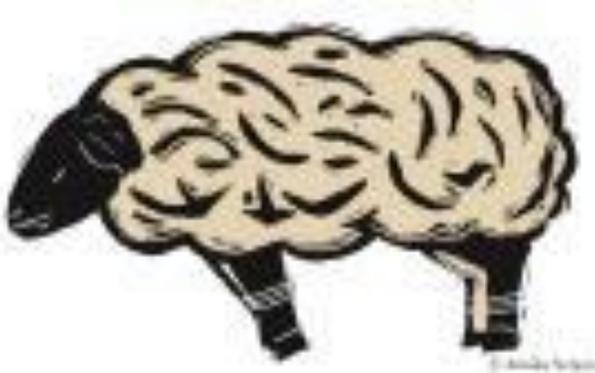


THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and blessing.”
— *Revelation 5:12*



GOD'S OVERFLOWING KINDNES

The superabundance of God's kindness ties all of today's readings together. Especially when life overwhelms us, the Lord provides all we need, and then some. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter takes the lead when facing the Sanhedrin. We might expect the man who denied Jesus to crumble under the imposing glare of the high priest. Instead, the Holy Spirit helps him testify to his faith in Jesus Christ. What Peter had lacked before, courage and conviction, God provides in abundance. Similarly, today's Gospel shows Jesus providing a surplus of fish for the disciples. They have no luck fishing until the Lord intercedes. Jesus supplies an almost ridiculous number of fish, and he cooks it for them, too. As our reading from Revelation affirms, the overflowing riches of God require constant praise. Countless creatures—"everything in the universe"—cry out to honor the Lord, forever and

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ.
(Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me
(Psalm 30).

Second Reading — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

TODAY'S GOSPEL —

Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias
(John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5;
Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Athanasius
Tuesday: Ss. Philip and James
Thursday: National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Easter

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection Question:

What does it mean to me to have hope in the Resurrection?

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WORSHIP SERVICES

\SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Mass (Live)

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

WEDNESDAY

9:00 Mass

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The First Communion Class
and the Sunday School Classes
will meet next Sunday
in Ferguson Hall,
following the 10:00 Mass

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Please notify Father Leonard when you or a family member has been hospitalized or is now homebound. Call the church Office: 816-471-3696, or email: leombuthia@yahoo.com.

Edith Bolder, Jeanette Hamilton, Rosa Birch,, Delores Bazy, Vera Brown, Keven Brown, Ray Myers, Vaunciille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald & Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Michael Mize, Paris Harrington, Earl Greene, Ovell & Frances Thomas, Dorothy Mustin, Earnestine Nard, Flora Waddell, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta Mize, , Rhea Holloman, Clara Mays, Melva McClellan, Carlos Nix, , Velma Jennings,, Debra Johnson, Paula Nix, Yvonne Dillahunty

FROM OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

In order for us to begin our Bereavement Ministry again, we need lots of volunteers. If you are willing to be a part of this ministry, please contact Carolyn Greene, at **816-522-8630**. Many of our previous volunteers are no longer available. St. Monica, we need you to get involved for the success of our Parish. We must have *active ministries*.

CONDOLENCE

From the St. Monica Church Family, to Darthene Buckman and Family We were saddened to hear the you ha Please our heartfelt sympathy was saddened to hear of the death of your loved-one ,Mr. Jake Walker, who passed away to be with our Lord on May10, 2022, Our thoughts and pryers are with you at this time.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE –
WEDNESDAY
- NOON.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear friends and Parishioners of St. Monica

I greet you in the name of the risen Lord. As many of you are aware, we are going through rearrangement of parishes around this part of the city. The process and study of our parishes started last year in September with the aim of aligning our scare resources and use them wisely. One area of scarcity is the vocation to the priesthood and consequently some parishes are required to share a priest in order to meet their pastoral needs. In line with this, Bishop Johnston has appointed me the pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows while retaining my assignment here as the pastor of St. Monica Parish and assisting at the Veteran Hospital. I ask you to keep me in your prayers as I navigate through this new responsibility. Be assured of my prayer as well.

Fr. Leonard Gicheru

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 if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- (1) Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3728 (if the victim is currently under the age 18), and
- (2) \ Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- (3) 2 After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcs.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care And healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

