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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am

Weekday

Monday & Friday 12:15 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Holy Day Mass

Schedule will be announced.

Confession

20 Minutes before Weekday Mass
Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm
Sunday 7:45-8:15, 10:30-10:50 am

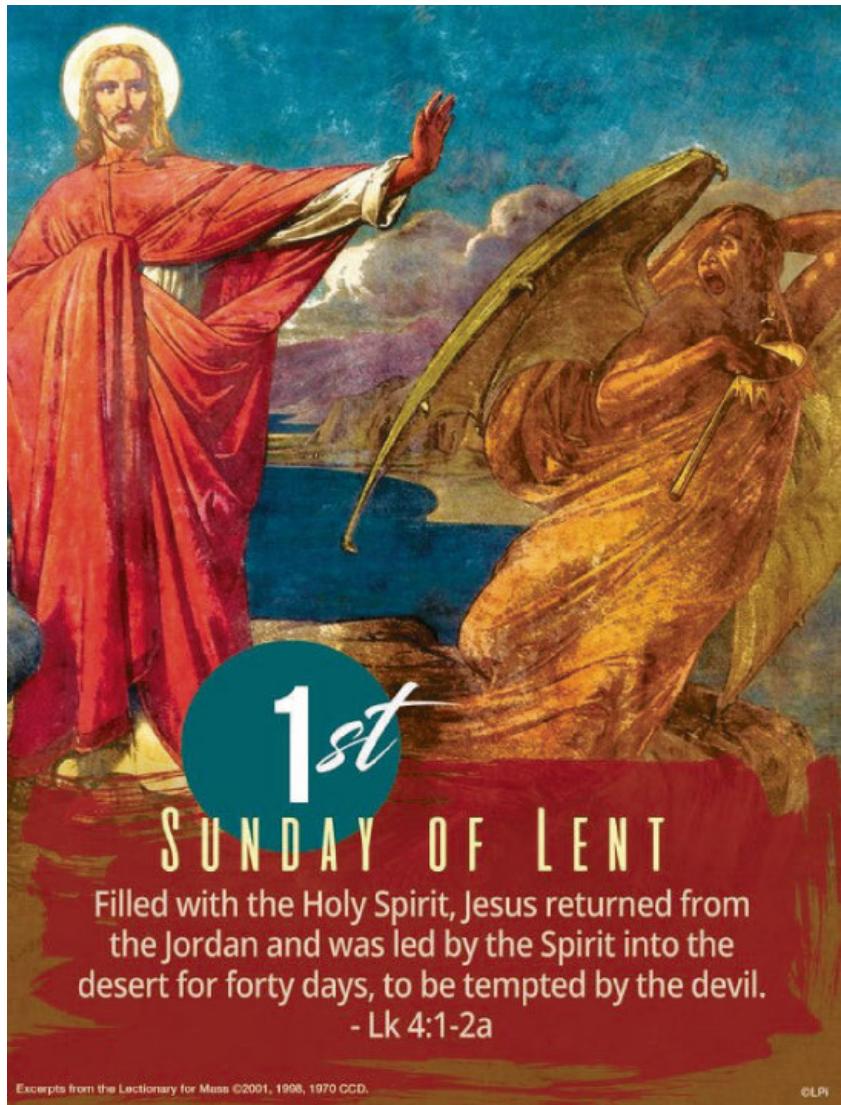
HOLY SACRAMENTS

Baptismal Preparation

Please contact Fr. Christian to schedule Baptism Prep and the date of the Baptism. Parents are encouraged to contact Fr. Christian before the child is born.

Marriage

Persons seeking to be married here must be registered parishioners. Please contact Fr. Christian approximately ten months prior to the anticipated wedding date.



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Catholic Church leads others to
Jesus Christ,
Promotes and embraces the sacraments,
Encourages a life of prayer,
And nurtures ongoing conversion.
Mission Statement*



Much gratitude to the Founding Members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, some of whom are pictured here, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 26th as we celebrated the 40 year Anniversary of our Parish.

Front row: Rick Gilmore, Diane Ricci, Bob Eiman, Shirley Neumann, and Francis Talbot. **Middle row:** Jean Noller, Tish Kneib, Virginia Weigum, Sharon Schultz, Sarretta Jung, Margaret Grosdidier, and Valerie George. **Back row:** Bill Noller, Larry Miller, Bill Andresen, Joyce Estes, Rose Reichman, Jo Ann Christman, Barry Claywell, Carol Gawatz, and Pat Neumann. **Not pictured:** Alice Andresen, Virginia Colgan, Jerry & Joan Gillig, Amy Green, Shirley Goodwin, Roger Knapp, Rosie & Roger Schultz, and Mary Ann Waller.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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, 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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Advocate at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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Six Little Stories

1. Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of the prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That is faith.**
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That is trust.**
3. Every night as we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set the alarms to wake up. **That is hope.**
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That is confidence.**
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. **That is love.**
6. On an old man's shirt was written, "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." **That is attitude.**

Have a great week and a Blessed Lent!!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Catechism of the Catholic Church - Paragraphs 259 - 260

259 Being a work at once common and personal, the whole divine economy makes known both what is proper to the divine persons, and their one divine nature. Hence the whole Christian life is a communion with each of the divine persons, without in any way separating them. Everyone who glorifies the Father does so through the Son in the Holy Spirit; everyone who follows Christ does so because the Father draws him and the Spirit moves him.

