

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday - Thursday and 9:00am-1:00pm, Friday



Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am in English,
12:30pm in Spanish

**Visit our website for Holy Day and special
Mass times**

Altar Society Semi-Annual Jewelry and Religious Articles Sale

St. Sabina's Altar Society is offering a beautiful selection of medals, crucifixes, rosaries, bracelets, and necklaces after Masses on two weekends, November 5/6 and 19/20. Advent wreaths and candles are also available. Stop by the table early for the best selection! All proceeds benefit St. Sabina parish. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

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Intentions for October 24-28, 2016

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Lawrence and Layle Wheeler
Wed.	11am	†Josephine Tinoco (Carnegie Village)
Thurs.	8am	†Dorothy Struckhoff
Friday	8am	†Robert Wasleski

Saturday, October 29, 2016

4:00pm †Joe Cikan

Sunday, October 30, 2016

8:00am †Gloria McLaughlin
10:30am Intentions of the Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish †Pedro Lopez

From Death to New Life De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

†**Sonia Ayala**, sister of Morelia Ayala and cousin of Margarito Cruz

†**Josephine Bahena**, daughter of Carmina Tinoco



Calendar/Faith Formation

Sunday, October 23 - Domingo, 23 de Octubre

World Mission Sunday

9:00am	Parents Lounge
9:00am	PSR
9:30am	Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation
11:00am	Escuela de Religión
11:30am	Junta de padres sobre la 1a Reconciliación
1:30pm	Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe
7:00pm	Ensayo—Matachines

Monday, October 24 - Lunes, 24 de Octubre

10:00am	Uplift Meal Prep
4:00pm	Uplift
5:30pm	Marian Prayer Group
7:00pm	Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts
7:00pm	SINE

Tuesday, October 25 - Martes, 25 de Octubre

6:30am	Youth Prayer Group
6:30pm	Finance Council
7:00pm	ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua
7:00pm	Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe
7:00pm	Ensayo—Matachines

Wednesday, October 26 - Miércoles, 26 de Octubre

9:00am	Legion of Mary
10:00am	Faith Formation—Amoris Laetitia
11:00am	Mass at Carnegie Village
6:00pm	Cantor Practice
7:00pm	Choir Practice (4:00 & 10:30 groups)
7:00pm	Ensayo—Matachines
7:00pm	Talleres de Oración y Vida

Thursday, October 27 - Jueves, 27 de Octubre

9:30am	Quilters
7:00pm	Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe
7:00pm	RCIA/RICA
8:00pm	Choir Practice (8:00 group)

Friday, October 28 - Viernes, 28 de Octubre

5:00pm	Youth Group Trip to Worlds of Fun
7:00pm	Ensayo—Matachines

Saturday, October 29 - Sábado, 29 de Octubre

3:00pm	Confessions
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Sunday, October 30 - Domingo, 30 de Octubre

9:00am	Parents Lounge
9:00am	PSR
11:00am	Escuela de Religión
1:30pm	Ensayo—Obra de Guadalupe
6:00pm	Trunk or Treat
7:00pm	Ensayo—Matachines

Getting to Know Your Faith

This year, the St. Sabina Adult Faith Formation Team is offering a series called “Getting to Know Your Faith.” Many Catholics see the need for growing in their faith by exploring the richness of the tradition and wisdom that has been handed down to us from those who have gone before us. Taking seriously Vatican II’s call to form people into “full, conscious and active” participants in their faith lives, we are offering these sessions to provide another avenue of continued growth in our faith.

Every third Monday of the month, from 7-8:30 PM, we will explore a different topic together that will help us in getting to know our faith better. The next session will be:

Nov 21, 2016— Lectionary Structure and the Advent-Christmas-Epiphaney Season

The sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate of St. Sabina Parish. To register, please contact Biagio either by phone at 816-979-3153 or by e-mail at biagio@stsabinaparish.org.

Community Garden Needs

The Community Garden is growing and we started harvesting! We are in need of the following so we can continue to help feed the materially poor in our area: hand tools, clean flats, floating row covers and supports, drip tape or soaker hoses, functioning rototiller, outside storage unit and cold frame materials. Contact David Pierce 816-392-1110 or Michelle Rose michelle-a-rose@att.net. Thank you for your generosity!

