**DECEMBER 13, 2020** Third Sunday of Advent

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mass Schedule	
Sunday Eucharist	
Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Weekday (see schedule)	
Monday	5:30 PM
Tuesday	12:00 PM
Wed, Thurs & Friday	8:00 AM
Adoration	

Wednesday......9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### **Sacraments**

Reconciliation

By appointment only.

### Anointing of the Sick

Call before hospital stay, if possible.

### **Infant Baptism**

Call during pregnancy for dates of preparation class and Baptism.

### Marriage

Allow 10 months for marriage preparation. Please call the Office for an appointment to set

### **Annulment & Marriage Validation**

Please call the Office for more information.

### **Joining the Catholic Church**

RCIA process begins each September and leads to Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter Vigil.

### **Scripture Readings-Cycle B**

### Week of December 13, 2020

Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tues: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

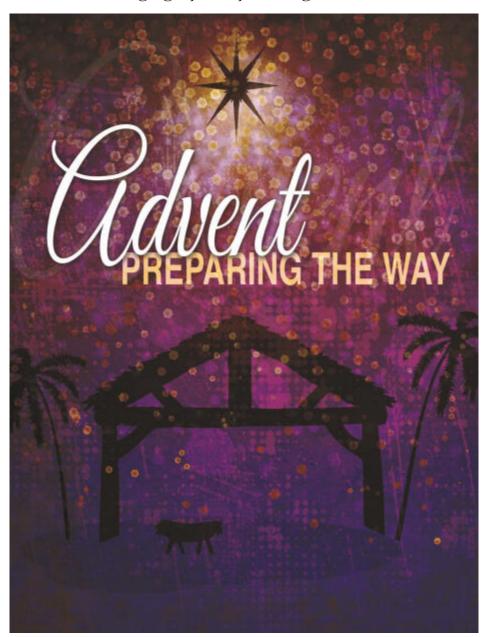
Wed: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thurs: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Fri: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/

Mt 1:18-25 Sat: Igs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

[cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25



MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the community of St. Gregory Barbarigo, are called forth in Baptism to follow the mission of Jesus to teach, to love, and to serve." As we approach Christmas on our journey through Advent, there is a figure who comes to the fore both last week and this week: John the Baptist. He might be called the patron saint of Advent. Why?

First of all, John the Baptist was humble. He knew who he was in relation to Christ – "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn 3:30), "I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal," (Jn 1:27), and "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" (Mt. 3:14) Our pride tends to make us think of ourselves, our own greatness, independence, ability to order our lives, to be in control of what happens to us. Humility causes us to recognize that we are dependent on God, that our relationship with God comes first (seek first the kingdom of God, and all things will be given you besides). We are dependent on Christ as well as others, and humility flows directly from that realization. It takes humility to point to another who is greater, but that is what John the Baptist did, and it is what we should do as Christians. Constantly!

Secondly, John the Baptist preached repentance. Smoothing the way for Christ to enter our lives involves admission of our sinfulness, and repentance of our sins. We all make bad choices, we all miss the mark of making decisions which will draw us closer to the Lord. When that happens, we need to admit our mistakes, repent, and bring God's mercy to bear on our sinfulness, allowing God to heal and forgive us. This is not popular in our culture, where we no longer talk about sin. Rather, different people have different perspectives, and each person has his/her own "truth," and it is our duty to affirm everyone in their own unique "truth." John the Baptist did not get that "I'm okay, you're okay" philosophy or psychology. But the modern way of thinking does not talk about sin. John might point out that sin needs to be acknowledged, placed before the saving love of our Savior in confession where healing and forgiveness can be experienced. So, yes, we ought to go to confession to get ourselves ready for the coming of God.

Thirdly, John the Baptist was a man of integrity. By that I mean that what you saw is what you got. No putting on a false front, no euphemisms or circumlocutions, no self-exultation or even false self-effacement. He told the truth to everyone, often bluntly as he did with King Herod with regard to his marriage to his brother's sister. Status did not matter to him, only the honest truth. Pope St. John Paul II used the phrase "to tell the truth in love," balancing bluntness or candor with a concern for the other person. John knew only how to be himself, say what he observed, and genuinely represent what he thought. To some, that is being naïve or harsh, but to a man or woman of integrity it is easier to say what is on your mind, not to mince words, and to recognize one's place as it really is, not some imagined position exalted by pride or diminished by false humility.

Let us ponder on the effective witness, the impressive example of John the Baptist during this time of Advent. We as Christians are also called to humility before the person of Christ, repentance of our faults as we confess our sins and seek forgiveness, and a life of integrity. It is a great way to prepare of Christ's coming!

Father Albert, O.S.B.

# Parish Notes



The Parish Office will be closed Wed, Dec 23, at 12pm—Fri, Jan 1, for Christmas/New Year's vacation for the staff. May your holiday season be truly blessed!

Don't forget to sign up for Christmas Masses by Dec 18th. If you do not use Flocknote, call Devin in the Parish Office and she will sign you up.





