

**SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 15, 2017**

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I will make You a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the ends of the earth.

~ **Isaiah 49:6b**

THREE MISSIONS

Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new.

This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. The church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified: it is part of the universal church of God. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: his baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is he himself who is the Lamb of God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

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	Research Hospital.
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 Center.
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Son of Vera Brown
Jackie Countee	Home
Muriel Hayes	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

JANUARY 22ND ASSIGNMENTS

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

LECTORS Coordinator, Rose Palmer*
8:00 a.m. Dwight Miller, Brenda Lofton, Pat Williams, Carolyn Greene
10:00 a.m. Moses Artis, Kelly Artis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Coordinator, Dianna Miller*
8:00 a.m. Mary Graham, Maxine Harvey, Christine Johnson, Elaine Johnson
10:00 p.m. Terese Chambers, Mary Ann Grayson, Ben Gruber, Joann James, Margaret Jones, Rose Palmer, Carrie Miller, Paulette Monroe, Paula Nix

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

WELCOME: Myra and Cyla Scales

COUNTERS: TEAM 4

MEETING – DATES - TIMES

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

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

3 rd Degree Knights	1 st Sat. 1:00 p.m.
4 th Degree Knights	1 st Sat. 11:45 a.m.
Fr. Constantine Ct.	1 st Sun. 9:00 a.m.
Ladies of Grace	4 th Sun 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Daughters	2 nd Sat 2:00 p.m.
Jr. Knights	1 st Sun 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. ~ Communion Service
6:00 p.m. ~ Prayer Service

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. ~ Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Class
~ Women's Breakfast & Bible Study Class

FINANCE

MONTHLY GOAL	\$38,000.00
FORECASTED WEEKLY BUDGET	
Regular Offering Goal	\$7,700.00
Debt Reduction Goal	1,800.00
Weekly Offering Goal	\$9,500.00



MR. PHIL ROOS, quietly passed away, surrounded by his loved ones, on Friday, January 6, 2017. He will be sorely missed. We will celebrate his life on

Saturday, January 21, 2017

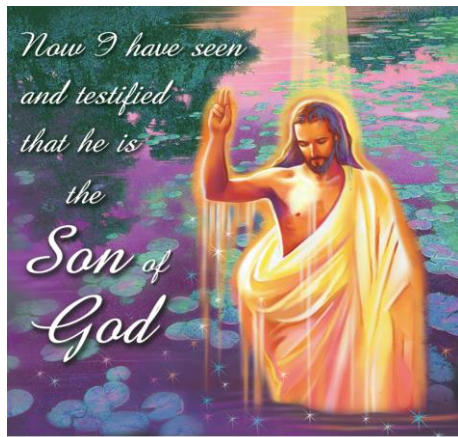
St. Monica Church

Visitation: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Funeral: 11:00 a.m.

Please pray for His wife, Mrs. Rose Roos, daughter, Brandy, and the extended family

TODAY'S GOSPEL



— John the Baptist testifies: **The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God** (John 1:29-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10, 13 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
- Tuesday: St. Anthony
- Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany(Epiphany)
- Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
- Saturday: St. Agnes



REPORT CHILD ABUSE - Call the Missouri Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline, 800-361-2665, or Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, 816-2500.

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday - Noon

CELEBRATING

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017

ST. MONICA CHURCH

All parishioners are invited to join Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr, and the Junior Knights of Peter Claver, on January 16, 2017, at **10:00 a.m.**, for the celebration of Mass, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A reception and program will be held, in the Church Hall, after the Mass.

THEME: *The Youth of Today, and the Dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

PANELISTS: Youths
Bring the family, and friends.

Church Offices will be closed in recognition of this special holiday.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



LITURGICAL WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH

The Diocese will host a Liturgical Workshop, Saturday, January

28th, at the *Catholic Center, 20 W 9th Street, K.C.MO 64105.*

Cost: \$20.00, for Reader / Lector or Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion Training. If you choose to do both, trainings. The cost is \$40.00. As usual, this amount will be billed directly to the parishes. St. Monica parishioners: Please call the Church Office to register.



DEANERY 1 & 2

Quarterly Meeting

January 28th

St. Monica Church,
Ferguson Hall

9:30 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Mass or Rosary, Luncheon

**Members: Bring a small gift for door prizes.*

Guests are welcome.

FROM FATHER'S DESK



Greetings! We move back into Ordinary Time once again. This is a short period of time, where we more closely examine the Christmas story and how it unfolds in our lives, as we learn more about Jesus, who

he is and why he came into the world. Ordinary Time stays with us this year, up to March 1 (which is Ash Wednesday). The gospel today asks us directly (through John the Baptist), "Who are you"? That is a question for each of us to ASK and ANSWER. We ask, "Jesus who are you?" and our answer is? Today's gospel records for us two of the answers people reached when they went and saw Jesus. The Baptist gives us the first of these answers when he declares: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." So the first answer to the question, "Who are you?" is that Jesus is the Lamb of God who gives his very life to bring freedom to people who are oppressed or victims of injustice. This lamb gives its life rather than demanding that those who do injustice be punished. This Lamb brings forgiveness, and takes away the sins of the world. When John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God, it reminds me of one of Jesus's own answers to the question, "Who are you?" If you come and see, you will see someone who loves you so much that he will lay down his life for you. In Jesus' words: "Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends." Think of Martin Luther King, Jr. struggling against injustice, bringing freedom to his people, and in the end laying down his life for his friends. Who Is This Jesus? He is one whose love for us is so unconditional that we can only call it divine. Jesus brings utterly unconditional love into our world—for you and for me. He is Emmanuel—God with us. Let's pray that we can believe that more deeply as we come to Jesus at the table of the Eucharist.

Make it a great week!

Fr. Tom

THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES (AMS) COLLECTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND

The AMS provides pastoral care for military personnel and their families. These souls are a most vulnerable population, due to the hardships entailed in military service. To help strengthen outreach to souls cared for by the AMS, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a special collection to be held every 3 years. Its proceeds support the AMS ministry.

Please do support this collection.



St. Monica Catholic Church Flower Offerings and Dedications

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Bacchus

Mrs. Cynthia Barrett

Mr. Lee E. Brown

Ms. Jacqueline M. Countee

Mrs. Beverly Dyer

Mr. Vincent S. Garth

Ms. Wilhelmina Goodrich

Mr. Benny Gruber

Mrs. Carolyn Childs-Gruber

Mr. Javan W. Hardy

Mr. & Mrs. John James

Ms. Carolyn Jones

Ms. Cheryl Jones

Mr. & Mrs. H. Wallace Lovett

Mrs. Carrie Miller

Ms. Christine Miller

Ms. Eleanor Miller

Mrs. Dorothy Mustin

Mrs. Melba Myers

Mr. & Mrs. Paulinus C. Okafor

Ms. Rosetta Palmer

Ms. Cristina Ramirez

Ms. Robin K. Richardson

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Roos

Mr. & Mrs. John Sams

Mr. Frederick Taylor

Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Thaw

Mr. Leon Timberlake

Ms. Lynn Williams

On behalf of the Altar and Rosary Society, we would like to thank everyone who made an offering and/or dedication for St. Monica's Poinsettia Flowers.