Fall Church Clean-Up Day

St. Sabina Parish Community: Join us for a fun time of work and fellowship on Saturday morning, November 5th from 9:00 – noon. Let’s work together to spruce up the sanctuary, day chapel, and gathering space in preparation for Advent and Christmas! All supplies will be provided.

Come when you can and stay as long as you can afford. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church, or contact Cheryl Nichols at 816-668-4538, or e-mail cniich123@yahoo.com. Signing up in advance is helpful, but not required. Everyone is welcome!



Parish Happenings and Information

Knights of Columbus Weekend - Oct 22-23



The Knights of Columbus is a world wide fraternal organization of Catholic men. They currently have a membership of over one million men. The local council has over 100 members.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael J McGivney. The basic principles of the Knights of Columbus are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The greatest of these principles is Charity. There are four steps or degrees in the Knights of Columbus, and they are 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th degree. A member may progress as far as he wishes. There is an insurance and an annuity program available to members, if they wish to participate in it.

The Knights of Columbus sponsor several Parish activities such as breakfasts, Lenten Fish Fries, Mouse Races, to mention a few. All the proceeds from these activities go to support charitable organizations, local and national, and to help with the cost of some items needed by the Parish.

This weekend, the Knights will be in our gathering space handing out tootsie rolls to increase awareness and to raise funds for those with intellectual disabilities, and also to promote their organization. If you wish to become a member, please take some time to talk with one of our Knights after Masses that weekend. Also, you can contact John Clark at 816-289-1421 or via email at john_barb@sbcglobal.net or you can contact Corey Morgan at cdean.morgan@gmail.com.

Lector Workbooks:

Lectors: The Workbook for Lectors for 2017 is available for pickup in the sacristy. Please take the book with your name on it. If you are able to make a donation of \$10 to help defray the cost of the books, it is greatly appreciated, but if you cannot make the donation, please take a book anyway. Thank you!

Why Do We Have an Area of Remembrance at St. Sabina?

Throughout the entire month of November, we join the church in remembering those men and women who lived Christian lives of faith and now enjoy the promise of eternal life made to them at their baptism. We offer the worship of our sorrow, and feel the solidarity of the saints who made the way to heaven through the suffering of life on earth.

We invite you to bring a picture of your deceased loved ones beginning the weekend of Oct. 29-30. The Area of Remembrance will remain in the north alcove until the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 20th.

Like Us On Facebook



We have been updating the St. Sabina Facebook page to make it even more informative. We are now including weekly videos, upcoming events as well as regular posts. Make sure you keep up on all the information and news about St. Sabina by "Liking" our page. We have an initial goal of getting 500 likes. Please help us out by going to www.facebook.com/StSabinaParish and hit the "Like" button.



Welcome Cheyenne and Cash, two of the newest members of our Church, baptized on Sunday, October 2nd!

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Oct 26	11:00am	Carnegie Village
Nov 2	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Nov 9	10:00am	Rehabilitation of Raymore

All Souls Mass and Reception: Join us Nov. 2nd

You are cordially invited to join us for Mass and a small reception in honor of our faithful departed on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00pm. We especially invite those who have lost a loved one over the past year. All are welcome.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace and courage and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, CCC nos. 1520-23).

