholic Church

Tuesday, December 3

6:00 pm.....Catholic Writer's Group in Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 4

6:30 pm.....Festival Meeting in Parish Hall

Saturday, December 7

10:00 am — 5:30 pm.....Holiday Market in Parish Hall

Sunday, December 8

9:30 am — 1:00 pm.....Holiday Market in Parish Hall

1:00 pm.....Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 17 — Gifts for the Giving Tree must be

.....Received in Parish Office

5:45.....Green Team in Parish Office

6:00 pm.....Catholic Writer's Group in Parish Hall

Thursday, December 19

6:00 pm.....Bunko in Parish Hall

Friday, December 20

8:00 am.....Giving Tree Distribution of Gifts

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm.....Children's Vigil Mass

6:00 pm.....Vigil Mass

10:30 pm.....Ordinariate Mass

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 am.....Christmas Mass

Wednesday, January 1

10:00 am.....Mass for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy

.....Mother of God

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