



Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

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Mass Schedule:
9:00 a.m. Sunday Service
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Mass
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service

Main Office Hours:
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri
(816) 471-3696
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Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord

EASTER GREETINGS FROM FR. LEONARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Alleluia! He is Risen! What a joy it is to proclaim once again that Christ has conquered death and brought us the gift of eternal life! As we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, I extend my warmest Easter greetings to all our beloved parishioners, visitors, and friends of St. Monica Catholic Church and Our Lady of Sorrows. May this season of grace fill your hearts and homes with renewed hope, joy, and peace.

The Resurrection is not only a historical event—it is a present and living reality that continues to shape our lives today. It is the foundation of our faith and the wellspring of our hope. This Easter season, let us take time to reflect on how Christ's triumph over the grave continues to give light to our struggles, strength to our weakness, and consolation in times of sorrow.

We hold especially in our hearts the homebound and the sick members of our parish family. Though they may not have been able to join us physically during the Easter Triduum and Sunday celebrations, they remain very much a part of our spiritual communion. We offer our prayers and love to each of them, asking the Risen Lord to bless them with healing, comfort, and joy. Know that you are remembered and cherished always.



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I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed their time, talents, and treasure to help prepare for the beautiful celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. The decorations, the music, the liturgies, and the many acts of behind-the-scenes service all helped create a sacred and uplifting experience for everyone. Your dedication reflects the love and faith that make our parish communities so vibrant and welcoming.

A special word of appreciation goes to those who helped organize and serve during our Seder Meal on Holy Wednesday. It was a meaningful and moving experience that reminded us of the deep roots of our Christian faith in the Jewish tradition and prepared us beautifully to enter into the Paschal Mystery.

We also take great joy in welcoming Marqus Moye, who was baptized, confirmed, and received Holy Communion for the first time at the Easter Vigil. Marqus, your “yes” to Christ and His Church fills us with hope and reminds us of the power of new life that Easter brings. We rejoice with you and commit ourselves to walking with you on this journey of faith.

Please receive Easter greetings from Deacons Greene and Dupree, who join me in praying that this holy season will deepen our encounter with the Risen Christ. Their ministry and presence among us are a blessing, and together we offer our gratitude to God for the gift of this parish community.

Easter is not just a day—it is a season of fifty days, culminating in the great feast of Pentecost. Let us continue to celebrate with joy, keeping the light of the Resurrection burning brightly in our hearts, our homes, and our parish. In this season of renewal, may we recommit ourselves to prayer, acts of mercy, and joyful witness to the Good News.

Finally, to all our visitors and those returning to the Church, we are so glad you are with us. Whether you are here for the first time or coming back after some time away, know that you have a place in our parish family. We pray that you will continue to feel welcome, nourished, and inspired as you grow in faith.

Wishing you and your loved ones every blessing this Easter and always,
Fr. Leonard

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Matthew 28:8-15
- Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; John 20:11-18
- Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:13-35
- Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 24:35-48
- Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; John 21:1-14
- Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mark 16:9-15
- Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Liturgical Assignments

- Sunday, April 27, 2025*
- Lectors: Jim Newland, Melba Myers
- Servers: All Servers
- Welcome: Karen Groves
- Ushers: Team D
- Eucharistic Ministers: Rita Womack, Stephanie Broils, Gerald Buckman, Diane Charity, Dawn Collins, Angela Curry

Offering Reports

<i>Sunday, April 13, 2025</i>	
Regular Offering:	\$6,224.00
Building Fund:	\$35.00
Food Pantry:	\$425.00
Mother’s Day:	\$45.00
Easter Flowers:	\$165.00
Total	\$6,894.00

The Prayer of St. Monica

Cast yourself with confidence into the arms of God and be very sure of this, if God wants anything of you, He will fit you for your work and give you the strength to do it.

Bingo Night



B-I-N-G-O! Yes, we are going to have a Parish Council Bingo Night at St. Monica on Saturday, April 26th at 6:30 pm. We hope you can join us to play, socialize and win some prizes. Questions? See Kim Urenda (913) 226-2085

Friends and Family Event



Mark your calendars for a delightful Family and Friends Event on May 18th! Enjoy a delicious brunch along with exciting prizes. Begin to think about the special people you'd like to bring along for this memorable gathering. Stay tuned for more details—we can't wait to celebrate with you!

Juneteenth Parade



Save the date for the Juneteenth Parade on June 7th. The Juneteenth Heritage Festival will take place on June 21st. We are the reigning champions for our float and welcome your ideas, time, and talents as we prepare to win again!

