

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Pictured are Cathy Duncan and Jordan Martin and their winning trunk at Trunk or Treat this year! More pictures from Trunk or Treat on page 4.

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on:
Thursday, November 23
Friday, November 24
in observance of Thanksgiving.

La Oficina Parroquial se cerrará el:
Jueves, 23 de Noviembre
Viernes, 24 de Noviembre
en observancia del Día de Acción
de Gracias.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Intentions for November 20-24, 2017

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	†John Johnson
Wed.	11am	†Joe Birkenbach (Carnegie Village)
Thurs.	9am	†Felix Suwito
Fri.		NO MASS OR SERVICE

Saturday, November 25, 2017

4:00pm †Victor Weber and Family

Sunday, November 26, 2017

8:00am	†Cecilia Hart
10:30am	Intentions of the Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Esther Flores Bahena

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

†Raymond Calice, brother of Melba Mercier

†Fran Birkner, mother of Bill Birkner



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, November 19 - Domingo, 19 de Noviembre

Altar Society Sale

- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión
- 1:45pm Ensayo para la Obra
- 6:00pm Ensayo de Matachines

Monday, November 20 - Lunes, 20 de Noviembre

- 5:30pm Marian Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
- 7:00pm Getting to Know Your Faith
- 8:00pm Choir Practice (8:00 Group)

Tuesday, November 21 - Martes, 21 de Noviembre

- 7:00am HS Youth Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00pm ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua
- 7:00pm Ensayo para la Obra
- 7:00pm Ensayo de Matachines

Wednesday, November 22 - Miércoles, 22 de Noviembre

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 9:00am Uplift Thanksgiving Meal Prep
- 11:00am Mass at Carnegie Village
- 7:00pm Ensayo de Matachines

Thursday, November 23 - Jueves, 23 de Noviembre

Thanksgiving Day

- 9:00pm Thanksgiving Mass

Friday, November 24 - Viernes, 24 de Noviembre

- 6:00pm Ensayo para las Posadas
- 7:00pm Ensayo para la Obra
- 7:00pm Ensayo de Matachines

Saturday, November 25 - Sábado, 25 de Noviembre

- 3:00pm Confessions
- 6:00pm Ensayo para las Posadas

Sunday, November 26 - Domingo, 26 de Noviembre

- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 1:45pm Ensayo para la Obra
- 6:00pm Ensayo de Matachines

Getting to Know Your Faith November Session: The Catholic Response to the Reformation

November's Getting To Know Your Faith session will be held on Monday evening, Nov 20 from 7-8:30 PM. To continue our commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on Oct 31, 2017, Biagio will address the Catholic Response to the Reformation, as well as the aftermath of that response. All are most welcomed to attend and participate. For further information, e-mail Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparis.org or by phone at 816-979-3153.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

We will celebrate Mass on Thursday, November 23rd at 9:00 AM. You may bring a food item that you will share at your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed during Mass. Items brought to Mass can be placed on the table in church and will be blessed at the end of Mass. You can pick your item up after Mass to bring home for your meal. The church offers this blessing as a way for us to offer thanks to God for the blessings He bestows on us and to connect our prayer at Mass to our family celebration that day.



Volunteers harvested 50 lbs of sweet potatoes in our community garden earlier this month, to be donated to help feed the hungry in our community. To join us in the fight to end hunger by helping in our garden, contact Michelle Rose 919-624-4407 or David Pierce 816-392-1110.



Parish Happenings

Area of Remembrance

Thank you to all who brought pictures in for our Area of Remembrance. It was a lovely display this year and a great reminder of our connection to the Communion of Saints.

We honor your loved ones and continue to keep them in prayer. As November comes to a close, the Area of Remembrance will be concluded. Please plan to take your pictures home the weekend of November 25/26. Thank you.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Price Carter and Allison Clark who were married on Saturday, November 18th.

Religious Articles Sale

The Altar Society will be selling a beautiful selection of Religious Articles, Jewelry and Advent Items after all Masses on the weekends of Dec 1/2. All proceeds benefit St. Sabina Parish.