Christmas Flower order forms are in the Gathering Space. Please fill out the form and return with payment to Devin no later than Dec 21.

### SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Tom Schieffer, brother of Mark Schieffer, and Bob Stoll, husband of Evelyn Stoll, both who died recently. May they and all our faithful departed enjoy eternal rest in peace.

# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ST. GREGORY'S PARISH





### **OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

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Scrip Order Date—Dec 14, by 12pm



### A CONSTANT COMPANION

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our

eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



This week instead of addressing any specific topic or question, I want to share some of the resources I use to learn more about my faith and the Catholic Church. When I have the opportunity, I ask a knowledgeable person for information. When I ask Father Albert a question, the answer often comes with a book from his library or the church library. Both have great books that are available to be shared with parishioners. I have gotten more comfortable looking things up for myself in YOUCAT, and I have an old copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church at home that I am still learning how to use.

I also use online resources. I try to make sure that my references are from trusted sources and have discovered two sites that I go to often to answer my questions. One is our diocese, https://kcsjcatholic.org, where I find information about headlines, faith practices, sacraments, ministries, and stewardship, just to name a few. I find something new every time I go to the site. I check the site occasionally just to see where Bishop Johnston is going and where he has been.

The other site I use often is the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org. I had never even heard of this site before I started working at the church. I wish I had, it would have answered questions I have had for years about liturgical seasons and how readings for Mass are known ahead of time. It also has information about the Bible and how the church is structured. Having some knowledge of the content on this site helps me feel connected to the church as whole, beyond our local parish.

I find that the more I learn, the more I understand the beauty of the Catholic faith. I hope these resources will help you too.

Thank you for sharing your gifts.

- Chris Kuhlemeyer

### December Epic Date

Dec 16th— 6-7:30pm

Hope to see your middle schooler there!



To receive updates on HS Youth Group follow: Flocknote: High School Youth

Twitter: @stgregorysyouth Instagram: stgregorysyouthgroup

# School News



December 18th - Early Dismissal at 12:30pm / No SACC offered Christmas Break December 21- January 4th Classes resume on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

# Other Information



We have a full time opening (25-30hrs a week) for a Religious Ed Coordinator.

Contact Angela or Devin in the Parish Office for a full job description and to apply.

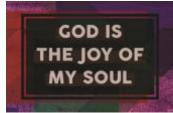


### Mass Reading 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 (Psalm) Luke 1:46-48, 49 -50, 53-54 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

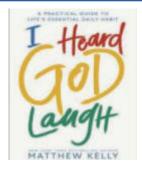
Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18



RCIA (Becoming Catholic) Dec 16th, 6 pm Topic: The Mass



Virtual
Eucharistic
Adoration
Wednesday Mornings
After Mass
until 10 am



St. Gregory's Gift to You

I Heard God Laugh by
Matthew Kelly
Is Available for pickup
in the
Gathering Space



Join Janice
Falcone at
9 am
for the last

Facebook live event.

Dec. 17th: "Praying with Music"

Go to our WEBSITE

stgregorysmaryville.org
HOMEPAGE,
ANNOUNCEMENTS TO ATTEND THE
LIVE EVENT

Formed Pick of the Week: Please go to: stgregorysmaryville.org
On the Homepage scroll down to the bottom and click on the image. It will
take you directly to Formed.org
There are several items related to the Advent Season to choose from!

Sunday, Dec 13 **Religious Retirement Collection** Monday, Dec 14

12:00 pm Scrip Orders Due

5:00 pm Manna Curbside/Delivery

6:00 pm Bible Study (PH)

Tuesday, Dec 15

No Scheduled Events

Wednesday, Dec 16

9:00 am Adoration until 5pm (CH) 3:00 pm School Faculty Meeting (PH)

6:00 pm Little Saints/EPIC

(CH/PH/SCH/LR/OMR)

6:00 pm CGS (ATRIUM) 6:00 pm RCIA (SCH) 6:30 pm High School Youth Group (LR)

Thursday, Dec 17

6:30 pm School Advisory

(LIBRARY)

Friday, Dec 18

10:00 am Staff Zoom Meeting

Saturday, Dec 19 6:00 am Men's Group (PH) Sunday, Dec 20 No Scheduled Events



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, 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

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, Dec 12

5:00 pm † Ron Morin

Sunday, Dec 13

8:00 am † Lorraine Alavi 10:30 am † Alice Barmann

Monday, Dec 14

5:30 pm L&D Members of the Francis &

Julia Stoll Family

Tuesday, Dec 15

12:05 pm L&D Members of the Danny

Estes Family

Wednesday, Dec 16

8:00 am Int. of the Jason Barbosa Family

Thursday, Dec 17

8:00 am † Jerry Eckstein

Friday, Dec 18

8:00 am † LaVera Wilson

Saturday, Dec 19

5:00 pm L&D Members of the Wegenka &

Steele Families

Sunday, Dec 20

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Int. of the Ron & Carol Morin

Family

(† Indicates Mass for deceased person)

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