

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Let the children come to me; do not prevent them.
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

~ **Mark 10:14**



THE BARRIERS THAT SEPARATE US

We live in a society that has many technological avenues for stimulation and entertainment, one in which the urban population exceeds the non-urban. It is curious that loneliness is a prevalent malady. It is easy to reach out and touch someone, we are told. But—in truth—it is not all that easy, and statistics from the mental health field will reinforce that opinion. Today's readings are about the ways in which we can authentically reach out: God touches Adam to create a mate and end his solitude; God-in-Jesus takes on human flesh and death in order that we might come to glory; Jesus reaches out to the children whom the disciples had tried to keep away, showing us the manner in which we must approach the loving embrace that awaits us in heaven. Until that day, however, we must remember that ours is a sacramental church, a church of signs of the love of God. And so we are called to reach out continually to ease the loneliness and the barriers that separate us from one another and, therefore, from the love of Christ.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' "
(**Genesis 2:18-24**).

Psalms — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives
(**Psalms 128**).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (**Hebrews 2:9-11**).

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TODAY'S GOSPEL

— Whoever does not accept
the kingdom of God like a child
shall not enter it
(**Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]**)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;
Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday

Monday: St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

Wednesday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

Thursday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday: St. Denis and Companions;
St. John Leonardi; Blessed Virgin Mary



Always wear a mask.

SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. (Live)
10:00 a.m. (Live & Recorded)

WEDNESDAY
9:00 a.m. MASS (Live)
6:00 p.m. PRAYER MEETING

FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of Peace





"Greet one another with a holy kiss," wrote Saint Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:20), and he said the same thing to other communities as well. The holy kiss, the sign of peace, has been a hallmark of Christians from the very beginning. In giving and receiving the sign of peace, we are not giving something of our own, but something that Christ has given to us. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you," Jesus told his disciples (John 14:27). Jesus comes to us when we gather together in community. We celebrate the Eucharist not just to receive spiritual nourishment to help us on our solitary way to salvation, but to be transformed into one body, the Body of Christ in the world. As we receive the Eucharist, we are not only united to Christ; we are united to each other. It is never easy to live in community, and we hurt each other on the way. So we need to turn to each other in a sign of reconciliation and forgiveness, to look into each other's eyes, and give and receive the peace that is not ours, but Christ's.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION FORMS Are Available In The Church Vestibule

SIGN UP FOR:

-  Sunday School / 1ST Communion
-  Junior Youth Group
-  Senior Youth Group
-  Confirmation Class

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 1-800-392-3728 (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, at 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcs.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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.**

OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Please notify Father Leonard when you or a family member has become homebound or placed in a hospital. Call the Church Office, 816-471-3696, .Or email: leombuthis@yahoo.com

Edith Bolder, Home, Jeanette Hamilton, Home, Rosa Birch, Home, Sandra Cloyd, Home, Delores Bazy, Home, Vera Brown, Home, Kevin Brown, Home, Ray Myers, Home, John Johnson, Home, Vauncille Bartlett, Home, Mary Ann Grayson, Home, Donald and Mable Parson, Home, Sergio Mendoza, Home, Michael Lucas, Home, Herman Lovett, Paris Harrington, Home, Earl Greene, Home, Ovell and Francis Thomas, Home, Dorothy Mustin, Home, Earnestine Nard, Home, Barbara Parks, Carondelette Rehab., James Davidson, Home, Flora Waddell, Home, Elaine Lomax, Home, Dr. James Birch, Rehab, Donna Dupree. Providence Hospital., Cheryl Warren, Home, Chaunceyetta Mize, Home, Michael Mize, Home

HOMEGOING

Sister Myra Peine, former, Principal of our St. Joseph School, passed on to be with our Lord, on Friday, September 24 , 2021, in Oldenburg Indiana. Sister Myra, served as Principal, for 21 years. She later relocated to The Sisters of Saint Francis Convent in Oldenburg Indiana where she remained until her death..

A Mass of Resurrection was held on Thursday, in Oldenburg, Indiana. **May she rest in peace.**

**Condolences may be addressed to
Sisters of Saint Francis
P.O. 100 Oldenburg, Indiana**

OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP TRAININGS

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION -
TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND,
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14TH**

Father Paul Turner and Peg Ekerdt will lead the training for Sick and Homebound Ministers, Nativity of Mary Parish, Independence, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Attendees must previously have taken the training as Extraordinary Minister of Holy communion to be registered.

St. Monica Members:

Please register via our Church Office, 816-471-369

