



# Saint Monica Catholic Church

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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**Mass Schedule:**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday Service  
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Mass  
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service

**Main Office Hours:**  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri  
(816) 471-3696  
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## From our Pastor

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Monica,  
As we gather to celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday, we are invited to reflect on the profound mystery and beauty of the Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This celebration is not only a theological concept but a lived reality that beckons us to recognize the oneness of the three divine Persons and their intimate oneness with us.

The Holy Trinity is the very foundation of our Christian faith. It teaches us that God is one in essence but three in personhood. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are distinct yet perfectly united, working in harmony for the redemption and sanctification of humanity. This divine relationship is not isolated but reaches out to each of us, drawing us into a communion of love and grace.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus prays, "That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (John 17:21). These words reveal the heart of our Trinitarian faith: the desire of God to unite with us in a bond of love and mutual indwelling. Our journey of faith is an invitation to participate in this divine life, to be embraced by the love of the Father, redeemed by the Son, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

As your pastor, I am profoundly grateful to celebrate the tenth anniversary of my ordination on this special day. Over the past decade, I have been blessed to witness the many ways in which the Holy Trinity has been at work in our parish community. Your unwavering support, prayers, and dedication have been a testament to the living presence of God among us. Together, we have experienced the joys and challenges of our faith journey, always relying on the strength and guidance of the Triune God.

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The oneness of the Trinity inspires us to seek unity within our parish. In a world often marked by division and discord, we are called to be a living example of Trinitarian love. This means fostering relationships built on respect, understanding, and compassion. It means reaching out to those in need, offering a helping hand, and being a source of encouragement and hope.

As we celebrate this Holy Trinity Sunday, let us renew our commitment to living out the unity and love that flows from the heart of the Trinity. Let us embrace the oneness that God offers us, recognizing that we are all part of the same divine family. In our worship, our service, and our daily interactions, may we reflect the love and unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving as your pastor and for the love and support you have shown me over the past years. Your prayers have sustained me, and your faith has inspired me. Together, let us continue to journey in faith, united in the love of the Holy Trinity, and committed to building a community that reflects the oneness of God.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever. Amen

In Trinitarian love,  
Fr. Leonard Gicheru

### The Prayer of St. Monica

**Cast yourself with confidence into the arms of God and be very sure of this, if God wants anything of you, He will fit you for your work and give you the strength to do it.**

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Peter 1:3-9; Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c; Mark 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** 1 Peter 1:10-16; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Mark 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** 1 Peter 1:18-25; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mark 10:32-45

**Thursday:** 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Psalm 100:2, 3, 4, 5; Mark 10:46-52

**Friday:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Luke 1:39-56

**Saturday:** Jude 17, 20b-25; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6; Mark 11:27-33

**Sunday:** Exodus 24:3-8; Psalms 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

## Liturgical Assignments

*Sunday, June 2, 2024*

Lectors: Bernadette Cook, Jim Newland

Servers: All Servers

Welcome: Margaret Mendy

Ushers: Team A

Eucharistic Ministers: Paula Nix, Rose Palmer

## Offering Reports

*Sunday, May 19, 2024*

Regular Offering:	\$3,745.50
Food Pantry:	\$60.00
Second Collection:	\$146.00
Miscellaneous:	\$55.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4006.50</b>

## Join us at the next Legion of Mary meeting of Mary meeting



Please join us for the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Kibeho/Our Lady Sorrows Praesidium meeting tomorrow, May 27, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the St. Monica building. Your presence and participation are greatly appreciated!

## Rediscover Your Faith



Our next meeting for Rediscover Your Faith will be on May 28th in the St. Monica Room at 6pm. This is a time to explore and learn more about our faith from Brad Geist, our Pastoral Associate. Our topic will be on the Church's teachings on the Eucharist and its place in our life as Christians.

## Women's Bible Study



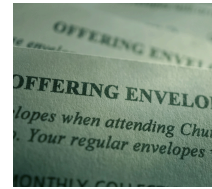
Ladies, mark your calendars for a wonderful opportunity to delve into the Word of God together. Our Women's Bible Study group will gather every first and third Saturday, from 9:30 to 11:00am. This is a fantastic chance to grow spiritually and explore the teachings of the Bible in a supportive and engaging environment. For more information please reach out to Paula Nix at (816) 471- 3696 or [mspaula.pn@gmail.com](mailto:mspaula.pn@gmail.com).

