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THIRD SUNDAY

OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



DECEMBER 13, 2020

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Mass Schedule/ Horario de Misas

Mon, Tues, Thurs 6:30 a.m.
Wed, Fri (Mie, Vier) 12:15 p.m.
Saturday/Sábado 8 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sundays/Domingo:
English 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m.
Español 12:45 p.m.;
Burmese 2:30 p.m.

School of Religion K-8 Catecismo K-8

Wednesdays/Miercoles 7 p.m.
(September—April)

RCIA Classes (Adults)

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Sept—Easter

Adoration

Tuesdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Marriages/Matrimonios

Please notify the pastor
8-10 months prior to wedding.
Favor de notificar a la parroquia
8-10 meses antes.

Baptisms/Bautismos

By appointment only;
Por cita solamente.

Confessions/Confesiones

3:30 p.m. Saturdays,
5:30 p.m. Tuesdays
or by appointment
Español— Martes a las 5:30 p.m.
Sabados a las 3:30 p.m.



Pastor

Father Mark Mertes (mmertes@archkck.org)

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Father Shawn Tunink
www.ShawnTheBaptist.org

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Father Michael Van Lian

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**From Father Shawn Tunink,
Parochial Vicar:**

Today's feast, "Gaudete Sunday" takes its name from the words of St. Paul that begin this Mass. He reminds us to "Rejoice (gaudete) in the Lord always!" We also light that distinctive rose candle in our Advent wreaths today. Surrounded by the darker purple candles, the rose candle is a sign of hope and light in the darkness.

But is the rose candle really a "bright" color? It certainly appears so among the purple candles. But if the rose candle were placed with three white candles, it would now be the darkest candle. Note that nothing about the candle itself changed. Only the context changed. This is perhaps the best way to consider St. Paul's famous advice.

We should rejoice in the Lord always. Whether life surrounds us with purple candles of suffering and difficulty or bright white candles of joy and peace, we should thank the Lord. We remain rose, steadfast, neither altogether light nor dark. No matter what temporary situations surround us, our strength must be to rejoice in the Lord always!



Thank You!

Thank you to the many parishioners who donated disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizers, masks and funds for the mister solution! Your generous response is a great help to the parish budget! May you be blessed abundantly!

Invitation to Pray for Young Men on Retreat

You are invited to pray for young men who are on the annual Quo Vadis vocation discernment retreat next weekend, December 18-20, at Savior Pastoral Center. This retreat is for single men high school juniors and older, who have been invited to immerse themselves in liturgies, prayer, and time with Archdiocesan seminarians who are discerning their own call from the Lord. There will be a panel of priests and seminarians to share their discernment stories and experiences, and time with Archbishop Naumann. Fr. Dan Morris, Vocation Director, expects 50 attendees. He invites parishioners to pray for the young men attending, and for those presenting during the retreat. You are encouraged to set aside time to pray during the weekend. There are 3 important times Fr. Morris would appreciate your prayers: Friday, Dec. 18, 7– 7:45 pm; Saturday, Dec. 19, 9–9:45 am and Sunday, Dec. 20, 9–10 am. Thanks to all who will be using the power of prayer to support vocations to the priesthood in our Archdiocese.

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**Scripture Readings for
Week of December 14-20**

Mon/Lun:	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27
Tue/Mar:	Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32
Wed/Mie:	Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23
Thur/Jue:	Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Fri/Vie:	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25
Sat/Sab:	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Sun/Dom:	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

Desde Padre Shawn Tunink:

La fiesta de hoy, "Domingo Gaudete" toma su nombre de las palabras de San Pablo que comienzan esta Misa. Él nos recuerda: "¡Alégrense (gaudete) en el Señor siempre!" También encendemos esa vela rosa distintiva en nuestras coronas de Adviento hoy. Rodeada por las velas de color morado, la vela rosa es un signo de esperanza y luz en la oscuridad.

Pero, ¿es la vela rosa realmente un color "brillante"? Ciertamente lo parece entre las velas moradas. Pero si la vela rosa se colocara con tres velas blancas, ahora sería la vela más oscura. Tenga en cuenta que nada sobre la vela en sí cambió. Solo cambió el contexto. Esta es quizás la mejor manera de considerar el famoso consejo de San Pablo.

