

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 23<sup>th</sup> 2017**

*Blessed are those who have not seen  
 And have believed.  
 John 20:29b*



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**A SEASON OF JOY**

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This first line of today’s first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.  
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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (**Acts 2:42-47**).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (**Psalms 118**).

**Second Reading** — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (**1 Peter 1:3-9**).

**SPECIAL PRAYER LIST**

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Charles Nicholson       | Home                        |
| Edith Bolder            | Home                        |
| Mable Allen Reed        | Senior Living Center        |
| Marguerite Hamilton     | Home                        |
| Jeanette Hamilton Evans | Home                        |
| Eddie Jennings          | Home                        |
| Inell Hunter            | Home                        |
| John Martinez, Jr.      | Home                        |
| Margaret G. Jones       | Home                        |
| Martha Melton           | Benton House Center         |
| Bertha Beatty           | Home                        |
| Marcheita Bush          | Home                        |
| Betty Givens            | Home                        |
| Johnny Chambers         | Home                        |
| Bob Motley              | Home                        |
| Lorna Lewis             | Home                        |
| Carlos Nix              | Home                        |
| Delores Bazy            | Home                        |
| Georgia Willoughby      | Myers Nursing Home          |
| Lavel McCullough        | Home                        |
| Rosa Birch              | Home                        |
| Sandra Cloyd            | Home                        |
| Kevin Brown             | Son of Vera Brown           |
| Jackie Countee          | Home                        |
| Jacob Armstrong         | Home                        |
| Dewey Dickinson         | Home                        |
| Terese Chambers         | Home                        |
| Toice Woods             | Truman-Lakewood Lees Summit |
| Mary Brown              | St. Lukes Hospital          |
| Hargett Hayes           | Center Point Hospital       |

**FAMILY MEMBERS:** Please inform our Pastor, Fr. Tom, when a loved-one is home bound or has been hospitalized. Call 816-471-3696 or email: [stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com](mailto:stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com)

**APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> ASSIGNMENTS**

**SERVERS** Coordinator: V. Ammons\*  
 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. All Servers

**LECTORS** Coordinator, Rose Palmer\*  
 8:00 a.m. Lawrence Blankinship, Rosalind Smith,  
 10:00 a.m. Rose Alexander, Carolyn Greene

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
 Coordinator, Dianna Miller\*

8:00 a.m. Mary Graham, Maxine Harvey, Christine Johnson, Elaine Johnson  
 10:00 p.m. Carrie Miller, Paulette Monroe, Paula Nix, Barbara Parks, Lydia Ramirez, Carol Robinson, Rose Roos, Terese Spears, Katie Steward, Patricia Williams

**USHERS** Coordinators, E. Burtin\*, J. Gillis\*  
 8:00 a.m. G.L. Blankinship, Elaine Johnson, Hargett Hayes,  
 10:00 a.m. **Team E:** Diane Bacchus, Cynthia Barrett, Don Williams, Eric Burtin, Conrad McDonald, Jenny Gillis

**COUNTERS: TEAM 5**  
 Coordinator, Bumetta Burtin\*

**MEETINGS – DATES - TIMES**

- SUNDAY ~ 11:30 a.m. St. Monica Building**  
 ~ Sunday School 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.  
 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Every Sunday\*  
 ~ Jr Youth Group 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.  
 (Ferguson Hall/Lower Level)  
 ~ Senior Youth Group, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun  
 ~ Confirmation Class, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun  
 ~ **RCIA Class** (Small Chapel)  
 Health Ministry 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11:30 a.m.  
 Ushers Ministry 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 11:30 a.m.

**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. 11:45 a.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.

**MONDAY - 9:00 A.M. MASS**

**WEDNESDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Communion Service  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Service  
 7:00 p.m. Confirmation (St. Peter’s)

**SATURDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. ~ Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study  
 ~ Women’s Breakfast & Bible Study  
 2:00 p.m. – ANNUAL FASHION SHOW



**First Communion**  
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**APRIL 23, 2017**  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Antoine Kinsey**, parent, Mari Barbosa  
**Lincoln Lewis**, parents, Tracey & Leslie Lewis

