

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Thank you to Flor and Marcial Trejo, Eliezer, David and Dulce for sharing your time, volunteering at Harvesters on December 15th!

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

Dial Down the Heat

Responding to Pope Francis' call to care for our common home, the parish Green Team present the Catholic Climate Covenant's Dial Down the Heat, a session on the environment on Monday evening Jan 23 and repeat it on Tuesday morning, January 24. All are welcomed to attend and engage in discussion on Care for our Common Home. Sign-up sheets are in the gathering space. *More information on page 3.*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for January 23-27, 2017

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	†
Wed.	11am	†(Carnegie Village)
Thurs.	8am	†
Fri.	8am	†

Saturday, January 28, 2017

4:00pm Intentions of Marie Wilburn

Sunday, January 29, 2017

8:00am	†Rita Miller
10:30am	Intentions of Mckenzie Jones & Family
12:30pm Spanish	Intenciones de la Familia Parroquial

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

- † Janet Blakey, sister of John Blakey
- † Christine Carr, sister of Ernestine White
- † Audrey Reichert, wife of Bill Reichert
- † Mary Ann Hall, sister of Kathy Kratofil



Calendar/Parish Information

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

Monday, January 23 - Lunes, 23 de Enero

- 10:00am Uplift Meal Prep
- 4:00pm Uplift
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
- 7:00pm Getting to Know Your Faith—Dial Down the Heat

Tuesday, January 24 - Martes, 24 de Enero

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

Wednesday, January 25 - Miércoles, 25 de Enero

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 10:00am Adult Faith Formation—Infancy Narratives
- 11:00am Mass at Carnegie Village
- 7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 groups)

Thursday, January 26 - Jueves, 26 de Enero

- 9:30am Quilters
- 7:00pm RCIA/RICA

Friday, January 27 - Viernes, 27 de Enero

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, January 28 - Sábado, 28 de Enero

- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 29 - Domingo, 29 de Enero

- 7:30am Family Rosary
- 8:00am Corporate Mass and Breakfast
- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 9:15am Parent Meeting for First Communion
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:15am Reunión de los Padres para la Primera Comunción
- 1:00pm Search Team Meeting

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.

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

Over 55

February Gathering

Our Over 55 group will gather on Thursday, February 23 at noon for a Mardi Gras Meal. Our menu includes red beans and rice, filet gumbo, cornbread, beignet and a King’s Cake. Please RSVP to the parish office at 816-331-4713 if you would like to come.



Parish Happenings and Information

Attention Communion Ministers:

Please plan to attend a meeting on Tuesday, January 31, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. We will pray, spend some time reflecting on the liturgy, our role, and our experience as communion ministers. We will also cover some important updates to our weekend procedure. As we begin a new year and prepare for the season of Lent, it is a great time to share some time together exploring our faith & deepening our commitment to ministry.

Ecumenical Service 01-16-17

Many of the Christian congregations in the Belton area gathered earlier this week to pray for Christian Unity. Thank you to all who joined us for this special prayer service.



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 Honorably 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.

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.

Marriage Tribunal Auditor

The Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph is seeking a full-time Marriage Tribunal Auditor, who will administratively process marriage cases under the direction of the Judicial Vicar and the Tribunal Director.

The qualified candidate will be an active, practicing Catholic in full communion with the Church. The candidate must possess strong interpersonal and communication skills, including interviewing, telephone, verbal, and written communication capacities. Required skills also include proficiency in Microsoft Office, organization and attention to detail. The preferred candidate will have previous tribunal experience and fluency in Spanish. A canon law degree or certification is also preferred, but not required.

