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“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.
For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her.
She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.”
Matthew 1:18-24

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Regular Mass Times for

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
Tuesday	9:00 am
Wednesday	6:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am
First Fridays	6:00 pm
Holy Days	See Bulletin

Regular Confession Times

Tuesday	8:25 - 8:50 am
Wednesday	5:25 - 5:50 pm
Thursday	8:25 - 8:50 am
Thursday	6:15 - 6:45 pm
First Friday	5:25 - 5:50 pm
Sunday	7:20 - 7:50 am
2nd Saturday	After Mass

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Date	Servers	Ushers	Lectors	Sacristans	Rosary Leaders	Cantors Musicians	Homebound Ministers	Church Cleaners	Money Counters
Wednesday December 24 5:30 pm	Weston W Everett W	Mark Bock	April Riley	Pat & Maurice Devolder	N/A	David Orson Christmas Choir Judy / Melissa			
Thursday December 25 Midnight	Weston W Everett W	TBA	DJ Breitbach	Rita Pilcher Ed Medlock	N/A	Penni Warner Lillian Saddler Evan Bensen			
Thursday December 25 9:00 am	Patrick O Richard B	Ryan O'Hanlon	Janice Motta	Joe Bouchard	N/A				
Saturday December 27	Bodon R Maxx S	Don Ring	Guy Emhoff	Mary Adams Lilly L.	Marilyn Anderson	Kaitlin Long / TBA		CJ Team December 26	
Sunday December 28	Joseph H Alex H	Tim Davis	Scott Bennett	Cathy Vogel	Olivia Carrasco	David Orson / Judy Wolf	Marijo O'Malley		Stephanie's Team December 29



Mass Intentions † Indicates deceased person

Tuesday, December 23	9:00 a.m.	† Stephen Offutt by Gordon & Donna Johnson
Wednesday, December 24	5:30 p.m.	† Paul Brownsberger by Joan Munsterman
Thursday, December 25	Midnight	For the People of St. Bridget
Thursday, December 25	9:00 a.m.	† Jim Kerske by Bob & Shirley Morgan
Saturday, December 27	5:00 p.m.	† Ethel Long by Tim & Laura Long
Sunday, December 28	8:00 a.m.	For the People of St. Bridget

Special Collections

2025	
December 25	Christmas
January 2026	Initial Envelope Offering
January 1	Solemnity of Mary

Charity Opportunity

Do you desire to help our Lord Jesus Christ by seeing Him in the poor and needy in our area? Consider donating towards The Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Council, our local food pantry and charity organization. This is a 501C3 organization, thus your donation is tax deductible. There is no electronic giving yet, but you can write checks to "Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy," mail your donation to 100 Veterans Parkway, Pleasant Hill, MO 64080. If you desire to assist (i.e. Meals on Wheels – making and delivering low cost meals, then call 816-987-3952, working at the food pantry, working at the thrift store, etc.) OR have other questions, please contact the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy at: (816) 987-3600.



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Bulletin Announcements

Bulletin announcements must be e-mailed one week prior to the weekend of distribution to secretary@stbridgetph.org.

Sacraments

Baptism Parent preparation session is required. Please call the parish office prior to the birth.
First Communion A sacramental preparation program is required through SOR or an approved other curriculum.
Confirmation Program for high school students, according to Diocesan guidelines.
Marriage Please call the parish office when engaged. A nine month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). One party should be a registered, attending parishioner.
Anointing of the Sick As requested after Mass and by appointment.

Devotions and Info

New Parishioners
Welcome! Please register by downloading a registration form from our web site, stbridgetph.weconnect.com or contact the parish office. We are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you! ***
Eucharistic Adoration
Every Thursday After Mass—7:00 p.m.
Fifth Fridays 24 hrs. 5:00pm—Sat. 4:45pm
First Friday Mass and Devotions
6:00 p.m.; devotions, adoration, and benediction follow
Rosary
Before Mass Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday; First Thursday at 6:30pm w/ Altar Society; Second Thursday at 6:30pm w/ KofC
Prayer Chain Requests If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 540-5980.
Blessing Have you experienced a miscarriage? Contact Father Vogel or Deacon Morgan to receive a blessing.