**Yianni Morales-Ruiz**, parent, Sophia Morales

**K’den Palmer**, parents, Kevin Palmer & Kimberlie Mize  
**Justin Pullen**, parents, Jerry & Erin Pullen

**Kyleigh Saffold**, parents, Dwight Miller & Cecilia Saffold Miller

*Ms. Jenny Gillis, Teacher*  
*Ms. Ramonda Doakes, Director*

**GOSPEL**— The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (**John 20:19-31**).



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 1819; Jn 6:16-21  
**Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)  
**Monday:** Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)  
**Tuesday:** St. Mark  
**Wednesday:** Administrative Professionals Day  
**Friday:** St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort; Arbor Day  
**Saturday:** St. Catherine of Siena

**'SAVE THE DATE' REVIVAL**

**"Strengthen Your Faith"**

with **Father Manuel Bragg Williams, C.R.**  
**St. Monica's Catholic Church**  
**1616 Paseo KCMO 64108**

**September 17-20, 2017 - 7:00 PM**

**ALL DENOMINATIONS ARE WELCOMED!**

Father Manuel Bragg Williams was ordained on May 23, 1987 as a member of the Congregation of the Resurrection. He has preached revivals and missions throughout the U.S. and has also lectured in the areas of Black Catholic spirituality and history, as well as fundraising and development. Since July of 1990, Father Williams has been director of Resurrection Catholic Missions of the South and pastor of Resurrection Catholic Church, both in Montgomery, Alabama.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Schedule of Special Events in April**  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** –Fist Communion (10:00 Mass)  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** –Final day for SHOEBOX Project  
**26<sup>th</sup>** - Fashion Show Rehearsal  
**26<sup>th</sup>** –Rite of Confirmation  
**29<sup>th</sup>** –Annual Fashion Show

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**SAINT MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Kansas City, Missouri**  
*You are cordially invited ~ to*  
**The Rite of Confirmation**  
**for our 2016 -2017 Candidates:**

- Felix Anudike
- Lorna Green
- Jordan Henderson
- Camille Lombard
- Sydney Pullen
- Cortney Robinson
- Elana Sanders-Braxton
- Cassidy Spaulding
- Elena Tamayo
- Jamike Unoke

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017**

**7:00 p. m.**

**St. Peters Parish, 815 East Meyer**  
**Kansas City, MO 64131**

**APRIL IS CHILD PROTECTION MONTH**



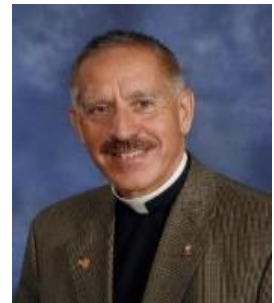
**Office of Child and Youth Protection (OCYP) – Vision Statement**

The core value of the OCYP is the protection of children from sexual abuse.

We strive to build trust and positive relationships in our community by:

- Acknowledging and repenting for the failures of the past
- Providing care and support
- Educating and training
- Responding appropriately to allegations
- **Report Child Abuse – Call the Missouri Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline, 800-361-2665, or the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, 816-812-2500.**

**FROM FATHER'S DESK**



Easter Greetings! Did you know that as a Church we celebrate Easter Sunday for an entire week? In fact, it is celebrated as the Octave of Easter---8 days. For this reason we continue to celebrate the joy of that Easter Sunday as we hear in our readings today. The gospel today picks up where we left off last Sunday. It is on the evening of the first day of the week, as the gospel of John tells us that Jesus appeared to the disciples, scared, locked behind closed doors, to give to them something very special, the Holy Spirit. It is this appearance which gives these early Christians the courage to go forth as Jesus told them to proclaim the good news. It is that same Holy Spirit that is with us today; the same Holy Spirit that encourages us to go forth to proclaim the good news. It is the same Holy Spirit in which our newly baptized received.

It is the same Holy Spirit that is with our First Communicants today, and, definitely the same Holy Spirit that our Confirmation Candidates receive in special way this week, Wednesday evening at St. Peter's Parish. It is that same Holy Spirit which inspires us to act in community as did those early Christians we read about in the Acts of the Apostles. The power of the Holy Spirit dramatically changed the lives of those early Christians. It gave them courage and inspiration. It gave them perseverance and trust. Has our life changed as a result of coming of the Holy Spirit in our lives? How are we different than others out there who do not believe? We celebrate the Octave of Easter so that we might truly come to believe in the risen presence of the Lord in our lives just like those early Christians. We, like them must get beyond those 'locked doors and fears' in our lives; those things that hinder us from recognizing and proclaiming the good news. Once again, happy Easter!

Make it a great week!

*Fr. Tom*



