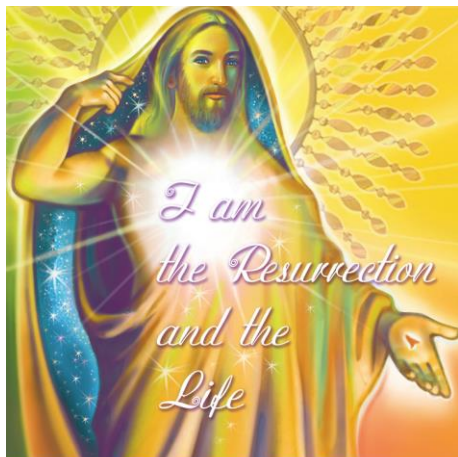


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 2, 2017

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD,
LORD, hear my voice!

~ Psalm 130:1



JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land.
(Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

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
Mary Brown	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

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

SERVERS Coordinator: V. Ammons*

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. All Servers

LECTORS: Coordinator, Rose Palmer*

8:00 a.m. 1st Reader: G.L. Blankinship

2nd Reader: Deborah Scott

Narrator: Deacon Greene

Speaker: Jovan Hardy

10:00 a.m. 1st Reader: Syrtiller Kabat

2nd Reader: Michele Perez

Narrator: Deacon Greene

Speaker: Dwight Miller

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Coordinator, Dianna Miller*

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

10:00 p.m. Patricia Williams, Ben Gruber,
Deborah Buckley, Diane Charity, Jenise
Comer, Bernadette Cook, Angela Curry,
Sharon Dunmore, Mary Ann Grayson,
Carolyn Greene

USHERS: Coordinators, E. Burtin*, J. Gillis*

8:00 a.m. G.L. Blankinship, Elaine
Johnson, Hargett Hayes,

10:00 a.m. Team C: Phyllis Weaver, Naomi
Holt, Shirley Thaw, Barbara Parks, Paulette
Monroe, Mary Pearson

WELCOME: Kenzie Bacchus

COUNTERS: TEAM 2

Coordinator, Burnetta Burtin*

MEETINGS – DATES - TIMES

SUNDAY ~ 11:30 a.m. St. Monica Building

~ Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sun.

~ 1st Communion, Every Sunday*

~ Jr Youth Group 2nd & 4th Sun.

(Ferguson Hall/Lower Level)

~ Senior Youth Group, 1st & 3rd Sun

~ Confirmation Class, 2nd & 4th Sun

~ **RCIA Class** (Small Chapel)

Health Ministry 2nd Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Ushers Ministry 4th Sunday 11:30 a.m.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

3rd Degree Knights 1st Sat. 1:00 p.m.

4th Degree Knights 1st Sat. 11:45 a.m.

Fr. Constantine Ct. 1st Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Ladies of Grace 4th Sun 2:00 p.m.

Jr. Daughters 2nd Sat 2:00 p.m.

Jr. Knights 1st Sun 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY ~ 9:00 A.M. MASS

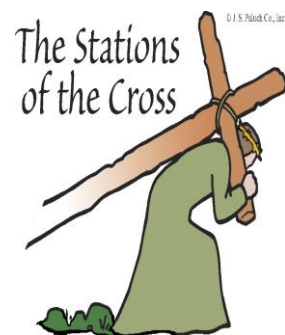
WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M. ~ Communion Service

6:00 P.M. ~ Prayer Service

5:30 P.M. ~ Finance Committee

FRIDAY – 6:00 P.M. (Sanctuary)



Followed by a 'simple supper' Ferguson Hall

SATURDAY

9:00 A.M. St. Monica Building

~ Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Class

~ Women's Breakfast & Bible Study Class

ATTENTION CHURCH FAMILY !

Please call or email the church office if you have:

- Moved to a new address
- Changed your telephone number
- Changed your name

816-471-3696 or email:

Stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com

GOSPEL — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday: St. Isidore
- Wednesday: St. Vincent Ferrer
- Friday: St. John Baptist de la Salle; Abstinence; First Saturday



Open our graves, Lord, remove us from the prison of death. Place your Spirit in us so that we may live in a world of freedom.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by WLP, Inc. p.155

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Senior Youth Group will collect donations of Easter candy, plastic Easter eggs, etc., for the next two Sundays. An Easter Box for all donations will be placed in the vestibule of the church. Thank you in advance, from the Senior Youth Group.

