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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023
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9:00 a.m. Sunday Service

6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

Main Office Hours:

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

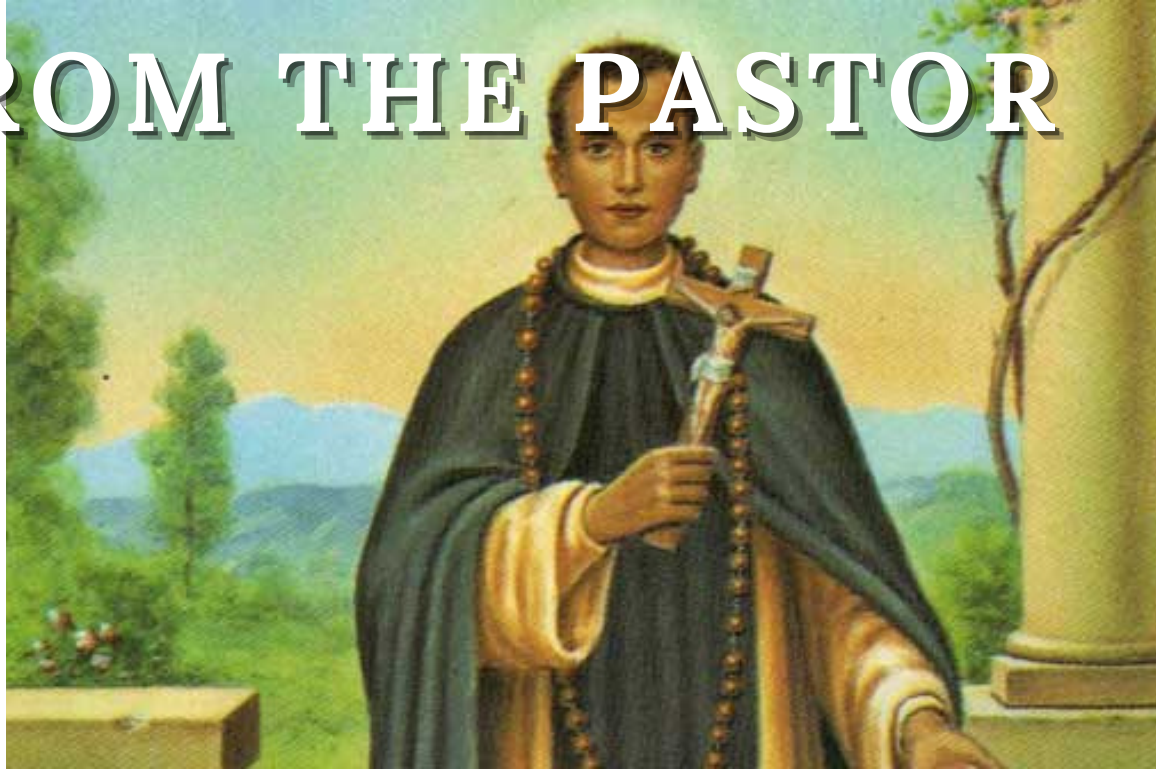
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FROM THE PASTOR



I pray and hope that the month of February has started well for you. As a way of celebrating Black History Month, I will use this column for the next four weeks to highlight and celebrate key Black personalities who have shaped the history of the Catholic Church over the centuries.

This week I will start with the first Black canonized saint in the Americas, St. Martin de Porres. He was born in Lima, Peru in 1579 to a Spanish nobleman and an African enslaved mother who were not married. He was born out of wedlock. His father rejected Martin at his birth because of his dark skin, and throughout childhood, Martin was given cruel names like “half-breed, half-cast, outcast.” He was not only rejected by his father but also by society. But despite the cruelty showed to him, Martin had a heart for the poor and despised. From earlier on in life St. Martin was presented with a big choice: to become bitter and complain about every difficult situation in his life or devote himself to good works and find God in it. He chose the latter.

At the age of 15, Martin went to be a lay helper to the Dominicans, for he did not feel himself worthy to be a full member of the order. Yet, soon enough, it was the Dominicans who asked Martin to make full profession as a brother because of how they were so moved by his prayer, penance, charity and humility.

Martin would spend the rest of his life caring for the sick and poor— no matter their color, race, or status. He helped found an orphanage and cared for enslaved individuals newly arrived from Africa. St. Martin lived an extremely simple and austere life and had a great devotion to the Eucharist. He died at the age of 60 and was immediately venerated as a saintly man.

