DECEMBER 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday......5:00 PM Sunday....8:00 & 11:00 AM

Weekday (see schedule)

Adoration

Wednesday.....9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday—4-4:45pm

Sunday-7:15-7:45am & 10-10:45am

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 the date.

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 Vioil

Scripture Readings-Cycle B

Week of December 10, 2023

Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Mon: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Lk 5:17-26

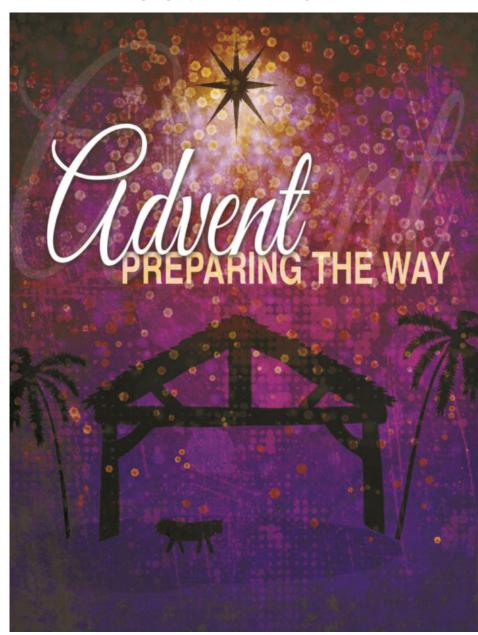
Tues: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde. 19/

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wed: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/ Mt 11:28-30

Thurs: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/

Fri: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19 Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13



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."

By now you will have received the schedule for Advent and Christmas. There are some changes that are due to the short (almost non-existent) fourth week of Advent. This year Christmas falls on the Monday after the Fourth Sunday in Advent. That means that the Fourth Week of Advent lasts for half a day – the morning Mass on the 24th is for the Fourth Sunday in Advent, and the afternoon/evening Masses are for Christmas. Because of having Christmas on the Day after the last Sunday in Advent, the 11 AM Mass has been dropped on Sunday the 24th of December, leaving only the 5 PM on Saturday and the 8 AM on Sunday for the Sunday Masses. Both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas are holy days of obligation. In the evening of the 24th the 10 PM Christmas Mass has also been dropped because there were less than 100 people at that Mass last year and we have trouble finding enough people to be ushers, acolytes, lectors, and extraordinary and music ministers to serve at that Mass. Next year should be more normal, though I doubt that we will have the 10 PM Mass on Christmas Eve because of the dwindling numbers in previous years. I am willing to reconsider if there is a strong reaction to dropping it, but for those who like to stay up late on Christmas eve, there is a midnight Mass at Conception Abbey which is a beautifully done.

The weekend following Christmas we will have a regular schedule for the weekend Masses (Dec. 31, the Feast of the Holy Family), but only a 9 AM Mass on Monday for New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God). New Year's Day is not a holy day of obligation this year because it falls next to Sunday. It will be a holy day of obligation next year when it falls on a Wednesday. If you find this confusing, you are not alone.

We are having a Penance Service on the 11th of December at 5:30 PM with soup supper afterwards. I encourage families to come and celebrate together and hope that many of you are able to take advantage of this opportunity. We will have five confessors here. If you are not able to come, we are usually hearing confessions before Masses, both on weekends and weekdays. Confession is a great way to prepare spiritually to celebrate Christmas.

In the Vestibule on the table are brochures for MOScholars, a state program to help children who qualify to attend private schools. Our diocese participates by running what is called Bright Futures Fund. IT COSTS YOU NOTHING! If you pay \$1,000 or more of state income tax, you may designate as much as half of your taxes to go to the Bright Futures Fund (the Educational Assistance Organization run by the KCSJ Diocese). The money is used to help students from lower income families to afford tuition under conditions set by the state. At this time we do not qualify – it only applies to students in areas of population of 30,000 or more. But it can help Catholics in the diocese, and hopefully this program will be extended in the future to include us. Please lobby your representative to make this happen! I encourage you to take a brochure and participate in the program. The deadline is December 31st, and the brochure gives you clear, step by step instructions on how to participate.

I will be gone from Dec. 28 – Jan. 5. I am doing a wedding for my God-daughter in St. Louis, then staying for a SEEK Conference for college age students, also in St. Louis. The conference is put on annually by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) who is represented at our NWMSU Newman Center by four fine FOCUS missionaries. I am going to the conference as chaplain of the Newman Center.

Let us prepare together for Christmas this year. It is a privilege to be your pastor.

Father Albert, O.S.B.