Altar Society Meeting

The Altar Society will have their 4th quarter meeting on Thursday, November 30 at 7pm. Please join us in classroom #8 of the education wing!

Christmas Caroling—December 9

The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a bus this year to go Christmas caroling at our area nursing homes. If you are interested in caroling with them, contact Nancy Meiron at 816-820-6109. More details to come.



Trunk or Treat 2017

Information

'Unwrapping gifts of Advent'

Take pause in the midst of the upcoming holiday rush for a retreat day to reflect on four gifts that Advent can hold: peace, courage, playfulness and hope. Sister Melannie Svoboda, SND, will facilitate the Advent 2017 Day of Prayer on Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Ross Chapel at the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth (SCLs). The day of prayer will conclude with Mass at 3:45 p.m. For more information, visit www.marillaccenter.org. Marillac Center, the SCL retreat center, is hosting the day of prayer. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Register by Nov. 27. To register, email retreats@scls.org or call 913-758-6552.

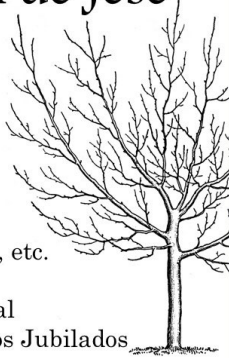
Jesse Tree Collections Colectas del Árbol de Jesé

Dec 2/3 – Toys
Juguetes

Dec 9/10 – Canned Food
Alimentos Enlatados

Dec 16/17 – Gloves, hats, socks, etc.
Guantes, gorros, calcetines, etc.

Dec 23/24 – Religious Retirement Appeal
Apelación para los Religiosos Jubilados



happy birthday

Jessica Alvarado	Jason Giaccone	Barry Park
Julissa Arreola	Violeta Gomez	Joshua Perez
Tom Baldwin	Miguel Guerra	Michael Pierce
George Barrios	Daniel Guzman	Frances Prendergast
Anthony Beecher	Virginia Hainey	Kara Pruitt
Pauline Bellm	Daniel Hennessey	Maria Reyes
Debbie Borgman	Gil Hernandez	Stephanie Reynolds
George Bremer	Juan Hernandez	Adalberto Rivera
Brandon Brizuela	Kathleen Huffman	Maribel Rocha
Gina Buice	Leah Jarvis	Jean Rodriguez
Ilene Burns	Diane Keith	Luis Rojas
Barbara Carter	Yuvaniz Lopez	Kayla Roper
Cynthia Circo	Yahir Lopez	John Ryan, Jr.
Misael Clemente	Yareliz Lopez-Alvarado	Octavio Sanchez
Allison Contreras - De La Cruz	Eunices Martinez	Bentley Stegner
Bob Coshun	Helen McBride	Osbaldo Torres
Darlene Davila - Carlock	Paige McLain	Yair Trejo
Jack Davis	Gladys Mendez	Alejandra Valles
Genevieve DeMay	Jenrry Menjivar	Brandy Velasco
James Dillon	Perla Molina	Juan Villasana Carrion
Ximena Duran	Ann Morris	Morgan Wall
Cecilia Fonseca	Aiden Muder	Sharon Wiglesworth
Genoveva Garcia	Carl Oakes	John Wooldridge
Leticia Garcia	Jeffrey Overhaug	Noeline Woolrich
Gloria Garcia	Joseph Palomares	Yadira Zarco

MARRIED COUPLES NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION

date night - advent
thurs, dec 7
6:30-7:30pm
St. Peter's (kcmo)

Adoration, advent reflection,
scripture, live praise music,
candles, silence, confession...