If you suffer from a chronic illness, the effect of advanced years or have an upcoming surgery and wish to receive this sacrament let Fr Jeff know before the Mass you attend and he will be glad to anoint you after Mass. If you would like to schedule it in advance or make an appointment for a weekday contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Felipe Abarca	Butch Ford	Elvia Mora
Dick Anthony	Fr. Paul Frank	Ann Morris
Belen Antillon	Emily Frezza	Mona Neighbors
Dick Armstrong	Dick Garnier	Sherril Nevins
Marilyn Avalos	Antonio Garcia	Johnnie Nicholes
Suzie Ashbaugh	Cristian Garcia	Jane Nouryeh
Polleth Bautista	Nicholas Geridano	Vicki Owen
Yesika Benavides	Wendy Gomez	Leon Palomares
Sheryll Bentley	Tom Gudenkauf	Gary Palmer
John Bidondo	Lucy Harlan	Thelma Palmer
Allie Biondo	Connie Harper	Leona Ragsdale
Joe Birkenbach	Jason Hart	Sherman Ragsdale
David Bland	Jeanette Hart	Connie Read
Carol Bland	Cherie Hatfield	Austin Richards
Yolanda Blanks	Lucy Harlan	Patricia Smith
Hilda Burchett	Laverne Harlow	Noah Stanley
Shirley Castor	Bob Heffernan	Leo Storm
Delfina Chavez	Bart Henke	Jim Storm
Barbara Clark	Rhonda K Henke	Jean Tate
Virginia Coday	Mabel Hopkins	Ruth Tayler
Steve Collier	Josie Johnson	Angel Thomas
Joseph Coots	Kelly Jordon	John Vigil
Phil Cummings	Kelsey Krum	Rose Wall
Donna Dailey	Beverly Little	Bob Westfall
Margo Dellaguardia	Debbie Locke	Mary Westfall
Paul DeMar	Jo Locke	Ben Winter
Doris Deschenes	Joe Malena	Brenda Winter
Richard Deschenes	Dick Martin	Merle Woolworth
Nolan Dickerson	Dodie Maurer	Emy Yeater
Linda Dickman	Bob McDonald	Carmilia Yust
Frances DiGeorge	Denise Mehlo	Pablo Zayas
Patrick Dull	Alice Miller	

Wellness Center

Getting Some Good ZZZs



Skip the afternoon coffee: Scientists at the Sleep Disorders & Research Center at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit found that consuming 400 milligrams of caffeine (equal to two to four eight-ounce cups of brewed coffee) six hours before bedtime reduced sleep by more than an hour. You may be able to fall asleep by consuming caffeine late in the day, but it still has adverse effects on the quality of your sleep.

Screen time in bed: The light that gadgets emit can suppress the sleep-inducing hormone melatonin. Dim the brightness of your device to its minimum and hold it at least 14 inches from your face. A Mayo Clinic study found that these two moves can cut light exposure to the point that it shouldn't interfere with your sleep. Sweet dreams zzzzzzz.....

Please call us to set up your annual biometric screening. We are here to support EVERYONE'S health and well-being! 816-979-3090

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm
Wednesday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Strength & Restore 6-7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Circuit Training 6-7pm
Friday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm
Saturday:	CLOSED



Area Information



Registration Now Open!

2017
Pilgrimage

January 25 - 28, 2017

Register before Oct. 31 and save!

www.respectlifeekcsj.org
20 West Ninth Street
Kansas City, MO 64105
816.714.2367

2017 March for Life Pilgrimage Registration Now Open!

Join this multi-generational pilgrimage to our nation's capital, January 25-28, 2017. For more information or to register today, please visit www.respectlifeekcsj.org or call 816-714-2367. Register before October 31st and save!

Contemporary Spirituality Speaker Series

The 21st Century Need for Mystics and Prophets Sister Audrey Doetzel, NDS

Saturday, November 12 Series Keynote—at Avila University, 9:00am-12:00pm

Sr. Audrey, a Sister of Our Lady of Sion, is a retreat and spiritual director having received her training in the Exercises of St. Ignatius at Loyola House in Ontario, Canada. She was Provincial Superior of the Sisters of Sion in North America, and then served as Director of their Christian-Jewish and Interfaith ministries. Having received a Master of Divinity and Doctorate in Ministry from the Toronto School of Theology (U of Toronto), she was on the Pastoral faculty at the Jesuit theologate in Toronto, and later Associate Director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning in the Theology department at Boston College. She now lives in Kansas City, MO where she is writing about how the spirituality of Sion's founder, Theodore Ratisbonne, speaks to the 21st Century.

