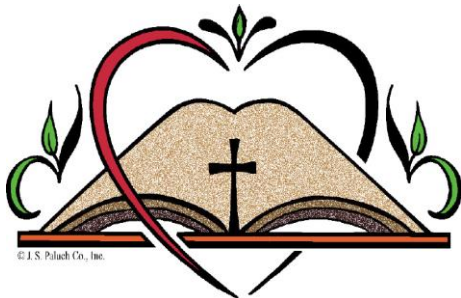


**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**



Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

~Romans 12:2

FOLLOWING CHRIST

If you've ever had an unpleasant but somewhat amusing practical joke played on you, then you have some understanding of how Jeremiah feels today when he tells God "good one—you duped me." We can almost see him shaking his head with a bit of a rueful smile, but an angry undertone in his voice. In similar fashion, Peter thinks Jesus is "duping" him when Jesus starts to explain that being Messiah means suffering and dying, and being a follower of the Messiah means taking up a cross and doing the same. Jeremiah tries to deny God's will for him by trying to shut up; Peter—who has just been made the foundation of the church—out and out denies the teaching of Jesus, for which he is named "Satan" today. Fortunately for us, Jeremiah comes to realize that to have the word of God placed in your heart means that it will be futile to try and keep silent, even if it means scorn and derision from those around you. Luckily Peter ultimately returned to the faith he professed in last week's Gospel, and came to understand our need as baptized followers of Christ to follow in his way, even when it means following him to our very death.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

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
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
Terese Chambers	Home
Toice Woods	Home
Mary Brown	Home
Hargett Hayes	Home
Earnestine Nard	Home
Ryckey Harper	Home

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

SEPTEMBER 10th ASSIGNMENTS

- SERVERS** Coordinator: V. Ammons*
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. All Servers
LECTORS Coordinator, Rose Palmer*
8:00 a.m. Cynthia Eastman, Mary Graham
10:00 a.m. Elana Moye, Michele Perez
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 Coordinator, Dianna Miller*
8:00 a.m. Mary Graham, Maxine Harvey
 Christine Johnson, Elaine Johnson
10:00 a.m. Joann James, Margaret Jones, Syrtiller Kabot, Carrie Miller, Paulette Monroe, Dorothy Mustin, Paula Nix, Rose Palmer, Barbara Park, Lydia Ramirez
USHERS Coordinators, E. Burtin* J. Gillis*
8:00 a.m. Lawrence Blankinship, Hargett Hayes, Elaine Johnson
10:00 a.m. TEAM E:
 Diane Bacchus, Cynthia Barrett, Don Williams, Eric Burtin, Conrad McDonald, Jenny Gillis

WELCOME Ramonda Doakes
COUNTERS: TEAM 2

MEETINGS / DATES / TIMES



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

First Communion and Sunday school
 Classes will begin on Sunday, **September 24th.**
Ms. Ramonda Doakes, Director

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 4th Sun. 2:00 P.M.
 Jr. Daughters 2nd Sat 2:00 P.M.
 Jr. Knights 1st Sun 4:00 P.M.

MONDAY – CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.



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WEDNESDAY

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

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. - Men & Breakfast & Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. - Women's Breakfast & Bible Study
 11:30 a.m. – Altar & Rosary Society

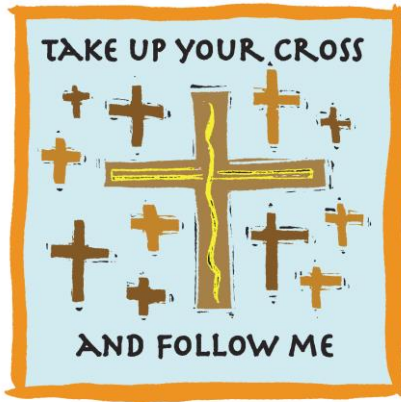
SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Dear Church Family, I know that you are there for me in spirit, and in prayer. I need you to pray for me and my family, especially my daughter, Lanita Raney, and her son Malcolm Raney. We lost **Frank Raney Jr.** Frank was murdered on Bannister Rd, and there is a \$2,000 reward for any leads to solve this murder. I am writing this as my sincere apology for not reaching out to you sooner. My head has been buried to avoid sharing this horrible story. It's not something I care to re-live over and over. I prayed a 9-day Novena for the repose of my grandson's soul. I believe in Jesus' promise for salvation. I am asking for your prayers for justice.