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of love

Happy Anniversary

Jim and Peg Agnew	53 Years!	11/26/1964
Paul and Mary O'Brien	50 Years!	11/25/1967
Don and Marilyn Grieb	48 Years!	11/22/1969
Michael and Diane Rooney	47 Years!	11/24/1970
Maurice and Monica Burgin	27 Years!	11/24/1990
Gerardo and Maura Arenivas	25 Years!	11/21/1992
Brent and Jeanne Hermsmeier	22 Years!	11/25/1995
Stephen and Jennifer Moore	19 Years!	11/21/1998
Franklin and Maria Lopez	17 Years!	11/25/2000



Stewardship

"The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'"

Matthew 25: 20-21

There is nothing spiritual or abstract about being ready for Jesus' return and judgment of us. God has gifted us in a multitude of ways. We need to recognize those gifts; acknowledge those gifts; be grateful for those gifts; and most of all use those gifts to benefit the Church and others. What have we done with our time, our money, and our abilities? In our Church we recognize and point to sins of omission — that is, things we did not do, but should have. Like the first two servants in the parable, it is not just a case of preserving what God has given us, it is a case of using it, increasing it, and returning it to the Lord. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

Thanks to the 75 families who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. So far we have received \$10,384.00 in pledges and contributions. We are trying to achieve 100% participation; 4.9% of our families have made a contribution or pledge thus far.

"HOW CAN I MAKE A RETURN TO THE LORD
for all the good He has done for me?"

Psalms 116:12



37%

32%

2017 ACA Goal

\$2,000,000

Annual Catholic Appeal weekend

October 21-22, 2017

2017 ACA Goal

\$2,000,000

2017 ACA Goal

\$2,000,000

Contributions for November 12

Envelopes/Sobres: \$10,902.50
Plate/Canasta: \$ 727.15
Maintenance-Upkeep: \$ 1,044.37
Christmas Flowers: \$ 1,325.00

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.stsabina.org, click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.

Food for the Poor - Dec 2-3

On the weekend on December 2-3 we welcome Fr. Chris Steinle from Food for the Poor. He will speak to us about their ministry of feeding hundreds of thousands of people everyday, primarily in 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

Green Team Tip of the Week

According to the Sierra Club request email receipts or trash, rather than recycle, your paper receipts because they contain BPA. [http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2017-2-march-april/enjoy/hey-mr-green-should-receipts-be-recycled?](http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2017-2-march-april/enjoy/hey-mr-green-should-receipts-be-recycled?utm_source=insider&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter)

[utm_source=insider&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter](http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2017-2-march-april/enjoy/hey-mr-green-should-receipts-be-recycled?utm_source=insider&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter)

Below: nursing student, Ruth, sponsored by St. Sabina parishioners, gives back to her community by performing blood pressure checks at the mission in Anapra, MX.



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Nov 22 11:00am	Carnegie Village
Nov 29 8:00am	St. Sabina (5th Wednesday)
Dec 6 10:30am	Beautiful Savior (Communion Service)

The Holiday Season can be difficult when you are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Grieving a Loss Through the Holidays

- Allow yourself to feel your emotions on that special day, don't feel that you need to just "get over it." You may want to write your feelings down in a journal.
- Take time with family and friends and share memories of your loved one that died.
- Light a candle in honor of your deceased loved one. Set a picture out and tell stories of his or her life.
- Don't avoid long-standing traditions. Children often find comfort in them. On the other hand, new traditions say you are still a family.
- Some days, putting one foot in front of the other is all you can do. But it's enough!
- Be open to good experiences that the holidays may bring.

