



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 21, 2021



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CATHOLIC CAMPUS CENTER

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### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of the St. Lawrence Center, the Catholic Church at the University of Kansas, is to form those she encounters through the intellectual, moral, liturgical and spiritual traditions of our faith. Her deepest desire is to send out free and full disciples of Jesus Christ who are capable of the greatest vocations.*

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Masses continue to be livestreamed on YouTube, search KU Catholic.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 22, 2021</b>
5:15 PM	Teresa Liuzza
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 23, 2021</b>
9:00 PM	St. Lawrence Staff
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 24, 2021</b>
12:10 PM	St. Lawrence Board (at Danforth)
5:15 PM	Richard McLachlin +
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 25, 2021</b>
5:15 PM	Julia Scott +
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 26, 2020</b>
12:10 PM	Dave Trotter Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 27, 2020</b>
4:00 PM	Jimmy Meehan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 28, 2020</b>
9:00 AM	David Case +
11:00 AM	Teresa Liuzza
5:00 PM	KU Students
9:00 PM	Nancy Meitl BD

#### **J&J VACCINE INFORMATION**

WASHINGTON— On March 2, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the U.S.

"The approval of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines.

"Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... *it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.*' However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

"While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good."

#### **CONFESSION AND ADORATION TIMES**

Look online for our full confession and adoration schedule: [kucatholic.org/mass](http://kucatholic.org/mass). For confession, please follow the instructions posted on the confessional door closely. For a confession appointment, text (913) 220 8809.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to assist in counting the collection basket on Monday/Tuesday mornings. It takes around 1 hour each week, and you would be scheduled every other week or so. If interested, contact Bob Washatka at [rwashatka@kucatholic.org](mailto:rwashatka@kucatholic.org).

We are also working to fill the front desk volunteer schedule, and Maureen Washatka has stepped in to fill that role. If you have 1-3 hours to spare and want to volunteer, please email Maureen at [office@kucatholic.org](mailto:office@kucatholic.org) to snag a spot to help us out. We are so grateful for all of our volunteers — our mission is much more full because of you!

### ADVOCATING FOR ETHICAL VACCINES

In the document *Moral Considerations Regarding the New Covid-19 Vaccines*, the U.S. bishops addressed the moral concerns raised by the fact that all the vaccines have a connection, some more remotely than others, to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions. Though they concluded receiving a COVID-19 vaccine “is morally permissible and can be an act of self-love and charity toward others” given the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, they also warned that Catholics “must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research.”

Therefore, the bishops believe it is the responsibility of Catholics and all people of good will to advocate to pharmaceutical companies and the government for the ethical development, production, testing and distribution of all vaccines and medicines. To assist with this advocacy, the Archdiocese is providing a sample letter for people to use as a template to send to pharmaceutical companies. Visit [www.archkck.org/vaccines](http://www.archkck.org/vaccines) for the template and to learn more. Please read the original USCCB document ([www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines](http://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines)) for a detailed explanation of the moral permissibility of taking the vaccines and to learn why the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are preferred over the other currently available vaccines.

### ANNUNCIATION VIGIL MASS

Expectant parents are invited to receive a special blessing for their unborn children in celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation. This solemnity commemorates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of our Savior. It calls us to reflect on the blessing of new life and how we are to care for, protect, and welcome new life, as the Blessed Mother did for the Christ child.

Solemnity of the Annunciation Vigil Mass with Archbishop Naumann Wednesday, March 24 7:00 pm at Prince of Peace Church, 16000 W 143<sup>rd</sup> St., Olathe

All are invited! The Annunciation Vigil Mass will be Live-streamed on the Prince of Peace Facebook page which can be found by searching for 'Prince of Peace Catholic Church Olathe', or by going to their parish website at [www.popolathe.org](http://www.popolathe.org) and clicking on the Facebook icon.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Deacon Candidate from our community Dr. Michael Murray will lead the Stations of the Cross in the St. Lawrence Chapel each Friday of Lent at 3pm. All are welcome! Come and pray with us!

### WAY OF THE CROSS @ PLANNED PARENTHOOD

On Good Friday we remember all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted—in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service:

Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion: Friday, April 2 10:00 am to 11:00 am @ Planned Parenthood abortion clinic, 4401 W. 109 ST, Overland Park, Ks 66211.

### ARE YOU NEW HERE?

If you are a student, please reach out to us by visiting [kucatholic.org/exploringKU](http://kucatholic.org/exploringKU), or shoot a message to Kyle Kuckelman: [kkuckelman@kucatholic.org](mailto:kkuckelman@kucatholic.org). We'd love to get you connected!

If you are a faculty, staff, or family member, please visit [kucatholic.org/family-membership](http://kucatholic.org/family-membership) for more information on the mission of St. Lawrence and learn about joining our community.

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