

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany. After the Spanish Mass the Reyes Magos or "kings" brought candy for the kids to take home.

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

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

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:00-3:30pm

Visit our website for Holy Day and special Mass times

Ecumenical Prayer Service on January 16, 2017 at 7 PM at St. Sabina

January 18-25, 2017 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2017 is Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). Throughout 2017, as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ. Plan to join us on Monday January 16 at 7 PM as we all pray for Christian Unity.

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Intentions for January 16-20, 2017

Mon.	7pm	ECUMENICAL SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	†Andy Hart
Wed.	10am	†Janet Blakey (Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	8am	†Christine Carr
Fri.	8am	†Audrey Reichert

Saturday, January 21, 2017

4:00pm †John Greco

Sunday, January 22, 2017

8:00am	†Gloria McLaughlin
10:30am	Intentions of the Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Ana María Ordaz

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

† **Bernabé Lopez**, father of David Lopez

† **Janet Blakey**, sister of John Blakey

† **Christine Carr**, sister of Ernestine White

† **Audrey Reichert**, wife of Bill Reichert



Calendar/Parish Information

Sunday, January 15 - Domingo, 15 de Enero

- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
11:00am Escuela de Religión
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
1:00pm Search Team Meeting

Monday, January 16 - Lunes, 16 de Enero

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Office Closed
7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
7:00pm Ecumenical Prayer Service

Tuesday, January 17 - Martes, 17 de Enero

- 7:00am Youth Prayer Group
6:00pm Healthy Lifestyle Class
7:00pm ESL/Ingles Como la Segunda Lengua

Wednesday, January 18 - Miércoles, 18 de Enero

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
10:00am Mass at Foxwood Springs
10:00am Adult Faith Formation—Infancy Narratives
6:00pm Cantor Practice
7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
7:00pm Junior High Youth
7:00pm Knights of Columbus First Degree

Thursday, January 19 - Jueves, 19 de Enero

- 9:00am Sew Day
9:30am Quilters
6:00pm Harvesters
7:00pm RCIA/RICA

Friday, January 20 - Viernes, 20 de Enero

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, January 21 - Sábado, 21 de Enero

- 3:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby

Sunday, January 22 - Domingo, 22 de Enero

- Donut Sunday
9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
11:00am Escuela de Religión
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
1:00pm Search Team Meeting
7:00pm High School and Confirmation

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. Our January session will be on the fourth Monday. The next sessions will be: Jan 23, 2017— Dialing Down the Heat (on Climate Change), co-sponsored by the St. Sabina Green Team Jan 24, 2017, 10-11:30am—Dialing Down the Heat (repeated)

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.

Marian Prayer Group Meetings

The Marian Prayer Group will be taking a break from their meetings for the rest of the winter. Meetings will resume on March 13, 2017 after daylight savings time starts.

Valentine Dinner and Dance—February 11

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a Valentine Dinner and Dance again this year on Saturday, February 11th. Dinner will be catered by Affordable Elegance. Entertainment will include Number 3 in the Nation Ladies Barber Shop Quartet and singer D.J. Matt. There will also be door prizes, a contest and dancing. Come have fun and dance the night away. More information call Nancy at 816-820-6109.

Where: St. Sabina Gym

Time: 6:00pm happy hour, 6:30pm dinner, open until 10:30pm

Price: \$60/couple

Green Team Tip of the Week

Learn how Climate Change is affecting the poor around the world by attending “Dial Down the Heat” on January 23 or 24. See “Getting to Know Your Faith” above for more details.