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happy birthday

Doraida Aguirre	Ivan Hinojos	Sandra Ruiz
Lonnie Anthony	Angel Jaimes	Diego Salcedo
Javier Arellano	Nancy Jaimes	Alan Shields
Salvador Arroyo	Jesse Jakobe	Aubrey Skipton
Barbara Atkinson	Cort Lesmeister	Francisco Solis
Katlyn Austin	Michael Logan	Morgan Speer
John Berryman	Diana Lopez	Valerie Spencer
Emilee Biondo	Elizabet Lopez	Jacob Stansbury
Birydiana Bravo	Kimberly Lopez	Daniel Starforth
Jesus Bretado	Lorena Lopez	Nikki Strickland
Monica Burgin	Jose Meza	Logan Sultz
Rosa Cano	Viridiana Molina	Shawn Sultz
Teresa Chavez	Edgar Negrete	Shirley Tolbert
Cristofer Duarte	Amy Nelson	Jessica Toledo
Maria Fragoso	Deyaneira Orozco Ramirez	Anthoni Torres
Grant Gates	Mirna Osorio	Angeles Velazquez
Ashley Gonzalez	Brandon Palomares	Maricruz Villa Lagos
Don Grieb	Austin Pritchett	Grace Walt
Maria Guardado	Raul Quinones	Kaitlin Wathor
Frank Hansel	Beverly Renfro	Douglas Wink
Beckee Hart	Thomas Renfro	Reyna Zamora
Nancy Henning	Evelyn Reyes	Vicki Zamora
Debbie Hille	Daniel Rojo	

Happy Anniversary

Ron and Marta Roper	36 Years!	01-24-1981
Mauro and Teresa Hernandez	33 Years!	01-29-1984
Sergio and Carina Olivares	20 Years!	01-26-1997
Antonio and Lilia Garcia	18 Years!	01-23-1999
James and Estelle Lewis	18 Years!	01-24-1999
Roberto Garcia and Mercedes Guzman	10 Years!	01-28-2007
Felipe Cedillo and Maria Rodriguez	6 Years!	01-29-2011

Quinceañera Congratulations

Congratulations to Fabiola Morales who celebrates her 15th birthday with a blessing at our 12:30 Mass today.



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Jan 25 11:00am Carnegie Village
 Feb 1 10:30am Beautiful Savior
 Feb 8 10:00am Rehabilitation of Raymore

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Felipe Abarca	Fr. Paul Frank	Elvia Mora
Perry Allen	Emily Frezza	Joan Muench
Belen Antillon	Dick Garnier	Mona Neighbors
Marilyn Avalos	Cristian Garcia	Sherril Nevins
Suzie Ashbaugh	Nicholas Geridano	Johnnie Nicholes
Polleth Bautista	Wendy Gomez	Jane Nouryeh
Nikki Barrett	Karen Grantham	Leon Palomares
Yesika Benavides	Lucy Harlan	Gary Palmer
John Bidondo	Devin Thomas Harley	Thelma Palmer
Allie Biondo	Laverne Harlow	Connie Read
Joe Birkenbach	Connie Harper	Patricia Rellihan
Kaye Birkenbach	Jason Hart	Noah Stanley
David Bland	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
Joseph Coots	Essie Humbird	Nancy Torres
Donna Dailey	Kelly Jordon	Senny Vigil
Paul DeMar	Bertha Kramer	Mary Westfall
Doris Deschenes	Kelsey Krum	Marie Wilburn
Richard Deschenes	Debbie Locke	Ben Winter
Nolan Dickerson	Jo Locke	Brenda Winter
Frances DiGeorge	Dick Martin	Merle Woolworth
Patrick Dull	Dodie Maurer	Truly Wright
Terry Eppert	Denise Mehlo	Carmitia Yust
Butch Ford	Alice Miller	Pablo Zayas

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.



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

High Soda Intake

After analyzing 14 studies, researchers at Columbia University's School of Public Health discovered that people who consumed more than 8.5 ounces of sugar-sweetened soda a day had an increased risk of developing pancreatic cancer, one of the most elusive and deadliest diseases, by as much as 19 percent compared with those who didn't drink soda. The sugar rush that occurs after you down carbonated sugary drinks causes the pancreas to increase insulin production; as a result, pancreatic cells may be exposed to a higher concentration of insulin than other cells in the body are. This may create an imbalance that researchers believe could spur cancer growth. Try cutting back by replacing one soda a day with a glass of water or green tea.



