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SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023
BULLETIN



SAINT MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. Monica Mission for Colored Catholics
opened October 2, 1910*

*first church for
Black Catholics in
Kansas City, Missouri*

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ST. MONICA
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Mass Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Sunday Service

6:00 p.m. Wednesday

Prayer Service

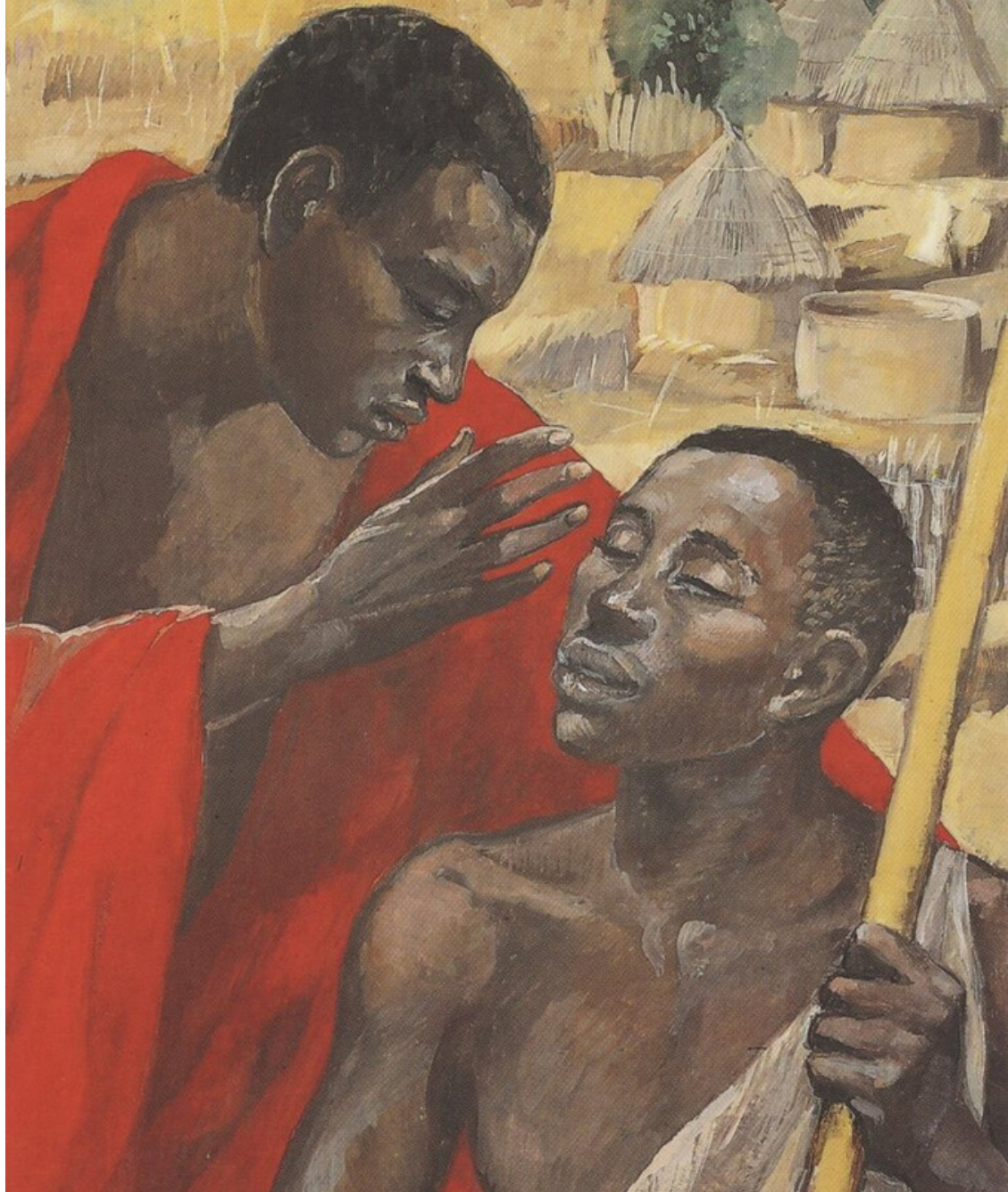
Main Office Hours:

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

Mon, Wed & Thur

(816) 471-3696

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Healing the Blind Man. Jesus Mafa, 1973. Paintings from Photos of Reenactments, Cameroon. Vanderbilt Divinity School Library, Art in the Christian Tradition.

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John.

Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness.

We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing.

We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches.

Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

It's Time to See Our Blindness

Most of us can admit that we're blind at times—we simply do not see the people and situations around us clearly.

We stumble in the darkness of illness or grief and cannot see a way out.

We may be blinded by selfishness or self-centeredness. Sometimes we are so caught up in our own lives, we're blind to the hurt, confusion, and need of those around us.

We may look at things through our limited experience and perspective and not understand others' pain. At times, we choose to remain blind. We fail to see injustice and unfairness, preferring to remain in the dark rather than risk acknowledging and addressing such situations.

Like the parents of the man who was born blind, we stay safe and comfortable, even when there is clearly an opportunity to make a difference, to bring light and love to the darkness.

**The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.**

— *Psalms 23:1*



Prayer during Lent

Prayer in Time of Sadness and Grief

O God of compassion, your people are in pain. Send your Holy Spirit among us to dispel the fear that accompanies grief.

We cry out to you in our confusion; comfort us in our affliction.