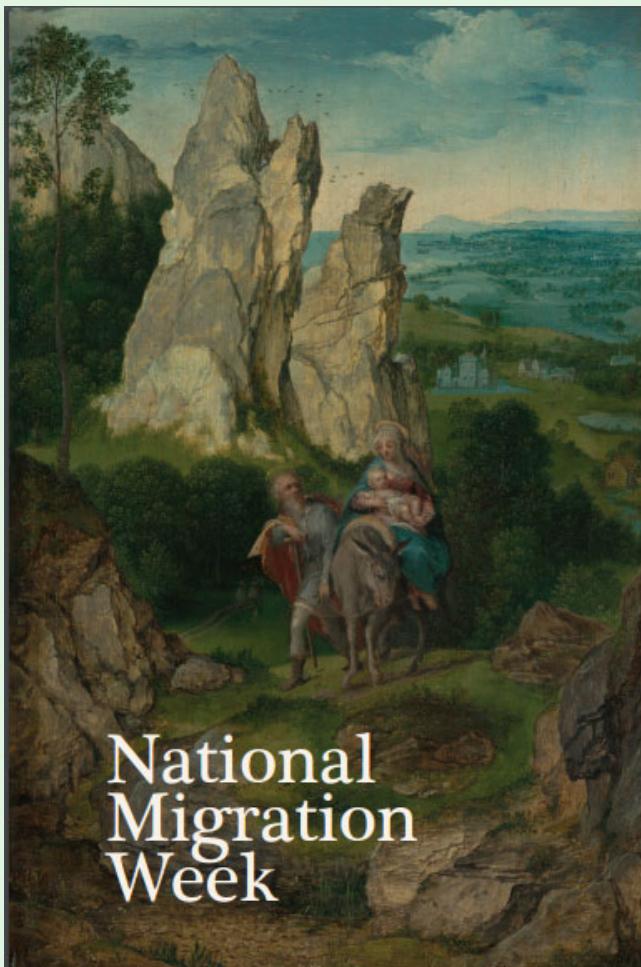


Parish Happenings and Information

National Migration Week

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2017 draws attention to Pope Francis' call to create a culture of encounter, and in doing so to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us. In the homily given at his first Pentecost as pope, he emphasized the importance of encounter in the Christian faith: "For me this word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others." With respect to migrants, too often in our contemporary culture we fail to encounter them as persons, and instead look at them as others or render them invisible. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious of their intentions. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members and neighbors – all of whom are worthy of our attention and support.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Justice for Immigrants campaign is currently working on behalf of the Bishops, including our own Bishop Johnston to promote humane migration policies towards refugees and immigrants that reflect our Catholic values. Join the U.S. Catholic bishops in support of protecting immigrants and refugees by sending an electronic postcard to Washington, DC asking that lawmakers ensure humane treatment towards migrants and refugees. The postcards may be sent from Justice for Immigrants' homepage at www.justiceforimmigrants.org. More information about the Catholic bishops' JFI campaign may also be found on the JFI website. **"Closeness to the poor, the refugee, the immigrant, the sick, the exploited, the elderly living alone, prisoners and all God's other poor, will teach us a different way of resting, one which is more Christian and generous."** – Pope Francis



National
Migration
Week

MERCIFUL AND LOVING FATHER,

We beseech you, open our hearts
so that we may provide hospitality and refuge
to migrants who are lonely, afraid,
and far from their homes.

Give us the courage to welcome every stranger
as Christ in our midst,
to invite them into our communities
as a demonstration of Christ's love for us.

We pray that when we encounter the other,
we see in her the face of your Son,
when we meet a stranger,
that we take his hand in welcome.

Help us to live in solidarity with one another,
to seek justice for those who are persecuted
and comfort for those who are suffering.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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Area Information

Contemporary Spirituality Speaker Series



Loretta Ross—A Crisis of Contemplation A Call for Depth in a World Stuck in the Shallows

Sat., Feb. 11, 2017 - at Avila University, 9:00am–12:00pm

Loretta is an Honorable Retired Presbyterian minister and Executive Director of The Sanctuary Foundation for Prayer. Loretta earned her Master of Divinity from the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, holds a Master of Arts degree in Theater, and is a graduate of The Shalem Institute Program for Spiritual Direction. She is the author of *Letters from the Holy Ground - Seeing God Where You Are* (2000) and *Holy Ground, a Quarterly Reflection on the Contemplative*. She has written liturgical dramas and her writing has appeared in *The Christian Century*, *Theology Today*, *Horizons*, *Reformed Liturgy and Music*, *Weavings*, *Christianity and the Arts*, *Presbyterian Survey*, *Presence*, and other places.

World Day of Migrants & Refugees Mass

When: Sunday, January 15, 5:00pm

Where: St. Patrick's Church in KCK (1086 N 94th St., Kansas City, KS 66112)

Archbishop Naumann will commemorate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees with a liturgy that reflects the multi-national identity of the Roman Catholic Church by utilizing different languages and musical styles appropriate for sacred worship.

All are invited to join Archbishop Naumann for the Mass and multi-cultural reception that follows.

