

Holy Family Church GEMS

Third Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday

December 14, 2025



ADVENT FEATURE

GAUDETE SUNDAY



The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

This past week was a little bit of a quiet week which I was very grateful. It enabled me to get caught up on a lot of paperwork. Also this past week, as you know, we celebrated two feasts of our Blessed Mother. On Monday we had the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and on Friday we had the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is always a great joy to celebrate the memory of our Blessed Mother because in doing so we are reminded of God's great love and care for us and we are given a great example to follow in the life of our Blessed Mother.

As we continue in our Advent journey, let us continue to prepare our minds and our hearts and indeed our very lives to welcome the Lord. A friendly reminder that one of the ways that we do that is through confession. Having said that and looking to next week, please say a little prayer for me as I will be travelling Sunday evening to the monastery in Oklahoma to hear confessions returning on Tuesday.

Know as always that I will carry you all in my thoughts and my prayers.

Blessings!

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Pastor



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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Ed & Rose Bartkoski††

Friday, December 19

8:00 a.m. Jim Roth†

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. Catherine Simonich†



Thursday, December 25

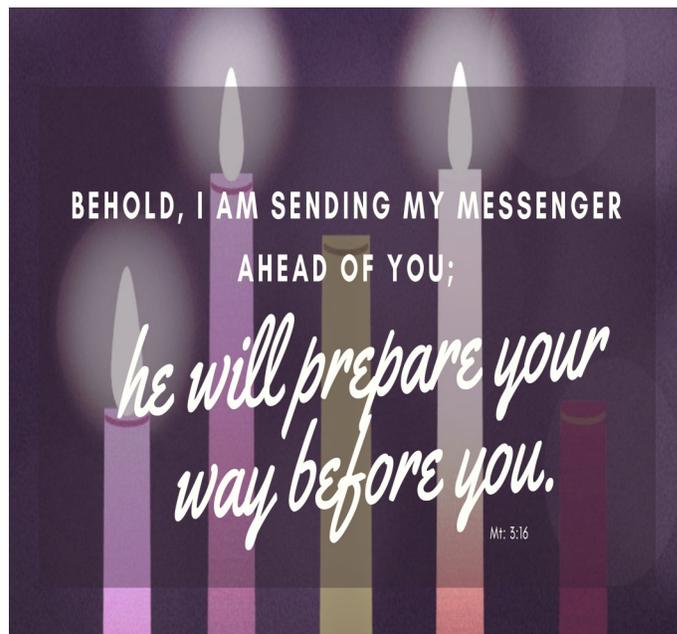
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

9:00 a.m.

Friday, December 26

Saint Stephen

8:00 a.m. Charles McBeef†



PRAYER REQUESTS

Beatrice Arce, Paul Anselmo, Jim Blair, Steve Blaschke, Robert Bartkoski, Brisimitzakis Family, Steven Brocker, Christine Muelmaster Bruns, Bill Bushue, Sam Cattey, Frank Chavez, Georgeanne Cobb, Larry Cornish, Elizabeth Curtin, Ann Crump, Savannah Crawford, Gary Dercher, Janet Easter, Vincent Eskina, Gary Esposito, Jane Ferbezar, Matthew Fuqua, Ron Gabrielson, Don Gergick, Nick Gianfrancesco, Greg Golder, Teresa Grado, Gary Grindel, Joe Grindel, Mary Ann Hamm, John Hart, Jr., Diane Holton, Linda Holton, Mary Lou Holton, Mary Ann Stimac-Huber, Roger Jackson, Lupe Jaramillo, Madeleine Glenn-Klein, Beth Ann Palcher Kornegay, Janice Labesky, James Lipovac, Tim Lukavsky, Hrvoje Ljubivic family, Brett McCord, Linda Macek, Walter Marnett, Charles Martynowicz, Ed Melnick, Julie Miller, Mike Mootz, Betty Mulich, Frank Muelmaster, Mary-Elizabeth Anna Neitzke, Joseph Punswick, Cameron Rezin, R.J. Samuels, Stacy Taylor Scheelk, Richard Schutte, Roger Schutte, Marco Serra, Donna Severance, Anthony Smarekar, Kenny Smarker, Sr. Gloria Solomon, John Soptick, Jacob Strathman, Matt & Chrissy Stewart, Joe Sutton, Don Swanson, Bennett (McCord) Thimgan, Brad Torelli, Germaine Van Hoet, Joe Waliczek, Charles Weckworth, Richard Whitaker, Mary Wiber, Carol Sue Williamson, Martha Wolf-Holland, Marcia Wolf, Louis Villegas, Angie Yadrich, Weslie Mae Zych, & for all those who suffer from alcoholism, cancer, mental health issues and anyone else in need of our prayers.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Collection 12-7-25, 10:30 a.m.:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 1,097.00
Plate:	144.00
Candle:	59.00
School Offering:	25.00
Christmas Flowers:	50.00
Catholic Campaign Human Development:	23.00
Immaculate Conception:	80.00
Pew Rent:	20.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$,498.00

