

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 20, 2019**

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

— **Psalm 121:1-2**

God hears those who call out day and night



**PERSISTENCE**

Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts.

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight (**Exodus 17:8-13**).

**Psalm** — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (**Psalm 121**).

**Second Reading** — Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed (**2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2**)

**GOSPEL** — Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? (**Luke 18:1-8**)

**SPECIAL PRAYER LIST**

Edith Bolder	Homesdale Care Center
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Eddie Jennings,	V.A.Rehab Cameron
Inell Hunter	Home
Margaret G. Jones	Research Hospital
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

**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](mailto:leombuthia@yahoo.com)

**OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>  
ASSIGNMENTS**

**SERVERS** Coordinator: V. Ammons\*  
*All Servers*

**LECTORS** Coordinator, Rose Palmer\*

**8:00 a.m.** Rita Womack,  
Michele Jones

**10:00 a.m.** Ramonda Doakes,  
Bernadette Cook

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Coordinator, Dianna Miller\*

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

**10:00 a.m.** Katie Steward, Kirk Thaw,  
Shirley Thaw, Patricia  
Williams, Debotah Buckley,  
Terese Chambers, Diane  
Charity, Jenise Comer,  
Bernadette Cook,  
Angela Curry

**USHERS** Coordinators, Kim Urenda,  
Mary Pearson \*

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

**10:00 a.m. Team B:** Mary Alexander,  
Phaedra Lombard, Chaunceyetta mize,  
Chilon Spencer, Don Williams, Stephanie  
Yeager

**WELCOME:** David & Laiceha Holstein

**COUNTERS: TEAM #4**

**MEETINGS / DATES / TIMES**

*Religious Education Classes  
will begin next Sunday,  
October 27<sup>th</sup>*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Classes meet Immediately after the  
10:00 Mass. Ramonda Doakes, Director

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP**

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

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP**

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

**RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults.**

Meetings are held on  
Sundays, in the Small Chapel, following  
the 10 a.m. Mass. Deacon Ken Greene,  
Instructor

**KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER**

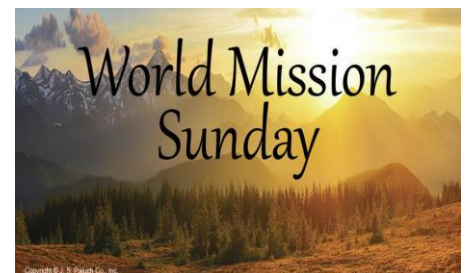
3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat 1:00 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Knights	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. 1:45 p.m.
Fr. Constantine Ct.	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Ladies of Grace	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Daughters	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Knights	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. 4:00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

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**SATURDAY**

**8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study**  
**9:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast/Bible Study**  
New members are welcome.  
Meetings are held in the Administration  
Building / St. Monica Room.



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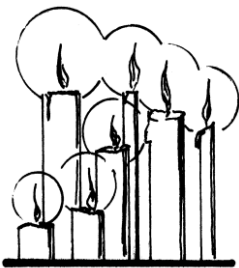
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
- Tuesday:** St. John Paul II
- Wednesday:** St. John of Capistrano
- Thursday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary



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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends.

Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure!

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**Halloween Trivia Night**

The Knights of Columbus Council #14750 will have their third annual **Halloween Trivia Night on Saturday, October 26th 7:00 pm**

**St. Therese Little Flower Church Hall, 5814 Euclid Ave. KCMO 64130.**

This is a fun-filled evening that can be enjoyed by trivia buffs of all levels.

**Tables of 8 are \$100 and individual tickets are \$15.**

**For more information and reservations, visit our website at: <http://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=14750>**

**SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**



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**CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY**

Dear St. Monica Families, The Chili Supper Committee is preparing orders for the supplies, needed for our annual fund-raiser. You can assist us, by picking up your tickets ASAP.

**Please stop by the table in the Vestibule, after Sunday Mass, to pick up your Chili Supper Tickets.** Each family is asked to purchase at least five (5) tickets, @ 8.00 per ticket, **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** Please sign up to help make this another successful St. Monica event!

**THERE WILL BE FUN FOR EVERYONE !**

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**CHILDREN'S PARTY ! FUN GAMES FOR ADULTS! WHERE: ST. MONICA CHURCH FERGUSON HALL**

**DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2018 TIME: 2:00 – 7:00 P.M. RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHILI SUPPER!!!**

**THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING TEAM NEEDS DONATIONS: CANDY - TREATS - PRIZES**

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR CANDY IN THE COLLECTION BIN IN THE VESTIBULE.**

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.*



## **St. Monica Annual Chili Supper**

**Saturday, October 26, 2019.**

**WHERE: ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
(DOWNSTAIRS-FERGUSON HALL)**

**Time: 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Tickets: \$8.00 each  
(5 tickets per packet)**

**Come to the vestibule for your tickets.**

**Ticket sales start September 15, 2019.**

**\*Entertainment for Children and Adults\***

## **SPECIAL EVENTS OCTOBER**

**25<sup>th</sup> Set-up Day for Chili Supper**

**26<sup>th</sup> Chili Supper**