Mass Celebrating Married Couples

You are Invited to Celebrate Valentine's Day and a Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5pm at Orscheln, Memorial Chapel, followed by a 6pm reception and 6:45pm dinner in Whitfield Center, Avila University, 11901 Wornall RD, K.C., MO. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Johnston, who will also be speaking after the dinner. This event is hosted by the Serra Club of Southeast Kansas City. Dinner reservations with payment are due by February 7th. Please send reservations to Roger Tilling, 13023 Pratt Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64086, 816-524-8572. Cost is \$40 per person.

Martin Luther King Day Mass with Bishop Johnston

All are invited to join Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr. and the Junior Knights of Peter Claver on January 16th at 10:00 am at Saint Monica Parish (1616 Paseo Blvd., KC MO 64108) for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Day. Bring the family; bring friends. January 16th is a Monday and a Holiday. After Mass, there will be a small reception and program: Theme: The Youths of Today and the Dream of Martin Luther King.

happy birthday

Kevin Abrego	Luis Hinojos	Miguel Perez
Dolores Aguilar	Brenda Huhn	Shaun Perry
Maria Albor	Isabell Kuti	Michael Peters
Luis Alonso	Arturo Lagunes	Nicholas Pierce
Cristian Amador	Jeffrey Lewis	Corey Pointer
Jacob Anderson	Amy Lopez	Angela Pulido
Rebecca Billesbach	Chris Lopez	Bernard Putis
Tonya Britton	Anthony Luciano	Arturo Ramirez
Ruth Brown	Leonard Martin	Taylor Rayos
Megan Carr	Mary Mattingly	Sergio Rocha
Daniel Flores	Jose Mauro	Jose Rojo
Jessica Franco	Chris McClish	Caleb Roseburrough
Connor Fuselier	Kenneth McDonald	Johanna Rubalcaba
Antonio Garcia	Janice McDougal	Maria Ruiz
Jennifer Garcia	Daniel Medina	William Santos
Arman Goffoy	Emily Monroe	Wally Srader
Lizbeth Gracida	Fabiola Morales	Lois Stogsdill
Jasmin Guardado	Jerry Morgan, Jr.	Abel Trevino
Abril Gutierrez	Ava Murtha	Andrea Urbina
Abigail Guzman	Joleen Nachbar	Katherlyn Vasquez
Jonathan Harshbarger	Richard Naughton	Daniel Villegas
Charlene Hatfield	Joshua Oliver	Jill Votava
Marvin Henrich	Shelly Orozco	Ray Walker
Cusberto Hernandez	Leobardo Ortega	Marie Wilburn
Karla Hernandez	Lindsey Park	Emy Yeater

Happy Anniversary

Michael and Donna Dailey	40 Years!	01-22-1977
Mario Ramirez and Adela Negrete	17 Years!	01-16-2000
Miguel Pacheco and Hilda Alvarado	16 Years!	01-16-2001
Ramon and Elsa Ramirez	16 Years!	01-16-2001
Oscar and Sara Rosales	16 Years!	01-16-2001
Adelso and Maria Solares	7 Years!	01-17-2010



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Jan 18 10:00am Foxwood Springs
Jan 25 11:00am Carnegie Village
Feb 1 10:30am Beautiful Savior

Anointing of the Sick?

If you suffer from a chronic illness, the affect 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	Fr. Paul Frank	Joan Muench
Belen Antillon	Emily Frezza	Mona Neighbors
Marilyn Avalos	Dick Garnier	Sherril Nevins
Suzie Ashbaugh	Cristian Garcia	Johnnie Nicholes
Polleth Bautista	Nicholas Geridano	Jane Nouryeh
Nikki Barrett	Wendy Gomez	Vicki Owen
Yesika Benavides	Karen Grantham	Leon Palomares
John Bidondo	Lucy Harlan	Gary Palmer
Allie Biondo	Devin Thomas Harley	Thelma Palmer
Joe Birkenbach	Laverne Harlow	Connie Read
Kaye Birkenbach	Connie Harper	Patricia Relihan
David Bland	Jason Hart	Noah Stanley
Yolanda Blanks	Jeanette Hart	Leo Storm
Rick Castenada	Amber Hartenbower	Jim Storm
Shirley Castor	Cherie Hatfield	Jean Tate
Barbara Clark	Bob Heffernan	Ruth Tayler
Virginia Coday	Darlene Henderson	Angel Thomas
Steve Collier	Essie Humbird	Nancy Torres
Joseph Coots	Kelly Jordon	Senny Vigil
Donna Dailey	Bertha Kramer	Mary Westfall
Paul DeMar	Kelsey Krum	Marie Wilburn
Doris Deschenes	Debbie Locke	Ben Winter
Richard Deschenes	Jo Locke	Brenda Winter
Nolan Dickerson	Joe Malena	Merle Woolworth
Frances DiGeorge	Dick Martin	Truly Wright
Patrick Dull	Dodie Maurer	Emy Yeater
Terry Eppert	Denise Mehlo	Carmitia Yust
Butch Ford	Alice Miller	Pablo Zayas
	Elvia Mora	