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

Schedule your screening today!



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 February 16th, 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 February 15th. 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 22nd and 29th and February 4th.

Junior High Youth!

Your next meetings will be February 1st and 15th at 7pm.

High School and Confirmation Youth!

Your next meetings will be Jan 22nd and Feb 5th at 7pm. Confirmation Sponsor Night will be Feb 8th 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://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

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!

Confirmation Search Retreat!

ALL confirmation candidates are required to attend this retreat which will be on February 10th, 11th and 12th. We will leave St. Sabina on the 10th at 6:45pm. The retreat will end on Sunday around 2:30pm.

More information about the retreat will be mailed to the parents along with permission slips.



Stewardship

“Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.”

Isaiah 8:23—9:1

Christ is still the light of the world, and He still provides this light and hope to those of us who may feel like we are in darkness and distress. We must embrace Him nonetheless and follow His way by becoming His disciple. If we do that, our lives will indeed be filled with light and great rejoicing. It is up to us to respond. In John 8:12, the Lord tells us, “I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in dark, but will have the light of life.” — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

January 15th Contributions

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the January 15th contributions will be listed in the January 29th bulletin.

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

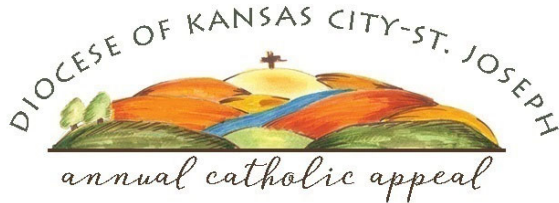
Are some of your shares of stock or mutual funds higher than when you bought them? This provides you a wise method of giving to St. Sabina Parish.

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.

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

This week we will support our parishioners and their families who serve or have served this nation with distinction as members of the U.S. military. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces wherever they serve and to veterans who are in VA medical centers. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this special triennial collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2013 and last taken in 2013.

Thank you to all who helped in taking down our Christmas decorations this year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!



11 % Participation

108%

Parish Goal
\$18,795
\$20,284 (received)

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

88%

2017 Diocese ACA Goal
\$1,800,000



Reflection on the Readings

At this time of the year, we begin to experience days with more daylight and sunshine. For most people, longer daylight and more awareness of the sun's presence brings with it renewed energy, new awareness of things, and renewed hope for better days to come. This year, the beginning of the season of Ordinary Time plays on these very themes and emotions.

The season of Ordinary Time plunges us into the public ministry of Jesus, as we journey with him from his ministry in Galilee to his passion, death and resurrection in Jerusalem. The first two Sundays of Ordinary Time typically focus on Jesus' baptism and on John the Baptist's public testimony to Jesus as the Lamb of God come to take away the sin of the world. This third Sunday compares the public presence of Jesus among us to that of "a great light" shining in the midst of darkness, bringing with it new awareness, new energy and a new way of being.

The refrain from Responsorial Psalm 27 captures that focus as it invites us to sing and celebrate the reality that "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Because of this faith stance, we have nothing to fear. Rather that light activates in us the desire to draw closer to it, engendering a desire "to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." For Christians, it is the Lord, actively present in the person of Jesus, who is our source of light and life, calling us to intimate union. It is the Lord upon whom we place our trust and our hope, knowing that we will never be disappointed.

Isaiah speaks to the people in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali, the northern tribes of Israel who were in darkness because of the Assyrian occupation of the land. They had lost all hope of rescue and liberation, which Isaiah beautifully captures with the image of a people walking in darkness and dwelling in a land of gloom. Isaiah boldly tells the people to trust in the Lord their God who will not allow them to live in darkness forever, but will eventually restore the people to their land.

