



# GUARDIAN ANGELS

TOGETHER WITH

# OUR LADY OF HOPE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ourladyofhopekc.com  
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YouTube.com/c/GuardianAngelsKC

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(816) 931-1693

## Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday (*bilingual*) ..... 4:00pm  
Sunday ..... 8:00am  
Sunday (*Divine Worship Missal*) 9:30am  
Sunday\* ..... 11:00am  
Tuesday\* ..... 12:00 Noon  
Wednesday\* ..... 12:00 Noon  
Thursday ..... 8:15am School Mass  
Thursday\* ..... 12:00 Noon

\*Mass streamed online

*In the event of a funeral on same day,  
daily Mass will be superseded by the funeral*

## Reconciliation:

Tuesday ..... 11:15am  
Saturday ..... 3:00pm  
Other days ..... call for appointment

## Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday ..... 9:00am - 2:30pm  
Friday ..... by appointment only

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Sunday ..... 10:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday ..... 3:00pm - 4:00pm

# REPENT



“But I tell you, if you do not  
repent, you will all perish  
as they did!”

LUKE 13:3

**Friday, March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**, is not a day of abstinence from meat. According to canon 1251: Abstinence from eating meat or some other food according to the prescripts of the conference of bishops is to be observed on every Friday of the year unless a Friday occurs on a day listed as a solemnity.

## COMING UP.....

**Saturday, Mar 19, 26** 5:00p ..... Recovery Group  
**Sunday, Mar 20, 27** 9:00a ..... School of Religion  
**Sunday, Mar 20, 27** 10:30a .. Coffee & Donuts—all are invited  
**Wednesday, March 23** 10:00a . Quilting Group—Parish Hall  
**Wednesday, March 23** 6:00p ..... Padre at the Pub  
**Thursday, March 24** 6:00p ..... Conf. & HS Youth  
**Wednesday, April 6** 6:00p ..... Communal Penance Service  
**Sunday, Apr 10** ..... Palm Sunday  
**Sunday, Apr 10** 12:00p ..... Women's Ministry  
**Thursday, April 14** 6:00p ..... Holy Thursday Mass  
**Friday, April 15** Noon ..... Stations of the Cross  
**Friday, April 15** 6:00p ..... Adoration of the Cross  
**Saturday, April 16** 8:00p ..... Easter Vigil  
**Tuesday, April 19** 5:45p ..... Green Team (via Zoom)  
**Tuesday, April 19** ..... No Confessions  
**Tue/Wed/Thur, April 19-20-21** ..... No Daily Mass

## CLEAN-UP DAYS

**March 26** - The Volker Neighborhood Association scheduled a Neighborhood Cleanup Saturday March 26 9 to 12 noon They will stage the event from the west side of the school parking lot.

**April 2** - All Guardian Angels Parishioners are invited to help clean up parish grounds Saturday, April 2 9 to 12 noon. Bring your rakes, brooms, gloves, etc. & help us prepare for Easter week. This is a big job—we truly appreciate everyone's participation.

## FROM THE GREEN TEAM — WATER

Water is one of God's life sustaining gifts that we might take for granted. We are blessed with plenty of affordable, clean drinking water and enough rainfall to grow our food and landscaping plants. There seems to be plenty of water here, but recent severe droughts farther to the west and elsewhere brought on or aggravated by climate change are calling into question the plentiful water supply that we have assumed would always sustain us. In Lent we remember that we are called as Catholics to be good stewards of God's gifts of creation. We can help do our part personally to assure adequate water supplies by fixing water leaks and installing efficient kitchen and bathroom plumbing fixtures at home. We can also run the dishwasher and washing machine only with full loads, and plant native and drought resistant plants in our yards and gardens, as just a few examples of many ways we might make a difference.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Beloved,

An important aspect of the spiritual life of any Christian is a daily surrender to Christ. Jesus called on his disciples to "take up your cross daily." As Christians, it is Christ whom we worship. It is Christ whom we serve. Because it is Christ who reconciled all mankind to God the Father.

In these columns, I have been sharing a number of short 5-second prayers that can be uttered throughout the day to keep us focused on God. There are many prayers of daily surrender. Even the "Our Father" if prayed with intention, is a wonderful prayer of daily surrender.

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done.

One of my favorite prayers of daily surrender comes from the liturgy of the Sacrament of Matrimony. In the wedding ceremony both the bride and the groom say this to each other.

All that I am and all that I have I give to you.  
Recalling that the Church is the bride of Christ, I think it fitting for us to restate that vow to Christ on a regular, even daily basis. Again, I recommend you say the prayer with breath and great intention.