In November, parishioners participated in the workshop "How to Help a Friend Experiencing Hardship," where they learned about ways to talk to grieving or suffering loved ones, facilitated by Crossroads Hospice.

Project Rachel, Healing and Hope After Abortion

If you have been through an abortion and are still grieving, Project Rachel can help. Visit www.ProjectRachelKC.com or call 816-591-3804, 913-621-2199 or 1-888-246-1504. Complete confidentiality is assured.

Wellness Center

The Number One Disease Fighter

Hold your breath, wait, you are not going to believe this...EXERCISE! As science continues to evolve, the number of ways to prevent illness will only increase. But there's one piece of health advice that never gets old: exercise. A 2013 report found that workouts (ranging from heart-pumping cardio to resistance training) were just as effective as drug treatments for preventing coronary heart disease and prediabetes. Can you believe it? Just get moving! It doesn't matter how much or what you are doing; it only matters that you are moving. It REALLY makes a difference in your health and well-being!

**Schedule your
screening today!**

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 Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm
Friday:	

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 January 23rd.



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 January 19th, 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 January 18th. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

First Reconciliation Service

Our First Reconciliation Service will be January 24th at 7pm in the church. Please make every effort to attend this special service for the children of our sacramental preparation classes. When you arrive at the church, please check in with your student's teacher before entering the sanctuary.

Search Team Meetings

All Peer Ministers serving on the Search retreat team are required to attend the following meetings from 2-5pm in the Parish Hall. We will meet on January 15th, 22nd and 29th and February 4th.

Junior High Youth!

Your next meetings will be January 18th and February 1st at 7pm.

High School and Confirmation Youth!

Your next meetings will be Jan 22nd and Feb 5th at 7pm.

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/>



A huge thank you to Fr. Bob Stone for visiting our high school youth group on Sunday, January 8th, for a wonderful lesson on morality!

Search Retreat Grocery Shoppers!

A complete list of groceries is available for your shopping pleasure on SignUpGenius.com. Click "Find a Signup" then type in "Kirstie Roberts" for the user and finally click on "Groceries for Search." Please watch your email for a link or visit the parish website for a link to the sign up. If you would rather make a donation to our retreat to help kids pay their fees or help with the groceries, you may do so by writing SEARCH in the memo box of your check or by purchasing a Walmart or HyVee gift card. Any assistance you can offer to make this retreat affordable for our youth is greatly appreciated!



Stewardship

"John testified further, saying, 'I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, "On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.'" John 1: 32-34

The Spirit descends upon us throughout our lives as Catholics. At our Baptism the Holy Spirit came upon us, and we received the fullness of the Holy Spirit's gifts at Confirmation. Nevertheless, we receive the Holy Spirit at every Mass and especially at the Eucharist. Just as John the Baptist spoke of seeing the Holy Spirit descend upon the Lord, that same Holy Spirit descends upon us. You probably have never paid much attention to how a dove actually descends. It sort of hovers and floats downward. Its descent is smooth, deliberate, and in its own unique way. This Spirit has descended upon us and continues to do so. It fills us. What do we do with it? It is part of our very being, but for it to be effective we must share it and use it. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

January 1st Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres/Christmas:	\$12,689.09
Plate/Canasta:	\$1,255.58
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$1,834.86
Catholic Key:	\$1,123.33

January 8th Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres/Christmas:	\$12,816.79
Plate/Canasta:	\$1,078.95
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$1,265.00

Online Giving

St. Sabina offers an online giving option



for parishioners and visitors. This is an easy, safe and secure way to make contributions online. To set up a one-time or recurring contribution: go to our parish website at www.stsabinaparish.org, click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.

