

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.

— *Psalm 147:4*



THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

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 Medical
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



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*Must wear mask at all times
— to attend.*

SUNDAY:

8:00 a.m. (Live)

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

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. MASS (Live)

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

GOSPEL — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (*Mark 1:29-39*).



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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 04:12a,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, 12-1Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2,5,11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Scout Sunday
Monday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking
Wednesday:	St. Scholastica
Thursday:	Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
Friday:	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday; Lunar New Year 4719
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary Ps 103:2, 13-14,17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

FEBRUARY



In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson initiated Negro History week, which later evolved into Black History Month in 1976.

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!

FEAST OF FAITH

The Gloria (1)

The Gloria, or Glory to God, follows the penitential rite. Both are acts of praise. In the penitential rite, we sing of the mercy of Christ. In the Gloria we praise God's saving action in the universe.

The Gloria is a relatively late addition to the Mass. It first appeared in the Roman liturgy in the sixth century, and then it was sung only by the pope—and only on Christmas! With time, the hymn came to be sung by bishops on major feasts, and then by priests; finally, it became the song of the entire assembly. With the advent of more elaborate musical settings, the people gradually stopped singing the Gloria, until this song of the people became the exclusive domain of the priest and the choir. But the liturgical reforms have restored it to its place as primarily the song of the assembly.

The language of the Gloria echoes the New Testament canticles. It may be begun by the priest, the cantor, and the entire assembly in varied combinations. The Gloria is sometimes called the "greater doxology," and in some ways it is like an extended, ecstatic version of the familiar doxology ("Glory be to the Father") prayed in the Divine Office and the rosary. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.

A WORD OF THANKS

The Nard and Rutherford Family would like to send a heartfelt thank you to our Minister of Music, Melvin Kerr and the St. Monica Choir, and to our church Family for all of your prayers and lifting us during this time of sorrow. Continue to keep us in your prayers and Be Blessed!



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 Kagwanja and

Patricia Mutiso

Sponsor: Richard Bukenya

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

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

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday – Noon

