DECEMBER 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Sunday Eucharist

Weekday (see schedule)

Adoration

Wednesday......9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

#### **Sacraments**

Reconciliation

By appointment only.

**Anointing of the Sick** 

Call before hospital stay, if possible.

#### **Infant Baptism**

Call during pregnancy for dates of preparation class and Baptism.

#### Marriage

Allow 10 months for marriage preparation. Please call the Office for an appointment to set the date.

#### **Scripture Readings-Cycle C**

#### Week of December 19, 2021

Sun: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/ Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Mon: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tues: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [la; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wed: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/

Lk l:46-56 Thurs: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14

I nurs: Mai 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Fri: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Sat: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

*Dawn*: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/ Heb l:1-6/Jn l:1-18 or l:1-5, 9-14



#### MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the community of St. Gregory Barbarigo, are called forth in Baptism to follow the mission of Jesus to teach, to love, and to serve."

Beginning on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, the Magnificat Antiphon at Vespers presents a different title for Christ each day until Christmas Eve. These titles correspond to the verses of the song, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," translated from the Latin, "Veni, Veni Emmanuel." The titles are: Dec. 17: O Wisdom; 18: O Sacred Lord; 19: O Flower of Jesse's Stem; 20: O Key of David; 21: O Radiant Dawn; 22: O King of All Nations; 23: O Emmanuel. These antiphons are sung with solemnity at Conception Abbey at Vespers on each of the days. It is a way liturgically to heighten expectation of the arrival of Christ at Christmas.

On the lighter side, the following was sent to me by a friend upon hearing about how I fell and broke my ankle. It is part of the content of a course taught at the U. of Oklahoma on Myth and Folklore entitled, "Aesop's Fable 40. Thales and the Old Woman." I thought you might be able to appreciate the humor.

Thales was the first Greek philosopher, and he is counted as one of the "Seven Sages" of ancient Greece. He was also famous as a mathematician and as an astronomer. He spent a lot of time watching the sun and the moon and the stars, trying to understand the laws that governed their movements. He often left the city around sunset in order to get the best possible view of the sky at night.

One evening as Thales was walking along and gazing intently up at the sky, he did not see a big rock in the road just in front of him. He stumbled over the rock and hit the ground hard. As he slowly and painfully got back up, he heard the sound of someone laughing. He looked around and saw an old woman who had also been walking along the road behind him. "O great sage," she shouted, "while you are looking up at the sky, you should also keep an eye on the ground in front of you!"

The moral of the story is that you need to be aware of your surroundings at all times. If Thales lived in the modern world, we might also have to remind him not to text while driving!

By the way, last Monday I went to see if my fracture had healed well enough to take off the boot, or if the boot has to stay on a while longer. You will know how things went by whether I am wearing my boot or not. Just one of the things for which I am longing and waiting in this Advent!

May we open our hearts to God's grace this Advent!

Father Albert, O.S.B.

### Parish Notes



ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA NOW
If you would like to order a Poinsettia to help decorate the Church during
Christmas in memory or honor of loved ones, please complete the form you will find in the Gathering Space and return it to the office by Dec 21.

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will close on Thurs, Dec 23, at 12pm and will remain closed through Fri, Dec 31 for our staff Christmas break. We will reopen on Mon, Jan 3. Happy Holidays!

#### SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of Luella Walter and Beverly Shelton, who died recently. May they and all our faithful departed enjoy eternal rest in peace.



### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ST. GREGORY'S PARISH

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Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal. "To equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ." Ephesians 4:12

With your generous gifts, as of December 13th, we have met 95% of our parish goal of \$36,000. Thank You!



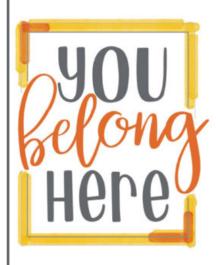
Have you moved recently?
Please be sure to call the Parish
Office to update your address.

Fiscal Year-To-Date Information (25 weeks) Envelope Goal for Fiscal Year-to-Date 2021-2022\$ Envelope Amount Collected 2021-2022\$ Under Budget\$	441,889
Weekly Information	
Envelope Weekly Goal\$	18,476
Envelope for Dec 12\$	14,731
Plate for Dec 12\$	362
Online Giving\$	14,640
Immaculate Conception\$	565
Children's\$	1
Gifts to Church\$	50
Christmas\$	390
Religious Ed\$	5
Religious Retirement\$	2200
Thanksgiving\$	10
Scholarship Asst\$	20
Children's Stewardship:  Cleaning.  Weekend Mass Attendance: 531	

I just finished watching a great series on Formed, "Evangelization with Chris Stefanick". If you are concerned about the state of the Catholic Church and how to carry out its mission, I highly recommend watching this series. One of the topics Chris covers is why people leave the church. Being a cradle Catholic who left for many years, this topic struck a chord with me.

While we all have unique circumstances, I believe the fundamental reason that many of us left is because we didn't understand the real reason we were here in the first place. So many of us were born into the Catholic faith but weren't sufficiently catechized to understand the beauty and purpose of the faith. Growing up I did not feel I had a personal relationship with God, I didn't understand the real presence of Jesus on the Altar, or of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments. What I did understand was that I was expected to follow the rules.