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Reporting Abuse

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).
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911.
3. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the **Diocesan Ombudsman**, at **ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org** or **816-213-6024**

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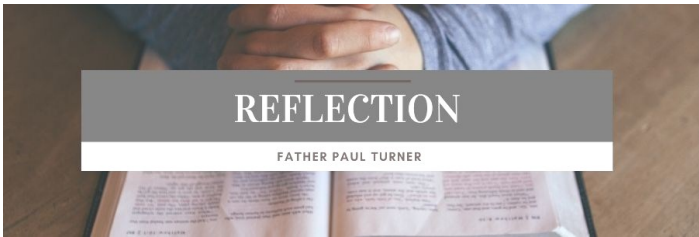
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14

God’s Signs

For Christians, the most famous prophecy of Isaiah is this: “The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

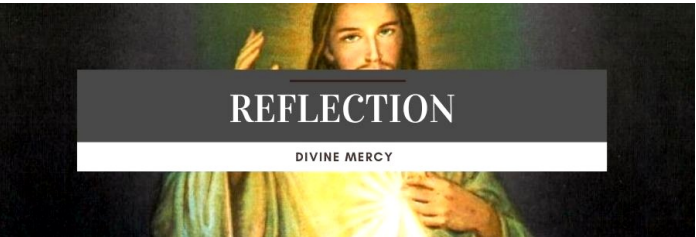
Isaiah spoke these words to a king worried about the future of his dominion. God invited Ahaz to ask for a sign of favor, but Ahaz refused. In so many words, Ahaz did not want to put God to any trouble. Isaiah, exasperated, tells the king that God will give him a sign anyway. Whether or not Ahaz wants one, God will give a sign.

The sign Isaiah promises is a child born to a young woman. The child will be given a name that carried a message to the king and his people: Emmanuel. God is with us.

When Matthew wrote about the birth of Jesus in the first chapter of his gospel, he said it fulfilled this prophecy from Isaiah. Jesus is the sign that God is with us. The young woman, his mother Mary, conceived the child while remaining a virgin.

Where in the world do people not want to trouble God? How can you bring them a sign of comfort? No matter how impossible the situation might be, God is with us.

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Holy Communion

There is no greater gift in this world than Holy Communion. And yet we so often approach that Sacrament with a distracted and inattentive heart. To overcome such a distraction you must first be convinced, with your entire mind, of the deep truths of the reality of Holy Communion. You must submit, with deep faith, to the reality that God is there, fully, in veiled form, coming to unite Himself with you in the most profound way. Second, as you believe, you must make an act of the will, choosing to receive Him not only into your body, but into every part of your being. Believe and then choose and the Lord of Mercy will transform your life through your worthy reception of Holy Communion (See Diary #1676).



Reflect upon the past several times you have gone forward to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. What was going through your mind at the time? Where was your heart in these moments? Renew your total trust in God as He comes to you through this most Precious Gift and resolve to receive Him more worthily the next time you receive this privilege.

Lord, please do renew my love for You as You come to me in Holy Communion. May I understand You as You come to me in this Precious Gift and may I choose You with my entire will. Jesus, I trust in You.

(This free reflection can be found at <https://divinemercury.life/2025/12/12/reflection-347-holy-communion/>)



Dear Friends in Christ,
As I was sitting in the Confessional this past weekend, waiting for the next penitent to walk in, I was reflecting on the Advent season, how we are now close to the end with Christmas around the corner, and how the original Advent and Christmas occurred, with the build up to the birth of Baby Jesus.

Painting the picture of the Holy Family (of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph). At this time, the Virgin Mary was 8+ months pregnant. She had a "super baby bump" by this time. Because of the census, St. Joseph had to take his wife, the Virgin Mary, and her Child in the womb (Baby Jesus) on a long journey to Bethlehem. For all the moms out there, how many of you would want to travel miles on foot and/or on the back of a donkey while you are 8+ months pregnant? The Virgin Mary did. For all you dads, how many of you would have been stressed out that your wife could give birth at any time, and you knew it may happen while you were traveling or at the ending location of your journey?

In other words, not your first option. Yet Mary and St. Joseph made this journey, despite all the inconveniences and sufferings along the way. Then they are turned down at the various inns and homes they inquired for a place to stay. Remember, it's very clear that the Virgin Mary is incredibly pregnant at this time, and yet this pregnant mom was always turned away. How many 8+ pregnant moms can accept that? Or the dads, how many of you can accept that you cannot accommodate your very pregnant wife, and you are running out of options? Then, miraculously, a last resort is presented to you: a cave for the night. Not a luxurious cave but a cave used as a stable, with all the sights, sounds, and smells (including manure) for the night. And then behold, the Virgin Mary gives birth to Baby Jesus.

