

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

AUGUST 25, 2019

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

— *Hebrews 12:12-13*



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WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

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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 — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (*Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*).

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

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

- Edith Bolder Bishop Spencer's Place
- Jeanette Hamilton Evans Home
- Eddie Jennings, V.A.Rehab Cameron
- Inell Hunter Home
- Margaret G. Jones Research Hospital
- Martha Melton Addington House Ctr
- Marcheita Bush 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
- Mable Parson Home
- Earl Greene Home
- Michael Mize Home
- Cathy Johnson Home
- Chaunceyette Mize Home

FAMILY MEMBERS

Please inform Father Leonard, when a loved-one has become homebound, or has been hospitalized. Call, 816-471-3696, or email: leombuthia@yahoo.com

SEPTEMBER 1ST ASSIGNMENTS

SERVERS *Coordinator: V. Ammons**
All Servers

LECTORS *Coordinator, Rose Palmer**

8:00 a.m. Gerald Buckman
Darthene Buckman

10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*Coordinator, Dianna Miller**

8:00 a.m. Dianna Miller, Julia Price,
Rita Womack,
Gerald Buckman

10:00 a.m. Rose Palmer, Barbara
Parks, Lydia Rameriz, Carol Robinson.
Rose Roos, Katie Steward, Terese
Chambers, Kirk Thaw, Shirley Thaw

USHERS *Coordinators, Kim Urenda,
Mary Pearson **

8:00 a.m. Elaine Johnson,
Lawrence Blankinship

10:00 a.m. Youth Day

WELCOME: Jordon Johnson

COUNTERS: TEAM #1:

Team Leader: Burnetta Burtin

3RD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

HOST: Eucharistic Ministers

MEETINGS / DATES / TIMES



Registration Forms, for the Fall – Religious Education Classes, are available in the Church Vestibule.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes are on summer break.
Ramonda Doakes, Director

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP,

will reconvene in October
Coordinators: John & Debra Johnson

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

*Coordinators: Eric & Burnetta Burtin,
Elton & Phaedra Lombard*

CONFIRMATION CLASS, 2020

Parents of Adolescents (age 15, or above), it's time to sign up your son or daughter, for the Confirmation Class of 2020. *Training Team: Rose Alexander, Remona Miller, and Linda Hall.*

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for

Adults. Meetings are held on Sundays, in the Small Chapel, following the 10:00 Mass. *Deacon Ken Greene, Instructor*

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

- 3rd Degree Knights 1st Sat 1:00 p.m.
- 4th Degree Knights 1st Sat. 1:45 p.m.
- Fr. Constantine Ct. 1st Sun. 9:00 a.m.
- Ladies of Grace 4th Sun. 2:00 p.m.
- Jr. Daughters 2nd Sat. 2:00 p.m.
- Jr. Knights 1st Sun. 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
 - 9:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast/Bible Study
- New members are welcome.
Meetings are held in the Administration Building, St. Monica Room.*

GRACE AND STRUGGLE

*The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.
—St. Rose of Lima*



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 2:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Monica
Wednesday:	St. Augustine
Thursday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

DIOCESAN WORKSHOPS

Reader Training

September 16, 7-9:00 p.m.:

Nativity of Mary Parish (10017 E 36th Terrace S, Independence, Mo. 64052)

Training to clearly and distinctly read for liturgy; good refresher as well for current readers! **Please contact your parish prior to registering;** \$30 per participant will be charge to each parish represented.

Registration deadline September 13
St. Monica parishioners, please call the Church Office to register for these classes. 816-471-3696.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

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St. Monica Feast Day - ACTIVITIES

"The Saint Monica Feast Day Committee is asking for **donations, of games and activities**, for September 8th. Games and activities are welcomed for both children and adults. Please drop off your games and activities on the morning of **September 7th**.

Please contact Maya Burtin, at maya@burtins.com if you have any questions. Thank you.

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday – Noon

UPCOMING EVENTS

at

SAINT MONICA MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 8th

SAINT MONICA FEAST DAY (ONE) MASS - 9:00 a.m.

Followed by food, entertainment and activities for all.

Sign up Sheets are in the vestibule.

- *Volunteers are needed*
- Meal – Potluck
- Meat will be provided

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September 15th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY

- Please join us in Ferguson Hall, for St. Monica's Religious Education / Sunday School Registration, and Welcome. For parents & Guardians, and children, of Grades Kindergarten- 5th

Lite Refreshments

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September 28th

Choir / Musical / 6:00 p.m.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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@ombudsmankcsi.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@diocesekcsi.org for more information.