Debemos regocijarnos en el Señor siempre. Ya sea que la vida nos rodee con velas moradas de sufrimiento y dificultad o velas blancas brillantes de gozo y paz, debemos agradecer al Señor. Permanecemos rosados, firmes, ni del todo claro ni oscuro. No importa qué situaciones temporales nos rodeen, ¡nuestra fuerza debe ser regocijarnos en el Señor siempre!

Paz y bien,
Padre Shawn

Urgent Life Resources



Pregnant? Need Help?:

Gabriel Project 913.602.0306 | gabrielprojectkc.com

Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline:

877-558-0333 | AbortionPillReversal.com

Post-Abortive Help: Project Rachel & Project Joseph

913.621.2199 | projectrachelkc.com

End of Life Decisions:

archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care

National Catholic Bioethics Hotline 215.877.2660

Suicide Hotline:

800.273.8255 | archkck.org/Catholic-Counselors

Winter Weather Cancellations

When St. Patrick School is canceled due to winter weather, all parish activities are also canceled, including daily Mass and Adoration. If school is open but weather conditions worsen throughout the day, parish groups and classes will decide whether to cancel. Please use caution before heading to the parish during dangerous weather!

Have You Been Away From The Sacrament of Confession?

If you have not been to confession in awhile, we encourage you to receive the gift of Christ's mercy for Christmas. Unsure of how to go to confession? We can help. Contact Theresa Smith, 913-299-3370 or tsmith@archkckcs.org for assistance.

Limpieza de la Iglesia

La limpieza de la iglesia a sido pospuesta.

Ministerios

Si usted desea inscribirse o informarse sobre los ministerios de Lector, Ministro Extraordinario de la Comunión, Hospitalidad, limpieza de los viernes, Coro, o Monaguillo, por favor de mandar un correo electronico a jcarpio@stpatrickkck.org. Su parroquia los necesita.

Si le gustaría hablar con el Padre Mark por favor de llamar al 913/299-3370 en la oficina parroquial. También, si necesitan ayuda en español por favor de llamar al 913/299-3370, ext. 104.

Christmas Decorating Help Needed!

It takes a lot of volunteers to decorate the Church for the Christmas season! If you have free time or need service hours, please call Diane Linder at 913-645-6648 for information on volunteering. Thank you for helping us celebrate the birth of Christ!

Men Are Invited to Join Green Club

Men are invited to join the Green Club. Our next meeting is Monday, December 14 in the Parish Center at 7 pm. Food will be served, following covid restrictions. The Green Club does a lot for the parish and school. We clean Church, maintain the grounds, organize the fish dinners, host a steak dinner and taco dinner annually plus help with the Ice Cream Social. Green Club was responsible for purchasing new items for the parish such as microphones for Church. Call Fritz, 913-515-0621, to attend the meeting and for more information.

Reporting Suspected Abuse

Archdiocese remains committed to investigating any allegation of abuse of a minor made against any member of the clergy or any church employee or volunteer—no matter the age of incident or current age of the victim. Individuals are encouraged to call confidential report line at 913-647-3051 or archkck.org/reportabuse to make a report to Jan Saylor, archdiocesan report investigator, and to call law enforcement directly. If a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, call 911.

Training is required before volunteering with children at the parish or school.

To volunteer with children in the parish or school, you must first attend a Virtus "Protecting God's Children" session and pass a background check. Trainings can be found at www.virtusonline.org. Your account must remain current with assigned articles. Contact Betty Ann Battson, Virtus Coordinator, 299-3728 or bbattson@stpatrickkck.org.

Christmas Flowers In Memory Of ...

Although contribution envelopes specific to Flowers and/or Memorial Flowers was not included with the offertory envelopes, you may donate toward Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Checks will be accepted at the parish office or in the weekend offertory through December 18. Please indicate on your envelope or in the memo line of your check that the donation is for flowers in the name of your deceased loved one. The list of Loved Ones will be published in a bulletin shortly after Christmas. Thank you for your contribution to add to the beauty of the Christmas season and the Church!