"Senior Adults" Save the Date: December 4th

Carnegie Village will be hosting their **"10th Annual Pastors Luncheon"** Monday, December 4th at noon. They invite all senior adults to attend. RSVP by November 27 to CARNEGIE VILLAGE at 816-331-7848.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Bill Aldridge	Laverne Harlow	Helen Rush
Dick Armstrong	Bonnie Haskins	Yvonne Salmon
Marilyn Avalos	Cherie Hatfield	Doris Shields
Joy Banks-Wilson	Bob Heffernan	Jo Ann Shrout
Louise Battaglia	Beth Heide	Lois Simpson
Nikki Barrett	Bart Henke	Shelline Smoot
Pauline Bellm	Rhonda Henke	Marie Stinger
Beverly Bell	Pam Kelleher	Juanita Stockton
John Bidondo	Jenny Kinslow	Jim Storm
Ryann Burrows	Leeland Kinslow	Leo Storm
Ramon Caratachea	Donna Kozar	Marge Storm
Anna Clark	John Lally	Mary Jane Storm
Helen Cook	Susan Lewis	Jean Tate
Joseph Coots	Beverly Little	Ruth Tayler
Paul DeMar	Bill Locke	Angel Thomas
Nolan Dickerson	Debbie Locke	Bruce Thompson
Steven DiGeorge	Jo Locke	Rhonda VanDyne
Frances DiGeorge	Israel Luna	William VanDyne
Argentina Meza Dubon	Bonita Mackedanz	Harvey Vice
Carol Eckford	Leonard Meiron	Sunny Vigil
Brian Effertz	Harry Muench	Donna West
Terry Eppert	Joan Muench	Mary Westfall
Joan Feedback	Bella Nouryeh	Marie Wilburn
Larry Foster	Jane Nouryeh	Jeannette Woolworth
Emily Frezza	Thelma Palmer	Merle Woolworth
Dick Garnier	Dee Raya	Carmitia Yust
June Glunt	Patricia Rellihan	Pablo Zayas
Karen Grantham	Clarence Reynolds	

Wellness Center

Did you know the secret ingredient for a great meal is YOU and YOUR family being together?

Data suggests that family mealtime has a wealth of health benefits, especially for children. Kids who spend time with families preparing meals and eating at the family table were more open to trying new foods and ate less junk food.

Teens who ate at the family table were more likely to show fewer signs of depression and feel that their family was more supportive, compared with teens who dined less often at home.

Spending family time together may provide a platform allowing parents and children to interact and for parents to teach children healthy habits. AND the most item to share at your table is a spirit of THANK-full-ness.

So here's a recipe for your next meal—

- 🍲 1 family table
 - 🍲 Ample amounts of family members and friends
 - 🍲 Generous servings of fruits, vegetables, fiber and calcium-rich foods
 - 🍲 Conversation sprinkled throughout the meal
- Combine all ingredients and serve in large portions!

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
Matthew 18:20



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 Monday, November 27th.**

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 December 21st, 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 December 20th.** Contact Berenice Zayas for more information or to sign up at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Youth News

Tuesday Morning Donuts! Every Tuesday that Belton High School is in session, Kirstie will have donuts and a little prayer for High School youth heading to school. The Youth Office doors will open at 7am for kids to stop in on their way to school.

The Next Confirmation Sponsor Night will be on December 13th, 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. All Confirmation Candidates (youth) and their adult Sponsor are expected to attend these meetings. If the Sponsor is unable to attend a meeting with the youth, the youth should still attend. If you are having difficulty finding a Sponsor, please contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office and she will be happy to find someone for you.

PSR News

Donut Sunday! The PSR Second Grade class will be hosting Donuts in the gathering space after the 8am & 10:30am Masses on Jan 7. Please stop by their table to say hello!

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/>

Breakfast with Santa The second grade PSR class will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 3, 8:30am-noon. Come enjoy a pancake breakfast and get your wish list in to Santa! Tickets can be purchased ahead of time in the School of Religion. Adults are \$10 each, Families are \$20 each. Age 2 and under are free. Funds will help the second grade class purchase Christmas gifts for a family in need.



Reflection on the Readings

One more Sunday and our liturgical year comes to a close. *The focus for these last few Sundays of the liturgical year is the end times, the final encounter between God and humanity in which a final assessment of one's life and actions will take place. Traditionally we have made this part of God's job description. Today's readings remind us rather clearly that we take a very active part in the final encounter with God.*

The fear of the Lord seems to dominate the readings. Psalm 128 focuses our thoughts with its refrain, "Blessed are those who fear the Lord." The fear of God is not one of dread or trembling but rather one of awe, reverence, respect and majesty. Such fear is affirmed as the "beginning of wisdom."