University of St. Mary Fall Luncheon

The Greater Kansas City Alumni Council of the University of St. Mary invites you to attend its Fall Luncheon honoring Dr. William Krusemark for his years of service and dedication to Saint Mary. Join us on Sunday, November 13th for social hour at 11 a.m. and lunch from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Grand Street Café, 4740 Grand Ave, Kansas City, MO 64112. Cost is \$30/person; register & pay online at stmary.edu/KCcouncil or RSVP to Maxine Mitchell Staggs, C'64, at 816-444-8364 or maxinestaggs@gmail.com. Mail checks by Nov. 7, payable to Kansas City Alumni Council to Penny Lonergan, C'70, 736 Seneca St, Leavenworth KS 66048.

happy birthday

Alfredo Aguilar	Jeffrey Helzer	Michael Orozco
Christian Alvarez	Madlyn Henkhaus	Manuel Ostrom
Alexander Argie	Maria Hernandez	Francisco Pacheco
Jack Baird	Jennifer Hirt	Isaac Perez
Mike Biondo	Roger Jacobs	Leslie Prieto
Rylee Bornheimer	Senovio Jaimes	Xiomara Quijada
Lucy Brewer	Lisa Kelch	Emily Ramirez
Joyce Brokaw	James Kennedy	Gabino Ramirez
Jason Canchola	Janet Kimble	Rene Ramos
Omar Carbajal	Gary Krueger	Margo Ramsey
Alicia Cedillo	Carol Lacy	Richard Rieder
Susan Chavez	Dariana Lagunes	Braden Robinson
Stephanie Como	Andrea Landa	Nancy Rocha
Blanca Cornejo	Alex Landaverde	Gerardo Rugerio
Toby Crookshanks	Cheyann Lautner	Vicenta Sanchez
Montana Cummings	Mary Ann Long	Lonnie Schieszer
Ryan Freivogel	Angel Lopez	Brandon Schoenberger
Tammy Gagne	David Lopez	Anna Schwarz
Rodolfo Gallardo	John Mackey	Georgia Shively
Alejandra Garcia	Emmanuel Madrid	Alexandra Strickler
Briana Garcia	Edward McGuire	Marcos Trejo
Oscar Garcia	Jordan Meckstroth	Vincent Turnese
Michael Gelatko	Al Minnis	James Wilson
Jacob Gibson	Angelina Morales	Brett Winfrey
Grant Goffoy	Maria Morales	Daniel Wink
Julio Gracida	Maria Navarro	Merle Woolworth
Austin Grantham	Ulysses Noriega	Yolanda Zamora
Holly Hanover	Kevin Nunez	Diane Zarker

Happy Anniversary

Gary and Frances Prendergast	56 Years!	10-29-1960
Gary and Helen Braley	46 Years!	10-30-1970
Valiant and Deborah Croux	36 Years!	10-25-1980
Doug and Susan Ambrose	33 Years!	10-29-1983
Juan and Maria Lopez	33 Years!	10-29-1983
David and Laura Pierce	25 Years!	10-26-1991
Randy and Stephanie Dillon	13 Years!	10-25-2003
Chris and Emily Bornheimer	12 Years!	10-24-2004

Baptism Congratulations

 **Sammuel Gonzalez Lopez and Samantha Gonzalez Lopez**, children of Luis Gonzalez and Alba Lopez
Airmar Guadalupe Torres Hinojos and Anali Guadalupe Torres Hinojos, children of Jose Torres and Zulema Hinojos

School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities



Uplift Org. If you would like to bring meals to the homeless on the 4th or 5th Monday of any month, please contact Kirstie Roberts! This ministry

is open to all parishioners age 14 and older. Volunteers must report to the Uplift Warehouse by 5pm and will be finished around 9:30pm.



Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. Our next cooking date is October 24th.

Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. Our next date is November 17th, 6-8pm. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. Our next volunteer date is November 16th. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Youth are welcome to bring a friend or two. Everyone must have a permission slip, which are available at youth meetings and on the parish website.

PSR News! Parent meetings will be held for parents of children preparing for First Reconciliation on October 23rd. Each parent will receive an at home book to help their student throughout the week by reinforcing what they have learned in the classroom. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Kirstie Roberts to reschedule. The meetings will be at 9:30am in English and 11:30am in Spanish in the Parish Hall.

Trunk or Treat! Our parish will be hosting this fun evening for all kids on October 30th from 6-7:30pm in the lower parking lot in front of the Education Wing. Anyone who would like to participate by handing out candy from

their trunk, tailgate or sidecar must contact Kirstie Roberts to register their vehicle by October 28th. We also need volunteers to run the snack stand and help to keep kids safe! This is open to the community! Please invite your friends and families to join in the fun!

Left: Last Sunday our High School Youth enjoyed an evening of hot dogs, s'mores, and fellowship at their bonfire!