Choir Guest



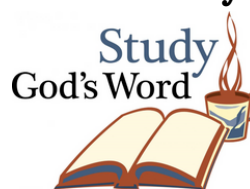
We are excited to announce that the Rockhurst High School Choir will be joining our choir for a special performance on Sunday, April 27th. We look forward to an inspiring and harmonious collaboration!

Legion of Mary Meeting



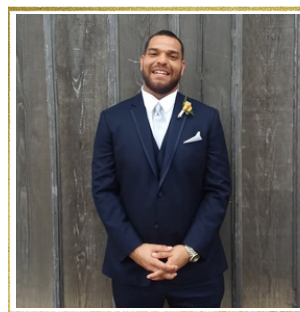
Join us for the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Kibeho/Our Lady Sorrows Praesidium meeting, Monday, April 28th, at 6:00 PM in the St. Monica building. Your presence will be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday Prayer Service



Join us every Wednesday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for our uplifting prayer service. We start with an inspiring song, followed by the rosary, and engaging readings. Together, we will discuss the upcoming Sunday gospel, share our prayer intentions, and conclude with a powerful closing prayer. Come and strengthen your faith with our community!

Meet our New Catholic



My name is Marqus Moye, and I am an accountant. My hobbies include sports (mainly football and pickleball), painting, and reading philosophy. I come from a family of five: my father is Roy, my mother is Lisa, my sister is Elana, and my brother is Roy T. My journey of faith began with my parents. My father has been a preacher at a different church my whole life and has encouraged me to have a relationship with God. However, it was my mother who introduced me to the Catholic faith. This Easter Sunday, I will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist.

My journey has been a rollercoaster ride, but it always ends at the right place. I look forward to the lifestyle changes that will come from following the guidance of the Catholic faith. I have felt lost for too long and am now ready to find my home in faith.

The Catholic values I admire most are the love of God with my whole being, the temperance practiced by the Catholic faithful as I try to practice moderation daily. Lastly, I admire the courage of the Catholic faithful. I tried to do what was right, even if the outcome was unfavorable for me, and I tried to have the courage to stand up for my faith, even if I was ridiculed for it.

Please keep Marqus in your prayers as he embarks on this spiritual journey.

Prayer List



Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Beverly Dyer, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Elaine Lomax, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta Mize, Rhea Holloman, Melva McClellan, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Marcella Vaughn, Paris Harrington, Maxine Harvey, Michael Lucas, Lola Jacobs, Evalena Davidson (mother of Dan Davidson), Javan Hardy, Frankie Kemp, Carmelita Newman, Conrad McDonald, Opal C. Blankinship, Patrice Williams (daughter of Pat and Don Williams), John James, Barbara Walters, Janee Green (daughter of Pam and Ronald Green), Jublatee O'Neal (New Parishioner), Bonita Akridge, Deacon Kenneth Greene, Lawrence Ramirez, Mary Ann Grayson, Edward H. Franklin, Jr. (Father of Tracey Franklin Bradford), Sean Curry (Son of Angela Curry), Alvin Brooks, Bettye Young

Please notify Father Leonard when you or a family member have become homebound or admitted to the hospital. Please call the parish office at (816) 471-3696 or email frleonard@stmonicakc.org.

Office of Child & Youth Protection- 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 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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org

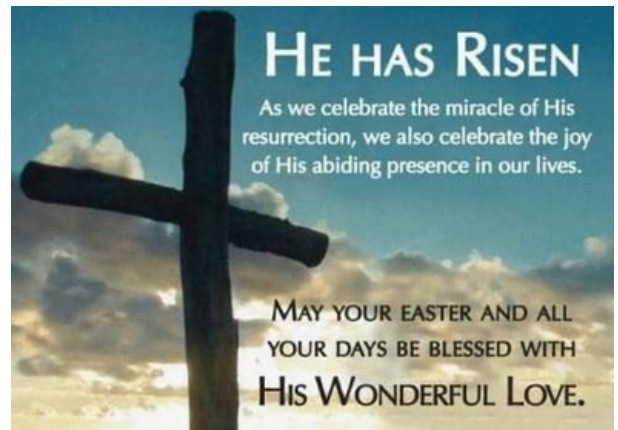
The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Safety Environment Coordinator for St. Monica Parish -
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Leadership Corner

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David Barnes	Carolyn Greene
Lawrence Blankinship	Shayla Mendy
Alvin Brooks	Shirley Thaw
Jenise Comer	Jackie Dinvaut
Angela Curry	



Calendar of Events this Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 AM	Mass
10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt (FH)
11:30 AM	RCIA Classes (CR)

MONDAY, APRIL 21

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 AM	Mass
6:00 PM	Prayer Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

6:00 PM	BINGO Night (FH)
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