In a homily at the beginning of Advent, Father Albert mentioned the term legalism, which is "boiling down our relationship with God to how we act, a set of rules. But this is not the Gospel". As a young adult that is what I thought the church was about, rules. As soon as I could make my own choices, I stopped practicing my faith. When I left I felt I was being a rebel, a free thinker, and countercultural. What I have discovered since is that I was actually part of a rapidly growing statistic of young people leaving the church. I was going with the flow of our increasingly secular society.



Coming back to the church is actually counter-cultural these days...hey, I'm finally a rebel. Winning people back is a popular topic and there are many resources available. Chris Stefanick talks about this too, how to evangelize effectively. Some of what he said is spot on for what worked for me. What started me on my path back was encountering people that love this church and practice their faith with joy. That is how I knew I had missed something, a lot, and that I should take another look. Through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation and many other resources, I started filling in the gaps in my catechism and cultivated my personal relationship with God.

Putting relationship and connection first changed my perspective of the rules, the rules did not change. Instead of following rules in order to get to heaven, now I see loving and being loved fuels my desire to live an integrated life. So, based on what I have learned from research and experienced for myself, if you want to help people back to faith, my advice is to first examine your own. Your message needs to be about how much they are loved, worthy of redemption, and belong here. You cannot authentically deliver that message until you believe it for yourself.

Thank you for sharing your gifts. - Chris Kuhlemeyer

### No Little Saints or CGS until January 12th. May all have a blessed Advent and joy-filled Christmas!



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Gregory's Parish

Children meet at the Prayer Table to listen to Scripture in the Atrium.







Children listen and talk with God.



### Other Information

#### Catholic Charities

Housing at CCKCSJ – Did you know there are a variety of housing assistance options available at Catholic Charities? Veterans can seek assistance with gaining permanent housing through the SSVF program <a href="mailto:veterans@ccharities.com">veterans@ccharities.com</a>. Some emergency rent assistance is available through the Welcome Center at <a href="mailto:assistance@ccharities.com">assistance@ccharities.com</a>, finding a home for the chronically homeless is available with <a href="mailto:housing@ccharities.com">housing@ccharities.com</a>, and seniors can find assistance in some of our senior living facilities at seniors@ccharities.com.

#### **SUNDAY'S READINGS**

#### FIRST READING:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

#### PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

#### SECOND READING:

"Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" (Heb 10:7)

#### GOSPEL:

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:42-43)

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#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021**

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Friday: Christmas Eve

Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord

Next Sunday: The Holy Family





#### Friday, December 24, 2021– Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

### Saturday, December 25, 2021 – Christmas Day

9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass No Evening Mass

### Sunday, December 26, 2021— The Holy Family

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses

### Friday, December 31, 2021 – New Year's Eve

5:00 PM Mass for the Holy Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

#### Saturday, January 1, 2022 – New Year's Day

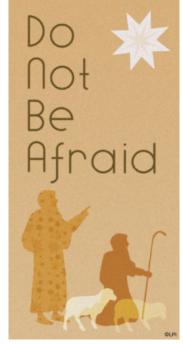
No Morning Mass 5:00 PM Mass, Vigil of Epiphany

#### Sunday, January 2, 2022— Epiphany

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses

Sunday, Dec 19 12:30 pm Ecumenical Sunday Book Study(PH) 5:00 pm Rosary For Life Monday, Dec 20 No School—No SACC 5:00 pm Manna Curbside/Delivery Tuesday, Dec 21 No School-No SACC Wednesday, Dec 22 No School-No SACC 9:00 am Adoration until 6pm (CH) Thursday, Dec 23 No School—No SACC 12:00 pm Parish Office Closes Friday, Dec 24—Christmas Eve No School-No SACC Parish Office Closed Saturday, Dec 25—Christmas Day **Christmas Collection** Sunday, Dec 26

12:30 pm Ecumenical Sunday Book Study(PH)



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or <a href="mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org">crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org</a> if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

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#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, Dec 18

5:00 pm L&D Members of the Wegenka & Steele Families

Sunday, Dec 19

8:00 am † Ron Wilmes

10:30 am † Alice Barmann

Monday, Dec 20

12:00 pm Communion Service

Tuesday, Dec 21

12:05 pm † Agatha Seipel & Sr. M Catherine Seipel

Wednesday, Dec 22

8:00 am † Loretta Kissinger

3:00 pm Int. of Residents [VCC]

Thursday, Dec 23

8:00 am † John T. Byland & Pricilla Himenez

Friday, Dec 24—Christmas Eve

4:00 pm † Clarence, Ron & Louise Eck & Family

6:00 pm † Ann Heflin & Brian Halley

10:00 pm † Betty Schieber

Saturday, Dec 25—Christmas Day

9:00 am † Martha Pope

Sunday, Dec 26

8:00 am † Delores Stoll

10:30 am † L&D Members of the Gene & Donna Frueh Family

(† Indicates Mass for deceased person)

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