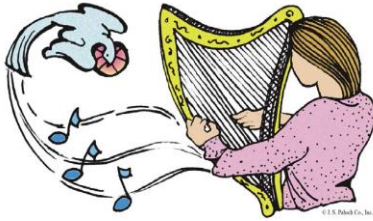


**THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
— *Psalm 98:5*



LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (*Malachi 3:19-20a*).

Psalm — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (*Psalm 98*).

Second Reading — Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (*2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*).

GOSPEL — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (*Luke 21:5-19*).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder	Homesdale Care Center
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Eddie Jennings,	V.A. Rehab Cameron
Inell Hunter	Home
Margaret G. Jones	Home
Martha Melton	Addington House Ctr
Marcheita Bush	Home
Carlos Nix	Home
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Home
Jackie Countee	Home
Sharon Shackelford-Allen	Home
Earnestine Nard	Home
Mable Parson	Home
Earl Greene	Home
Michael Mize	Home
Chaunceyette Mize	Home
Hargett Hayes	Home
Patricia Williams	Home
Margaret Jones	St. Luke Hospital

FAMILY MEMBERS

Please inform Father Leonard, when a loved-one has become homebound, or has been hospitalized. Call, 816-471-3696, or email: leombuthia@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 24^R ASSIGNMENTS

SERVERS Coordinator: V. Ammons*

All Servers

LECTORS Coordinator, Rose Palmer*

8:00 a.m. Rosalind Smith, Dwight Miller
10:00 a.m. Michele Perez, Pat Williams

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Coordinator, Dianna Miller*

8:00 a.m. Crystal Miller, Dianna Miller,
Julia Price, Rita Womack

10:00 a.m. Ronald Green, Carolyn
Greene, Ben Gruber, Joann James,
Margaret Jones, Syrtiller Kabat, Carrie
Miller, Chaunceyette Mize, Paulette
Monroe

USHERS Coordinators, Kim Urenda,
Mary Pearson *

8:00 a.m. Elaine Johnson,
Lawrence Blankinship

10:00 a.m. **Team C:**

Dasia Butler, Naomi Holt, Barbara Parks,
Mary Pearson, Shirley Thaw, Phyllis
Weaver

WELCOME: Chidera Okafor

COUNTERS: TEAM #4

Tracey Lewis J, Team Leader

MEETINGS / DATES / TIMES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Meetings are held on Sunday,
following the 10 a.m. Mass



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

K-5th Grade Classes meet on the
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays.

1ST COMMUNION CLASS

Meetings: 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays
Ramonda Doakes, Director

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Sundays,
Church Hall, Lower Level,
Coordinators: John & Debra Johnson

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Meetings will be held in the
Administration Building, *St. Monica
Room, Every 1st and 3rd Sunday.*
Coordinators: Eric & Burnetta Burtin,
Elton & Phaedra Lombard

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.
Meetings are held on Sundays, in the
Small Chapel,
Deacon Ken Greene, Instructor.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

3 rd Degree Knights	1 st Sat 1:00 p.m.
4 th Degree Knights	1 st Sat. 1:45 p.m.
Fr. Constantine Ct.	1 st Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Ladies of Grace	4 th Sun. 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Daughters	2 nd Sat. 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Knights	1 st Sun. 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

SATURDAY

Breakfast / Bible Study Classes
New members are always welcome.
Meetings are held in the Administration
Building / St. Monica Room.
8:00 a.m. Men's Class

9:30 a.m. Women's Class



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35,43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
- Thursday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday: St. Cecilia
- Saturday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro; Blessed Virgin Mary



Presentation
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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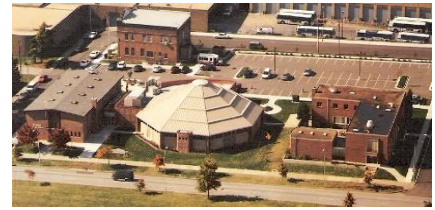
ALL SOULS ~

During the month of November, we will pray for the faithful departed. Those who have preceded us in death. We will in a particular way, pray for our family members and friends during the month.

