

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!

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intention:

For our Music Ministry

Today's Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026 | We need to fill up our liturgical calendar with Mass intentions! A certificate will be provided upon signing up outside the chapel (or online) for you to give to the intended recipient as a gift.

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.

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.

Food Assistance | Please contact the parish office at office@gsockmo.com if you or someone you know needs food pantry items. We are here to help!

Nursery Update: Good Shepherd will now have a nursery attendant volunteer (Beth) in the nursery until 12:00 on Sundays.



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Good Shepherd Donation Update | Good Shepherd now has online giving! Please visit gsckcmo.com/donate to set up your tithe so we can build our budget for 2026 and continue our great mission!

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.

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

Joseph stands at a threshold. His future, carefully imagined, is suddenly undone. And it is precisely there—in the unplanned, the disorienting, the fragile—that God comes. Not with thunder or spectacle, but in a dream, in a word, in a quiet invitation: Do not be afraid. Take Mary into your home. Trust that God is already at work.

Henri Nouwen once wrote, "The Lord is coming, always coming... Life is Advent." That insight reframes this Gospel entirely. Advent is not simply a season on the calendar; it is the posture of a faithful life. God does not arrive only at the end of our waiting, but in the waiting itself. In the middle of our questions. In the spaces where we are tempted to withdraw or protect ourselves.

Joseph teaches us how to live that truth. He does not demand explanations. He listens. He responds. He aligns his life with God's promise, even when the outcome is unclear. In doing so, he becomes part of the story through which God enters the world.

As we approach Christmas, the Church invites us to look again—at our lives, our relationships, our uncertainties—and to ask where Emmanuel, God-with-us, may already be present. Advent faith is not about escape from the ordinary, but about learning to recognize the Holy One who comes to us there.

Mass Times | December

December 21 | 4th Sunday in Advent

11:00a Mass

December 24 | Christmas Eve Mass

4:00p & 6:30p 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

January 14 | Mid-Week Mass

6:30p Mass

January 18 | 2nd Sunday in OT

11:00a Mass

Monthly Events

First Saturday of the Month

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30a – 10:30a

Reconciliation 9:30a – 10:30a

First Sunday of the Month

Social Justice Team 12:00 – 12:30p

Weekly Events

WEDNESDAY

Holy Mass 6:30 p

SUNDAYS

Sunday School (Kids) 9:30a

Choir rehearsal 10:00a

*Fellowship following Mass



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