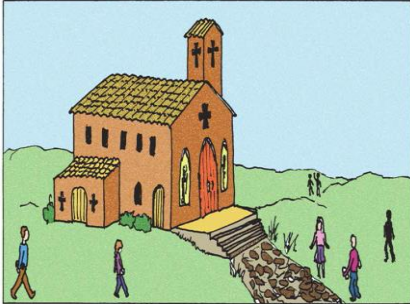


**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

*I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of
the LORD."*

— Psalm 122:1



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OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — The Lord said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

PSALM — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

SECOND READING — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Edith Bolder	Homesdale Care Center
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Eddie Jennings,	V.A. Rehab Cameron
Inell Hunter	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
Chaunceyetta Mize	Home
Hargett Hayes	Home
Patricia Williams	Home
Margaret Jones	Home
Flora Waddell	Overland Park Rehab.
Delores Bazy	Home

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

DECEMBER 1ST ASSIGNMENTS

SERVERS Coordinator: V. Ammons*
All Servers

LECTORS Coordinator, Rose Palmer*

8:00 a.m. Gerald Buckman,
Darthene Buckman
10:00 a.m. Junior Youth Group

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Coordinator, Dianna Miller*

8:00 a.m. Gerald Buckman, Mary Graham, Christine Johnson, Elaine Johnson
10:00 a.m. Rose Palmer, Barbara Parks, Lydia Ramirez, Rose Roos, Katie Steward, Patricia Williams, Deborah Buckley, Terese Chambers, Diane Charity, Jenise Comer

USHERS Coordinators, Kim Urenda, Mary Pearson*

8:00 a.m. Elaine Johnson,
Lawrence Blankinship
10:00 a.m. Junior Youth Group

WELCOME: Chilon Spencer

COUNTERS: TEAM #1
Burnetta Burtin, Team Leader

3RD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP
HOST: JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

MEETINGS / DATES / TIMES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Classes are held on Sunday,
following the 10 a.m. Mass



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 Ctt.	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

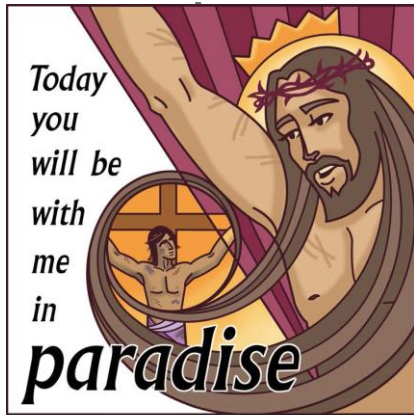
THURSDAY - 9:00 a.m. MASS



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* Church Offices will be closed.

GOSPEL — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
(*Luke 23:35-43*).



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HOMEGOING

Mrs. Margaret G. Jones, quietly, passed away, on Wednesday morning, November 20, 2019. Mrs. Jones was surrounded by her loved ones. We will celebrate her life, on

**Friday, November 29, 2019,
St. Monica Church**

9:00 a.m. Visitation

9:30 a.m. Rosary

9:45 a.m. Tribute:

Knights of Peter Claver, #57

10:00 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection

Please pray for the Family of Mrs. Jones.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
- Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

SAINTS AND SPECIALOBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Catherine of Alexandria
- Thursday: **Thanksgiving Day**
- Saturday: St. Andrew

TREASURES ~*From Our Tradition*

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

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FORGIVENESS

The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness.

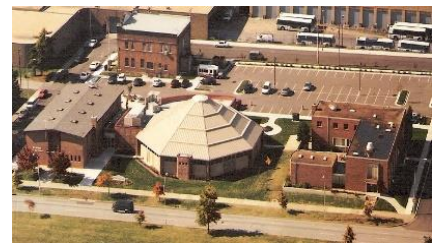
—William Blake

SAVE the DATE:
December 4, 2019,
DCCW Luncheon / Quarterly Meeting

All ladies of the Kansas City/St. Joseph Diocese are encouraged to attend the DCCW (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) quarterly meeting to be held on **Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church at 2001 S Broadway, Oak Grove, MO 64075.** Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and goodies. **The business meeting will start promptly at 9:30 a.m.**

We will have a short business meeting, pray the rosary, Mass, catered luncheon, 50/50 drawing and plenty of time to do your Christmas shopping from the vendor tables. **Luncheon is \$12.00** and reservations must be made by **no later than Friday, November 29th**, by calling Carolyn Huff @ 816-690-4278 or by email to lthouse4@centurylink.net.
Anastasia Jenkins
Secretary DCCW
816-721-4291 - Mobile
akjenkin@swbell.net

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.

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday - Noon



Dear Friends and Parishioners of St. Monica,

This coming Thursday we will be gathered around our tables with family and friends in a day for thanksgiving and rest. While the holiday dates back to long before the establishment of the country, Thanksgiving became an official holiday for the whole U.S. when President Abraham Lincoln made it so in 1863.

In the midst of the American Civil War, Lincoln noted that despite war, the American people had much to give thanks for, and he credited the blessings of our country to nothing else but **God's grace**. He wrote, "*No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.*"

As I am writing this article, I cannot forget a close friend of mine who just lost his wife a few weeks ago. They have been married for 6 years and have been blessed with 2 kids. They were expecting a 3rd child when the mother developed some pregnancy complication, which led to her death, and the child. I could only imagine the pain and the loss that my friend is going through. He was anticipating this holiday season to be a moment of joy and happiness with a new baby boy in the family, but it has turned out to be a disaster. When I called him to give him my condolences, he told me, "*I am heartbroken at the passing on of my wife, and I could not have imagined my life without her, but on the hand I have also received a lot of support and love from my friends and family...I thank God for each of you...God has been on my side.*" I must admit I was humbled by this man's faith and gratitude amidst such personal suffering. I share all of this with you, because no matter the challenges we may have gone through; no matter the pain we have endured in our lives or even in our families. We do have a cause to give thanks. It may not have been a year we would like even to remember.... but God has been on our side.

So, take charge in your Thanksgiving gatherings this year, lead your families in turning to God, to thank Him for his loving deeds and glorious acts. We may not have everything we would like to have but, "*give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever!*" (Psalms 107:1)

Happy Thanksgiving Day!!

Fr. Leonard