



First Sunday of Advent

Holy Family Church GEMS

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Sunday, December 3, 2023

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, December 8 - Masses

10:00 a.m. Mass - St. John the Baptist Church

5:30 p.m. Mass - Holy Family Church

7:00 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)



Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Odd months at Holy Family)

(Confessions at 3:00 p.m. before Mass)

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. (Burmese)

THE HOLY ROSARY

Recited every Saturday at 6:00 p.m. (Burmese)

Recited every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. before 10:30 a.m. Mass

KEEPING IN TOUCH

It is hard to believe but here we are at the 1st Sunday of Advent. Time is flying! The next four weeks of Advent will go quickly. In the midst of my busy schedule, I plan to make the time to really reflect on the coming of the Lord and preparing for that.

One of the ways in which we prepare ourselves is to go to confession and be reconciled with God. This coming week we will be celebrating the 1st reconciliation of the children from Resurrection School. Please pray for our children who will be celebrating this sacrament for the first time, that they will come to know and experience God's mercy, forgiveness and love. One of the things that I always tell the children and adults too is NEVER be afraid to go to God in the sacrament of reconciliation because He is there waiting for you with great love and He already knows what you did and didn't do. He loves you and wants to be reconciled with you!

During this season of Advent take a moment to examine your life against God's commands and meet Him in the sacrament of reconciliation where He is waiting for you!

Blessings!

Fr. Joseph M. Arsenault, SSA



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Mark 13:33-37

Waiting for the Lord



MASS INTENTIONS

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10:30 a.m. Angeline Yadrich†

Friday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

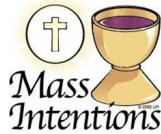
5:30 p.m. Angeline Yadrich†

7:00 p.m. Burmese Mass

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Catherine Simonich†



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pope Francis I, Beatrice Arce, Paul Anselmo, Rose Bartkowski, Steve Blaschke, Brisimitzakis Family, Christine Muelmaster Bruns, Bill Bushue, Susan, Sam Cattey, Frank Chavez, Leandro Cortez, Larry Cornish, Elizabeth Curtin, Ann Crump, Savannah Crawford,, Janet Easter, Vincent Eskina, Gary Esposito, Jane Ferbezar, Matthew Fuqua, Ron Gabrielson, Nick Gianfrancesco, Greg Golder, Teresa Grado, Gary Grindel, Joe Grindel, Mary Ann Hamm, John Hart, Jr., Diane Holton, Linda Holton, Mary Ann Stimac-Huber, Roger & Nadyne Jackson, John Jaramillo, Lupe Jaramillo, Madeleine Glenn-Klein, James "Jimmy" Lipovac, Mike Mootz, Beth Ann Palcher Kornegay, Janice Labesky, Susanna Laundry, Jim Lipovac, Tim Lukavsky, John Jaramillo, Hrvoje Ljubovic family, Linda Macek, Walter Marnett, Charles Martynowicz, Ed Melnick, Julie Miller, Jack & Marcia Mudroch, Mary-Elizabeth Anna Neitzke, Joe Panijan, Cameron Rezin, R.J. Samuels, Stacy Taylor Scheelk, Richard Schutte, Roger Schutte, Raymond Simonich, Anthony Smarekar, Sr. Gloria Solomon, John Soptick, Jacob Strathman, Sharon Palcher Strayhall, Don Swanson, Brad Torelli, Germaine Van Hoet, Joe Waliczek, Richard Whitaker, Martha Wolf-Holland, Vince Wolf, Louis Villegas, Angie Yadrich, Joe Zagar, Weslie Mae Zych, & for all those who suffer from alcoholism, cancer, mental health issues and anyone else in need of our prayers.

IN MEMORIAM

Sue Sumonja

April 28, 1943 - November 30, 2023

The funeral mass for Sue Sumonja will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Visitation in the church from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Rosary at 9:30 a.m.

*"Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen."*

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

November 25, 2023, 4:00 p.m. Mass:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 225.00
Plate:	100.00
Christmas Flower Offering:	5.00
Candle:	31.50
Apple Strudel Sales:	60.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 421.50

November 26, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Mass:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 921.00
Plate:	50.00
Fuel:	20.00
Christmas Flower Offering:	85.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 1,076.00

November 26, 2023, 12:15 p.m. Mass:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 540.00
Plate:	153.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development:	20.00
Christmas Flower Offering:	5.00
Triennial Military National Collection:	20.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 738.00

November 21, 2023 - Other Deposit:

Donation to the Church:	\$ 50.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 50.00

Thank you for your support!

