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First Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

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Mass Intentions

Sat	Nov 28	5:30pm	Mike Feder by Phil and Jean Falke
Sun	Nov 29	8:30am	Parishioners of St George
Tues	Dec 1	6:00pm	Priest Intention
Wed	Dec 2	9:00am	Priest Intention
Thu	Dec 3	9:00am	Priest Intention
Sat	Dec 5	5:30pm	Parishioners of St George
Sun	Dec 6	8:30am	Paul Magruder by Dan & Linda Cobb

Daily Mass at St George will be Tues-6pm, Wed-9am, Thur-9am.
St Jude will have Mass Tues-9am, Wed-6pm, Fri-9am

Schedule of Events

Sat	Nov 28	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Nov 29	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church
Tues	Dec 1	5:00pm	Adoration, Benediction & Confession	Church
		6:00pm	Mass	Church
Wed	Dec 2	9:00am	Mass	Church
Thu	Dec 3	9:00am	Mass	Church
Sat	Dec 5	5:00pm	Confession	Church
		5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sun	Dec 6	7:45am	Confession	Church
		8:00am	Rosary	Church
		8:30am	Mass	Church

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, November 28, 2020, 5:30pm

Reader Janet Tirschel
Usher Jerry Wade

Sunday, November 29, 2020, 8:30am

Reader Joyce Watkins
Ushers Norm Brodeur, Phil Rucker
Money Counters Toni Hellums, Drew Volmer

Saturday, December 5, 2020, 5:30pm

Reader Kate Root
Ushers John Hotmer

Sunday, December 6, 2020, 8:30am

Reader Abby Volmer
Ushers Dan Cobb, Bill Schuler
Money Counters Michelle Howard, Tami Shipley

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Office Hours Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am – noon

First Sunday in Advent November 29, 2020

Turn to God During Advent

It may be hard to look forward to the holidays this year. Instead, use the time during Advent to "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God and there is no other ..." (Isaiah 45:22).

Turn to God for strength. "When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you" (Isaiah 43:2). When outside events make you feel low, remember that God will always send the strength we need to overcome difficulties.

Turn to God for Faith. "For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away" (1 Corinthians 13:9-10). During difficult times, it can be hard to be hopeful. Turn to God with the faith that He is with us now and has glorious plans for our future.

Turn to God to for love. "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!" (Luke 12:49). Jesus wants to fill our hearts with a fiery love like His. As we decorate our homes for Christmas, we can ask Jesus to fill our hearts with the warmth of His love.

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Online Giving

Did you know you can give online? Click give now on our website or use the link below. You can do a one time only or a recurring gift.
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stgeorgeodessamo>

Low Gluten Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available for Communion. Please talk to Fr. Bryan for information.

Remember in Prayer

Please keep these individuals in your prayers; Elsie Rees, Catherine Royeton, Gene Early, Marjorie Anderson, JoAnn McCarty, Helen Hotmer. Also remember all those who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 and all the health care workers and emergency responders.

Church Cleaning

Heavenly Duster

December 6

Team 4

Thank you to all those who volunteer to help keep our beautiful worship space clean.

Sacrificial Offering

11-22-20

Envelope	\$ 1771.00
Plate	\$ 70.00
Memorial Donations	\$ 10050.00
Total	\$ 11891.00

Masks and Social Distancing

Everyone is asked to wear their mask when entering and leaving the church. You are also asked to wear your mask when coming up to Communion. Please stay 6 feet apart when you are in line. Parishioners should practice social distancing upon entering and leaving the church.

Advent Calendars

Advent Calendars are on the kiosk in the gathering area. The calendar includes ideas for each day of Advent.

End of the Year Appeal

You may have recently received an end-of-the-year appeal at your homes from Catholic Charities. This is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the time, talent, and treasure you have shared over the past year. With 2020 quickly coming to a close, you still have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. This has been an especially tough year for many who could use our help. If you did not receive a mailing, please contact Patrick Savageau, Donor Stewardship Specialist, to make a donation at 816-659-8243 or psavageau@ccharities.com. We would also ask that you consider making this a monthly gift and check to see if your employer would be willing to match your donation.

How do Catholics benefit from praying the Rosary?

The Rosary is a simple prayer adapted from the complex prayers of medieval monks. It's a powerful prayer because in it, we ask Mary—whose prayers are never refused—to pray for us. In addition, the mysteries of the Rosary introduce us to the lives of Jesus and Mary. Each mystery is associated with a fruit. For example, the fruit of the mystery of the Annunciation is humility. Praying the Rosary opens us to the graces to be more Christ-like.

A prayer with roots in Scripture, the Rosary begins with the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic Faith. The Our Father that introduces each mystery is from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary that follows is from the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.

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Welcome

The parishioners of St George welcome you to our parish community. If you would like to register with our parish, forms are on the kiosk, come by the parish office, 202 W. Phillips St, from 9:30am-12noon, Wednesday or Thursday, or call 816-633-7475. You may also fill out the Become a Parishioner form on the parish website at www.stgeorgeodessa.org.

Bulletin

All items for the St George bulletin should be sent to stgeorgeodessa@gmail.com or call the church office, 816-633-7475, by 10am on Tuesday.

ATTENTION: Because of COVID 19, meeting hall rentals are limited. Contact Kate Root, marykroot@gmail.com for more information.

Sexual 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), 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 crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Christmas Angel Tree

Christmas Angel Tree Giving time is here. Please select tags from the tree in the gathering area. Purchase the suggested gifts, wrap them, and attach the gift tags. Return all gifts on or before **December 13**. They will be distributed to the families the following Saturday. What a great opportunity it is to be able to help some of those who are in great need!

PSR Projects

All lessons are set up by family in the back of church for each 1st weekend of the month. You may drop off your binders from the month before.

All completed Circle of Grace forms are due back in December.

December 6, 2020 Following Mass, pick up and drop off of assignments in the gathering area of the church.

For the month of December, I would like each family to share what Christmas means to them and what is a Christmas tradition you have at your home. This project is due the weekend of December 12-13 and will be displayed in the gathering area of the church.

Katherine Brown, email:katherinebrownpsr@gmail.com
PSR Coordinator

Blood Drive St Jude's

There will be a blood drive at St Jude's Catholic Church in Oak Grove on December 10 from 1-5pm.

Advent

During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth and look forward to Christ's reign and his coming on the last day. Catholic's light candles in Advent wreaths to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.

1st Sunday in Advent

Watch!

"Watch!" This word occurs three times in today's Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of "watch" leaves no doubt as to what the story is about.

We often think of Advent as a time of waiting but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master's work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work—the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find.

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