Help us to travel this road of grief and sadness with our eyes fixed on the salvation promised us through the death and resurrection of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

Today's Readings

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a)

Psalms — My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23)

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14)

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins

Tuesday: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. leads over 25,000 people in Selma to Montgomery march

Thursday: St. Toribius of Mogrovejo

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



Offering Report

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Regular Offering:	\$5,634.00
Food Pantry:	\$385.00
Debt Reduction:	\$385.00
Forward In Faith:	\$893.00
Easter Flowers	\$45.00
Total	\$7,342.00

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Lectors: Angela Curry and Everett Curry

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Peter Callan

Ushers: Team 1

Eucharistic Ministers: Elaine Johnson and Syrtiller Kabat

Counters: Team 1



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 healing and resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.



Prayer List

Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Bernadette Cook, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald and Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Earl Greene, Jr., Frances Thomas, Flora Waddell, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta 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), Javan Hardy, Frankie Kemp

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.

DAVID

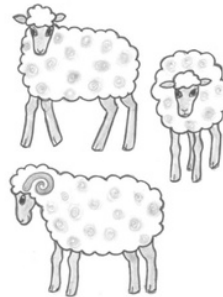
Today we hear about David, son of Jesse, who lived in Bethlehem. Even though David was the youngest of all his brothers and a simple shepherd, he was the one God directed Samuel to anoint. God saw greatness in David, who became one of the great kings of Israel. This story reminds us not to judge others by their outward appearance.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem because Joseph and Mary went to "the city of David" for the Roman census, for Joseph was "of the house and family of David."

Like David before him, Jesus would be called Good Shepherd and king. Pontius Pilate even had the sign INRI fastened to Jesus' cross. The letters stand for the Latin words for "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

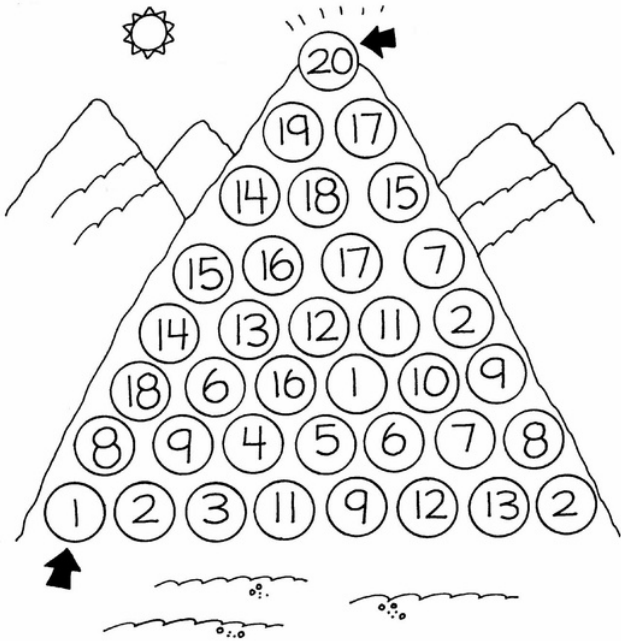
Draw a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd next to the sheep. Next to the cross, draw a picture of how Jesus would look as a king. What kind of king would he be?

Welcome Spring



God's Word for Children

Jesus went up on a mountain to teach his disciples important things. Find your way up the mountain by coloring the numbers that count from one to twenty.

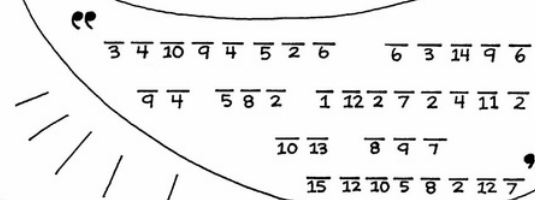
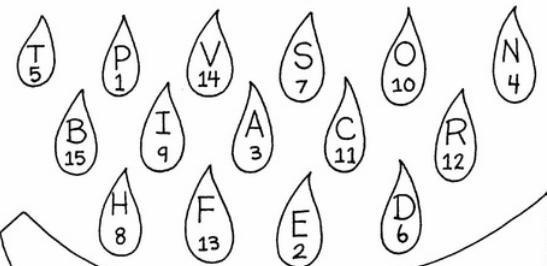


Fourth Sunday of Lent

God sent the prophet Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem, for God had chosen Jesse's youngest son, David, to be king of Israel. After being instructed by the Lord, do you know what Samuel did?

Read 1 Samuel 16:10-13 to find out.

Write the letters on the oil drops onto the blanks inside the horn according to their numbers.



Announcements

➔ Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will be presented by the Choir and Music Ministry on Friday, March 24 at 6 p.m.

in the sanctuary. As we move through the stations pray that we may grow in our identification with patience and perseverance.

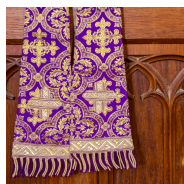
➔ Lenten Soup Reception



All parishioners are invited to attend our annual Lenten Soup Reception. This event will take

place every Friday in the St. Monica Room immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

➔ Hospitality/Usher Meeting



The Hospitality Ministry and Ushers will meet on Sunday, March 26 after mass in Ferguson Hall.

We will discuss training, event updates and the new schedule through July 2023.

➔ KPC Ladies of Grace



The KPC Fr. Phillips Chapter 19 meeting will take place on Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m. in the St. Monica Room.



CONTACT US

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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Worship With Us!

Sunday Eucharist Celebration
9:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

Join Us Online!



Social Service/Food Pantry

Wednesday & Thursday
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Call for appointment (816) 842-1877

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism

Anointing the Sick

Marriage: (9 Months Preparation)

Reconciliation/Confirmation

Religious Education

RCIA

First Communion

Reconciliation

Men's Bible Study

Sunday School

Junior Youth Group

Senior Youth Group

Women's Bible Study

For more information or to schedule an appointment call (816) 471-3696