260 The ultimate end of the whole divine economy is the entry of God's creatures into the perfect unity of the Blessed Trinity. But even now we are called to be a dwelling for the Most Holy Trinity: "If a man loves me", says the Lord, "he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him":

O my God, Trinity whom I adore, help me forget myself entirely so to establish myself in you, unmoveable and peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity. May nothing be able to trouble my peace or make me leave you, O my unchanging God, but may each minute bring me more deeply into your mystery! Grant my soul peace. Make it your heaven, your beloved dwelling and the place of your rest. May I never abandon you there, but may I be there, whole and entire, completely vigilant in my faith, entirely adoring, and wholly given over to your creative action. (Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity)

A Letter from Fr. Christian

Dear faithful,

I would like to expound a bit more on my previous letter and also about my homily this past weekend. The point of my last letter was to draw attention to the need for any and every parish to be a place where people can feel welcomed, accepted and loved. This however does not mean that we do so at the expense of the Gospel. This is to say that we don't water down or do away with certain teachings of our faith that may offend. Our faith is counter cultural and challenging and so it will offend some people. We need to be okay with that.

In addition to this, I think that it's important for parishes to be flexible and adapt to times, people and situations that we find ourselves in. We never want to find ourselves saying: "We've always done it this way and there is no other way to do it." In my early days as a priest I thought that I had it all figured out and that I knew how to solve all the problems of the Church. The rest of my priesthood has been these ideas constantly being blown up and failing. Thus, I find myself constantly asking how can I better communicate or engage people with the Gospel message. The content of our faith never changes but the ways in which we communicate it are varied and many. The world in which we live is very different than 1982. There are different needs and different people. The challenge of the parish is to find ways to meet people where they are at and invite them more deeply into their faith.

Peace and God bless,

Fr. Christian

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 7

11:00 am + Helen Haas

Tuesday, March 8

8:00 am + John Christman

Wednesday, March 9

8:00 am + Joan Knapp

6:00 pm + Marie Grame

Thursday, March 10

8:00 am + June Miller

Friday, March 11

12:15 pm + Kenneth Kneib

Saturday, March 12

4:00 pm + Shirley Masson

Sunday, March 13

8:30 am + John Christman

11:00 am Our Parishioners

Sacred Heart School of Faith



**Saint Joseph Feast Day
Spaghetti Dinner
And Family Bingo Night**
Come celebrate the patron Saint of our city!
Everyone welcome!

When: Saturday March 19

**Where: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Church. Summers Hall**

Time : 5-7 pm

Spaghetti Dinner starts at 5pm

**Bingo (with prizes) for the whole family
Begins at 6 pm**

**Please bring a dessert to share (that evening
to the Saint Joseph's Table if you plan to
attend .**

**RSVP not required but appreciated at the
church office**

March 2022 Schedule

School of Faith and Confirmation

Youth groups and Children and Family

Ministries

School of Faith and Confirmation

Sundays from 9:45-10:45

March 6,13 and 27

No programs on March 20th

High school
Youth group

Mondays
At the
Catacombs
March 7,14,28

Grade school
Youth group

In Summers Hall
Thursdays
March 10, 24

Little Flowers
In Marian Hall

March 3, 17, 31
Troops of St George
More info coming
Soon!

Gods
Retreat
Saturday
March 5th
8:30-3:30

Mark your calendar
Saint Joseph's
Feast day Spaghetti Dinner
and Family Bingo . More
info to follow Saturday March 19th
After the 4 pm mass

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Nursery on Sunday mornings
8:15-12:15

*must be 18 or older

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Diocese of KC St Joseph

* or Call the church and ask for Erin

Stewardship



Donation - for week of 2/13/2022
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Plate\$1,473.00
Total \$ 14,412.99
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(Feb. Budget) \$59,309.00

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Thank You!



