

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**



*Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.
~Sirach 28:2*

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

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
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
Terese Chambers	Home
Toice Woods	Home
Mary Brown	Home
Hargett Hayes	Home
Earnestine Nard	Home
Darlene Dearborn	Carondelet Nursing Home

FAMILY MEMBERS: Please inform Father Leonard, leombuthia@yahoo.com, when a loved-one is home-bound, or has been hospitalized.

SEPTEMBER 24th ASSIGNMENTS

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

LECTORS Coordinator, Rose Palmer*
8:00 a.m. Lawrence Blankinship
10:00 a.m. Brenda Lofton

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Coordinator, Dianna Miller*
8:00 a.m. Mary Graham, Maxine Harvey, Christine Johnson, Elaine Johnson
10:00 a.m. Jenise Comer, Bernadette Cook, Angela Curry, Mary Ann Grayson, Pamela Green, Ron Green, Carolyn Greene, Ben Gruber, Joann James, Margaret Jones

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

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

WELCOME Ramonda Doakes
COUNTERS: TEAM 4

MEETINGS / DATES / TIMES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Rite Of Christian Initiation For Adults (RCIA) Class, Will Begin, Sunday, **September 17th.** Classes Are Held Every Sunday, Immediately Following The 10:00 A.M. Mass, In the Small Chapel. *Deacon Ken Greene, Instructor*

First Communion and Sunday School Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 24th.** Ms. Ramonda Doakes, Director, 816-457-5538

Junior Youth and Parents, will meet, **Sunday, October 8th:** Church Hall Lower-Level. *Coordinators: John & Debra Johnson*

Health Ministry 2nd Sunday 1:30 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. 1st sun. 9:00 A.M.
Ladies Of Grace th Sun .2:00 P.M.
Jr. Daughters 2nd Sat 2:00 P.M.
Jr. Knights 1st Sun 4:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY

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

SATURDAY

Meetings are held in the St. Monica Room.
8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
9:00 a.m. - Women's Breakfast & Bible Study

HOMEGOING

Mr. Robert (Bob) Motley, passed on to be with our Lord, on Thursday, September 14, 2017.

Please remember his daughter, Bobette Motley-Agee, his son, Byron Motley, his loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren, in your prayers.

Arrangements for celebrating Mr. Motley's life, are incomplete at the time of printing this bulletin.

Please call the Church Office, 816-471-3696, for further details.



**We
are the
Lord's**



TODAY'S GOSPEL

— Forgive one another from your heart
(*Matthew 18:21-35*).



FORGIVE OTHERS

There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us.

—*St. Augustine*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9;
Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab,
5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6;
Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5;
Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-
20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5;
Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-
18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;
Mt 20:1-16a

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 24TH Sunday in
Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday
Tuesday: St. Januarius
Wednesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and
Companions; Rosh Hashanah
(Jewish New Year 5778)
begins at sunset
Thursday: St. Matthew
Friday: Autumn begins
Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina
(Padre Pio)

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

We've seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren't somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated "Through Christ" at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the Lord's words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced.

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

OFFERING ENVELOPES, 2018

During the month of December, our Church Office will receive the 2018 supply of offering envelopes, for each Active Family, at St. Monica.

We are in the process of preparing the list of Active Members, who will receive their supply of envelopes for 2018.

Please email, or call the church office, to make sure that your name is included on the Active Members' list.

NOTE: Please update your census information, at this time, if there have been any changes, ie: name, address, telephone #, etc.

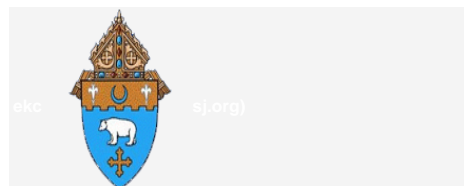
REVIVAL

St. Monica Catholic Church
1616 Paseo KCMO 64108
ALL DENOMINATIONS ARE WELCOMED!
SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2017
7:00 PM



Father Manuel Williams, C.R.
"Faith / Hope / Love"

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.



The Diocese will host a **Liturgical Workshop on Saturday, September 30th** from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Catholic Center, 20 W. 9th St. Kansas City, MO 64105. The workshop will be in the Cardinal Baum room on the main level with registration beginning at 8:15 am. The workshop will have both the normal Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion training and Sick and Homebound EMHC training. The cost of the workshop is \$30.

St. Monica Parishioners, please call the Church Office to register, 816-471-3696

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2017

Date	Total	Envelopes	Plate	Debt Reduction	Food Pantry	Misc. Donations	Monthly Expenses
				Debt Reduction	Miscellaneous Donations	Special Collections Dollars	Special Collections Organizations
8/06/2017	\$ 7,355.00	\$ 5,153.50	\$ 240.00	\$ 1,747.50	\$ 214.00		
8/13/2017	\$ 7,243.25	\$ 5,999.50	\$ 148.75	\$ 575.00	\$ 520.00		
8/20/2017	\$ 6,005.00	\$ 5,378.00	\$ 202.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 310.00		
8/27/2017	\$ 4,264.95	\$ 3,535.00	\$ 319.95	\$ 410.00			
8/27/2017	\$ 327.00					\$ 327.00	
	\$ 25,195.20	\$ 20,066.00	\$ 910.70	\$ 2,847.50	\$ 1,044.00	\$ 327.00	\$ 44,007.15

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 2017						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

17th RCIA Class Begins

17th REVIVAL, 7:00 p.m.

18th REVIVAL, 7:00 p.m.

19th REVIVAL, 7:00 p.m.

20th REVIVAL, 7:00 p.m.

23rd BCIT Annual JERICHO WALK - 4

For the St. Jude Children's Hospital

24th Sunday School Begins

24th 1st Communion Class Begins

ST. JUDE *YOUR WAY*

Help the Black Catholic Implementation Team reach their goal of \$1000.00, and support the mission of St. Jude children's Hospital – "FINDING CURES. SAVING CHILDREN"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

LOCATION: ST. MONICA CHURCH CAMPUS

- ♥ Contact Person, Deacon Ken Greene
- ♥ Details: Monetary donations accepted
- ♥ Physical commitment encouraged
- ♥ Walking the perimeter of the church campus
- ♥ Earn great prizes, like a ST. JUDE YOUR WAY T – shirt
- ♥ Sponsors: Black Catholic Implementation Team