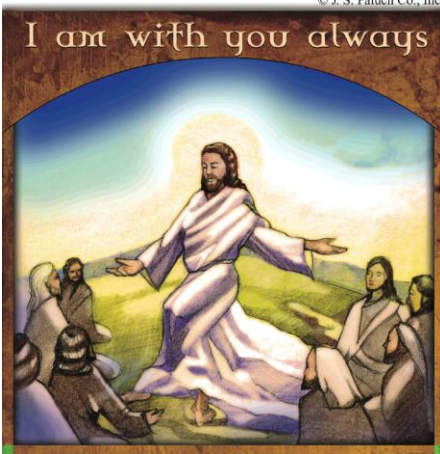


**THE ASCENSION OF
THE LORD
MAY 28, 2017**

*"They have kept your word."
— John 17:6b*

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SHARE THE HOPE

The readings for today's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit's power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.
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TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (*Acts 1:1-11*).

PSALM — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: ablare of trumpets for the Lord (*Psalms 47*).

SECOND READING — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (*Ephesians 1:17-23*).

TODAY'S GOSPEL

— Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (*Matthew 28:16-20*).

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	Son of Vera Brown
Jackie Countee	Home
Jacob Armstrong	Home
Dewey Dickinson	Home
Terese Chambers	Home
Toice Woods	Truman-Lakewood, L.S., MO
Mary Brown	Home
Hargett Hayes	Home
Elaine Johnson	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*

JUNE 4TH ASSIGNMENTS

SERVERS *Coordinator: V. Ammons**

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

LECTORS *Coordinator, Rose Palmer**

8:00 a.m. Gerald Buckman
Darthene Buckman
10:00 a.m. Rose Alexander,
Ramonda Doakes,

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

*Coordinator, Dianna Miller**

8:00 a.m. Mary Graham, Maxine
Harvey, Christine Johnson,
Elaine Johnson

10:00 p.m. Dorothy Mustin, Patricia
Williams, Rose Palmer, Barbara Parks,
Lydia Rameriz, Terese Spears, Katie
Steward, Kirk Thaw, Shirley Thaw

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

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

10:00 a.m. **Team A:** Jan Wallace,
Sharon Dunmore, Chaunceyette Mize,
Phaedra Lombard, Mary Alexander,
Stephanie Yeager

WELCOME: Diane Charity

COUNTERS: TEAM 1

MEETINGS – DATES - TIMES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ~11:30 a.m.
~ Sunday School 1st & 3rd Sundays
St Monica Building
~ Junior Youth Group 2nd & 4th Sundays,
Ferguson Hall Lower Level
~ Senior Youth Group 1st & 3rd Sundays,
St. Monica Room

~ **RCIA** Class will begin 09/17/2017
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 :00 p.m.
4th Degree Knights 1st Sat. 1:45 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

FRIDAY – 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Annual Dinner Playhouse / Rehearsal
Dates: June 2nd, June 9th

SATURDAY

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

HOMEGOING

MR. DONALD METOYA, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2017, after a long illness. Funeral services for Mr. Montoya, were held at St. Monica, on Friday, May 26, 2017. Please remember his wife Anita, and the Montoya Family in your prayers.

MONDAY ~ MAY 29TH
Church Offices will be closed.

Memorial Day

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*They fell, but o'er their glorious grave
Floats free the banner of the cause
they died to save.
—Francis Marion Crawford*



Make
disciples
of all
nations

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3 – 8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
- Monday:** Memorial Day
- Tuesday:** Shavuot (“Weeks”), the Jewish festival of the giving of the Law, begins at sunset
- Wednesday:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thursday:** St. Justin
- Friday:** Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; 1st Saturday

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you 18 years of age, and have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? There is an Adult Confirmation Ceremony scheduled at the Cathedral, on **Wednesday, June 7th**, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Church Office (816-471-3696) ASAP, to receive the proper instructions.

CONGRATULATIONS 2017 GRADUATES!