Child Safety

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), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
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 Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Junior & Senior High Youth to Worlds of Fun!

The youth group will be heading out for a scary good time at the Halloween Haunt on October 28th. We will leave St. Sabina at 5pm and return around 12:45am.



Stewardship

"The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay."

Sirach 35: 15-17, 20-22

Consider the following: "For there is no favoritism with God." (Romans 2:11); "For the Lord your God is the God of gods...who favors no person and accepts no bribe." (Deuteronomy 10:17); St Peter opened a sermon with these words: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." (Acts 10:34). We may sense that God does not have favorites, that He loves us all equally, that we all can be saved, but we also need to note that God cannot be bribed or bought. What God expects of us is for us to be disciples, to be good stewards, to live righteous lives. If we sincerely do that, if we pursue holiness as we are called to do, then truly as the Lord tells us in today's Gospel, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." God is good — to all of us. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog

October 16 Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$10,869.79
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 610.42
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 1,002.00

Chiefs Raffle Tickets for El Salvador Students

Please help Fr. Jeff make the most of his very generous donation of Chiefs season tickets by purchasing a chance to win tickets to the game. Each chance costs \$20 and the seats are located at Section 101, Row 27, Seats 11 and 12.

We are selling chances for the following games:
Sunday, November 6th, Noon, Jacksonville Jaguars
Thursday, December 8th, 7:25pm, Oakland Raiders
Sunday, December 18th, Noon, Tennessee Titans
Sunday, December 25th, 7:30pm, Denver Broncos
You may purchase a raffle ticket to one of the above games at any time. To purchase a raffle ticket, please contact either Fr Jeff or Kris and let us know which game you'd like to purchase the raffle ticket for.

Again, please help Fr. Jeff raise funds to send our el Salvador scholarship students to college. Without our help they will not be able to get an education and their families will continue to live in poverty.

Annual Catholic Appeal

Last weekend you saw the video appeal in support of the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Please take time this week to consider how your support of the programs and ministries can transform lives and build our faith through your sacrificial gifts. Every gift, regardless of size, builds the fabric of our parishes, schools and ministries upon which so many of our members depend. "Giving for God's Kingdom" allows us to realize that together we are greater than any one of us separately.

World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday! In announcing his decision to declare a Holy Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said, "Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy." Supporting the young churches throughout the world with your prayers and generous gifts is indeed a merciful witness of this mission. The collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. Extend your merciful witness to the whole world through your gift in today's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith!

Green Team Tip of the Week

Twigs, clippings & leaves Oh My! Learn to make compost with Nature's gifts
<http://extension.missouri.edu/p/G6956>



On October 12th we had our first harvest of radishes which volunteers delivered to Lord of Love to be used for their community meals. Thanks to all who helped, plant, pick and care for this harvest! If you would like to get involved with this ministry,

contact David Pierce 816-392-1110 or Michelle Rose michelle-a-rose@att.net.

Reflection on the Readings

Today's readings loudly proclaim strong and powerful attributes of our God. The first reading from Sirach affirms that our God is a "God of justice who knows no favorites." God is attuned to the pleas of all but has a special bias towards the pleas of the lowly, the oppressed and the powerless, exemplified in the person of the widow and the orphan. Sirach asserts that "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds...till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right...."

Responsorial Psalm 34 stresses that our Lord "is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit, he saves." The psalmist affirms that "when the just cry out, the Lord hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them." Therefore, we are all invited to sing the refrain, asserting the firm reality that "the Lord hears the cry of the poor."

The second letter to Timothy encourages us not to hold anything against those who might not meet our standards or those who act in ways that we do not deem worthy. We are to place our trust in God who gives us the strength to endure life's trials, helping us confront our weaknesses and giving us the courage to do what is just. Luke emphasizes this image of God in his parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, who go up to the temple to pray.

The Pharisee was an upstanding observant Jew who took it upon himself to be more than faithful to covenant requirements. His fasting and tithing go beyond expectations, and his prayer life is beyond exemplary. Meanwhile, the tax collector was a despised and despicable Jew who cooperated with the Romans by collecting exorbitant taxes, while taking a cut for himself. These taxes kept most of the people poor. The audience of the parable would have identified with and praised the Pharisee while despising the tax collector.