The first reading from the book of Proverbs praises and blesses a woman for her role as a worthy wife, but most especially for her ability to "fear the Lord." Why such praise? Because anyone who "fears the Lord" acknowledges the mystery, grandeur and majesty of God. Such people seek to know, understand and gain wisdom into the meaning and purpose of life, the purpose for which we were created. For all human beings, such wisdom leads to a recognition of God's many blessings to us, most especially in terms of work and family.

Paul in his First Letter to the Thessalonians reminds us that often we are worried about many things that we can do nothing about. This leads to stress, confusion and misunderstanding of what is really important in life. In Christ, we have become "children of the light and children of the day." By focusing on Christ and living in his light, we gain the wisdom we need to focus on what is important in our relationship to

God and others. We will remain "alert and sober" always attuned to God's desires and intentions, and to what needs to be done so that even more light can be cultivated.

Matthew's parable of the talents can be interpreted in many ways. *The original intent of the parable as taught by Jesus during his public ministry addressed the injustice and oppression of the poor by the rich. It was understood that the rich got richer by oppressing and stealing from the poor. The first two servants act as retainers, assisting the rich in oppressing others by gaining more wealth for the master, thus cooperating in the rampant economic injustice.*

The third servant refuses to oppress others by not cooperating in this unjust system. By boldly questioning his master's greed, oppression and injustice, the third servant returns to his master what was his to begin with and nothing more. For this he is severely reprimanded and punished. Such is the fate of any person who dares to question injustice and oppression, especially in the realm of economics and the bottom line. Read this way, the parable severely challenges our current economic system and all those who cooperate in getting rich by oppressing the poor.

Matthew, sixty years after Jesus, refashions this parable into an allegory

about the end times. In light of the end times, it takes on a different meaning than it had during the ministry of Jesus. The parable fashions the master as God who entrusts us with gifts to be used for building up God's people. The praised disciples are those who use their gifts wisely, boldly and faithfully, willing to take risks and be creative in the use of their gifts for building up God's people.

Such disciples are willing to reach out to others, even when inconvenient, challenging or costly, in order that God's care and love can be manifested. Such disciples are prophetic, willing to challenge the status quo so that justice and right relationship prevail. Such disciples do not bury their gifts or hold on blindly to custom or tradition for fear of not getting it right. Rather they trust enough in God's wisdom and light to be willing to take risks for God and others.

Both interpretations of the parable uphold Jesus' Jewish values which always favor justice and concern for all, most especially the poor, marginalized and the powerless. *How is justice for the oppressed and powerless an integral part of how you live out your baptismal call? This week, reflect on how you put these values into practice as you prepare for God's coming at the end times.*

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, November 19

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (1a)

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 26

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm: Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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 offer study sessions that provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **Our next Bible Study dates are Nov. 19th and Dec. 10th at 10:30am in the conference room.** All are welcome; bring a bible. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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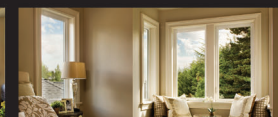
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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

Un domingo más y nuestro año litúrgico llega a su fin. *El enfoque para estos últimos domingos del año litúrgico es el final de los tiempos, el encuentro final entre Dios y la humanidad en el que tendrá lugar una evaluación final de la vida y las acciones de uno. Tradicionalmente hemos hecho esta parte de la descripción del trabajo de Dios. Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan bastante claramente que tomamos una parte muy activa en el encuentro final con Dios.*

El temor del Señor parece dominar las lecturas. El Salmo 127 enfoca nuestros pensamientos con su estribillo: "Dichoso el que teme al Señor". El temor de Dios no es de terror ni de temblar de miedo, sino más bien es un temor reverencial, de respeto y majestad. Tal temor se afirma como el "comienzo de la sabiduría".