With all my heart,
 Quinta / Ms. Threuinta Vappie-Parker

TODAY'S GOSPEL

— *Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).*



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Labor Day
- Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday: St. Peter Claver

REPORT CHILD ABUSE

Call the Missouri Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline, 800-361-2665, or the Diocesan Ombudsmn, Jenifer Valenti, 816-812-2500.

Bulletin Deadline – WEDNESDAY - Noon

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's interesting to imagine the scene when the changes in our liturgy were first tested. Choices for prayer texts were one thing, but responses from the people were another. In early 1967, secret test-drives of the new Mass were conducted in the Vatican. Pope Paul VI was present, and there was a handful of bishops, priests, a few laypeople and two sisters making up the assembly. Everyone had a booklet with every word of the songs, rubrics, and prayers, blank paper, and a pencil for notes. After each Mass, the ordained men in the group met in the pope's library to share their experiences. The laypeople and sisters met separately.

Over a week's time they tested what they called a "read Mass with singing," a "Mass entirely recited," and a "Sung Mass." While the ordained were generally in favor, the lay comments were very clear and insightful, and had great impact on the final result. This was a brilliant plan on the part of the pope, who got to see how the reform was going, and to recognize in this small trial run a growing consensus that reform was needed and welcome. Based on his observation, Pope Paul VI called for specific innovations, such as beginning the Mass with the sign of the cross. It's amazing that some of our most familiar rites are really quite new treasures of our tradition!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 2017						
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- 17th RCIA Class Begins
- 17th – 19th **REVIVAL**
- 24th Sunday School Begins
- 24th First Communion Class Begins

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners of St. Monica,

I want to thank each one of you for making our parish feast a success. From those who served, danced, sang and prayed the Mass, to those who spent countless hours in Ferguson Hall, preparing the meals, cleaning and making sure that everything was in order. I want to thank each one of you for your generosity and hospitality. As I sat down to enjoy the meal, Bishop Johnston whispered to me, "I have not seen anything like this in our parishes here in Kansas City." And I was curious to know what he meant by that. First, he said he had so much selection of food that was brought by different families that was very delicious, but also as people sat down to eat they seemed so relaxed and enjoyed the company of each other. This is a feeling that was reiterated by other visitors, who joined us during our feast day. This reflects the spirit for which St. Monica prayed and sacrificed for, one family under God.

But as I have been reflecting about St. Monica and our parish family, I realized that this family is not only confined to those who are able to come to Mass every Sunday. Part of this family also involves many of our parishioners who are ill, elderly and homebound. There are many other parishioners, who for one reason or another, are unable to join us for worship.

Inspired by the example of St. Monica, I am dedicating the month of **September and October** to reach out to this part of our family. In case you have a family member, friend or co-worker you would like me to visit please contact me at leombuthia@yahoo.com or 816-471-3696.

September is a gracious month in a parish life. It seems to be a beginning of a new phase in our spiritual journey. Starting this month, are our **RCIA Classes**, September 17th. Classes are held every Sunday, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, in the Small Chapel. **First Communion and Sunday School Classes** will begin on Sunday, September 24th. **Parish Revival**, on Sunday 17th, commenced during Sunday Masses, and then we meet at 7:00 p.m. on the evenings of Sunday 17th, Monday 18th and then Tuesday 19th.

Note also, as from September 6th, I will be celebrating **Mass every Wednesday, at 9am**, in the Small Chapel, and **confessions will be available**, every Sunday between 9:15-9:45am.

Have a blessed week

Fr. Leonard