The parable forces the hearer to enter the story and take sides. The Pharisee rightly praises and thanks God for preserving him from sin, thus enabling him to be consistently faithful to God's commands. This was perfectly acceptable and even laudable. Yet, something is missing. What seems to be missing is compassion for others who find it difficult to be faithful. This self-complacency on the part of the Pharisee blinds him to the presence of God in all, even the sinner, leading to self-righteousness and to despising others who are not deemed as good or faithful.

The tax collector on the other hand can only stand back from God and others, acknowledging his sinfulness. This self-awareness, coupled with an admission of the need for help, causes the tax collector to place trust and dependence on God, the source of all help and forgiveness. The tax collector's stance creates the conditions leading to true humility and compassion towards self and others. He is wounded and seeks healing. He is not self-righteous. He is humble and dependent on God.

The tax collector goes away justified while the Pharisee does not. This reversal of fortunes and expectations would have shocked the hearers of the parable by challenging their understanding of the meaning of "righteousness." For Jesus, righteousness, defined as right relationship with God, entails a true awareness of the bond we share as God's creatures, demanding a constant dependence on God for our growth, sustenance, healing and forgiveness. All that we have comes from God. Aware that we all need God's help, we develop solidarity with all God's family, exercising humility, mercy and compassion within ourselves and others. Just as God manifests mercy and compassion towards us, keenly aware that we often do not meet God's expectations of us, so too we are to exercise mercy and compassion towards others, even those who do not meet our expectations.

How compassionate are you towards those who do not meet your expectations? Reflect on how your religious practices could be a source of self-righteousness. Like the tax collector, develop an attitude of dependence on God and mercy and compassion toward all.

**Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate**



Readings



Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we are offering study sessions that will provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **We will gather on October 30th and November 13th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.

Sunday, October 23

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, October 30

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2
Psalm: Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 (see1)
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

Las lecturas de hoy proclaman en voz alta los atributos fuertes y poderosos de nuestro Dios. La primera lectura del Eclesiástico afirma que nuestro Dios "es un juez que no se deja impresionar por apariencias." Dios está en sintonía con las peticiones de todos, pero tiene una inclinación especial hacia las súplicas de los humildes, los oprimidos y los impotentes, exemplificada en la persona de la viuda y el huérfano. Eclesiástico afirma que "la oración del humilde atraviesa las nubes ... hasta que el Altísimo lo atiende, y el justo juez le hace justicia..."

El Salmo Responsorial 34 hace hincapié en que nuestro Señor "está cerca de los atribulados; salva a los abatidos". El salmista afirma que "cuando uno grita, el Señor lo escucha, y lo libra de sus angustias". Por lo tanto, estamos todos invitados a cantar el estribillo, afirmando la realidad de que "si el afligido invoca al Señor, él los escucha."

La segunda carta a Timoteo nos anima a no tener nada en contra de los que no cumplen con nuestros estándares o los que actúan en formas que no son atribuidos dignas. Deberíamos poner nuestra confianza en Dios, que nos da la fuerza para soportar las pruebas de la vida, ayudando a enfrentar nuestras debilidades y dándonos el valor para hacer lo que es justo. Lucas hace hincapié en esta imagen de Dios en su parábola del fariseo y el publicano, que suben al templo a orar.

El fariseo era un Judío noble que se observaba las normas y que se encargó el mismo de ser más que fiel a los requisitos del convenio. Su ayuno y diezmo van más allá de las expectativas, y su vida de oración está más que ejemplar. Mientras tanto, el publicano era un Judío despreciado y despreciable que cooperó con los romanos por la recaudación de impuestos exorbitantes, mientras tomaba un corte por sí mismo. Estos impuestos mantienen la mayor parte de la gente pobre. Las personas de la audiencia en la parábola se habrían quedado con el fariseo y alabado el fariseo, despreciando el publicano.

La parábola obliga al oyente a entrar en la historia y tomar partido. El fariseo, con razón, alaba y da gracias a Dios por preservarlo del pecado, lo que permite que sea consistentemente fiel a los mandatos de Dios. Esto era perfectamente aceptable e incluso loable. Sin embargo, algo falta. Lo que parece faltar es la compasión por los demás que tienen dificultades para ser fiel. Esta auto-complacencia por parte del fariseo lo ciega a la presencia de Dios en todo, incluso al pecador, lo que resulta en la santurrería y el despreciar a otros que no se consideran buenos o fieles.