Weekly Collection 12-7-25, 12:15 p.m.:

Weekly Envelopes:	\$ 565.00
Plate:	180.00
Immaculate Conception:	19.00
Pew Rent:	61.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 825.00

Immaculate Conception 12-8-25, 8:00 a.m.:

Immaculate Conception:	\$ 60.00
Plate:	96.00
TOTAL STEWARDSHIP:	\$ 156.00

Other Deposit 12-9-25:

Immaculate Conception:	\$ 25.00
Deposited 12-10-25:	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your support!



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

- Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Luke 4:18)

Holy Family Church +St. John the Baptist Church

2025 Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. - St. John the Baptist

8:00 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)

Midnight - St. John the Baptist

(11:30 p.m. - *Chorale Prelude*)

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(Christmas)

Thursday, December 25

9:00 a.m. - Holy Family Church



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

5:30 p.m. - Holy Family Church

8:00 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

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

12:15 p.m. - Holy Family Church (Burmese)

2026
Happy New Year

O Antiphons of Advent

The "O Antiphons" are prayed for 7 days in preparation for Christmas: **December 17-23.**

For those familiar with the Liturgy of the Hours, these are the antiphons used with the *Magnificat* each day. They are based on Isaiah's prophecies and reveal the different titles given to the Messiah.

O Sapientia (O Wisdom) Isaiah 11:2-3; 28:29

O Adonai (O Lord) Isaiah 11:4-5; 33:22

O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse) Isaiah 1:1; 11:10

O Clavis David (O Key of David) Isaiah 9:6; 22:22

O Oriens (O Rising Sun) Isaiah 9:1

O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations) Isaiah 9:5; 2:4

O Emmanuel (God with us) Isaiah 7:14



The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Help feed the hungry! Donate non-perishable food items such as tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, soups, vegetables, beans, canned fruit, crackers, rice, cereal, etc.

Also, personal hygiene items such as toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, soap, and toothpaste. **Expired items and opened packages will not be accepted.** All the items you donate will be taken to Catholic Charities Food Pantry.



BABY SHOWER DONATION DRIVE

In Honor of the Christ Child

The Holy Family Altar Society is sponsoring their annual Baby Shower Donation Drive from November 15 through January 4, 2026.

Suggested items to donate:

- Diapers
- Wet Wipes
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Wash
- Baby Lotion
- Pacifiers / Baby Bottles
- Onesies / Sleepers
- Diaper Rash Ointment

Bring your donations to the church when you attend mass or bring to the parish office at 515 Ohio Ave.

All the items donated will be given to Kansas City Pregnancy Clinic, 636 Tauromee Ave., Kansas City, Kansas.



Taste of KCK

Tomorrow's Legacy Begins Today



RAISING FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
CLASSROOM SUPPORTS

January 24, 2026

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL
425 NORTH 15TH STREET
KANSAS CITY, KS 66102



Social Hour
6:00 PM

Drinks & Appetizers
School Tours
Student Projects



Ethnic Dinner
7:00 PM

KCK diversity
on a plate.



Program
8:00 PM

Honoree
Student Speaker
Performances

APPLE STRUDELS

Buy an apple strudel for the Christmas holidays!

There are a limited number of apple strudels left from Slovenefest for sale. The cost per roll is \$15. Limit 2 rolls per person.

Call the parish office at 913-413-0022 to purchase.

