

**EIGHTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

Can a mother forget her infant,  
be without tenderness,  
for the child of her womb?  
Even should she forget,  
I will never forget you.  
~ *Isaiah 49:15*



**DON'T BE ANXIOUS**

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**1st Reading** — God will never forget you (*Isaiah 49:14-15*)

**Psalm** — Rest in God alone, my soul (*Psalm 62*).

**2nd Reading** — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (*1 Corinthians 4:1-5*).



**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

**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)*

**MARCH 5TH ASSIGNMENTS**

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

**LECTORS** *Coordinator, Rose Palmer\**  
8:00 a.m. Margaret Sams, Deborah Scott  
10:00 a.m. Youth

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

*Coordinator, Dianna Miller\**  
8:00 a.m. Mary Graham, Maxine Harvey,  
Christine Johnson, Elaine Johnson  
10:00 p.m. Ronald Green, Carolyn Greene,  
Ben Gruber, Joann James, Margaret Jones,  
Syrtiler Kabat, Diane Charity, Dorothy Mustin,  
Rose Palmer, Barbara Parks

**USHERS:** *E. Burtin\*, J. Gillis\* Coordinators*  
8:00 a.m. G.L. Blankinship, Elaine  
Johnson, Hargett Hayes,  
10:00 a.m. **Team D:** Paul Alexander,  
Jeanette Countee, Elaine Lomax, Genia  
Palmer, Emmanuel Okonta, Ngozika Okonta

**WELCOME:** *Jamika Unoko*

**COUNTERS: TEAM 1**  
*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.



**WEDNESDAY – MARCH 1, 2017**



**SERVICES:**  
9:00 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY – MARCH 3, 2017**

**6:00 P.M. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*(Sanctuary)*  
*Followed by a 'simple supper' in Ferguson Hall.*

**SATURDAY**

**9:00 A.M.** ~ Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Class

~ Women's Breakfast & Bible Study Class

**GOSPEL** — *God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).*



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Julian Calendar  
**Lent begins**
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
- Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday;  
**World Day of Prayer**
- Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday



**Report Child Abuse** – Call the Missouri Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline, 800-361-2665, or the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, 816-812-2500

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

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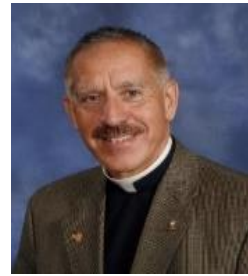
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**SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ash Wednesday Services
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stations of the Cross
- 5<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast
- 5<sup>th</sup> Senior Youth Career Fair
- 10<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross
- 17<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross
- 19<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Reception Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross
- 31<sup>st</sup> Stations of the Cross

**Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday – NOON**

**FROM FATHER'S DESK**



Greetings!

Today is the 8<sup>th</sup> and final Sunday of Ordinary Time; yes, this Wednesday, March 1 is Ash Wednesday. So, you have a few more days to do a few things: 1) eat/drink all the candy, junk food, pop etc. you can, and, 2) think about what you are going to do and/or give up for Lent. More on that later.

Last week we heard Moses telling the people to be holy as the Lord, your God is holy. As you reflect upon the past week would you say that you are (were) a holy person? Remember the definition of holy is to be set apart in service to the Lord. Did you do that? Do you see that what you are doing is the work of the Lord? When we come to understand that we are set apart, that we are called to do the work of the Lord, and, that we are holy because of what we do, then we gain a new sense of relevance in our lives.

Today Isaiah tells us to come to the water when you are thirsty. Think of a time when you have been thirsty. Can you remember the dry mouth, the parched lips? Being thirsty is familiar to all of us. Sometimes we dehydrated or very hot and can 'feel' the water go through us; sometimes we can feel our body coming back to life. Isaiah is using this analogy to teach us about the presence of God in our lives. We need God. We need his presence in our lives. Maybe your presence at Mass today might quench your spiritual thirst. Maybe it will bring your spirituality back to life.

Back to Lent: What are you going to do/give up? I encourage you to take time these next days to get ready, be ready. YOU, only YOU can do it for yourself. Jesus died (sacrificed) for YOU. What sacrifice are you willing to make for Him?, for someone else? "With sacrifice and work, anything can be done." ~Angel Cabrera

Make it a great week!

**Fr. Tom**



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## LENT BEGINS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>

### DCCW - LENTEN PROJECT

Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, is 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 *Shoobox Project*, It is no longer necessary to put your items in a “shoobox.”

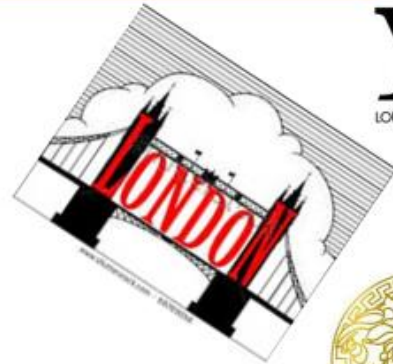
All if the items received, will be divided amongst four agencies. Toothpaste & toothbrushes, combs & hair brushes, shampoo, soap, deodorants, etc. – all will be appreciated. A special in will be placed in the vestibule.

## APRIL 29, 2017

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“SAVE-THE-DATE”

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