Then the "people who walked in darkness" will see and experience "a great light," while "anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness." From Matthew's community faith perspective, Jesus venturing out to begin his public ministry is that "great light" who dispels

the darkness and gloom of night. Matthew quotes Isaiah's words from the first reading, interpreting them as prophetic words fulfilled in the person and ministry of Jesus. For Matthew's community, the darkness and gloom of their lives is thoroughly dispelled in the person and ministry of Jesus. In and through Jesus, they are invited and called to be light to all they encounter.

According to Matthew, Jesus' agenda after his baptism and time of temptation and reflection spent in the desert, is to call and gather followers. They, like him, are called to minister to all of God's people, reflecting the hope, light and life that have their source in the Lord. The reading ends with Jesus and his newly called disciples going "around all of Galilee" teaching, preaching the good news of the reign of God, and "curing every disease and illness." The Lord is indeed "my light and my salvation."

The second reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians continues with Paul encouraging that community to dispel the darkness of division and separation by being united in the light that is Christ. It is only in taking on the wisdom of Christ that we dispel the darkness of our ignorance, division and disunity.

In our baptism, we have been called to be the light of Christ to others. That light is to radiate from us offering hope, life and love to all. Reflect on how the light of Christ shines from you in your daily encounters with all you meet. Pray that, like Jesus, you might be a source of light continually dispelling darkness and gloom.

Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate



Readings



Sunday, January 22

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

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

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday, January 29

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

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.



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



En esta época del año, comenzamos a ver días con más luz y sol. Para la mayoría de la gente, más luz del día y más conciencia de la presencia del sol trae consigo una renovada energía, una nueva conciencia de las cosas y una esperanza renovada para días mejores. Este año, el comienzo de la temporada del Tiempo Ordinario

refleja estos mismos temas y emociones.

La temporada del Tiempo Ordinario nos sumerge en el ministerio público de Jesús, mientras que viajamos con él desde su ministerio en Galilea hasta su pasión, muerte y resurrección en Jerusalén. Los dos primeros domingos del Tiempo Ordinario suelen centrarse en el bautismo de Jesús y en el testimonio público de Juan el Bautista a Jesús como el Cordero de Dios que viene a quitar el pecado del mundo. Este tercer domingo compara la presencia pública de Jesús entre nosotros con la de "una gran luz" que brilla en medio de la oscuridad, trayendo consigo nueva conciencia, nueva energía y una nueva forma de ser.

El refrán del Salmo Responsorial 26 capta ese enfoque, ya que nos invita a cantar y celebrar la realidad de que "El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación". Debido a esta postura de fe, no tenemos nada que temer. Más bien, esa luz activa en nosotros el deseo de acercarnos a ella, engendrando el deseo de "habitar en la casa del Señor por los días de mi vida". Para los cristianos, es el Señor, presente activamente en la persona de Jesús, que es nuestra fuente de luz y vida, llamándonos a la unión íntima. Es el Señor sobre quien depositamos nuestra confianza y nuestra esperanza, sabiendo que nunca nos decepcionaremos.

Isaías habla al pueblo en las tierras de Zabulón y de Neftalí, las tribus del norte de Israel que estaban en tinieblas debido a la ocupación asiria de la tierra. Habían perdido toda esperanza de rescate y liberación, lo cual Isaías captura maravillosamente con la imagen de un pueblo caminando en tinieblas y habitando en una tierra de tristeza. Isaías audazmente le dice a la gente que confíe en el Señor su Dios que no les permitirá vivir en tinieblas para siempre, sino que finalmente restaurará a la gente a su tierra.

