

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth, peace to people of goodwill.

We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world and receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone are most high, Jesus Christ (bow). With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen"



The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Welcome!

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intention:
For Tom McAnerney.

Today's Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
2nd Reading: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM COMING SOON! | We are establishing a Social Justice Ministry in January 2026 for those with a passion for service and social justice. If you enjoy volunteering, serving those in need, and standing with the margins, this is a ministry for you. Our first gathering will be held on Sunday, January 4, after Mass.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISHIONER REGISTRATION | As announced on Sunday, we are asking all parishioners to complete a new registration form to ensure we have everyone's updated contact information (it's amazing how quickly information becomes outdated).

We are also using this as an opportunity to gauge interest in various ministries (social justice, finance, music, etc.), along with birthdays (so we can send you a card!), and pledge support for 2026. All of this is to help us continue developing the health and growth of our community. You can also complete the registration form [HERE](#).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026 | We need to fill up our liturgical calendar with Mass intentions! I will provide a certificate when you sign up outside the chapel (or [online](#)) for you to give to the intended recipient as a gift.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE | The holiday season is one known for cheer, time with family and friends, and celebration, but it is also a time when we grieve the loss of loved ones who have gone before us. Come and light a candle and remember those we hold in our hearts on Saturday, December 20, at 5:00 p.m. This is a joint service with Gloria Dei Lutheran.



Calling all Christmas Eve Choir Volunteers! | Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? We would love for you to join us for our 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass! Rehearsals are on Sundays at 10:00 in the chapel. Questions? Please send a note to our music director, Alayna, at alaynastewart@hotmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CHRISTMAS EVE... | We will offer two Masses on Wednesday, December 24, at 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and on Christmas Day at 11:00 a.m.

Good Shepherd Donation Update: Good Shepherd has now been registered as a non-profit with the State of Missouri, and we have received our EIN! We are now setting up a bank account and will have online giving capabilities in the very near future! Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT? | Send a note with your announcement request to our office administrator, Cheryl, at office@gsckcmo.com. Thank you!

New Email for Father: Father Taylor's new email address is father@gsckcmo.com.

Weekly Reflection

The Third Sunday in Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, which is the Church's quiet insistence that joy is not the result of our circumstances but the fruit of God's future breaking into the present. Isaiah speaks of deserts blooming and weary hands strengthened; Jesus points to the blind seeing, the lame walking, and good news reaching the poor. These are not merely ancient reports—they are signs that God's new creation has already begun in Him.

In our Gospel, we find John the Baptist, waiting in the uncertainty of his prison cell, asks the question many of us still whisper: Is Jesus truly the One we can trust to set the world—and our lives—right? Jesus answers not with slogans but with transformed lives. Joy, then, is not optimism. It is the steady conviction that God's promised future is taking root even now, in us and around us.

This Sunday, we pause our Advent waiting to rejoice—not because everything is perfect, but because Christ is already at work renewing what is broken.

Join us at Good Shepherd this weekend as we lean into that joy, listen for God's promise, and remind one another that the Lord is near—near enough to heal, near enough to surprise us, near enough to carry us into hope.

Mass Times | December

December 14 | 3rd Sunday of Advent
11:00a Mass; 12:15p Cookies & Carols

December 20 | Blue Christmas (w. Gloria Dei)
5:00p Cookies & Carols

December 21 | 4th Sunday in Advent
11:00a Mass

December 24 | Christmas Eve Mass
6:30p & 10:00p Candlelight Service

December 25 | Christmas Day Mass
11:00a Mass

December 30 | Holy Family
11:00a Mass

January 1 | Mary, Mother of God
6:30p Mass

January 4 | Epiphany of the Lord
11:00a Mass

January 11 | Baptism of the Lord
11:00a Mass

CONTACT INFORMATION | **OFFICE HOURS: M - TH 10:00A - 1:00P**

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Monthly Events
First Saturday of the Month
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30a - 10:30a
Reconciliation 9:30a - 10:30a

Weekly Events

TUESDAYS
Virtual Bible Study w. Fr. Taylor at 7:00p

SUNDAYS
Sunday School (Kids) 9:30a
Choir rehearsal 10:00a
*Fellowship following Mass

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