

GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH



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.

Parish Office:

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Kansas City, MO 64111
(816) 931-4351 phone
(816) 531-6396 fax

Office Hours:

Monday- Thurs 8:30AM- 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.

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 14

4:00 pm.....Paul Becka

Sunday, December 15

8:00 am.....Damian Flores

11:00 am.....Ruben Zaragoza

Tuesday, December 17

5:30 pm.....

Wednesday, December 18

12:15 pm.....

Thursday, December 19

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

Saturday, December 21

4:00 pm.....Tommy Sheeley

Sunday, December 22

8:00 am.....Mary Barbosa

11:00 am.....Ruben Zaragoza

11:00 am.....Mary



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, Shawn Gaupp, Bill Getz, Charles Gurera, Fr. Bob Hagan, Sylvia Herral, Frankie Hernandez, Nick and Rita Hernandez, Adri Jordison, Freddie Juarez, Jackie Kallman, Mary Komoroski, Ermaline Lopez, Michael Lucas, Frankie Magana III, 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, Soccorro 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),

The Week Ahead.....

Sunday, December 15

9:15 am..... Family Faith

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

Tuesday, December 17

6:00..... Catholic's Writers Group

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 pm..... RCIA

Thursday, December 19

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

Friday, December 20

8am — 4pm..... Distribution of Giving Tree gifts

Saturday, December 21

9am..... Visitation for Marilyn Kurtz

10am..... Funeral for Marilyn Kurtz

Readings for the week of December 15, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/ Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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.



On Christmas Eve, January 24, Christmas Vigil mass will be at 4:00 pm and 6:00pm. The Ordinarate mass will be at 10:30pm. On Christmas Day, there will only be one mass at 10:00 am.

Preschool Classes Suspended

There will be no Preschool classes on December 22 and December 29th. Classes will resume January 5th, 2020.

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!



End of Year Appeal

You may have recently received an end-of-the-year appeal at your homes. This is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the time, talent and treasure you have shared over the past year. With 2019 quickly coming to a close, you still have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those in our communities. If you did not receive a mailing, please contact Lynn Lichte, Donor Stewardship Specialist, to make a donation at llichte@ccharities.com or 816-659-8243. We would also ask that you consider making this a monthly gift and check to see if your employer would be willing to match your donation.

Parish Financial Support

December 8, 2019

Envelopes.....	\$2,179.00
Plate	\$339.35
Total for the weekend.....	\$2,518.35
Second Collection.....	\$481.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Seeking Furniture

We are seeking single bed frames, single person desks and chairs, for use in our old convent building. There is an opportunity for Guardian Angels to rent rooms within this building to nursing students. No mattresses are needed, just the bed frames. If you have one of these items you can donate, please call the parish office and we will make arrangements to pick it up. Many thanks.

The Lone Pink Candle

Halloween had barely ended when we first started seeing Christmas décor. It's as if we are rushing toward Christmas with no regard for Advent or its meaning. We are currently at the midpoint of Advent. When you look at the Advent wreath, you will see that there are three violet candles and one pink candle, which is for the third week of Advent. Each candle has its own meaning which we can reflect on as we light them and pray. The first candle represents hope, the second is peace, the third is joy and the fourth is love. Purple or violet is a penitential color of fasting while pink or rose is the color of joy.

The 3rd Sunday in Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday (from the Latin meaning "rejoice") which is taken from Philippians 4:4-5, the Entrance Antiphon of the day. Long ago, the Pope would honor a citizen with a pink rose (or a rose-colored rose). Priests then would wear pink vestments as a reminder of this coming joy.

Rose is also used during Laetare Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent) to symbolize a similar expectation of the coming joy of Christ's coming in Easter.

A Valuable Story for Today

The Gift of the Magi is a well-known short story by American short story writer O. Henry, the pen name of William Sydney Porter.