Entonces el "pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas" verá "una gran luz", mientras que "la angustia ha tomado ala, disipada es la oscuridad." Desde la perspectiva de la fe

de la comunidad de Mateo, Jesús aventurarse a comenzar su ministerio público es esa "gran luz" que disipa las tinieblas y la oscuridad de la noche. Mateo cita las palabras de Isaías de la primera lectura, interpretándolas como palabras proféticas cumplidas en la persona y ministerio de Jesús. Para la comunidad de Mateo, la oscuridad y la tristeza de sus vidas se disipan completamente en la persona y el ministerio de Jesús. En y a través de Jesús, son invitados y llamados a ser luz a todos los que encuentran.

Según Mateo, la agenda de Jesús después de su bautismo y tiempo de tentación y reflexión que pasó en el desierto, es llamar y reunir seguidores. Ellos, como él, están llamados a ministrar a todo el pueblo de Dios, reflejando la esperanza, la luz y la vida que tienen su fuente en el Señor. La lectura termina con Jesús y sus recién llamados discípulos andando "por toda Galilea" enseñando, predicando las buenas nuevas del reino de Dios, y "curando toda enfermedad y dolencia". El Señor si que es "mi luz y mi salvación".

La segunda lectura de la primera carta de Pablo a los Corintios continúa con Pablo animando a esa comunidad a disipar la oscuridad de la división y la separación al estar unidos en la luz que es Cristo. Es sólo al asumir la sabiduría de Cristo que disipamos la oscuridad de nuestra ignorancia, división y desunión.

En nuestro bautismo, hemos sido llamados a ser la luz de Cristo para los demás. Esa luz debe irradiar de nosotros ofreciendo esperanza, vida y amor a todos. Reflexione sobre cómo la luz de Cristo brilla de usted en sus encuentros cotidianos con todos los que encuentra. Ore para que, como Jesús, usted sea una fuente de luz que disipa continuamente la oscuridad y la tristeza.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 22 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 8:23-9:3

Salmo: Salmo 26:1, 4, 13-14

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 1:10-13, 17

Evangelio: Mateo 4:12-23

Lecturas del Domingo, 29 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Sofonías 2:3; 3:12-13

Salmo: Salmo 146 (145):7, 8-9a, 9-bc-10

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 1:26-31

Evangelio: Mateo 5:1-12a

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 23 de enero.

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 16 de febrero de 6-8 pm. Si desea ser voluntario, llame ó mande un correo electrónico a Kirstie en la Oficina de los jóvenes.

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 15 de febrero. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150

Se Necesitan Donaciones para el Retiro Search

Hay una lista de comida que necesitamos en SignUpGenius.com. Haga clic en "Find a Signup", luego escriba "Kirstie Roberts" para el usuario y (user), finalmente, haga clic en "Groceries for Search". Por favor vea su correo electrónico para un enlace o visite el sitio web de la parroquia para un enlace a la inscripción. Si prefiere hacer una donación a nuestro retiro para ayudar a los jóvenes a pagar sus inscripción ó ayudar con las compras, puede hacerlo escribiendo SEARCH en la caja de notas de su cheque ó comprando una tarjeta de regalo de Walmart o HyVee. ¡Cualquier ayuda que usted pueda ofrecer para hacer este retiro accesible para nuestros jóvenes es muy apreciada!

¡Jóvenes de Junior High! Sus próximas reuniones serán los días 1 y 15 de febrero a las 7pm.

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph esta comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es victima de abuso sexual, ó 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 victima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) Después 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 victimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimias, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes ó 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://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

¡Jóvenes de High School y Confirmación! Sus próximas reuniones serán los días 22 de enero y 5 de febrero a las 7pm. La Noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación será el 8 de febrero a las 7pm.

Reuniones del Equipo Search

Todos los ministros jóvenes que sirven en el equipo del retiro Search deben asistir a las siguientes reuniones de las 2 a 5pm en el salón parroquial. Nos reuniremos los días 22 y 29 de enero y 4 de febrero.