La primera lectura del libro de Proverbios alaba y bendice a una mujer por su papel de esposa digna, pero especialmente por su capacidad de "temer al Señor". ¿Por qué tal alabanza? Porque cualquiera que "teme al Señor" reconoce el misterio, la grandeza y la majestad de Dios. Tales personas buscan conocer, comprender y ganar sabiduría en el significado y el propósito de la vida, el propósito para el cual fuimos creados. Para todos los seres humanos, tal sabiduría conduce a un reconocimiento de las muchas bendiciones de Dios para nosotros, especialmente en términos de trabajo y familia.

Pablo en su Primera Carta a los Tesalonicenses nos recuerda que muchas veces estamos preocupados por muchas cosas de las que no podemos hacer nada. Esto lleva al estrés, la confusión y la incompreensión de lo que es realmente importante en la vida. En Cristo, nos hemos convertido en "hijos de la luz e hijos del día". *Al centrarnos en Cristo y vivir en su luz, obtenemos la sabiduría que necesitamos para enfocarnos en lo que es importante en nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás.* Permaneceremos "despiertos y sobrios" siempre en sintonía con los deseos e intenciones de Dios, y con lo que se necesita hacer para que se pueda cultivar aún más luz.

La parábola de los talentos de Mateo se puede interpretar de muchas maneras. *El propósito original de la parábola como lo enseñó Jesús durante su ministerio público abordó la injusticia y la opresión de los pobres por los ricos.* Se entendía que los ricos se enriquecían oprimiendo y robando a los pobres. Los primeros dos sirvientes actúan como criados, ayudando a los ricos a oprimir a otros al ganar más riqueza para el amo, cooperando así en la injusticia económica desenfrenada.

El tercer sirviente se niega a oprimir a los demás al no cooperar en este sistema injusto. Al cuestionar audazmente la avaricia, la opresión y la injusticia de su amo, el tercer sirviente devuelve a su maestro lo que era suyo desde el comienzo y nada más. Por esto, es severamente reprendido y castigado. Tal es el destino de cualquier persona que se atreva a cuestionar la injusticia y la opresión, especialmente en el ámbito de la economía y el resultado final. *Leído de esta manera, la parábola desafía severamente a nuestro sistema económico actual y a todos aquellos que cooperan para enriquecerse oprimiendo a los pobres.*

Mateo, sesenta años después de Jesús, reconfigura esta parábola en una alegoría sobre el fin de los tiempos. A la luz de los tiempos finales, adquiere un significado diferente al que tuvo durante el ministerio de Jesús. La parábola modela al maestro como Dios que nos confía los dones para ser usados para construir al pueblo de Dios. Los discípulos elogiados son aquellos que usan sus dones de manera sabia, audaz y fiel, dispuestos a tomar riesgos y ser creativos en el uso de sus dones para construir al pueblo de Dios.

Tales discípulos están dispuestos a acercarse a los demás, incluso cuando es inconveniente, desafiante o costoso, para que el cuidado y el amor de Dios puedan manifestarse. Tales discípulos son proféticos, dispuestos a desafiar las cosas como están para que la justicia y la relación correcta prevalezcan. Tales discípulos no entierran sus dones ni se aferran ciegamente a la costumbre o la tradición por temor a no hacerlo bien. *Por el contrario, confían lo suficiente en la sabiduría y la luz de Dios como para estar dispuestos a correr riesgos para Dios y los demás.*

Ambas interpretaciones de la parábola sostienen los valores judíos de Jesús que siempre favorecen la justicia y la preocupación por todos, especialmente los pobres, marginados e impotentes. *¿De qué manera es la justicia para los oprimidos e impotentes una parte integral de cómo se vive su llamada bautismal? Esta semana, reflexione sobre cómo pone estos valores en práctica mientras se prepara para la venida de Dios en el fin de los tiempos.*

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 19 de Noviembre

Primera Lectura: Proverbios 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Salmo: Salmo 127:1-2, 3, 4-5

Segunda Lectura: 1 Tesalonicenses 5:1-6

Evangelio: Mateo 25:14-30

Lecturas del Domingo, 26 de Noviembre

Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Salmo: Salmo 22:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6

Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 15:20-26, 28

Evangelio: Mateo 25:31-46

Ministerio Juvenil

Oportunidades para Voluntarios

Uplift Org. Si le gustaría traer comidas a las personas sin hogar en el 4° o 5° 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 4° 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 27 de Noviembre.

