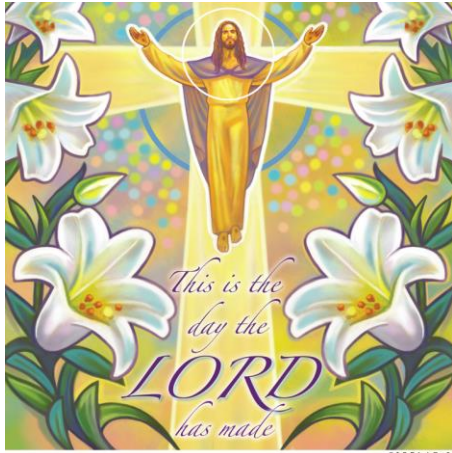


**EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

*I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the LORD.*

Psalm 118:17



REJOICE AND BE GLAD

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast. Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ's passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: "This is the day." It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny. Listen carefully to Peter's speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ.

Rejoice and be glad!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (**Acts 10:34a, 37-43**).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (**Psalm 118**). (1)

Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (**Colossians 3:1-4**) (2)

Second Reading - Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 ,

TODAY'S GOSPEL

- *Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Mark 16:1-7 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass,*
- **Luke24:13-35).**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7 -11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**SAINTS & SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday in the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter



Must wear mask at all times

- to attend.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. (Live)

10:00 a.m. (Live & Recorded)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. MASS (Live)

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting,



EASTER PEOPLE

**We are Easter people
and Alleluia is our song!**

St. Augustine

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Our tradition has a way of honoring age-old customs, and is patient with how practices unfold in different places. The name of today's feast illustrates this well. English is a Germanic language, and our word "Easter," or German "Oester," points back to the pagan goddess Eoestre, the star of the vernal equinox feast. The Greek title "Pasch" reaches back in a more helpful manner to the Hebrew "Pesach," or "Passover." "Paschal Triduum" may be slow to replace "Easter" in our vocabulary, but it is clearer about the mystery we celebrate today, the culmination of three days laden with mystery and meaning.

You can hear the older term, and the resistance to English influence, in the Irish "Casca" and Scottish "Pask." Romance languages stay close to the deep paschal tradition, with the French "Pâques," Spanish "Pascua" and Italian "Pasqua." Memories of our pagan past with "Oester" will not soon fade away: even Japanese Christians are under her spell, for today's feast is called "I-suta." Swahili, a young language, takes the more traditional route with "Pasaka." Each language yields a rich insight into the feast. Spanish includes a sense that today is a "big Sunday" by adding the designation "Pascua" to the greatest feasts, such as "Pascua de la Natividad" (Christmas). Once Christ is risen, every step of life's journey is illuminated by the light of the Pasch!

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HOMEGOING

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **INELL HUNTER**, who passed on to be with our LORD, The Home going Celebration of Mrs. Hunter will be held on **Friday, April 4, 2021**, at St. Monica Church **9:00 – 11 a.m. VISITATION**
11:00 a.m. – FUNERAL MASS
12:30 a.m. Internment Forest Hill Cemetery
May the soul of Inell and all the faithful rest in peace Amen.



FEAST OF FAITH

The Eucharist: Food for Resurrection

How do we celebrate Easter, the greatest of our Christian feasts? By doing what we do every Sunday and every day: celebrating the Mass. On the first Easter, as the heartbroken disciples walked the road to Emmaus, the Lord was with them but they did not realize it. They only recognized him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 22:35).

It is the same for us. In the Mass—the breaking of the bread—we meet the risen Lord together. We meet him in each other—for by our baptism into his death and resurrection, we have become members of one body, the Body of Christ. We meet him in his word—in the liturgy the scriptures are proclaimed to us, that they might take root and grow in us. And we meet him in a special way in the Eucharist, the sacrament of his Body and Blood, which is food for resurrection: “whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51). The Lord is risen indeed, and it is the Risen One who truly presides at this and every Eucharist.
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PROJECT GRACE

An Easter Reminder:

Resurrection Sunday is a good time to remember the offering from the joint UMKC School of Medicine and KU's Alzheimer Center Resurrection er Center – an information & assessment effort to heighten awareness of the dementia brain disorder as it presents itself within the African American community.

St. Monica's parishioners, age 55 to 85+, are encouraged to participate in a two-part survey and a confidential screening process conducted by KU's medical staff.

Research participants will receive stipends [\$25 for the first survey & \$30 for the second survey] upon completion of each phase of this research.

You can gain access to this research project by way of this e-mail:

ProjectGrace2021@gmail.com Or you

may gain direct link to the survey application at:

<https://redcap.link/EnrollmentProjectGrace> Please note the telephone

number correction below for direct access to UMKC's research leadership team

Jensen Davis, (816) 775-1910

Submitted by: Deacon Ken Greene
March 29, 2021

Bulletin Deadline Wednesday - NOON

OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Please inform our Pastor, Fr. Leonard when a loved-one is home bound or has been hospitalized. Call 816-471-3696 or email: stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com

Edith Bolder Holmesdale Care Center, Alvin Brooks, Home, Jeanette Hamilton Evans, Home, Carlos Nix, Home, Lavel McCullough, Home, Rosa Birch, Home Sandra Cloyd, Home, Kevin Brown, Home, Jackie Countee, Home, Sharon Shackelford-Allen Home, Earnestine Nard, Home, Earl Greene, Home, Michael Mize, Home, Flora Waddell, Home, Delores Bazy, Home, Deacon Greene, Home, Vera Brown, Home, Ovell Thomas, Home, Joann James, Home, Dorothy Wyatt, Home, Terese Spears Chambers, Home, John Johnson, Home, Vauncille Bartlet, Home, Mary Ann Grayson, Home, Herman Lovett, Home, Donald and Mable Parson, Home, LaTonya Sutherland, Home,.

FORWARD IN FAITH



The Stewardship Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to all the St. Monica parishioners for the success of our 110 Anniversary Celebration and Virtual Silent Auction. The Committee worked with precision as a team, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Shirley Thaw, with expert guidance on the auction from Mrs. Angela Curry. Kim Urenda's technical assistance, and Dwight's performance as the announcer contributed to raising a total amount that exceeded our goal! Our success would not have been possible without your support. You donated and bid on many of the 56 available items. During the process, we added St. Monica Twitter and Instagram accounts to expand our reach on social media. We expect the addition will attract new members as the downtown and 18th and Vine areas expand housing opportunities near the church. Thank you again and look forward to future events to work on together as our parish moves “**Forward in Faith.**”

Our goal is, to raise **\$150,000** by October 2021. So far, we have received **\$63,086.50** and **\$86,913.50**, still to go. The goal is huge, but God is faithful.

*God bless you all,
Fr. Leonard*