Mass Intentions

(Intenciones)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13—*Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m. Mass Int: Raymond Stokes, Jr. †
9:15 a.m. Mass Int: Sally Hurtado †
11:00 a.m. Mass Int: John Kluck †
12:45 p.m. (Spanish) Int: People of the Parish
2:30 p.m. (Burmese) Mass Int: Holy Souls †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14—*St John of the Cross*

6:30 a.m. Mass Int: Connie Russell †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:30 a.m. Mass Int: Hazel Laukemper †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:10 a.m. Mass Int: Msgr Charles McGlinn †
12:15 p.m. Mass Int: Ray Welhley †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:30 a.m. Mass Int: Loretta Dumovich Riss †
8:10 a.m. Mass Int: Priests of the Archdiocese

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:15 p.m. Mass Int: Bill Kahmann †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 a.m. Mass Int: St. Patrick Parishioners
5:00 p.m. Mass Int: Jerry Sipes †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20—*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:30 a.m. Mass Int: Ursula Orlich †; John Crilly †
9:15 a.m. Mass Int: People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Mass Int: Linda and Joe Nick †
12:45 p.m. (Spanish) Int: People of the Parish
2:30 p.m. Burmese Mass Int: Holy Souls †

Confession Schedule:

Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. (English and Spanish)
Saturdays 3:30



Join us Thursday, December 17
at 7 pm in Church for a special
evening of Advent music and
reflections presented by Father
Shawn Tunink and Cindy Bounds!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 5 pm and 10 pm (English)
7:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Christmas Day: 8 and 10 am (English)
2:30 p.m. (Burmese)

Christmas time is and should be a time of peace and joy. After the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass, let us take 2 minutes to ring in Peace and Joy to celebrate Christ's coming. Christmas bells will be provided in the west vestibule. Please help us spread the Good News of the Newborn King! If you'll be at home, ring bells (use your phone, if needed!) at 6 pm to join in the spirit!

Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas continues to develop programming that removes barriers and supports people on the road to self-sufficiency. This past fiscal year we provided skills training, employment and financial education to 8914 people. Your donation to the Christmas 2nd Collection will help Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas provide programs and services to people in need throughout all 21 Counties of our Archdiocese.

Like us on Facebook for Parish Updates! @StPatrickKCK

Father Mark Mertes will post Sunday Masses and reflections or discussions on our page including Spanish content.

Father Mark's Bible Study!

Thursdays, Facebook Live, 7 pm

You're welcome to ask questions in the comments! If you can't join him live, watch the video to prepare for Sunday Mass!

Father Shawn Tunink's Morning Message!

Join Father Shawn every morning via Facebook live (parish page or Shawn the Baptist) for a brief message to start your day!

Shawn the Baptist Show!

Join Father Shawn every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm via Facebook live (parish page or Shawn the Baptist) for an interactive discussion of a topic of faith!

**www.stpatrickkck.org: Online giving is
now available! Click "Give Now."**

**Masses live streamed! Saturdays 5 p.m.
Spanish Mass Sundays 12:45 p.m.**

*Please contact Theresa Smith, 913-299-3370 or
tsmith@archkckcs.org to add or remove a name.
Only family may add names because of privacy.*

Please pray for the sick: Vincent Anderjaska, Andrew Becker, Donna Bileck, Ann Bolden, Ray Bond, Douglas Braman, Victor Braman, Mary Ann Bush, Hannah Buttaccio, Bob Butters, Bernie Callaghan, Cindy Cigich, Owen Cigich, Raymond Cote, Vernon Cox, Thresa Ehrhart, Margo Evans, Keith Geary, Bill Ghale, Cora Grant, Teresa Green, Blia Her, Randy Herrington, Shirley Imhoff, Mike Kerns, Michael Killian, Mary Elaine Kohler, Sophia Kovacs, Joyce Leiker, Debbie Martin, Martha McCarty, Fred McClain, Angela McDonald, Andrea McNeely, Laraun McNeely, Willetta Minters, Ashley Mizell, Belinda Ogan, Josephine Ogan, Mary Jo Prock, Mary Lou Schmalz, Dennis and Stephanie Seufferling, Linda Shalz, Helen Sims, Jack Sixta, Tom Sixta, Leo Storm, Margaret Struzzo, Joseph Tayler, Barbara Thiessen, Deacon Charlie Voss, Glenn Waltsak, Bob Williams, Joe Wingerter

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office, 299-3370, to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. If your condition worsens, you recover then become ill again or face new challenges due to aging, it's appropriate to be anointed again.

Please pray daily for those who have died:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Home Visits

If you are homebound (for any reason) and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact the parish office, (913) 299-3370 to arrange a time for one of our priests or the deacon to visit.

