

MAY 8, 2022

*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth."*

Acts 13:47b



A FORETASTE OF PARADISE

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshiping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a "great multitude" worshipping God "day and night in his temple." Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the *Gentiles* (*Acts 13:14, 43-52*).

Psalm — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (*Psalm 100*).

Second Reading — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb (*Revelation 7:9, 14b-17*)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S GOSPEL

*— My sheep hear my voice;
they follow me.*

I give them eternal life

(John 10:27-30).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**
Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster; St. John of Avila
Thursday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
Friday: Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday: St. Matthias

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I listen more closely to the voice of the Good Shepherd?

Collect text from the English translation of *The Roman Missal*, © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Company.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M. 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,

FROM OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Reactivating our Bereavement Ministry

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. We must have *active ministries*. St. Monica, we need you to get involved for the success of for the success of our Parish.

OUR 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 Dillahunt

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend we are celebrating Mothers Day.

When we think about our mothers, what comes into mind?

We think of love. In actual sense if you want to understand the real meaning of love just look at a mother.

A mother loves her child simply for who the child is. There is no question of the child earning his mother's love. But mother's love is not only unique between a woman and her child. Their love is transcendental; their love goes beyond themselves, their love is a sacrament. Most of us will agree that we first experienced true love through our mothers. For Mothers are able to love unconditionally like God does. They are able to love a child without expecting anything back. For a child can do nothing to earn their mother's love. And that's true for us. Nothing we can ever do to earn us God's love. In actual sense, a mother's love points back to God. There's an old Jewish proverb that says, "God could not be everywhere, so He made mothers." Mothers are the visible love of the invisible God. In a special way I would like to thank all the Mothers of St. Monica for their great example of faith in our community and their resilience in faith and prayer.



God bless you and Happy Mothers' Day!

Fr. Leonard Pastor

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Attention Graduates, Parents* & Guardians**

Next Sunday, we will begin to publish the names of our **2022 Graduates**

Please share the following information with our church family:

Should Include:

- + Student and Parents/Guardians Full Names
- + The name of the school the student is graduating from.
- + Be sure to include the year and graduation date.

Example:

- + Class of year
- + Honors/scholarships
- + Name of College/Occupational Field or Course
- + of Study

Send to: stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com,

Deadline: Wednesday prior to Sunday Bulletin.
Ramonda Doakes, DRE

SAVE THE DATE!

OF

ST. MONICA'S GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH

9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

All proceeds benefit

St. Monica's Forward in Faith

Fundraiser Campaign

For more information .

Visit: www.stmonica.org /f

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 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 Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, crayon@ombudsmankc.org

If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese or of Kansas City – St. Joseph.

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

DIOCESAN TRAININGS AVAILABLE

+ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop, Saturday May 21, at St. Therese North Parish .

+ Sick and Homebound workshop, Saturday, June 11, at St. Bellarmine Parish

+ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop, Tuesday, September 27, at the St. Mark Parish

+ Reader Training Workshop, Wednesday, September 28th, at the St. Mark Parish

+ St. Monica Parishioners:

+ Please call our Church Office 816-471-3696, to register for these classes.

BULLETIN DEADLINE WEDNESDAY NOON

