

# SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA CATHOLIC CHURCH

*A personal parish of the Diocese of Manchester entrusted to the Institute of the Good Shepherd*



**Rev. Fr. Hugues Beaugrand, IBP, Pastor**

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***Rectory hours:*** Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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**Christine Bryan • Parish Secretary & Homeschool Co-Op**

• Organist and Director of the Choir

**Gizelle Grover • Safe Environment Coordinator**

**Daniel Berger • Bookkeeper**

**Sundays**

**Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. • High Mass at 10:30 a.m. • Vespers at 1:00 p.m.**

**Weekday Masses**

Monday 9:00 a.m., Tuesday thru Thursday, 7:15 a.m. Wednesday 11:30 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. (with Adoration and Benediction), Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

**December 7, 2025 • II Advent**

## Mass Calendar & Intentions

### Sunday, Dec. 7: II Advent

8:30 a.m. Low Mass, Intention of the Donor  
10:30 a.m. High Mass, pro populo  
1:00 p.m. Vespers followed by Benediction.

### Monday, Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception

9:00 a.m. Low, Intention of the Donor  
6:30 p.m. Low, Intention of the Donor

### Tuesday, Dec. 9: Advent Feria

7:15 a.m. Low, Intention of the Donor

### Wednesday, Dec. 10: Advent Feria

7:15 a.m. Low, Intention of the Donor  
11:30 a.m. Low, Intention of the Donor

### Thursday, Dec. 11: St. Damasus

7:15 a.m. Low, Intention of the Donor

### Friday, Dec. 12: Advent Feria, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. Low, Intention of the Donor  
6:00 p.m. No Mass

### Saturday, Dec. 13: St. Lucy

9:00 a.m. Low, Intention of the Donor

### Sunday, Dec. 14: III Advent

8:30 a.m. Low Mass, Intention of the Donor  
10:30 a.m. High Mass, Intention of the Donor  
1:00 p.m. Vespers followed by Benediction.

### **Sacristy**

Sacristy is a place of silence where the priests need to recollect before Mass and liturgy.

In the Morning, priests are not available to talk before 9:00 a.m. as they do thanksgiving & Meditation. Thank you for understanding!

### **FROM THE PASTOR**

This week, we have two feasts of Our Lady: Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is for sure a great continuation of Advent to place ourselves, our family, our community and the Country under the mantle of Our Queen.

Advent is truly a time of preparation. Even if the world is making it a commercial event that will end the day Christmas starts, we see the Joy and Peace that come from the time. Every year, people slow down their lives, they take time to prepare the celebration of Christmas. It is the farthest remote way of remembering what is that feast that we know as they do as well. It is a time of hope and particularly as we end the Jubilee placed under that virtue of Hope.

We have a lot to Hope for, the first thing that comes to mind is Peace. We see that some governments are pushing to escalate conflicts in the World forgetting their first role is to protect their people not to engage in conflicts. Beside asking for the conversion of the Nations, it is our duty to pray for them whoever they are. Advent is a great time for that as we are all going to look at the source of our Joy even those who do not believe in Him or love Him. Every single one on earth will be exposed to the Child in the Nativity Scene. We can certain that some will be moved and some will change their mind and love Him. As for us, let us bring Peace and make Peace with all!

## Parish Announcements

**Sanctuary Lamp:** offered by Saginario family from Nov. 2 to Feb. 9. Thank you.

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**Men's group:** Dec. 13th at 5pm.

**Wednesday Conference:** Dec. 17th at 6:30pm

**Rosa Mystica girl's group:** next meeting: Dec. 20th.

**Women's group:** Jan. 31st at 5pm.

**Youth Group:** Feb. 7th at 5pm.

**Christmas/Epiphany party:** Jan. 10th 2026 at 5pm with Christmas carols and games.

## The Rorate Mass

The Rorate Mass is a Votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (by indult in some regions or institutes, the Mass *Rorate caeli desuper* is a votive Mass of the 3rd class and may be offered on any liturgical day which is not of the 1st or 2nd class.), which is celebrated by candlelight before dawn during the Advent season. The Mass is called “Rorate” because the Introit for the Mass begins with this Latin word from the book of Isaiah: *Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.*

The origins of the Rorate Masses are certainly linked to the Western tradition of Ember Days, falling during Advent. It was on the Wednesday of the Advent Ember Days that the mystery of the Annunciation was commemorated. On this day, before sunrise, the so-called Missa Aurea – the Golden Mass – was celebrated. In Western Europe, the custom of celebrating this Mass for nine days before Christmas developed, while in some countries – like Germany or Poland – this tradition was extended to the entire Advent period under special privileges granted by the Holy See.

An important element of the symbolism of the Rorate Mass is the Advent lantern. The church is symbolically dark, illuminated by the glow of candles. This beautiful symbolism reminds us of the need to gather good deeds throughout Advent, which can illuminate the darkness of sin, to show Christ the way to our hearts. The lantern also symbolizes Jesus' parable of the wise virgins, who, with burning lamps, awaited the coming of the Bridegroom.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is our guide through Advent until Christmas. In the Introit of the Mass, Mary is compared to the fertile earth, dewed by heaven, which opens and yields the Savior. In the Epistle, we hear the prophecy of Isaiah that the Son of God will be born of a Virgin. In the Gospel, we witness scenes of enduring beauty in the house at Nazareth: “The Word becomes flesh” in Mary. Finally, the Last Gospel summarizes what is fulfilled in us during Holy Mass: “And the Light shineth in darkness... that was the true Light, which enlighteneth every man... he gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in his name... And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us”. These are the purest Advent thoughts.

## Parish activities:

Men’s group, Women’s group, Youth group once a month, Conference on Wednesdays every other week, St. Joseph Men’s group work, Saint Ann’s meal group, Catechism for Sacraments, Altar boys, Homeschool Co-op twice a week, Adoration twice a week. Volunteering: Not yet in, talk to a priest!

## Confessions:

Are heard before each Mass and on demand.

## Baptism:

Registered and active parishioners should call well ahead of the baptism to get the form. A class will be provided. The form should be submitted before the ceremony.

## Holy Matrimony:

Catholics must be married in the Catholic Church to have a valid marriage in the eyes of God and the Catholic Church. There is a six-month preparation prior the desired date of wedding. It is available for registered and active parishioners.

## First Confession, First Holy Communion & Confirmation:

Preparation for the reception of sacraments is available for families registered and active at the parish. The preparation is announced before the beginning of the academic year.

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## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

**THE WEEKLY GOAL IS \$3215.00**

**NOV. 30TH COLLECTION: 1<sup>ST</sup> MASS: \$1065.00**

**2<sup>ND</sup> MASS: \$805.00**

**ONLINE GIVING: \$731.91**

**TOTAL: \$2601.91**

**FUEL: \$65.00 FLOWERS: \$75.00 BUILDING FUND: \$.00**

**LITURGICAL NEEDS: \$20.00**

Prayer in adopting a dying Soul.

Heavenly Father, through the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I humbly offer my prayer today by adopting a dying soul, known or unknown to me. May they be reconciled with You through an act of perfect contrition and be strengthened by the Sacraments of the Church, with the assistance of their loved ones. Amen.

One Our Father, One Hail Mary, and One Glory Be.