Grief Support Group

Suspended Until Further Notice

Our parish Grief Support Group will resume meeting when possible. God bless you and know that you will be remembered in prayer.

What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits toward me? Psalm 116:12

As we long for Christmas, we prepare our hearts for the birth of Our Savior at Christmas. How can we make a return to the LORD? Here are some ideas for end of the year giving to St Patrick's Church and School with gratitude for all the LORD has done for us!

CARES Act

Did you know that on March 28, 2020, Congress enacted two charitable tax provisions to encourage cash gifts in 2020? These include:

- A new deduction for charitable donors who do not itemize when filing their tax returns. If you do not itemize but make a gift to charity, you will be allowed to take a special tax deduction, up to \$300, to reduce your tax liability.
- An increase in the deduction limit up to 100% of a donor's annual income for cash gifts (previously the deduction was capped at 60% of annual income). If you make a gift today, you will be able to deduct more this year.

Matching Gifts

Ask your employer if there is a Matching Gift Program for you. Each program has its own specifics, but in general a Matching Gift Program will match your donation to St Patrick's School in some percentage, up to 100%. Employers give to charities each year, why not St Patrick's School? When you give to St Patrick's this year, ask your employer to match it, thus doubling your donation!

Charitable Gift Annuity

A Charitable Gift Annuity can address the ups and downs of the stock market.

Think about exchanging your low-performing stock, CDs or cash for guaranteed, lifetime fixed payments. The older you are, the greater your annual annuity income.

If you make a gift of an appreciated asset, you will not have to pay capital gains when you fund the annuity. You may also benefit from a tax deduction this year and a portion of your payments could be tax-free.

IRA Rollover - RMD

For the year 2020, there will be no mandatory distributions from retirement accounts (whatever the age of the owner), thus allowing those accounts to recover. The minimum age for making a tax-free transfer from an IRA to a charity remains at 70½, and the annual limit remains at \$100,000. However, since cash gifts are deductible in 2020 to the extent of adjusted gross income, a person could withdraw and then contribute a larger amount-with the deduction offsetting the taxable withdrawal.



The Office of Stewardship and Development invites you to plan a deferred gift by designating your parish or school as a beneficiary of a percentage of your life insurance, IRA or other asset.



A Legacy Gift Idea

Consider a percentage of your savings, investment, and retirement accounts for a deferred gift to the parish at death, by using the **beneficiary designation form** supplied by your account's administrator.

Beneficiary Designations take precedence over bequests in a Will or Trust, so make sure the bequests through each means, match.

This information is not intended as tax, legal or financial advice. Gift results may vary. Consult your personal financial advisor for information specific to your situation.

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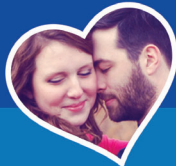
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Parish Ministries/Ministerios

Pastoral Council / Consejo Parroquial:
Nominations for Members will be accepted soon.

Altar Society President/
Presidente Sociedad del Altar
Mickie Miller

CYO Director
Ashley Calderon

Finance Council / Consejo Financiero:
Caroline Brown, Bob Charbonneau, Joe Globoke,
Ron Green, Moe Kancel, Diane Linder, Deacon
Charlie Voss, and Eugenia Winkelbauer

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Fritz Vertz (913-515-0621)

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Kim Wetzel-Williams

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Shamrock Club
Regina Seuferling

Social Concerns
Consejo de asuntos sociales
Carroll and Katie Macke

Vocations Ministry/Comite de Vocaciones
Glenn Miller

Contact Information/Contacto

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Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Mondays-
Thursdays, 8 am—4:30 pm; Fridays, 8—Noon
(Office is closed 12:15-1:15); Ayuda en español con
Jessy solo los miercoles de 3-6 pm
Office Fax/Fax de las Oficinas 788-2644
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Parish Mission Statement/Misión

St. Patrick Parish is called to love and
serve the Lord, to grow in knowledge,
virtue and holiness and to spread the Gospel.

La parroquia de San Patricio esta llamada a
amar y servir al Señor, a crecer en conocimien-
to, virtud y santidad y a compartir el evangelio.

Core Values: Christ-Centered, Evangelization,
Formation for All Ages, Family (Individual Fami-
lies and Parish Family), Stewardship