Our Lenten Program on Wednesday, March 9th will consist of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following Mass, we'll have a "Soup Supper" in Summers Hall prepared by the Parish Staff. They will serve homemade Potato Soup, Chili, crackers and dessert. There is no fee but a "free-will" offering will go to Catholic Charities who provide for people in need in so many ways. The speaker will be our pastor, Fr. Christian Malewski, on the subject of **"What is Spiritual Discouragement? ... and Why Must We Overcome it?** This talk is foundational for the next two talks. It will explore the dynamics of spiritual discouragement and what distinguishes it from other forms of discouragement. Knowing how to identify spiritual discouragement is vital for progress in the spiritual life.

Serving God and Others

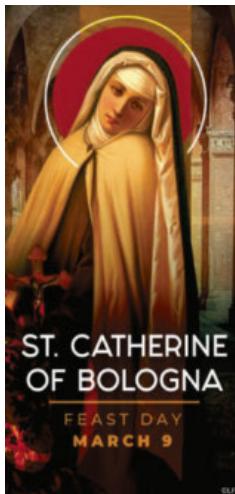
Looking Ahead to Lent: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd with Masses at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. There will be a Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes at 12:15 p.m. On March 9th, 16th, and 23rd, we'll have our usual Lenten gatherings with Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Soup Supper prepared by various parish service groups, and a speaker at 7:00 p.m. On Wednesday, April 13th, we'll have our Seder Ritual and Parish Dinner following the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Mark your calendars ahead and plan to enrich your Lenten experience with these beneficial parish offerings!

Three traditional practices to be taken up with renewed vigor during Lent; these are known as the three pillars of Lent: **prayer** (justice toward God), **fasting** (justice toward self), and **almsgiving** (justice toward neighbors). There's no better time to reconnect with or deepen one's faith than Lent. During this time, we can draw closer to God as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Lenten sacrifices can be valuable if they help increase our reliance on Jesus and if the void we create by giving something up opens up space in our hearts for God to fill. As much as we consider something to abstain from during Lent, we ought to consider what we can commit to as well. What outside actions can we take to better ignite the flame of our faith within us?

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on all the Fridays of Lent starting March 4th at 6:00 p.m., following Confessions beginning at 5:30 p.m. On Good Friday, Stations will be at 3:00 p.m. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. (Typically, at OLOG we stay in our pews, and Father moves from station to station for us. Booklets will be easy to find at the entrance to the church) At each station, we recall and meditate on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited from the booklet, and we sing the Stabat Mater together; then Father moves to the next station until all 14 are complete. Stations of the Cross is a beautiful and meaningful devotional – a great thing to weave into your Lenten journey.

The Birthday Luncheon and Altar Society Meeting for March will be on **Tuesday, March 8th.** **The Altar Society will provide our luncheon meal.** Please arrive at 11:45 a.m. to sign the pre-made birthday cards. The Altar Society meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. Parishioners, Mabel Welch and Debbie Sass, will share their faith experiences of the Lenten season.

Fresh flowers at the Altar remind us of the beauty of God's creation. A contribution of \$100 will provide Altar flowers for a period of one week! Flowers can be given to commemorate an anniversary, a birthday, or special event. This information will be published in the bulletin. Contact the parish office, 232-2847 if interested in scheduling dates to provide the Altar flowers.



St. Catherine of Bologna | March 9

St. Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God. She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence.

As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary.

In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.

Thanks to all who contributed to the **Annual Baby Bottle Campaign** held in January. Contributions were \$2,376.40 to benefit the local Pregnancy Resource Center. Much gratitude to everyone!

The **Son Shine card group** makes hand-made greeting cards for the homebound members of our parish. The next gathering will meet Monday, March 7th at 9am in the Conference room. For more information, contact Nancy Joe 816-390-3855.



The Knights of Columbus Council #5067 in St Joseph Mo will host their annual Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent, 5:00-7:30 pm, beginning March 4, 2022 and will run thru April 8, 2022 at their council hall, 1205 N. 49th Terrace. Menu includes fried catfish, mac and cheese, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, tea and water. Drive-thru available. Prices \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 12 and younger.



Pietra Fitness Gathering: All ladies of all fitness levels are invited to a Pietra Fitness Gathering! Experience Pietra Fitness – a fitness class that stretches and tones the body while refreshing the soul with prayer. We will also discuss how to restore motivation by establishing Christ at the center, when committing to healthy habits. Join us in the morning or evening on Thursday, March 10th 9:00 - 10:30 AM or 6:30 - 8:00pm in Summers Hall. Please bring an exercise mat. Optional \$10 donation welcomed. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Try Pietra Fitness online with a free, 2-week trial membership at www.pietrafitness.com. Questions? Contact Rachel Hansen, Certified Pietra Fitness Instructor, at rachel88hansen@gmail.com.



The Food of the Month for March is canned fruit or vegetables. Vitamins , A, B & C – so important for adults and children alike! Please place your donation in one of the wooden food crates located at each entrance of the church. All of the wooden crate donations go directly to the local Catholic food pantries. Thank you



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