DCCW - LENTEN PROJECT

DEADLINE, SUNDAY APRIL 23RD

Ash Wednesday, March 1st, was the start of our Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) project for this quarter. As in the past, the St. Monica Altar & Rosary Society will be collecting personal hygiene items, for women and children, living in shelters, after fleeing abusive situations. This formerly was called the “*Shoebbox Project*”, It is no longer necessary to put your items in a “shoebbox.” All of the items received, will be divided amongst four agencies. ***Toothpaste & toothbrushes, combs & hair brushes, shampoo, soap, deodorants, etc.*** - all will be. Appreciated. A special bin will be placed in the vestibule.

HONORING OUR MOTHERS ON MOTHERS' DAY

This year, the **Junior Knights** will assist **Crowning of Mary** with the **First Communion** candidates. We will also have a brochure dedicated to mothers. **This year, we are increasing the wordings from a paragraph to a full page; and to include photos. Photos will be included if received by or before April 30th.** Photos are not necessarily a requirement to submit a dedication. The individual can be any lady in your live (e.g., mother, grandmother, aunt, friend, female role model, etc.).

Please submit your dedication to Victor, at jvictorammons@aol.com or bring it to Church and give it to any Junior Knight or Victor.

YOU ARE INVITED:

3 GIFTS, 3 DAYS, 1 HOLY WEEK, AT THE ST. PETER'S PARISH

End your Lenten journey with Christ. Fr. Richard Gielow, C.M., Director of the Vincentian Parish Mission Center, will lead a Lenten Mission at St. Peter's Church and share the gifts of love, faith and hope found in the great events of Holy Week. **Love, Faith, Hope:** April 10, 11, and 12. St. Peter's Church, 701 E. Meyer Blvd, Kansas City, MO. Mass at 7 p.m. Reception following.

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday - NOON

FROM FATHER'S DESK



Greetings! We are on the downside of lent, today being the 5th and final Sunday before we go into Holy Week. I have been asking the question, “What shall I render?” each week, so much so that you might be tired of that question by now. If you are tired of it, that could be a good thing. If by asking the question each week makes you think more about the question, and incorporate that question into your daily life, that is a better thing. The answer to that question could be different every day.

We have had some interesting scripture stories throughout the season of Lent. Today is no exception. These long, yet well told and informative stories have many lessons to learn, more than could or ought to be covered in one homily. Two weeks ago we heard the story of the woman at the well. Last week we heard the story of the man born blind. This week is the story of Lazarus. This story is also filled with many lessons to learn. As you hear the story what part of the story pops out at you? Which character in the story do you resonate with the most? Martha? Mary? The crowd? What about Lazarus? I mention Lazarus (even though he has no speaking part) because he does play an important role. If he had not died, there would be no story to tell. All of the people in the story are coming to terms with death and resurrection, with Jesus and his miracles, with their own humanity, and with their own faith and belief in God. So, as this story unravels what do you wrestle with in terms of your own life? Are you wrestling with issues that relate more to Martha? Mary? The Crowd? Or Lazarus? In any case, the good thing is that you are wrestling with some aspect of the story and how it relates to your life. Keep wrestling with, reflecting on, and even acting upon this story. It might even help you with my original question, What shall I render?

Make it a holy Lent,
Fr. Tom




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MARCH EXPENSES \$30,873.18

March	Budget	Actual	Difference +/-	Debt Reduction	Food Pantry
5 th	(\$ 8,000.00)	\$ 6,953.75	(\$ 1,046.25)	\$ 1,912.50	\$ 280.00
8 th	(\$ 8,000.00)	-	(\$ 656.00)	\$ 90.00	\$ 55.00
12 th	(\$ 8,000.00)	\$ 4,989.50	(\$ 3,010.50)	\$ 365.00	\$ 451.00
19 th	(\$ 8,000.00)	\$ 3,982.50	(\$ 4,017.50)	\$ 217.00	\$ 35.00
26 th	(\$ 8,000.00)	\$ 7,626.50	(\$ 373.50)	\$ 830.00	\$ 15.00
TOTALS	(\$3,2000.00)	\$24,208.25	(\$ 7,790.75)	\$ 3,414.50	\$ 836.00



STATIONS OF CROSS 6:00 P.M.

DATE	FRIDAY	LEADING GROUPS
April 7th	6TH	Parish Council, Finance Council, Leaders of Parish Organizations and Committees
APRIL 12^H	WEDNESDAY 6:00 P.M.	 <p>© J. S. Pabst Co., Inc.</p> <p>Ferguson Hall Reservations required See Chaunceyetta Mize after Sunday Mass \$8.00</p>

APRIL IS CHILD PROTECTION MONTH



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

Vision: 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*



DATE: APRIL 29, 2017~Tickets are available every Sunday, after Mass