Donating Securities and Mutual Funds

Are some of your shares of stock or mutual funds higher than when you bought them? This provides you a wise method of giving to St. Sabina Parish.

Donating appreciated stock or mutual fund shares is a strategic gift-planning method. In most cases, the donor receives an itemized deduction in the full amount of the fair market value (FMV) of the shares donated as of the date of the gift. This value is deductible up to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income and can be carried over for up to five years after the year of the gift. Please consult your financial or legal adviser.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal—January 15

What is a Home Mission Diocese? Home Mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States and its territories and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. This includes Mass and the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Please support CHMA and lift up the



lives—and faith—of our brothers and sisters around the country.

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS relies solely on private donors in support of its mission, "Serving those who serve" and its ministry to provide the same pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in US Military Academies, undergoing treatment in any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond US borders, and the families of these populations, as does any other Catholic diocese. While the salaries and retirement of Catholic military chaplains are paid for by the US Government, the AMS receives no funding from government or the military for its programs and services, including Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, which provides priests for home dioceses and for the military chaplaincy. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.



Reflection on the Readings

This past Monday evening, we began the season of Ordinary time. Because Epiphany Sunday came after Jan 6, the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, typically celebrated on a Sunday, this year was moved to the Monday after Jan 8. The feast of the Baptism of Jesus brings closure to the Christmas/Epiphany season, while at the same time initiates the season of Ordinary Time. The Baptism of Jesus points to the Epiphany as one of the public manifestations of Jesus, while being, at the very same time, the jumping off point for the public ministry of Jesus.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time continues the theme of public witnessing to Jesus by selecting passages from John's gospel for all three cycles. This Sunday we hear the testimony of John the Baptist concerning his understanding of who Jesus is and what Jesus' ministry is about. Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world is a key identifier for John, the gospel writer. John the Baptist continues to testify that Jesus has been anointed by the Spirit and thus set aside to do God's work of justice. John the Baptist ultimately witnesses to Jesus as the Son of God.

The first reading from Isaiah is the second of the servant passages. The first servant passage was proclaimed as the first reading for the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Both servant passages outline different aspects of God's servant. Isaiah attributed the mission of the servant to the people Israel, as corporate personality. From the Christian perspective, we attribute Isaiah's servant identity and mission to Jesus. Through this servant passage, Jesus is established as the "chosen one" of God and called to be "a light to the nations," thus enabling God's saving power to reach the whole world.

The refrain from Responsorial Psalm 40 echoes Jesus' response to his call as God's servant, "Here am I Lord; I come to do your will." The verses concretize what doing God's will entails. It necessitates having "ears open to obedience," having God's law "within my heart," and announcing God's "justice in the vast assembly." It is this identity and mission which Jesus takes upon himself from the very beginning of his public ministry.

The second reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians calls all those who have been "sanctified in Christ" to be holy. As Paul

later explains, being "holy" means taking on the mind and heart of Christ. Vatican II proclaims that, no matter their life style, all the baptized have the same vocation, namely the call to holiness, specified as taking on the mind and heart of Christ. For the Corinthians as well as for us, the baptismal call, commitment, and mission is exactly the same.

The gospel passage from John has John the Baptist witness to the reality that Jesus not only has been anointed as servant by God, but has also accepted that call and is beginning to carry it out. John is a witness to that reality for all who would hear, continually affirming the superiority of Jesus' identity and mission over his. Unlike the other gospels, John the Baptist's ministry in John's gospel seems focused on pointing out Jesus to others, and being a living witness to Jesus' identity and mission.

How do we, like John, witness to Jesus in our lives? How do we like Jesus, respond to God's call in our lives to be "light to the nations"? Are we as ready and willing as Jesus was to have "ears open to obedience" and to have God's law "within our hearts? As with Jesus, our own baptism calls us to that kind of response and commitment.

As we enter into the season of Ordinary Time, we journey with Jesus as he proclaims God's peace and justice to the world. Let us be people of peace and justice. Let us take our baptismal anointing in the Spirit as a clear call from God to make God's light shine in every corner of our world. Commit yourself today to do God's will.

**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 January 22nd and February 12th 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, January 15

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Psalm: Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Sunday, January 22

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 (1a)

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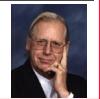
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