## Prayer Vigil for the Feast of Sacred Heart



A Prayer Vigil for the Feast of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Thursday, June 6 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 10901 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS at 7:00 P.M. The Prayer Vigil will include Vespers, Act of Reparation, Litany of the Sacred Heart, and Chaplet of the Sacred Heart.

## St. Monica Offering Envelopes



If you're not receiving envelopes for your parish contributions, don't worry! We have a simple solution. You can find a parish registration form located at the back of the church. Just fill out the form with your details and return it to the office. Once you do this, you'll start receiving envelopes regularly and you can continue to support our parish as you wish.

## Juneteenth Parade



Get ready to join the Juneteenth Parade! Parade Prep will take place on Thursday 5/30 and Friday 5/31 from 3 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Participants need to gather at the church by 7:30 am. If you want to represent your ministry in the parade, contact Arimeta at (816) 521-0783. After the parade, we'll head back to the church parking lot for cleanup, fun, and food.

## Encounter Summer Intensive



Encounter Summer Intensive at Quigley Center, Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa will take place from July 22nd to 25th, from 6 pm to 9 pm each night. If you're eager to experience the transformative power of Jesus and want to learn, equip, and activate yourself to fully participate in the supernatural lifestyle of Jesus Christ, then this event is for you! For more information, visit [Encounterschool.org/kansas-city](http://Encounterschool.org/kansas-city).



Please send bulletin announcements to Biviana at [bradillo@stmonicakc.org](mailto:bradillo@stmonicakc.org) by noon on Wednesdays.

# Prayer List



Jeanette Hamilton, Vera Brown, Kevin Brown, Beverly Dyer, Vauncille Bartlett, Mary Ann Grayson, Donald and Mable Parson, Sergio Mendoza, Elaine Lomax, Donna Dupree, Cheryl Warren, Chaunceyetta Mize, Rhea Holloman, Melva McClellan, Velma Jennings, Brenda A. Martin, Margaret Sams, Deacon, Marcella Vaughn, Paris Harrington, Maxine Harvey, Michael Lucas, Lola Jacobs, Evalena Davidson (mother of Dan Davidson), Javan Hardy, Frankie Kemp, Carmelita Newman, Conrad McDonald, Greta Nash, Opal C. Blankinship, Patrice Williams (daughter of Pat and Don Williams), Louie Jones, John James, Barbara Walters, Janee Green (daughter of Pam and Ronald Green), Jublatee O'Neal (New Parishioner), Bonita Akridge, Deacon Kenneth Greene

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](mailto:frleonard@stmonicakc.org).

#### Office of Child & Youth Protection- Sexual Abuse

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), and
2. Contact your local Law Enforcement Agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, [crayon@ombudsmankc.org](mailto: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.

#### Safety Environment Coordinator for St. Monica Parish -

Ramonda Doakes, P-(816) 457- 5538, E- [rdoakes@stmonicakc.org](mailto:rdoakes@stmonicakc.org)

# Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity; 1965 Senate passed the Voting Rights Act

**Monday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury; Memorial Day; 1942 Dorie Miller awarded Navy Cross for heroism at Pearl Harbor

**Tuesday:** 1944 Gladys Knight, singer/actress was born in Oglethorpe, GA; 2014 Maya Angelou, died in Winston-Salem, NC

**Wednesday:** St. Paul VI; 1566 St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi was born

**Thursday:** Traditional Memorial Day; 1965 Vivian Malone became the 1st African American to graduate from the University of Alabama

**Friday:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 1893 Josephites became an independent American Community; 1909 The first meeting of the NAACP was held in New York, NY

**Saturday:** St. Justin; 1994 After and absence of 33 years, South Africa rejoined the Commonwealth of Nations

## Calendar of Events this Week

### SUNDAY, MAY 26

9:00 AM Mass  
10:00 AM Father Leonard's Ordination Anniversary Reception (FH)

### MONDAY, MAY 27

6:00 PM Legion of Mary Meeting (STM)

### TUESDAY, MAY 28

6:00 PM Rediscover Your Faith (STM)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

9:00 AM Mass  
6:00 PM Prayer Service

### THURSDAY, MAY 30

3:00 PM Parade Preparations (FH)  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)

### FRIDAY, MAY 31

3:00 PM Parade Preparations (FH)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1

7:00 AM Parade  
11:30 AM KPC Ladies Auxiliary (STM)

\*If you do not see your event listed, please contact the parish office at (816) 471-3696