Holy Family Church Calendar of Events

- St. Veronica Lodge 115, KSKJ, & Holy Family Club Annual Christmas Party - Saturday, December 9, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Monsignor Mejak Hall
- Verbenec Funeral Luncheon, Monsignor Mejak Hall / Barbara (Bukovac) Verbenec, Saturday, December 16. 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Margaret Kraft 95th birthday party - HF Club, Sunday, December 10.

PRAY FOR US!

- December 4 - Saint John Damascene,
Priest & Doctor of the Church
- December 6 - Saint Nicholas, Bishop
- December 7 - Saint Ambrose
Bishop & Doctor of the Church
- December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 9 - Saint Juan Diego Cuahlatotzin

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

HOLY FAMILY ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

HOLY MASS - 10:30 A.M.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AFTER MASS,
MONSIGNOR MEJAK HALL
513 OHIO AVE., KCK



***WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
CHRISTMAS ATTIRE!***



***St. Veronica Lodge #115 &
Holy Family Social Club***

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Santa will arrive at 6:00 p.m.!

MONSIGNOR MEJAK HALL
513 Ohio Ave.
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Bring a small wrapped gift for your child with their name on it for Santa's helper to pass out. Please text or call Julie Schneller at 816-797-8623 to let us know how many adults and children will attend.



DISPLAY OF NATIVITIES

The Cathedral of St Peter Parish, Kansas City, Kansas is hosting a Nativity Display in the Parish Center on Saturday, December 2nd after the 4 pm Mass and on Sunday, December 3rd from 9 am – 2 pm.

Over 200 unique nativities will be on display. Come and enjoy a magical experience that reflects the true meaning of Christmas. Shop the holiday boutique for tasty holiday treats, and there will be a raffle. Admission is FREE. Please call or text Julie at 913-515-0675 for additional information.

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is seeking to fill the position of Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

This position works with Office of Catholic Schools staff to support school leaders in ways that will enable them to be spiritual and effective leaders for teachers. The incumbent provides a variety of development initiatives to assist school principals and faculty and coordinates curriculum development throughout the Archdiocesan Catholic schools. This position is full-time, will average 40 hours per week, and will have a target start date of July 1, 2024.

For more information and to apply online, please go to archkck.org, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click "Employment Opportunities".

THE ANGELUS

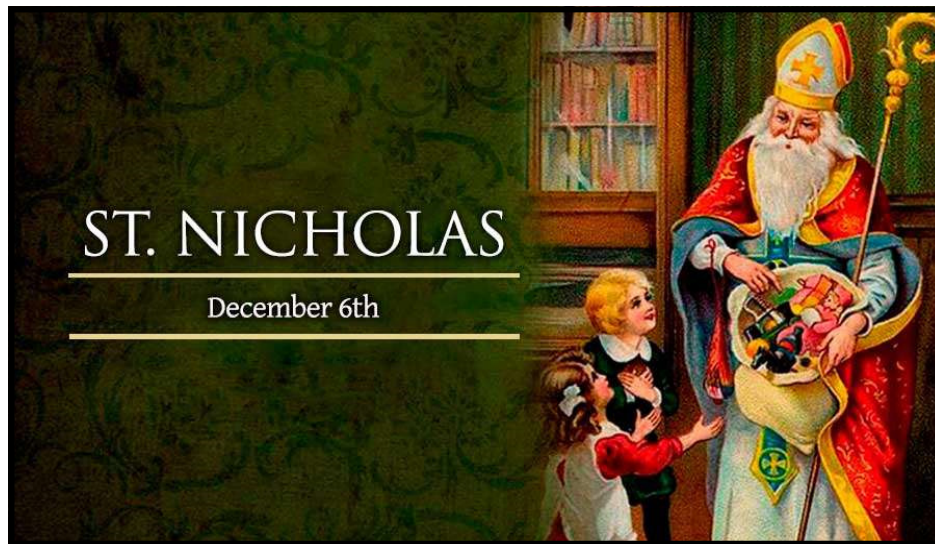
The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to Your word.

And the Word was made flesh. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. **Amen.**





ST. NICHOLAS

December 6th

Prayer to Saint Nicholas

O good Saint Nicholas, you who are the joy of the children, put in my heart the spirit of childhood, of which the Gospel speaks, and teach me to seed happiness around me. You, whose feast prepares us for Christmas, open my faith to the mystery of God made man. You, good bishop and shepherd, help me to find my place in the Church and inspire the Church to be faithful to the gospel.

O good Saint Nicholas, patron of children, sailors, and the helpless, watch over those who pray to Jesus, your Lord and theirs, as well as over those who humble themselves before you. Bring us all in reverence to the Holy Child of Bethlehem, where true joy and peace are found.

Amen.



Advent Wreath

1st CANDLE – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angles announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) **“CHRIST CANDLE”** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)



O Come, O Come Emmanuel