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SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023
BULLETIN



SAINT 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

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ESUS MAFA. Transfiguration, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>)

It may seem odd to hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus during Lent. Wouldn't it fit better after Easter? An answer is found a few verses after our Gospel selection. Jesus tells the disciples that he will suffer (Matthew 17:12).

The vision of Jesus' glory shared by Peter, James, and John was meant to help them not to become discouraged by Jesus' death on the cross. Some of the details in the Gospel can help us understand how Lent leads to Easter.

First, we hear about Jesus' appearance, that "his face shone like the sun" (Matthew 17:2). If the disciples didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God before, they surely did now. For us this can be a reminder that God is with us during this season of Lent, helping our faith to grow.

Next, the three disciples see Moses and Elijah, symbols of the Old Testament. Peter wants them to stay, but the voice of God interrupts and tells them that now they should listen to Jesus. The Gospel tells us to keep our eyes on Jesus throughout Lent. Do I grumble about Lent, seeing it is as another set of laws to be obeyed? Perhaps I'm forgetting that Lent is not about how much I do for God, but a time to reflect on what God has done for me.

The last line of the Gospel has Jesus telling the three not to tell anyone about their vision until after his resurrection. Maybe the disciples were tempted to brag that they were better than the other followers of Jesus. This reminds us that the sacrifices of Lent don't just make us look holy; they lead us to the new life of Easter.

Second Sunday of Lent

Turning Points

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen.

In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy.

Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others.

The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death
and brought life and
immortality
to light through the gospel.

— *2 Timothy 1:10b*



Prayer during Lent

Act of Contrition

My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you.

I detest all my sins, because of your just punishment, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

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Today's Readings

First Reading – The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm – Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we put our trust in you (Psalm 33)

Second Reading – God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10)

Gospel – Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9)



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent

Monday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset, Virginia State University founded

Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Wednesday: St. John of God

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence

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; Ps 1:1-4, 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; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



Offering Report

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Regular Offering:	\$9,368.39
Food Pantry:	\$25.00
Debt Reduction:	\$120.00
Forward In Faith:	\$490.00
Second Collection:	\$270.70
Our Lady of Sorrows:	\$4,787.64
Total	\$15,061.03

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

Liturgical Assignments

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Lectors: Emmanuel Okonta and Grace Okanta

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Peter Callan

Ushers: Team 3

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Grover and Ben Gruber

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, 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.



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St. Monica Catholic Church Presents

Spelman College Glee Club Amaze & Inspire Tour 2023

Join us for the return of the renowned Spelman College Glee Club's Amaze & Inspire Tour! Since 1924, the Spelman College Glee Club (SCGC) has maintained a reputation for choral excellence. Under the direction of Dr. Kevin Johnson the SCGC repertoire consists of sacred and secular choral literature for women's voices, with a particular focus on traditional spirituals, music by African American composers, music from many cultures and commissioned works.

Enjoy an evening of soul-stirring and inspirational songs from one of the country's premier Historically Black Colleges!

No cost to attend

Date: March 16, 2023

**Location: St. Monica Catholic Church, 1616 Paseo Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64108**

Time: 7 p.m.

Fr. Leonard Gicheru, Pastor

All ages welcome. Masks are encouraged. RSVP appreciated, not required. Visit www.stmonicakc.org. Please consider contributing a love offering at this community event.

2 Corinthians 9:7



Announcements

➔ Thank You



The family of Raymond Doakes extends their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the calls, texts, cards and outpouring of love and support during their time of grief.

➔ Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will be presented by the Religious Education Ministry on Friday, March 10 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

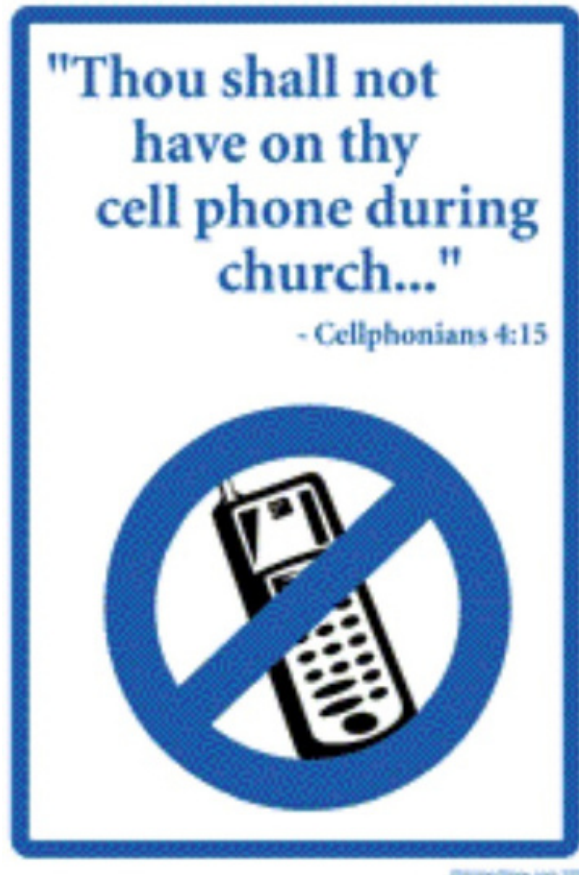


All parishioners are invited to attend our annual Lenten Soup Reception. This event will take place every Friday in the St. Monica Room immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

➔ Women's Prayer Conference



Please plan to join us for the return of the Interdenominational Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Breakfast will begin at 9:45 a.m. A \$20 donation is requested. For more information, please contact Theresa Rutherford at (816) 941-0389.

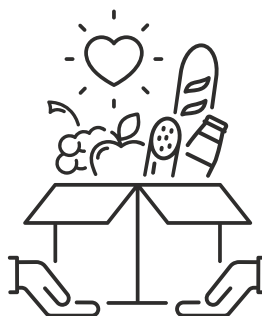


CONTACT US!

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.



Food Pantry

St. Monica's Food Pantry is open on Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To make an appointment or for more information, call Rita Womack, Food Pantry Director at (816) 842-1877.

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