Parish Notes

St. Gregory's Parish—Prayers

John Schroeder, Curt Jeter, Jim Eiswert, Annie Redford, Kenny Wilmes, Twyilla Stiens, Veronica Dorrel, Roger Laughlin, Ellen Joslin, Patty Sowards, Vicki Grispino, Robbie Lade, Tug Barmann, Adler Auffert, Michelle Grudzinski and George Gumm

OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Kerry Bowman, Brian Kurz, Chad Dempsey, Kendra Pickering, Vanessa Parsons, Saree Morley, Dean Meyer,
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Beth Russo, Shirley Phillips, Al Mott, Angela Brandon, Bill McCrary and Kay Kendell.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE AND SOUP SUPPER TOMORROW AT 5:30PM

Join us TOMORROW for our Advent communal penance service and soup supper on Dec. 11th at 5:30pm. The service will be held in St. Gregory's Church.

Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. The service will be a time to listen to the Word of God and receive the sacrament of reconciliation to prepare our hearts for the great feast of Christmas! A soup/chili supper will follow the service.

Stewardship-A Way of Life



KofC Ladies Auxiliary
Christmas Party
Dec 12, at A&G Restaurant at
6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Please Note! The KofC Ladies Auxiliary January meeting has been moved to Jan 16 at 7pm



We are in need of people to make light meals for the RCIA class on Wednesday evenings. If you are able to help out, please sign up on

the sheets in the gathering space or call the Parish Office.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA NOW

If you would like to order a Poinsettia to help decorate the Church during Christmas in memory or honor of loved ones, please complete the form in the Church Gathering Space and place it and your money in the envelope provided. \$15 each. Forms are due no later than December 20.



Fiscal Year-To-Date Information (24 weeks) Envelope Goal for Fiscal Year-to-Date 2023-2024\$ Envelope Amount Collected 2023-2024\$ Under Budget\$	458,952 423,725 35,227
Weekly Information	
Envelope Weekly Goal\$	19,123
Envelope for 12/03\$	14,875
Plate for 12/03\$	655
Online Giving	6,310
Children's\$	61
Religious Ed\$	175
All Saints\$	10
All Souls\$	5
Gifts to Church\$	550
Maintenance\$	2,917
Immaculate Conception\$	50
Retirement Fund\$	200
Christmas\$	100
School Support\$	177
Thanksgiving\$	30
Dropped off/mailed in\$	17,140
Weekend Mass Attendance: 671	

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of David Vietor, brother of Rudy and Joan Pargas, who died recently. May he and all our faithful departed enjoy eternal rest in peace.



Keeping our Children in the Church

This is a subject I think about often. Not only because I am the mother of two boys under 18, but also because I spent many years away from the church. As I reflect on why I left, something I read about how we need to shift our culture from the traditional Behave-Believe-Belong to Belong-Believe-Behave really resonates with me. When I left, I didn't feel like I belonged because I didn't believe in or want to conform to the behavior expected by my family or church. 19 year old me only saw the church as rules. I thought of many excuses for why I left, but the ultimate reason is that I didn't know, understand or accept the church's authority and teachings. I also didn't understand the unconditional love of my parents, or the unconditional love of Jesus. Those two loves are very much related.



Why I came back took the form of many things, people, and situations, "Holy Moments". However, I think I was only open to being influenced by those moments because I was raised within the framework of faith. I have my parents to thank for that, they did a lot of things right. They practiced their faith religiously, they never missed Mass, we prayed together at meal and bed time, and we talked about faith. They honored the sacraments, they baptized their babies, got them to first communion, and confirmation. These were not optional in our household. While I was resentful then of not having choices, now I appreciate that they made me do those things. They understood that sacraments are the path to salvation. They put me on that path, even though I took a detour, at least I knew there was a path.

If you are in a place where you desire salvation for your kids, but you don't know where you are yourself, I invite you to learn. It's like the air supply on an airplane, you have to get yourself connected before you can help others. A great place to start is "The Search" by Chris Stefanick which is available for free on Formed.org. https://watch.formed.org/the-search

If you want more information about Catholic parenting here is a great resource Kelly Quinlin shared: Dr. Edward Sri's podcast All Things Catholic the episode title is "Keeping Kids Catholic". Scan the QR code to access it on Apple Podcasts. I listen to it whenever I need to be reminded of what to focus on.



Thank you for sharing your gifts. — Chris Kuhlemeyer



Need to do some last minute Christmas shopping, wrap presents, just have a moment to breathe before the chaos of the the holiday season? Want to help EPIC students raise funds to attend CAMP SAVIO?

That's why we're excited to invite you to our exclusive EPIC Parents' Night Out event! Leave the kids with us for a fun-filled evening while you enjoy a well-deserved break.