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- ~ **NADIA HUGHES**, from Macarthur High School, Dallas, Texas, will attend Florida A & M University, *granddaughter of Dorothy & Richard Tate, great-granddaughter of John & Joann James*
- ~ **DAHNAVON PIPPIN**, from Lincoln College Prep. Academy, *son of Remona Miller*
- ~ **KENZIE BACCHUS**, from Lincoln College Preparatory Academy, will attend Xavier University, Louisiana, *daughter of Kenyatte Bacchus*
- ~ **JAYLA GRAHAM**, from Frontier School of Excellence, *granddaughter of Mary Graham*
- ~ **MAYA RENEE' MOMON**, from Lees Summit High School, *daughter of Ritchie & Dorothea Momon, granddaughter of Grace Momon, will attend Oklahoma City Univ.*

2017, Graduates, and/or parents of graduates:

We want to acknowledge your accomplishment in our church bulletin. Please call the church Office: 816-471-3696, or stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com. We need the following information: Your Name, School Name, and the name of your Parents or Guardians

June 2017						
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- 4th Pancake Breakfast
- 7th Finance Committee Mtg.
- 11th Farewell Reception for Fr. Tom
- 18th **FATHERS' DAY**
- 18th MISSION Appeal

FROM FATHER'S DESK



Greetings! Today we celebrate the Feast of the **Ascension of the Lord**. Celebrating this feast on a Sunday, rather than on a Thursday as we did in years past is a much better way to honor this important event in the life of our Lord, and in our lives as well. By ascending into heaven, going back to the Father, Jesus forever weds us to himself and the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit (Feast of Pentecost, next Sunday). We are forever connected to the Father and the Son through the Holy Spirit and they are forever connected to us. Put yourself in the story. If you were one of his early disciples, and witnessed the event of the ascension, what would you have thought? What would you have done? Would you even have been on the mountain after experiencing his death? Or, would you have fallen away like many of the others in disbelief? The ascension is the final piece of the Paschal Mystery—the life, death, resurrection of the Lord. Jesus had to ascend; he had to return to his Father. His death is our death, and his life is our life. Just as he ascended to the Father, so one day we shall join Him.

This weekend is our celebration of Memorial Day, a national holiday set aside to remember the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. This day began using the name Decoration Day after the Civil War in 1868. The name Memorial Day was first used in 1882, but did not become common name until after WWII, and was finally declared as the official name in 1967. How will you remember or honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country? How will you show your appreciation?

As you know my days among you are coming to an end. In a few weeks (June 21), Fr. Leonard Gicheru will become your pastor. My last Sunday here is June 11.

Make it a great Week!

Fr. Tom

**WESTPORT COMMUNITY
FESTIVAL**

JUNE 4, 2017

NOON – 8 P.M.

GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH

1310 WESTPORT RD. – KCMO

MUSIC ALL DAY

MEXICAN FOOD

SILENT AUCTION

RAFFLE

BINGO

GAMES W/PRIZES

BRATWURST

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

LAS ESTRELLAS PERFORMING AT 6 P.M.



**“GOD DON’T LIKE UGLY”
A DINNER PLAYHOUSE**

Presented by the St. Monica Music Ministry

Written/Directed by Marilyn Scott

A great cast of “OUR” talented young people

Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 6:00pm

St. Monica Catholic Church

1616 Paseo, Kansas City, Mo.

Father Tom Ludwig, Pastor

Melvin E. Kerr, Minister of Music

Dinner served promptly at 6:00pm

Play starts at 7:00pm

No food served after 7:00pm

Donation \$20.00

Tickets available every Sunday after both Sunday
masses starting April 30th until sold out

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance

No tickets sold at the door!!!!!!!

REMINDER:

As of January, 2017, monthly offering Envelopes are no longer mailed to your homes.

You may pick up your **(year’s supply)** of envelopes from the Church Office, on **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday ,9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m. – NOON.**

- ✓ Please include your **Name** and **Family I.D. Number** on all offering envelopes.
- ✓ Please call the church office, 816-471-3696, to update your information: **Name / address / telephone numbers / and email address.**

REVIVAL

“Strengthen Your Faith”

with



Father Manuel Bragg Williams, C.R.

St. Monica’s Catholic Church

1616 Paseo KCMO 64108

September 17-20, 2017

7:00 PM

ALL DENOMINATIONS ARE WELCOMED!

Father Manuel Bragg Williams was ordained on May 23, 1987 as a member of the Congregation of the Resurrection. He has preached revivals and missions throughout the U.S. and has also lectured in the areas of Black Catholic spirituality and history, as well as fundraising and development. Since July of 1990, Father Williams has been director of Resurrection Catholic Missions of the South and pastor of Resurrection Catholic Church, both in Montgomery, Alabama.

● **Report Child Abuse** – Call the Missouri Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline, 800-361-2665, or the Diocesan

● Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, 816-812-2500..