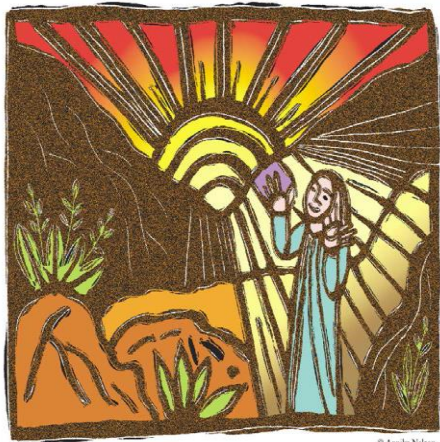


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

If God is for us, who can be against us?

~ *Romans 8:31b*



HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the "history of salvation" narrative that we have throughout Lent this year. Today's story was among the best-loved in the tradition (surely Joseph Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith; the early fathers of the church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and, until obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week's gospel, to repent and believe in the Good news.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith
(*Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-48*)

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (*Psalm 116*).

Second Reading — If Jesus is for us, who can be against us? (*Romans 8:31b-34*).

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 Home..
- Herman Lovett Home
- Mabel & Donald Parson Home
- Marjorie Green Home
- John Johnson Home
- Latoria Sutherlin Home

FAMILY MEMBERS: Please inform our Pastor, Fr. Leonard when a loved-one is home bound or has been hospitalized.

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Must wear mask at all times — to attend.

SUNDAY

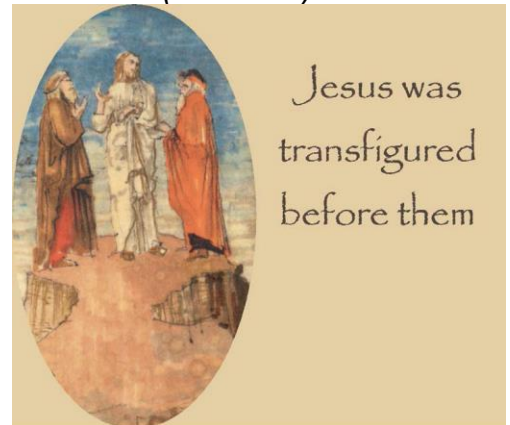
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WEDNESDAY

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

TODAY'S GOSPEL

— *Jesus was transfigured before them, his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).*



Jesus was transfigured before them

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79: 8,9,11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21,23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18;18-20; Ps 31;5-6, 14-16; Mt 20;17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17: 5-10; Ps1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 {1-3, 7-8, 12-17}, Ps 19:8-11; 1Cor1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion
- Wednesday:** St. Katherine Drexel
- Thursday:** St. Casimir
- Friday:** 1st Friday, World Day of Prayer; Abstinence

CONDOLENCES

Mr. Norman Hawkins, father of Greta Nash, passed on to be with our Lord on Saturday, February 20, 2021. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, **February 28, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the L.A. Jones Funeral Home. Linwood and Woodland.

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Mr. Ralph Richberg, former member of St. Monica, passed away on Monday, February 22, 2021. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Gail Richberg, and Family. Funeral services are planned for Monday, **February 29, 2021**, at the Watkins Heritage Chapel, at Brush Creek & Cleveland.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.—Rev. James Field, Copyright© J. S. Paluch Co.

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)

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.

Invitation

You and your Family are cordially invited to a:

Lent Retreat

on

**SATURDAY,
MARCH 6TH 2021**

TIME:

9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

VENUE: SAINT MONICA PARISH

1616 THE PASEO, KANSAS CITY MO 64108

THEME:

"Remain in Me, And I In You"

John 15:4

GUEST SPEAKER:

Michael McGlenn

Founder, SISTINE FILMS

All are Welcome

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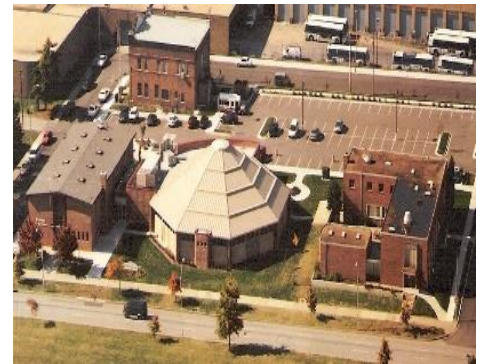
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FORWARD IN FAITH



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



**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

