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December 24, 2017—Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekday Schedule

9:00 AM Mass

Wednesday and Friday

Confession

5:40 to 5:55 PM Saturday

9:10 to 9:25 AM Sunday

or by appointment

**Behold, I
am the
handmaid
of the
Lord.
May it be
done to
me
according
to your
word!**



If you wish to meet with Fr. Carlyle, you may call the parish office Monday - Friday at 796-6877 or e-mail him at

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Worship Times & Intentions

Saturday, December 23

6:00 PM ~ People of the Parish

Sunday, December 24

9:30 AM ~ + Celine Ferguson

6:00 PM ~ + Joann Smith

Monday, December 25

9:00 AM ~ People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 26

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27

9:00 AM ~ For the families and
friends of the Benedictine Sisters
of SJTW

Thursday, December 28

NO MASS

Friday, December 29

9:00 AM ~ Kurt & Keith Manoja—
birthday blessings

Saturday, December 30

6:00 PM ~ People of the Parish

Sunday, December 31

9:30 AM ~ + John Madick

*Christmas
Blessings to
all of our
parishioners*



Welcome! Are you new to our Parish? Please introduce yourself to Fr. Carlyle before or after Mass and arrange to register with us.

THE MYSTERY KEPT SECRET
SINCE BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD
IS REVEALED!!!!

What is announced to Mary in today's Gospel is the revelation of all that the prophets had spoken. It is, as Paul declares in today's Epistle, the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world (see Ephesians 1:9; 3:3-9).

Mary is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David (see Isaiah 7:13-14). And nearly every word the angel speaks to her today evokes and echoes the long history of salvation recorded in the Bible.

Mary is hailed as the daughter Jerusalem, called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her midst as a mighty savior (see Zephaniah 3:14-17).

The One whom Mary is to bear will be Son of "the Most High"—an ancient divine title first used to describe the God of the priest-king Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see Genesis 14:18-19).

He will fulfill the covenant God makes with His chosen one, David, in today's First Reading. As we sing in today's Psalm, He will reign forever as highest of the kings of the earth, and He will call God "my Father." As Daniel saw the Most High grant everlasting dominion to the Son of Man (see Daniel 4:14; 7:14), His kingdom will have no end.

He is to rule over the house of Jacob—the title God used in making His covenant with Israel at Sinai (see Exodus 19:3), and again used in promising that all nations would worship the God of Jacob (see Isaiah 2:1-5).



Jesus has been made known, Paul says today, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith. We are called with Mary today to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we, too, must respond to this Annunciation with humble obedience—that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His word.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn, Ph.D.
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WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

January 6th - First Saturday - Visitation Church - 5141 Main St., Kansas City, MO

Confessions 7:30 a.m.; Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 8:15 a.m.; Rosary and Fifteen Minutes Meditation 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Fatima requests us to make reparation to her Immaculate Heart for offenses given by sins of people in the world. *Our Lady promised to assist at the hour of their death with the graces necessary for salvation those who made these devotions on five consecutive First Saturdays. They may also be made in any church.*

ENVELOPES AND PLATE

December 3	\$1,900.00
December 10	2,300.00
December 17	1,333.01
December 24	
December 31	
TOTAL	\$5,533.01

Special Collections

Immaculate Conception—\$329
 Religious Retirement Fund—\$458

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**SAT., DECEMBER 30
 6:00 PM MASS**

Bread
 Betty McClatchey
Wine
 Alice Crews
 Karen Morales
Lector
 Katie O'Dell
Greeters
 Donna Price
 Vince Price
Server(s)
 Andrew O'Dell
Counter(s)
 Stan McClatchey
 Julia Tapko

**SUN., DECEMBER 31
 9:30 AM MASS**

Bread
 Georgene Sisk
Wine
 Joe Cascone
 Stephanie Myatt
Lector
 Lisa Martin
Greeters
 Romero Family
Server(s)
 Spencer Engelman
 Kurt Manozza
Counter(s)
 Romero Family
 Mary Smith



**VOCATION CRUCIFIX
 SCHEDULE**

December 2017

23/24 Tom & Becky Clark
 30/31 Mary Smith

When you see your name listed on the Vocation Crucifix schedule and you need to change the DAY or DATE, please call Clara Fae Kennedy at 585-5807. Thank You.



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER
 INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER**

The Elderly—That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Urgent Intention—That we may follow God's call to holiness and look upon our neighbor with compassion.



The following parishioners are ill and would like to be remembered in your prayers....

Eleanor Wenger	Liz Christman	Suzie Desilet	Brenda Handy
Erna Koski	John Jamison	Lora Tapko	Anita Cascone
Grace Asbury	Sharon White	Nancy Aufner	George Everley
Tom Kuzila	Esther Spencer	Helen Brown	Frances Emberton
Jim Carlson	Loreto Manozza	Kathleen Beltz	Joe Cascone
Angela Pierce	Karol Van Horn	Genevieve Zavicar	

If you have family or friends who need prayers, please put their names in the Prayer List Book in the Gathering Area. Your loved ones, living or deceased, will be prayed for every day there is a Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Knights of Columbus' January meeting is January 2nd at Church of the Santa Fe. Rosary 7:15 pm, with meeting starting at 7:30 pm.

The Knights will be doing their annual Roses for Life the weekend of January 6th and 7th since the first Sunday in January is Respect Life Sunday. In addition, the Knights will be conducting a **BABY BOTTLE DRIVE** beginning the weekend of January 6th & 7th through the weekend of January 20th and 21st for the benefit of Mother's Refuge.

REMINDER!!!!

Please do not forget your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2017-2018.

If you have not yet given or are contemplating a year-end gift, prayerfully consider making a one-time gift or pledge to the 2018 ACA.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Penny Lajaunie, Paul Romero, Jeff Martin, Larry Turner, and Betsy Waldman

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Stan & Betty McClatchey

BAPTISMS: Arrangements must be made with the Pastor before the Baptism of children. Parents must make an appointment to attend Baptism Preparation Class. Attendance during pregnancy is encouraged. Please call the parish office (796-6877) for reservations.

MARRIAGES: Those couples wishing to be married in our parish should contact the Pastor when engaged (even a year before) to arrange for Engaged Couple Conferences. At least **SIX MONTHS** is needed for marriage preparation.

COMMUNION AT HOME:

If you are homebound or recuperating from surgery and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call Fr. Carlyle at 796-6877.



**TRAVELING
 ST. JOSEPH STATUE**

Families can share a statue of St. Joseph for 2 weeks at a time by signing up to take the statue into their home and do the novena. If you would like to sign up, please call Joan Ishmael at 796-9148.