Open to all St. Gregory Barbarigo School Families and Parishoners *Children 6 months to 8th grade*



Friday, December 15th from 6 to 9pm



St. Gregory Barbarigo Gym



To sign your child(ren) fill out the Google Form by scanning the QR Code



Free will donations accepted



Welcome to St. Gregory Barbarigo Church

We are so happy you are here celebrating Mass today!

We would love to keep in touch, please join Flocknote our communication tool, by texting BECATHOLIC to 84576.

You can also follow us on Facebook.



Jewelry Sale Fundraiser for the 8th Grade Retreat Don't forget to do your Christmas shopping and

support our 8th grader's retreat at Conception Abbey in Aug 2024.

Beautiful hand crafted items for sale after all the Masses starting the weekend of Dec 9-10. Items include

rosaries, bracelets,

earrings, key chains and

backpack charms.



3rd Sunday of Advent

Reading I

Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1: 46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Reading II

First Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, Dec 16 - 5:00 pm

Greeter: Kim Lefeber, Josh Lefeber Acolyte: Hensley Frank, Frank Snyders Lectors: Ashley Barber, Kathy Lipiec

Sacristan/EM: Ron Mathias

Communion Ministers: WR O'Riley, Jolaine

Zweife

Cup Minister: Katy Gumm, David Schieber

Head Usher: Ron Mathias

Ushers: Josh Lefeber, Dick VanVactor,

Volunteers

Live Stream/Projector Tech: Karen

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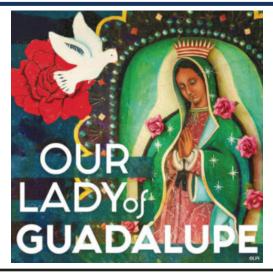
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Sunday, Dec 17 - 8:00 am

Greeter: John Myers, Tom Spire **Acolyte**: Katherine Long, Evan Long

Lectors: Erin Pierson

Sacristan/EM: Theresa Stiens

Communion Ministers: Randy Holtman,

Michele Starke

Cup Minister: Glenda Conover, Sheila Smail

Head Usher: Rick Smail

Ushers: Joe Barmann. Mike Driskell.

Volunteers

Live Stream/Projector Tech: Monica

Conover

Sunday, Dec 17 - 11:00 am

Greeter: Youth Mass Acolyte: Youth Mass Lectors: Youth Mass Sacristan/EM: Kari Simpson

Communion Ministers: Louann Meyer,

Carla Summa-Herman

Cup Minister: Vivian Howell, Kathy Howell

Head Usher: Reggie Johansen

Ushers: Youth Mass

Live Stream/Projector Tech: Kathy

Defenbaugh



Join Father Albert for the second part of his presentation "The Mass: The Perfect Sacrifice" Monday December 18th at 6 PM in the church.



Pope Francis: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Bishop Johnston: For all those separated from family or loved ones because of war, migration, military service or other circumstances; that they be strengthened by God and renewed by his consolation.

Sunday,	Dec 10	
	Religious Retiremen	t Collection
9:15 am	Sunday School	(ALL)
12:30 pm	Ecumenical Book Clul	o (PH)
6:00 pm	HSYG	(PH)
Monday,	Dec 11	
5:00 pm	Manna Kitchen	(PH/KIT)
5:30 pm	Penance Service & So	oup Supper
		(PH/KIT)
Tuesday,	Dec 12	,
	Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalup	e Mass (CH)
6:00 pm		e Mass (CH)
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Thursday	, Dec 14	
6:30 pm		(CH)
	Woman's Retreat Meeting	\ /
Friday, D	•	,
6:00 pm	EPIC Parent's Night Out	(GYM)
Saturday,		,
•	No Scheduled Events	
Sunday,	Dec 17	
9:15 am	Sunday School/EPIC	(ALL)
11:00 am	Youth Mass	(CH)
12:30 pm	Ecumenical Book Club	(PH)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 9 5:00 pm † Jerry A. Wilmes Sunday, Dec 10

8:00 am Int. of Stephen McQuinn 11:00 am People of the Parish

Monday, Dec 11
12:00 pm † Tom Spire
Tuesday, Dec 12

8:05 am † Martha Pope 6:00 pm People of the Parish

Wednesday, Dec 13
8:05 am † Bill Archer [K-4]
3:30 pm Int. of Residents [OAK POINTE]

Thursday, Dec 14

8:05 am † Gene Spire **[5-8]**

Friday, Dec 15

8:05 am † Dona Kaminski

Saturday, Dec 16

5:00 pm † Shorty & Dorothy Miller

Sunday, Dec 17

8:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am † Kenny Frueh

(† Indicates Mass for deceased person)

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 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information. Directory

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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,

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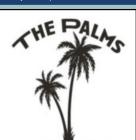
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