Servicio de la Primera Reconciliación

Nuestro Servicio de la Primera Reconciliación será el 24 de enero a las 7pm en la iglesia. Por favor haga todo lo posible para asistir a este servicio especial para los niños de nuestras clases de preparación sacramental. Cuando llegue a la iglesia, por favor pase a ver a su maestro antes de entrar en el santuario.

Retiro de Confirmación "Search"

TODOS los candidatos de la confirmación están obligados a asistir a este retiro que será el 10, 11 y 12 de febrero. Saldremos de St. Sabina el día 10 a las 6:45pm. El retiro terminará el domingo alrededor de las 2:30pm.

Más información sobre el retiro será enviada por correo a los padres junto con hojas de permiso.



Corresponsabilidad/Información

Donaciones por Internet



Sta. Sabina ofrece una opción de donar en línea para los feligreses y visitantes. Esta es una manera fácil, y segura de contribuir por internet. Para establecer una contribución única ó recurrente: visite nuestro sitio web de la parroquia en www.stsabinaparish.org, haga clic en el botón "Online Giving" en la parte superior derecha y llene el formulario de contribución en línea.

Donaciones de Valores y Fondos Mutuos

¿Valen algunas de sus acciones o fondos mutuos más que cuando los compró? Esto le proporciona un método sabio de dar a la parroquia de Sta. Sabina.

Donar acciones apreciadas o acciones de fondos mutuos es un método estratégico de la planificación de regalos. En la mayoría de los casos, el donante recibe una deducción detallada en el monto total del valor justo de mercado (FMV) de las acciones donadas a la fecha de la donación. Este valor es deducible hasta un 30% del ingreso bruto ajustado del donante y puede ser transferido por hasta cinco años después del año de la donación. Consulte a su asesor financiero o jurídico.

Colecta Para la Arquidiócesis Castrense de los Estados Unidos

Esta semana vamos a apoyar a nuestros parroquianos y sus familias que están sirviendo o han servido esta nación con distinción como miembros de las fuerzas armadas de los EE.UU. La colecta para la Arquidiócesis Castrense de los Estados Unidos proporcionará el Evangelio, los sacramentos y otras formas de apoyo espiritual a los hombres y mujeres en las fuerzas armadas de los EE.UU. Donde quiera que ello sirven y a los veteranos en los Centros médicos del Departamento de los Veteranos. Por favor considere, en oración, hacer una contribución generosa a esta colecta especial trienal aprobada por la Conferencia de los Obispos de los EE.UU. En el 2012 y que se llevó a cabo por primera vez en el 2013.

Un Momento de Corresponsabilidad

En el evangelio de hoy nosotros escuchamos a Jesús llamar a Pedro, a Andrés, a Santiago y a Juan para que le sigan. Seguir a Jesús fue una jornada difícil para estos primeros discípulos. Es difícil para nosotros actualmente. Jesús quiere enseñarnos su manera de pensar, actuar y encontrarse con el mundo. Sin embargo no es fácil para nosotros abrazar sus enseñanzas. Los buenos corresponsables de las enseñanzas de Jesús son conscientes de que ellos están en un camino espiritual, y deben aprender de sus experiencias a estar abiertos al evangelio y a ser incansables. Ellos/as conocen la necesidad de ser liberados/as de esas acciones que les privan de disfrutar una amistad más cercana con Jesús. ¿Qué hay en nuestras vidas que nosotros necesitamos cambiar? ¿Qué nos detiene de revelar a otros la gloria de Dios?

Platicas Pre-Bautismales-11 de Febrero

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a 1 pm (Sólo para Niños de 0-6 años) Salón de juntas. Sótano de la Parroquia. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. Infórmese PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151 Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**



¡Gracias a estos jóvenes, David, Eliezer, y Dulce, quienes compartieron su tiempo como voluntarios en Harvesters el mes pasado!



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En esta foto aparece Wendy Mora Cedillo, quien cantó y leyó en el Servicio Ecuménico para la Unidad Cristiana este lunes pasado.

Horarios de Misa

Sábado: 4:00pm en Ingles

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