El publicano, por el contrario, sólo puede distanciarse de Dios y los demás, reconociendo su pecado. Esta conciencia de sí mismo, junto con un reconocimiento de que necesitaba ayuda, hace que el publicano coloque su confianza y dependencia en Dios, la fuente de toda ayuda y perdón. La postura del publicano crea las condiciones que resultan en la verdadera humildad y compasión hacia uno mismo y los demás. Está herido y busca la curación. Él no es santurrón. Es humilde y dependiente de Dios.

El publicano está justificado mientras que el fariseo no lo está. Este cambio de suerte y expectativas habría conmocionado a los oyentes de la parábola al desafiar a su comprensión del significado de "justicia". Para Jesús, la justicia, definida como una relación correcta con Dios, supone una verdadera conciencia del vínculo que compartimos como criaturas de Dios, exigiendo una constante dependencia de Dios para nuestro crecimiento, el sustento, la curación y el perdón. Todo lo que tenemos viene de Dios. Consciente de que todos necesitamos la ayuda de Dios, desarrollamos solidaridad con toda la familia de Dios, practicamos la humildad, la misericordia y la compasión dentro de nosotros mismos y otros. Justo como Dios se manifiesta la misericordia y la compasión hacia nosotros, muy consciente de que a menudo no cumplimos las expectativas de Dios para nosotros, así también debemos practicar la misericordia y la compasión hacia los demás, incluso aquellos que no cumplen con nuestras expectativas.

¿Qué tan compasivo es usted hacia aquellos que no cumplen con sus expectativas? Reflexione sobre cómo sus prácticas religiosas podrían ser una fuente de santurrería. Al igual que el publicano, desarrolle una actitud de dependencia de Dios y de la misericordia y la compasión hacia todos.

Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 16 de Octubre

Primera Lectura: Éxodo 17:8-13

Salmo: Salmo 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Segunda Lectura: 2 Timoteo 3:14—4:2

Evangelio: Lucas 18:1-8

Lecturas del Domingo, 23 de Octubre

Primera Lectura: Eclesiástico 35:15-17, 20-22

Salmo: Salmo 34:2-3, 17-18, 19 y 23

Segunda Lectura: 2 Timoteo 4:6-8, 16-18

Evangelio: Lucas 18:9-14

Ministerio Juvenil

Oportunidades para Voluntarios



Uplift Org. Si le gustaría traer comidas a las personas sin hogar en el 4º o 5º Lunes de cada mes, por favor, póngase en contacto con

Kirstie Roberts! Este ministerio está abierto a todos los feligreses mayores de 14 años. Los voluntarios deben reportarse a la bodega de Uplift a las 5pm y se terminan a las 9:30pm.

Cocineros de Uplift! Cualquier persona que le gustaría ayudar a preparar una comida para las personas sin hogar está bienvenido a unirse a nuestro equipo en el 4º Lunes de cada mes a las 10am en el gimnasio. Le recomendamos que traiga un cuchillo y pelador de verduras buenos. El próximo día de cocinar es el 24 de octubre.



Harvesters! Este banco de alimentos local proporciona alimentos a las familias necesitadas de todo el área de KC. Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar a organizar las donaciones de alimentos y para preparar bolsas de comida para fines de semana para niños en nuestra comunidad. Vamos a llevar un grupo de 5 personas en el tercer Jueves de cada mes. Nuestra próxima fecha es el 17 de noviembre de 6-8 pm. Si desea ser voluntario, llame a o mande un correo electrónico a Kirstie en la Oficina de la Juventud.

Comidas Comunitarias La Iglesia Luterana Lord of Love ofrece una comida gratis a la comunidad cada miércoles a la cual usted está invitado. Cada tercer miércoles del mes voluntarios de Sta. Sabina ayudan a preparar, servir y limpiar en un esfuerzo de trabajar junto con otros cristianos para llevar a cabo la obra de Cristo. Nuestra próxima fecha como voluntarios es el 16 de noviembre. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150

Trunk or Treat!

