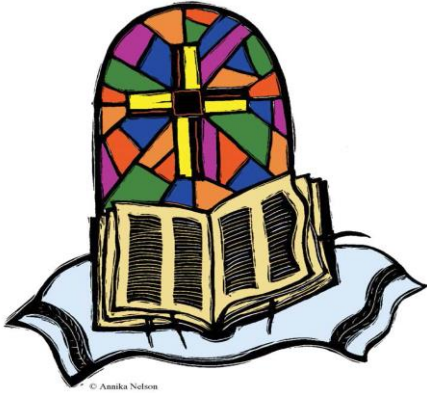


3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21, 2018

The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.

~ *Mark 1:15*



THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (*Psalm 25*).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*).

GOSPEL — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (*Mark 1:14-20*).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Charles Nicholson	Home
Edith Bolder	Home
Mable Allen Reed	Sr. Living Center
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Eddie Jennings	V.A. Rehab. Cameron, MO
Inell Hunter	Home
Margaret G. Jones	Home
Martha Melton	Addington House Center
Marcheita Bush	Home
Johnny Chambers	Home
Lorna Lewis	Home
Carlos Nix	Home
Delores Bazy	Home
Georgia Willoughby	Home
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Home
Jackie Countee	Home
Jacob Armstrong	Home
Mary Brown	Home
Darlene Dearborn	Carondelet Nursing
Destiny Williams	Hospital
Vauncille Bartlett	Home
Yvonne Dillahunty	Home
Charlene Carter	

FAMILY MEMBERS: Please inform Father Leonard, when a loved-one has become home-bound, or has been hospitalized, Call: 816-471-3696, or .email: leombuthia@yahoo.com

JANUARY 28th MASS ASSIGNMENTS

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

LECTORS Coordinator, Rose Palmer*
8:00 a.m. Javan Hardy,
 Deborah Buckley

10:00 a.m. Ken Bacchus,
 Rose Alexander

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Coordinator, Dianna Miller*
8:00 a.m. Mary Graham, Maxine Harvey,
 Christine Johnson, Elaine Johnson

10:00 a.m. Terese Chambers, Patricia Williams, Deborah Buckley, Diane Charity, Denise Comer, Bernadette Cook, Angela Curry, Mary Ann Grayson, Pamela Green, Ronald Green

USHERS Coordinators, E. Burtin, * J. Gillis*
8:00 a.m. G.L. Blankinship,
 Elaine Johnson

10:00 a.m. TBA

COUNTERS: Team #4

WELCOME: Diane Charity

MEETINGS / DATES / TIMES

The Rite Of Christian Initiation For Adults (RCIA) Classes Are Held Every Sunday, Immediately following The 10:00 A.M. Mass, In the Small Chapel. *Deacon Ken Greene, Instructor*

1ST COMMUNION & SUNDAY

SCHOOL Classes will meet after the 10:00 Mass, on the 2ND and 4TH Sundays, *Ms. Ramonda Doakes, Director*

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP meetings will meet on the 1st & 3rd Sundays, after 10:00 a.m. Mass., *Coordinators: Eric & Burnetta Burtin, Eldon & Phaedra Lombard*

JUNIOR YOUTH, will meet, 2ND & 4th Sundays, Church Hall / Lower-Level. *Coordinators: John & Debra Johnson*

Health Ministry	2 nd Sunday	1:30 P.M.
Ushers Ministry	4 th 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. 1:45 P.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 PM.
Jr. Knights	1 st Sun 4:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. MASS
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast & Bible Study

† HOMEGOING

Funeral service for *Mrs. Bertha V. Beatty*, will be held at St. Monica, on Monday, January 22, 2018.

Visitation: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Mass: 1:00 p.m.

Please remember the family in your prayers.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday: St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope

Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales

Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Friday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Saturday: St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary

What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.

—Anonymous

REPORT ABUSE

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 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18),
2. and Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911,
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, **report** suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the **Diocesan Ombudsman**, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or

JeniferValenti@att.net, 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 the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816-382-0011, or kchastain@diocesekcsj.org, for more information

THE ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE

Presents

2018 - BOIL & BOOGIE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

5:30 – 10:00 P.M.

FERGUSON HALL

Tickets: \$20.00 / Person

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: Our Lord in the Attic, or as the locals say, "Ons Lieve Heer op Solder." What looks like a beautiful narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seventeenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and "de-Catholicized" them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed "Old Church" by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work "hiding" St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.

It's a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of mind. Catholicism was at last tolerated in Holland after 1853, but in 1924 when the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Amsterdam, processions of Catholics were still forbidden in the streets. Today, Roman Catholics are about 19 percent of the population, and there's no need for any of them to hide in the attic.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday - Noon

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bereavement Committee is looking for volunteers. We especially need people to work during the week, but also on the weekend. If you can't work, we are accepting donations for every Repass Meal. The items we need are, salads, salad dressings, dinner rolls, cakes, cookies or pies. We need a person to go to Price Choppers, and pick up our meats, on the day of the funeral.

If you can assist with any of these needs, please contact Carolyn Greene @ 816-522-8630, or call the Church Office, 816-471-3696.

2018

Church Calendar

COORDINATORS OF MASS ASSIGNMENTS AND LEADERS OF MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Please send a copy of your new, or updated Schedules, & Special Events for 2018, to the Church Office:

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BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

~ A Weekend Away for a Lifetime of Change. Serving the Widowed, Separated and Divorced; who are suffering the loss of a love relationship and may feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures. Helps grieving persons focus on their experience, deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth emerging from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning.

The next Beginning Experience Weekend is **MARCH 2-4, 2018, at Precious Blood, Liberty, MO.** For more information visit: www.beginningexperiencekc.org, email: register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Lori 913-980-7966.