(inhale) All that I am and all that I have  
(exhale) I give to you, O Lord.

Many times each day, most of us want to take control of our lives away from Christ and into our own hands. This simple prayer is a great way to resubmit our lives to the Lover of our souls. It is precisely because he loves us even more than we can love ourselves that we are encouraged to submit to him. We need have no fear that Jesus will ever do anything to harm us or lead us into destruction. And so, we give ourselves to him daily and allow his Holy Spirit to guide us on pathways of peace.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Ed

*It is better to be loving than to be right.*  
Father Ed Wills



## MAKE AN IMPACT NOURISH AND CONNECT

We're incredibly grateful to have you in our community! Thanks for your support and commitment to social justice and to our small neighborhood food pantry.

In the past year, we've grown to more than 60 volunteers, and in 2021 we served 1,204 households ... up from 479 the previous year. it's all because of big warm hearts like yours. We've reached out and made a difference. We've shown love, integrity and encouragement, and we've received waaaaaayyyy more than we've given ... many lasting friendships, family connections and pure joy. Here's a [link](#) to sign up to volunteer or email Diana Henry when you'd like to help at dianahenry1@mac.com.



## SPECIAL PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

*Please pray for:*



Louis Aguilar, Jr., Janet & John Altman, Shirley Andrade, Angela & Henry Barbosa, Jeanne Boucek, Ginger Camerillo, Connie Chaffin, Kelly and Joseph Chambers, Livia Ciplea, Larry Clark, Aurora Davis, Nancy Dixon, Catheryn Dugan, Bob Edsell, Jose Padilla Enriques, Ricky Foster, Lucy Garcia, Rudy Garcia, Shawn Gaupp, Mertie Gramlich, Jeff Griffith, Charles Guerera, Helen Henderson, Brenda Henley, Chris Hernandez, Frankie Hernandez, Manuel Hernandez Sr., Rita & Nick Hernandez, Mary Hitchcock, Kenny Jones, Adri Jordison, Freddie Juarez, Jackie Kallman, Kevin Koch, Isaac Kwasniak, Eugene Lawhon, Diane Layes, Genevieve Sumstine Lewis, Delores Lopez, Michael Lucas, Marian, Andy McEachron, Wendy McKellar, Harper McLean, Katie Mendoza, Jimmy Miller, Cathy & James Norbury, Joe Padilla, Ashley Parton, Annette Perez, Pete Pierron, Guadalupe Reyes, Theo Stephen Ridenour, Teresa Rivera, Pete Jon Rouse, Mary Beth Ryan, Thomas Ryan, Jessie Ruiz, Michael Schlueter, Kelli Seiler, Diane Stahl, Kathleen Stanton, Ben Studebaker, Susan Tarwater, Andrew Taylor, Soccorro Velo, Carl Walston, Michael Weaver, Mark Wilborn, Jacob Wiltse, Jim Wood, Katrina Worth.

*To add a name to our prayer list, contact the parish office.*

## OVERCOMING DISASTER

In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family?



Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more..

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

**APRIL 29—MAY 1**

The Beginning Experience Weekend for persons who are separated, divorced or widowed. The program helps men and women work through the grief process associated with the end of a marriage and move into the future with new hope. For more information: [beginningexperiencekc.org](http://beginningexperiencekc.org) or call Maria at 913-314-9844.

## PADRE AT THE PUB—MARCH 23—6PM



Padre at the Pub provides a relaxed and safe atmosphere to open up and ask those things that have been gnawing at you.

All are invited to join us at the Westport Flea Market

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 19

4:00pm + Eddie Franco

### Sunday, March 20

8:00am + Salvador Barbosa

9:30am For the parishioners of Our Lady of Hope and Guardian Angels, living and deceased

11:00am\* + Patty Regan

### Tuesday, March 22

12:00pm\* Peace in the Ukraine & for all who have died in war and violence

### Wednesday, March 23

12:00pm\* + Ray Palmer

### Thursday, March 24

12:00pm\* + Wladyslawa Warwas

\*Mass streamed online and in person at the parish

## ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE



Volunteers will be accepting donations for the School/Parish Rummage Sale and start setting up on Sunday April 24. Please contact the parish office if you can help with this fundraising project. Thanks!

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### March 20 SUNDAY—3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

### March 21 MONDAY

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

### March 22 TUESDAY

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

### March 23 WEDNESDAY—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

### March 24 THURSDAY

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

### March 25 FRIDAY—The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

### March 26 SATURDAY

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

### NEXT SUNDAY—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



## SACRAMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION

### New Parishioners

Welcome! Please register by filling out the post card in the welcome packet given to you at Mass, download a registration form from our website, or contact the parish office. We are glad you are here!