There will be a box in the gathering space, where you can place the names of your loved ones, and we will mention them by name during one of our Sunday Masses in November.

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday - Noon

FORWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN



Thanks to everyone who is participating in our "Forward in Faith" Campaign. The campaign is to take care of our accumulated diocesan assessment arrears, and build reserves for our parish. Thanks to many of you, who took time to fill in pledge cards. More pledge cards are available in the pews. **Please take time to fill one out, and drop it in the collection basket.** If you have any question, please don't hesitate to approach one of our Stewardship Committee members, for clarification. In coming weeks, you will be receiving your annual tithing envelopes, together with "Forward in Faith" Envelopes. Please use the Forward in Faith envelopes toward the campaign. Our goal is, to raise \$150,000 by October 2020. So far, we have received \$11,600, and \$138,400 still to go. The goal is huge but God is faithful. God bless you all.

Fr. Leonard

CHRISTMAS SHINING STAR



Catholic Charities of

Kansas City-St. Joseph

is recruiting angels to help provide Christmas gifts for clients and families in need throughout our various programs. We are in need, specifically, of sponsors for children from birth to teen. Please consider sharing your time and treasure this Christmas season by adopting one of our children to shop for and share the magic of Christmas. For more information or to select a child, contact Linda Hopkins, Volunteer Coordinator at lhopkins@ccharities.com or 816-659-8205.

Happy Thanksgiving



ST. MONICA 'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

BEGINS NOVEMBER 3, 2019

THIS IS A CHURCH FAMILY PROJECT

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO PROVIDE 50 BASKETS TO 50 FAMILIES

THE ITEMS REQUESTED FOR DONATION WILL PROVIDE A THANKSGIVING DINNER AND OTHER STAPLES A FAMILY NEEDS DURING THIS SEASON.

IF YOU KNOW OF A FAMILY IN NEED PLEASE CONTACT FOOD PANTRY OFFICE

AT 816 842-1877 ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY FROM 10:30A-2PM

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATED FOOD ITEMS AND PLACE THEM ON TABLES IN

FERGUSON HALL ON : SUNDAYS, NOV 3, NOV 10, NOV 17

WEEKDAYS ANY MON, WED, THURS. FROM 10:30A-2:00P

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED:

TO ASSEMBLE BASKETS ON SATURDAY, NOV 23 FROM 10A UNTIL,

NEED A DRIVER TO HELP PICK UP TURKEYS ON SAT NOV 23

BASKETS GIVEN AWAY ON SUNDAY, NOV 24

SEE FOOD DONATION LIST ON BACK---

IN LIEU OF FOOD DONATIONS, WE WILL ALSO ACCEPT MONEY OR A TURKEY

(12-15 LBS.) TO FILL A BASKET A DONATION OF \$60 IS NEEDED.

IF YOU WANT TO DO MORE OR HAVE SUGGESTIONS--PLEASE CALL ME AT THE PANTRY OFFICE 816 842-1877---MON. WED. FROM 10:30A-2PM

SUNDAY NOV 3

CANNED GOODS
GREEN BEANS
CANNED SWEET POTATOES
WHOLE KERNAL CORN
SLICED PEACHES
FRUIT COCKTAIL
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
VEGETABLE SOUP
PORK & BEANS
CRANBERRY SAUCE

SUNDAY NOV 10

DRY GOODS
HAMBURGER HELPER
MACARONI CHEESE
PINTO BEANS
RICE
CRACKERS
INSTANT POTATOES
EGGS
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY

SUNDAY NOV 17

WEEKDAY---- NOV 18-23

BOXED ITEMS

STUFFING MIX
CAKE MIX
ICING
FLOUR
SUGAR
BREAD
MARGARINE/BUTTER
APPLES
ORANGES

ALL ITEMS

SATURDAY NOV 23

ALL ITEMS

***** PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO EXPIRATION DATES ON CANNED GOOD ITEMS
WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE AWAY UNHEALTHY ITEMS

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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 1.800.392.3738 (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, at: 816.812.2500, or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.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. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.