

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

Whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
— 1 Corinthians 10:31



JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!).

Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder	Holmesdale Care Center
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Inell Hunter	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
Chaunceyetta Mize	Home
Margaret Jones	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
Alvin Brooks	Home
Cathy Johnson	Home
Mary Ann Grayson	St. Joseph Rehab.
Herman Lovett	Home
Mabel & Donald Parson	Home
Marjorie Green	Home
Dominique Williams	Home
John Johnson	Home

FAMILY MEMBERS: 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



Must wear mask at all times — to attend.

SUNDAY

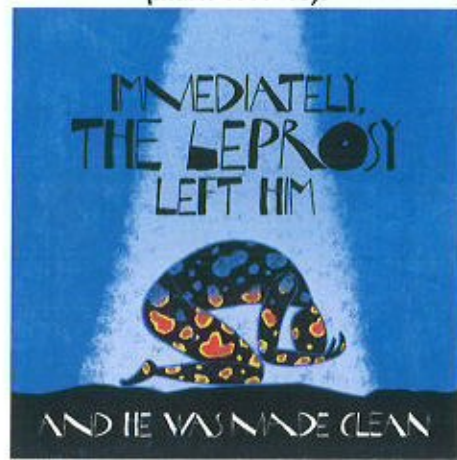
8:00 a.m. (Live)
10:00 a.m. (Live & Recorded)

ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. MASS (Live)
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

TODAY'S GOSPEL

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day
Monday:	Presidents' Day
Tuesday:	Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
Thursday:	Chinese New Year 4713
Friday:	Abstinence

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Lent, the Church's annual pre-baptismal retreat, prepares us to gather around the Easter font, renew our baptismal vows, and receive new life from the water as the elect are plunged into Christ's death and resurrection. This core meaning is more or less available, depending on whether we journey with catechumens in the parish and on the vigor of our liturgical celebration of the Triduum. Some persist in seeing Lent as a lonely journey in the wilderness; yet this week we enter the Lenten fast in solidarity with one another. The smudged foreheads you will spy throughout Ash Wednesday on buses, street corners, and supermarket aisles remind you that you are hardly alone in your desire to enact a spring cleaning regime for your spiritual life.

Long ago, this kind of repentance was available to Christians only once. Ashes and sackcloth were not raiment for a day, but permanent habits for public sinners. Fasting became a way of life, and if they sinned severely again, there was no hope of restored communion. Happily, this system did not endure. It produced reluctant Christians who even held back from baptism, like St. Augustine did, out of fear. Today we have recovered an ancient tradition that conversion and repentance are constant themes on life's journey, and that Lent is an annual opportunity to revive our baptismal identity, both as individuals and communities.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FEBRUARY

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard Ph. D., was an editor, educator, author, and the "father of modern Negro historiography." He was also the founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the Associated Publishers, and the Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he initiated Negro History Week, which later evolved into Black History Month, in 1976.

He found that many of the achievements by Blacks were overlooked, ignored and even suppressed by writers of history textbooks. It was his dream that the truth would be revealed as to African Americans' contributions to the discovery, pioneering, development, and continuance of America. His prime ambition was that "young Blacks would grow up with a firm knowledge of their ancestors,

(Excerpts from the Call, K.C.MO, Feb. 18, 1994).

CONDOLENCE

We extend our deepest sympathy to Melba Myers for the sudden passing of her nephew, **Mr. Lyndell Brooks**. Please remember the Myers and Brooks Family in your Prayers, during this time of mourning the loss of their loved one.



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HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

We are looking for 2-3 people to serve as Hospitality Members at the 10:00 a.m. Mass each week. It would be great to have around 12 people to sign up, so that we can have a four – week rotation. The past month we have had about 50 people at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **CLICK & COMPLETE THE SURVEY BELOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED** <https://forms.gle/HArgBN1wgYAV7ssw8> or contact Kim Urenda, at 913-226-2085, or email at urendak@gmail.com. Thank you!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND - 2nd Collection

Please help Catholic Charities of KCSJ as we strive to serve and lift our clients.

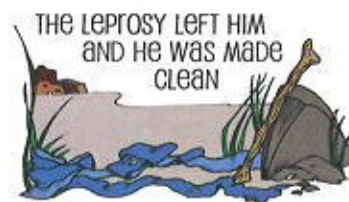
Next week's second collection is for the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund. This past year has been especially hard on our neighbors in need.

Your donation will help support at-risk families. There is a special collection envelope in your packet for Feb. 20/21. Please be generous. Contact Patrick Savageau, Donor Stewardship Specialist, for more information or to help at psavageau@ccharities.com or **816-659-8259**.

COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.

— George Washington



THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM AND HE WAS MADE CLEAN

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR 2021

- January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- May: 13 or 16: The Ascension of the Lord
- August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- November 1: All Saints
- December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
- December 25: Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday NOON

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 \$57,551.50 and \$92,448.50, still to go.

The goal is huge, but God is faithful.

God bless you all!

Fr. Leonard

FEAST OF FAITH

The Gloria (2)

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (**Luke 2:14**), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving.

We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself.

At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



ST. MONICA – 2020-2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS

September 2020 marked our inaugural, virtual class format via **Zoom**.

The challenge involved providing interactive, engaging, and spiritually motivating sessions while maintaining safety during a pandemic. We are pleased with the success experienced and grateful our selected Confirmation curriculum meets the intended standards of training for this important sacrament. This year's parish candidates will join other area candidates to celebrate

The Rite of Confirmation

**Friday, March 26, 2021,
7:00 p.m. at**

**St. Mark's Catholic Church,
Independence, Missouri.**

Please keep them in your prayers.

Dominion Doakes Yarbrough

Freshman, Rockhurst High School
Son of Vaughn Yarbrough and
Dr. Caresa Doakes Yarbrough
Sponsor: Ramonda Doakes

Gabriel Kagwanja,

Sophomore, Pembroke Hill School Son of
Domenic Kawanja and Patricia Mutiso
Sponsor: Richard Bukenya

*The Confirmation Training Team,
Rose Alexander, Remona Miller and Linda
Hall, Coordinator*