Think of this original Advent into Christmas just described. Now, think of how you prepare for Mass. Every Mass has an "Advent" and "Christmas" parts. For the first part of the Mass (our "Advent" portion), we are preparing for the coming of the Lord. We seek forgiveness of our sins at the beginning of Mass, we hear him speak to us through the prophets, the saints, and from God directly too in the Mass Readings. We implore His help with our petitions (the Prayers of the Faithful). We prepare for His more immediate arrival in the preparation at the Altar, and then "Christmas" arrives as God takes on Flesh before our very eyes in the Eucharist (after the priest has said the words of Consecration over the bread and wine).

Think of all the struggles the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph went through to welcome the birth of Baby Jesus. Now think of all the struggles you go through simply to make it to Mass at church, to prepare for Mass before coming to church (i.e. reading and reflecting on the Sunday Mass Readings before Mass), to be engaged and focused at Mass while you are at church, and depending how much you have been preparing (even through all the hurdles thrown at you), you now welcome Baby Jesus in the Eucharist.

Every time you come to Mass you are akin to the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph at the original Advent and Christmas. You are not alone. They remained steadfast, fervent, and faithful through all their hurdles during the original Advent, and how huge was their joy at the first Christmas in the birth of Baby Jesus. Let us look at our preparation for Mass through the lens of the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, let us look to their example for us to model, and let us persevere in our preparation for Mass and engagement during Mass so that when "Christmas" arrives at the Mass we are attending, our joy may be overwhelmingly full, just like it was for the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph at the original Christmas, at the birth of Baby Jesus.

In Christo et Maria,
Father Vogel





Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24, 2025
5:30 pm & Midnight

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25, 2025
9:00 am (with Fr. Dave Holloway)

(Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)



DECEMBER 27 FEAST DAY OF
St. John,
Apostle and Evangelist

Pack up your wine and head to church...

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025 (ONLY), after Holy Mass, Father Vogel will perform the traditional blessing of wine for the feast of Saint John.

Tradition says that the Emperor Domitian once tried to poison St John by offering him poisoned wine. When the Apostle John said a blessing over the wine, the poison left the wine in the form of a snake.

St. John the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles and the "beloved disciple" of Jesus Christ. He is well-known for being one of the four evangelists (or Gospel writers). Called by the Greeks "the Divine," John was a Galilean, the son of Zebedee and Salome, and younger brother of St. James the Great. St. John is the author of the Gospel of John, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. The Church celebrates the Feast day of St. John the Apostle on December 27.



CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR



9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 28
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

All in the diocese are invited to join Fr. Charles Rowe in celebrating the closing Mass of the Jubilee Year.



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**COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH
FOR DECEMBER 2025**

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
John 14:15
WEEK 4

The 4th Commandment "Honor your father and mother"

A major facet of the 4th Commandment, "Honor your father and mother", is that it instructs us to honor our parents by caring for them in their old age. No one has perfect parents, and too many have parents who clearly fell short of providing an ideal childhood. Regardless, we are all called by God to set aside our differences and honor our parents by seeing to their needs as they become physically and mentally unable to care for themselves.

When the responsibility of caring for aging parents is embraced with an attitude of love, forgiveness and sacrifice, attending to them can be one of life's most beautiful seasons of life. The time spent with them provides sacred moments. Times to laugh and cry together as you relive past memories. Times for heart-to-heart conversations that lead to forgiveness and peace, before it is too late.

As children observe their parents, as they care for their grandparents, the children begin to appreciate their calling to do the same for their parents, so their children will, in turn, learn and do the same for them.

Also, to help you prepare for these conversations, I encourage you to watch a video on the 4th Commandment that is part of our video study of the Commandments. You can access all the videos by going to <https://ifuloveme.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=54c773480cf3ab173763cc6b9&id=cd3c14dd5d&e=557a533fd6> or scan the code, and then select your parish/school name in the list.

Prayer Intention for December

Dear Jesus, Thank you for the Commandment, "Honor your father and mother." Help me/us to remember to always honor my/our parents, even when it is hard to do.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

“**497 The Gospel accounts understand the virginal conception of Jesus as a divine work that surpasses all human understanding and possibility: “That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit”, said the angel to Joseph about Mary his fiancée. The Church sees here the fulfilment of the divine promise given through the prophet Isaiah: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son.”**”

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Monday, December 22

Tuesday, December 23

8:25 a.m. Confessions
Rosary & Divine Mercy Caplet
9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:15 p.m. Kids and Christmas Choir
5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Midnight Midnight Christmas Mass
9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass
(w/ Fr. Dave Holloway)

Friday, December 26

Parish Office CLOSED!

Saturday, December 27

4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 28

7:30 a.m. Confessions
7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass

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