### Baptism

Contact the parish office to schedule the baptismal class and the date of the baptism.

### Marriage

Contact the parish office preferably nine months before your proposed marriage date.

### Sick or Hospitalized

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

### Funeral

For funeral arrangements, please contact the church office.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Father Ed hears confessions regularly on Saturday and also by appointment. Please call him at the church office for appointment if you can't make it on Saturday.

### Quinceañera

Please contact Fr. Ed to schedule the date.

### Religious Education, Confirmation & RCIA

Contact Fr. Ed at the church office or send him an email at [info@guardianangelskc.org](mailto:info@guardianangelskc.org).

### Mass Intentions, Parish Hall & School Cafeteria Rental

Please contact Laurie Jo at the church office.

### Studies and Homilies

Listen to Father Ed Wills' podcasts of homilies, studies: [FatherEdWills.podbean.com](http://FatherEdWills.podbean.com) and at iTunes Podcasts.

## 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, and
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](mailto: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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## FROM OUR FINANCE DIRECTOR

*Don't carry cash or checks?* No worries! Other options available:


- Contact us to set up tithing through automatic direct dep
- Sign up for one-time or recurring donations via PayPal on our website
- VENMO: @Guardian-Angels-2
- The DipJar is located at the back of church by the Sacred Heart Statue.

### Parish Income & Expenses

February 2022	Parish Offering
Contribution Income	\$19,850.00
Food Pantry	\$1,172.00
Special Collections	\$2,083.00
Operational Income	\$1,604.00
Building Fund	\$911.00
Total Collections	\$25,620.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Diocesan Assessment	
Outstanding Balance of \$69,121 as of Feb. 15, 2022	\$0.00
Operating Expenses (monthly)	\$23,170.00
Net Income for Month	\$2,450.00

the Diocese in February; therefore, we are in the green for the month.

*Please note:* we have a 2nd collection for the Catholic Relief Services on March 27. Thank you.

  
Don't forget to add Guardian Angels to your Amazon Smile account. Your support is appreciated! ½ percent of all purchases you make will be donated to the parish each quarter.

**Your Giving Matters!**

We did not send a check to

**Thank you!**

A Big Thanks to all who supported the Lenten Dinner on March 18. The event was a tremendous success.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY



**A veteran is someone who at one point in his or her life wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including his/her life.**

Ryan M. Asbury (Air Force), Ryan Edenburn (Marines), Sam Fair (Air Force), Carlos Garcia III (Navy), Daniel Hitchcock (Army), Jonathan Hitchcock (Army), Stephen Hitchcock (Army), Nate Hitchcock (Army), Nick Mallott, Michael Mathews (Army), Dylan Palmer (Marines), Joe Penniston, James Reyes (Marines), Geoff Schultz (Air Force), Michael Sparks (Navy), Garrett Trowbridge (Army), Connor Wiltse (Air Force).

John 15:13

*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends*

# GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

March 20, 2022

Beloved

I don't know about you, but this has been one of the most exciting Lents I have ever experienced. What excites me this Lent is you. Your response to our Wednesday night events has been fabulous. Last night we had almost 50 in church for the Explanatory Mass. There was also a great turnout for the Healing Mass. And I expect another great turnout for this Wednesday's **Padre at the Pub at the Westport Flea Market**. We will start our discussion at 6 pm, but come early if you would like to take advantage of Happy Hour prices from 4-6. Remember, Westport Flea Market is a cash only establishment.

Be sure you come to the **Holy Name Society's Holy Molé Dinner this Friday evening**. It will be a to go dinner served from the school cafeteria from 4-7 pm. The Parish Hall will be open for those who choose to eat together. I will bring my guitar and provide some dinner music. All other musicians are invited to come jam.

Several of you have spoken to me about resuming Eucharistic Adoration. When I first arrived here, the parish had Adoration every Friday. Covid ended that, and we have not restarted it. I thought one way to kick start Adoration in the parish would be to have a **40 Days with the Lord during Holy Week**. People can [sign up](#) for 1-hour increments. The schedule will be:

Palm Sunday noon till 5 pm

Monday 9 am – 5 pm

Tuesday 9 am – 5 pm

Wednesday 9 am – 5 pm

Thursday 9 am – 5 pm

Friday 9 am – noon

*Total 40 hours*

I pray you are all enjoying as exciting a Lent as I am. If not, come to Westport Flea Market at 6 pm on Wednesday to see what all the excitement is about.

In Christ,  
Fr Ed Wills