Nuestra parroquia patrocinará esta noche de diversión para todos los niños el 30 de octubre de 6-7:30pm en el estacionamiento de abajo frente al Área de Educación. Cualquier persona que desee participar repartiendo caramelos de su carro debe ponerse en contacto

Kirstie Roberts para registrar su vehículo antes del 28 de octubre. ¡También necesitamos voluntarios para manejar el puesto de comida y ayudar a proteger a los niños! ¡Esto está abierto a la comunidad! Por favor invite a sus amigos y familiares a unirse a la diversión!

Izquierda: Nuestros Jóvenes de la High School pasaron la tarde juntos, disfrutando los hot dog y bombones en la fogata el domingo pasado.



Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph está comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es víctima de abuso sexual, o si usted observa o sospecha de abuso sexual, por favor:

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la víctima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) Despues de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable al Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano, Jenifer Valenti, al 816.812.2500 o a su correo electrónico, jennifervalenti@att.net, si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph

La Diócesis tiene un sincero compromiso con los recursos del cuidado y la curación para las víctimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimas, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes o niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM). Más información en <https://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Jóvenes de High School y Middle School a Worlds of Fun!

El grupo de jóvenes se irá por una noche de diversión y temor en el Halloween Haunt el 28 de octubre. Saldremos de Sta Sabina a las 5pm y regresaremos alrededor de las 12:45am. Los jóvenes son bienvenidos a traer uno o dos amigo(s). Cada joven debe tener un permiso, el cual está disponible en las reuniones de jóvenes y en la página web de la parroquia.



Corresponsabilidad/Información

Las Apariencias Engañan

En la historia tan familiar de hoy sobre el fariseo y el publicano, se encuentran los dos rezando en el templo cerca uno del otro. El fariseo le da gracias a Dios por ser mejor que los demás, incluso mejor que el hombre que tiene cerca. Los publicanos o cobradores de impuestos eran despreciados por hacerse cómplices en los cobros de impuestos para el imperio romano y porque normalmente sacaban algo adicional para ellos mismos. El fariseo se siente con derecho a poner al publicano en la lista de todos los pecadores. Pero las apariencias engañan y no revelan lo que está en el corazón. En este relato de Jesús el publicano no se compara con otras personas. Consciente sólo de sus pecados y fracasos, permanece en silencio y cabizbajo para suplicar la misericordia de Dios. ¿Cuán a menudo nos comparamos con otras personas? No en la oración, pero probablemente durante una conversación ordinaria o en nuestro

interior. Al encontrarnos entre otras personas es natural preguntarnos “¿cuál es mi lugar aquí?”, pero hacernos esa pregunta en términos de superioridad o inferioridad no es lo que desea Jesús y por tanto no debe ser ésa nuestra actitud.

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

“Aquel que reconoce su propia fragilidad es más importante que quien tiene visiones de ángeles.”—Isaac el sirio

La Campaña Católica Anual

La Campaña Católica Anual (ACA) 2017 apoya a más de 30 ministerios y las personas a las que sirven para proporcionar las necesidades espirituales, educativos y sociales en nuestra Diócesis. Si no lo ha recibido ya, usted recibirá una invitación del Obispo Johnston invitándole a participar. Por favor considere en oración hacer una promesa.

Domingo Mundial de las Misiones

¡Hoy es el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones! Al anunciar su decisión de declarar un Año Santo de la Misericordia, el Papa Francisco expresó: “Apreciados hermanos y hermanas, con frecuencia he pensado en cómo puede la Iglesia dejar clara su misión de testificar en misericordia.” Apoyar a las iglesias jóvenes de todo el mundo con sus oraciones y generosos aportes es, de hecho, un testimonio misericordioso de esta misión. La colecta de hoy ayudará a los misioneros a ofrecer a los pobres de estas áreas ayuda práctica mientras comparten la misericordia de Dios. También asegurará el desarrollo de las diócesis locales y apoyará el trabajo de sacerdotes y líderes religiosos y laicos, quienes sirven a aquellos que están marginados y que más necesitan. ¡Extienda su testimonio misericordioso a todo el mundo mediante su aporte en la segunda colecta de hoy!



Pláticas Pre-Bautismales-12 de Noviembre

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¡Gracias a todos los que asistieron la formación de ujieres el domingo, 9 de octubre!



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