We cannot change the circumstances in which we are born. For we did not chose to belong to this race or that race, white or black, rich or poor. Many of the challenges, difficulties, sorrows, and trials of life are actually beyond our control. But we are given a choice everyday. Will I complain and curse God for my life, or will I allow God to teach me how to love; how to be faithful. St. Paul said that God encourages us in our afflictions, that we may encourage others when they are afflicted. Our hardships prepare us to help others facing similar hardships.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Leonard Gicheru

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Light of Service

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: “Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.”

All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today’s readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service.

Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people’s spiritual needs.

Saint Matthew’s Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

*Light shines
through the
darkness
for the upright.*

— PSALM 112:4



Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus, I believe that having passed through the gate of life in baptism, I will always have your protection and comfort. Yet today the pains of my illness threaten to overcome me and cause me to forget all the good things you have given me in this life.

I pray in confidence that you would send forth your Spirit to refresh and revive me as you have always done in the past.

May I continue to witness to your goodness in this life so that I may be with you at the heavenly banquet table in eternity.

Amen. Alleluia.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Today's Readings

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10)

Psalm — One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112)

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16)



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Tu B'Shvat (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset

Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

Friday: St. Scholastica

Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]



Offering Reports

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Regular Offering:	\$4,007.00
Food Pantry:	\$205.00
Forward In Faith:	\$130.00
Debt Reduction:	\$700.00
Mission Collection:	\$25.00
Total	\$5,067.00

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Lectors: Ernest Collins and Michele Perez

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Kim Urenda

Ushers: Team 3

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Charity and Dawn Collins

Counters: Team 3



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 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 of Kansas City- St. Joseph.
4. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

Prayer List

Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Bernadette Cook, Ray Myers, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald and Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Earl Greene, Jr., Frances Thomas, Flora Waddell, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyette Mize, Rhea Holloman, Clara Mays, Melva McClellan, Carlos Nix, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Margaret Sams, John and Debra Johnson, Carrie Miller, Deacon Ken Greene, Marcella Vaughn, Paris Harrington, Maxine Harvey, Lorna Lewis, Michael Lucas, Lola Jacobs, James and Evalena Davidson (parents of Dan Davidson)

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.

BLACK HISTORY HISTORY HISTORY HISTORY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH OCCURS IN FEBRUARY IN THE UNITED STATES & CANADA AND IN OCTOBER IN EUROPE. IN FEBRUARY 1926 - UNDERSTANDING BLACK HISTORY IS OUR WORLD'S HISTORY - CARTER G. WOODSON ANNOUNCED A WEEK TO BETTER RECOGNIZE THE MANY INVESTMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK AMERICANS. THIS LATER BECAME KNOWN AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.



St. Martin de Porres

God's Word for Children

God tells us to share our bread with those who are hungry. God also wants us to give shelter to people who are homeless and clothing to people in need (see Isaiah 58:7).

Let's take a trip to the grocery store!
Unscramble the letters in the cart to spell foods we could purchase to donate to a food bank.



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus told his disciples,
"You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13a).
He wanted them to show excitement about their faith so that others would glorify God!
Hidden in each row is the name of a seasoning.
To find them, cross out the first salt shaker, then every other one after that.
When you're done, think of ways to spice up the world by showing God's love!

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n p u e f p y p k e t r



Announcements

➔ Prayers & Condolences



Please keep the family and friends of Ms. Ramonda Doakes in your prayers as they prepare the funeral service for her aunt Jean Turner who passed away on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

➔ Evangelization Committee



The Evangelization Committee will meet on Sunday, February 12 in Ferguson Hall after mass. Members

should bring their *Every Catholic a Disciple Maker* guide with them to this meeting. For more information, contact Allison McDonald.

➔ HBCU Sunday



Save the date for our second annual HBCU Sunday on February 26.

Represent your favorite HBCU by wearing your school apparel on #STMHBCUSunday.

➔ Interdenominational Prayer Group



The Interdenominational Prayer Group will be hosting a prayer breakfast on March 18, 2023, at

St Monica Church in Ferguson Hall. Breakfast starts at 9:45 a.m. The suggested donation is \$20 to attend. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sister Theresa Rutherford (816) 941-0389.



PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES BEFORE SERVICE BEGINS

Thanks!!



Please help us keep our records current. Let us know if you **move**, get a **new phone number**, change your **email address** or have a different way you wish to be contacted. We would also like to keep our records up-to-date concerning the members of your household; if you have a baby, or if the baby grows up and leaves home, please let us know.

Any significant changes to your household or status (single, married, widowed, divorced etc.) let us know. We do try to keep up, but sometimes the only person to tell us about these changes is you.

Call the church office at (816) 471-3696 or email kmcgee@stmonicakc.org.

All bulletin announcements must be submitted by **Wednesday at noon** to kmcgee@stmonicakc.org.

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