The story tells of a young couple, James and Della. The couple has very little money and lives in a modest apartment. Between them, they have only two possessions that they consider to be valuable. Jim's gold pocket watch that belonged to his father and his grandfather, and Della's lustrous, long hair that falls almost to her knees. It's Christmas Eve, and Della wants to buy Jim a Christmas present. After paying all of the bills, all Della has left is \$1.87 to put toward Jim's Christmas present. She wants to buy Jim a chain for his pocket watch, but they're all out of her price range. Rushing home, Della pulls down her beautiful hair and stands in front of the mirror, admiring it and thinking. After a sudden inspiration, she rushes out again and has her hair cut to sell. Della receives \$20.00 for selling her hair, just enough to buy the platinum chain she

saw in a shop window for \$21.00.

When Jim comes home from work, Della has to admit that she sold her hair to buy his present. Before she can give it to him, however, Jim casually pulls a package out of his overcoat pocket and hands it to her. Inside, Della finds a pair of costly decorative hair combs that she'd long admired, but are now completely useless since she's cut off her hair. Hiding her tears, Della holds out her gift for Jim: the watch chain. Jim shrugs, flops down onto the old sofa, puts his hands behind his head and tells Della flatly that he sold his watch to buy her combs.

The story ends with a comparison of Jim and Della's gifts to the gifts that the Magi, or three wise men, gave to Baby Jesus in the manger in the biblical story of Christmas. The narrator concludes that Jim and Della are far wiser than the Magi because their gifts are gifts of love, and those who give out of love and self-sacrifice are truly wise because they know the value of self-giving love.

Reflection from Fr. Ed

Beloved,

Therefore, I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. 1 Timothy 2:8

Ever since coming to Guardian Angels, I have heard a common refrain, "We are a welcoming parish." I find that wonderful and refreshing. When we welcome others, we are living the life of Christ who welcomed all, saint or sinner, Zionist zealot or Rome-collaborating tax collector. Jesus welcomed them all and brought them into his brotherhood of disciples that would become his Church on earth.

When I reflect on how being a welcoming parish plays out in this modern world, I picture this image. Two men walk into our vestibule wearing different ballcaps. One is green and reads, "Protect the Planet," or "Save the Whales." The other is red and reads "Make America Great Again," or "Drill, Drill, Drill." And, the two embrace each other as brothers without feeling obligated to argue or convince the other of the error of his ways. Or, two women come into our vestibule one wearing a jacket with a picture of a rainbow and the word "COEXIST." The other is wearing a jacket with a picture of the Bible and the words, "Read the Catechism." And, the two embrace each other as sisters without arguing or trying to convince the other of the error of their ways. Then, I think we are truly welcoming as

Christ is welcoming.

The more we can walk on this earth with a heavenly perspective, the more we can overcome our perceptions and prejudices and love as Jesus loves. For in heaven, there is no America; there is no earth to save. There is no catechism or rainbow, just God himself who writes his law on our hearts and is the light of the City of God.

In this life we are all on a journey. Some are farther ahead, others are father behind, distracted by the bobbles of this world and moving slowly. But as Jesus called us to take up our cross and follow him, the issue is direction not perfection. Some who think they are farther along may feel emboldened to push ahead those who they consider to be lagging. But they will soon discover that the only direction they can push someone is away, away from the church and away from God.

So, let us all set our faces firmly on Christ our goal and walk with what strength we have. Let the strong encourage the weak, but never judge. And, let the weak continue to strive until we are all made one in Christ.

Fr. 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)

Mary Delac, Principal mdelac@olhkcmo.org

4232 Mercier, Kansas City, MO 64111

Office: (816) 931-1693; Fax: (816) 931-6713

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

All gifts should be returned to the church or parish office no later than Tuesday, December 17th.



If you need a ride to Mass, please contact Kate in the Parish Office and let her know your name, address and which mass you wish to attend. If you can assist with bringing a person to Mass, please also call Kate and give

her your name and let her know which mass you attend. The parish office phone is (816) 931-4351.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, December 17** — Gifts for the Giving Tree must be
Received 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 amChristmas Mass
- Wednesday, January 1**
 10:00 amMass for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
 Mother of God
- Tuesday, January 7**
 6:30 pm.....Pastoral Council in Parish Office
- Tuesday, January 21**
 6:00 pm.....Green Team in Parish Office
- Tuesday, January 28**
 6:30 pm.....Finance Council in Parish Office

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