

AUGUST 21, 2022

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Strengthen your drooping hands
and your weak knees.*

*Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjoined
but healed.*

— *Hebrews 12:12-1*



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Our readings today remind us of the larger story of the Bible, of God's purposes and promises for the world. Because of humanity's rejection of God, as told in Genesis, human communities were first dispersed. Isaiah proclaims that one day God will gather these communities to be healed and reconciled with God. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus echoes Isaiah and teaches that all peoples in God's promised future "will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Notice that in Isaiah, the nations coming to God do not lose their ethnicity or unique identity. They bring their own distinct cultural gifts to God's table. Each people has its unique history with God, has received distinct blessings from God, and each is accountable to God. Today, we live in a global and multi-cultural Church. When God's diverse peoples gather in worship today, may we honor and celebrate each other's gifts and blessings.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (*Isaiah 66:18-21*).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (*Psalm 117*).

Second Reading — Be strong and endure your trials as the "discipline" of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness (*Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*).

Today's Gospel — People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God (*Luke 13:22-30*).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: St. Rose of Lima
Wednesday: St. Bartholomew
Thursday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz
Saturday: St. Monica

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I know what God commands?

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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Masks are encouraged.

WEDNESDAY:

9:00 a.m. MASS:

6:00 p.m. PRAYER MEETING:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH :

DAY OF PRAYER: Noon – 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST, 28TH

ST. MONICA FEAST DAY

ONE MASS: 9:00 a.m

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR

**9:00 a.m. MASS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th**

Servers: All Servers

Lectors: Allison Reffels
Deborah Scott

Welcome: Caleb Johnson

Ushers: Don Williams, Mary Pearson,
Mary Alexander, Chauceyetta
Mize, Genia Palmer

Counters: Team 4

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Are you looking for a way to actively serve your parish? Come be a hospitality usher!

It is a once-a-month commitment where you attend mass to help welcome people.

Sign up with Kim Urenda at urendak@gmail.com or text/call (913) 226-2085.

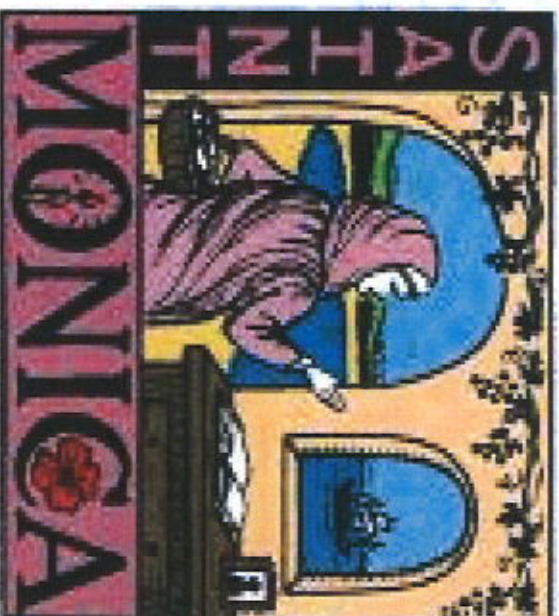
Hospitality Meeting will be held after 10 am mass on Sunday, August 21st with breakfast items.

We will hold a training and refresher at this time.

See you all soon.

OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Jeanette Hamilton, Rosa Birch, Delores Bazy, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Ray Myers, Vaunclie Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald & Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Earl Greene, Jr., Ovell & Frances Thomas, Dorothy Mustin, Earnestine Nard, Flora Waddell, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chauceyetta Mize, Rhea Holloman, Clara Mays, Melva McClellan, Carlos & Paula Nix, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Margaret Sams, John & Debra Johnson, Yvonne Dillahunt, Carrie Miller, Deacon Ken Greene, Marcella Vaughn



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- is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church.

If you are a victim of sexual abuse or suspect sexual abuse,

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline, at 1-800-392-3728 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18)
2. Contact your local Law Enforcement Agency, or call 911,
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to

the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon,

crayon@ombudsmankc.org, if the abuse

involves a priest, deacon, employee or

volunteer of the Diocese or of Kansas City- St.

Joseph.

DIOCESAN TRAINING AVAILABLE

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION
WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

St. Mark Parish

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READERS TRAINING WORKSHOP

(LECTORS)

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

St. Mark Parish

St. Monica parishioners, please call the our Church Office, 816-471-3696, to register for these workshops. for these workshops.