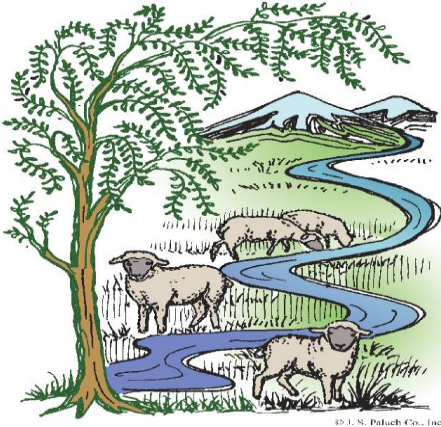


**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 9, 2017**

“Come to me, all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”
~ **Matthew 11:28**



A HUMBLE KING

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today's readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches “from the River to the ends of the earth” (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!

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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (**Zechariah 9:9-10**).

PSALM — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (**Psalms 145**).

SECOND READING — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (**Romans 8:9, 11-13**).

GOSPEL — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (**Matthew 11:25-30**).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Charles Nicholson	Home
Edith Bolder	Home
Mable Allen Reed	Sr. Living Center
Marguerite Hamilton	Home
Jeanette Hamilton Evans	Home
Eddie Jennings	V.A. Rehab. /Cameron, MO
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	Home
Lavel McCullough	Home
Rosa Birch	Home
Sandra Cloyd	Home
Kevin Brown	Home
Jackie Countee	Home
Jacob Armstrong	Home
Dewey Dickinson	Home
Terese Chambers	Home
Toice Woods	Home
Mary Brown	Home

FAMILY MEMBERS:

Please inform Fr. Leonard :leombuthia@yahoo.com.
Com or 816-471-3696, when a loved-one is home-bound, or has been hospitalized.

JULY 16TH ASSIGNMENTS

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

LECTORS Coordinator, Rose Palmer*
8:00 a.m. Diane Charity, Deborah Scott
10:00 a.m. Grace Okonta,
Emmanuel Okonta

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Coordinator, Dianna Miller*
8:00 a.m. Mary Graham, Maxine Harvey,
Christine Johnson, Elaine Johnson
10:00 p.m. Katie Steward, Kirk Thaw,
Shirley Thaw, Patricia Williams, Deborah
Buckley, Diane Charity, Jenise Comer,
Bernadette Cook, Angela Curry, Mary Ann
Grayson

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

10:00 a.m. **Team B:** Shannon Fields,
Kim Urenda, Vickie Shackelford, Carolyn,
Jones, Leah Henderson, Cynthia Uzomah

WELCOME Rick Hughes

MEETINGS DATES TIMES

SUNDAY:

Religious Education Classes
will resume in September
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. 1:45 a.m.
Fr. Constantine Ct. 1^s 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

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

SATURDAY

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

Organization Leaders:

Reserve your space(s) on the Church
Calendar. Please submit your lists of events
planned for the months of July 2017 through
December 2017, to Fr. Leonard,
leombuthia@yahoo.com
Thank you

~ NEXT SUNDAY ~

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
CHURCH HALL KITCHEN**



Prepared by The Knights of Peter Claver, #57
DONATION, \$5

JULY 16th COUNTERS: TEAM 3

Coordinator, Burnetta Burtin*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Benedict
Thursday: St. Henry
Friday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Saturday: St. Bonaventure

LAWN CARE – WORK DAY

August 19th

8:00 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Put on your gardening gloves, and your knee pads! We are planning a work day, to beautify our church grounds. Support will be donated by the Home Depot, and several of their Lawn & Garden Consultants will be here to donate their expertise. We will trim trees and Bushes, decorate our bordered flower gardens with mulch, add new plants, soil and fertilizer, as needed.. *Join our team.*

REVIVAL

– September 17 – 20th –

“Strengthen Your Faith”

With

Father Manuel Bragg Williams, C.R.

St. Monica Church

1616 Paseo Boulevard, KCMO 64108

7:00 p.m.

All denominations are welcome!

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

ST. JOSEPH

presents:

Your Life – God’s Call

FAMILY VOCATION DAY

August 19, 2017

At St. Therese Parish & School

7207 NW Highway 9, K.C.MO 64152

All ages can attend – tracks for young adults, parents, and children by age group, as well as child care for ages 2-4.

Come in and be inspired by religious and Priests from six states . . . Experience prayer, learn more about the consecrated life, ask questions, and have a lot of fun throughout the day.

To begin the day, His Excellency, James Johnston will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the mass. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

\$5 / person or \$30 / family

(includes morning snack and lunch)

See the flyers, located in the church vestibule, more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 16-17,

DCCW Bus Trip

You are invited on a bus trip to Our Lady of Snows Shrine in Belleville, Illinois. It will be an overnight trip and your friends and spouses are also invited. The cost per person ranges from \$176.45 for a single room; \$133.20 each with 2 in a room; \$121.80 each with 3 in a room; and \$113.85 each with 4 in a room. This includes a formal buffet dinner on Saturday evening following Mass, breakfast in the hotel Sunday morning, and miscellaneous treats along the way. We are limited to 44 persons on the bus, so please make your reservation and forward payment asap to Kathy Philpott. The bus will leave from the Blue Ridge Mall at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, September 16th. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS TRIP!!

Call Kathy Philpott at (816) 350-1921 or email her at Kathleenphilpott@sbcglobal.net to make your reservation asap.

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



It was a great opportunity to meet most of you last weekend. Thank you so much for the beautiful welcome you accorded to my guests and I. Thank you for the choir under the guidance of Melvin Kerr for providing us with the music during Mass. My special gratitude goes to the welcoming committee, for spending time and energy to put up the tables and decorations at Ferguson Hall, and for providing us with something to eat as a family. And thank you for any one who participated in ways big and small.

One of my guests as she was leaving came to me after reception and said, “Father Leonard you are so blessed to have St. Monica as your new parish. They are such a lively and loving community. They are so joy-full.” I could not have said it better than she. For that’s a common impression that many people have when they come to St. Monica Parish. And that’s how we bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the community around us and in Greater Kansas City area.

Pope Francis in his encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) says that the pre-requisite for a better evangelist is to witness with joy the Joy of Christ. But the Joy of Christ is not an idea in our minds or a sentimental feeling in our hearts, but an encounter with a person. For it is not how many words we use or how well we say them that will bring people back to Christ, but it is by how much joy we share with others that will prompt them to ask, “where do these people find all this joy?” In words, our encounter with Christ cannot be other than wellspring of joy that attracts people to God. And once they encounter God, they find the purpose and the meaning of their lives.

Therefore, let’s go forth and witness that joy in our families and in our community.

Fr. Leonard

Bulletin Deadline – Wednesday - Noon