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 21 de Diciembre 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 20 de Diciembre. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150

Noticias Juveniles

Donas los Martes por la Mañana! Cada martes que Belton High School tiene clases, Kirstie tendrá donas y hará oraciones con los jóvenes de High School antes de ir a la escuela. Las puertas de la Oficina de la Juventud se abrirán a las 7am para que los jóvenes pasen antes de la escuela.

La Próxima Noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación es el 13 de diciembre, 7-8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial. Se espera que todos los candidatos a la confirmación (jóvenes) y sus padrinos adultos asistan a estas reuniones. Si el padrino no puede asistir a una reunión con el joven, el joven todavía debe asistir. Si tienes dificultades para encontrar un padrino, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud y ella estará encantada de encontrar a alguien para ti.

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 Victimas, 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/>

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

Desayuno con Santa Claus La clase del segundo grado de la Escuela de Religión será la anfitriona de un Desayuno con Santa Claus el domingo, 3 de diciembre de las 8:30am-12:00pm. ¡Vengan a disfrutar de un desayuno de hot cakes y entreguen sus listas de deseos a Santa! Los boletos se pueden comprar con anticipación en la Escuela de Religión. Los adultos cuestan \$10 cada uno, las familias cuestan \$20 cada una. Precios para niños también estarán disponibles. Los fondos recaudados ayudarán a los niños a comprar regalos de Navidad para una familia necesitada.



Información/Corresponsabilidad

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 9 de Diciembre

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) En el salón doble del área de la escuela. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial.

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.**

Apelación Católica Anual (ACA)

Gracias a las 75 familias que han contribuido a la Apelación Católica Anual. Hasta ahora hemos recibido \$10,384.00 en promesas y contribuciones. Estamos tratando de lograr el 100% de participación; 4.9% de nuestras familias han hecho una contribución o promesa hasta el momento.



Felicidades Por Su Boda

¡Felicidades a Miguel Pérez y Claudia Hinojos quienes se casaron el sábado, 18 de noviembre!

Reunión de Planificación para la Celebración Guadalupana

Si desea integrar alguno de los diferentes grupos que se formarán para esta celebración, le invitamos a acompañarnos el 3 de Diciembre a una reunión a la 1:30 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial. ¡Le esperamos! Si desea hacer alguna donación a nuestra festividad, por favor contacte a Rita Lopez al 816-301-1708 o a Berenice Zayas al 816-979-5150.

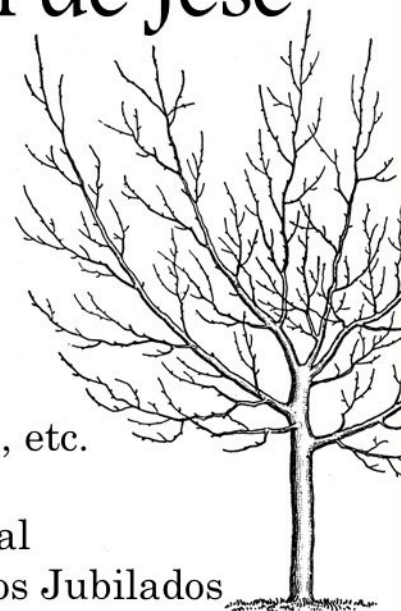
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Honramos a sus seres queridos y continuamos manteniéndolos en oración. Cuando noviembre llegue a su fin, el Área de Conmemoración concluirá. Por favor planeé llevar sus fotos a casa el fin de semana del 25/26 de noviembre. Gracias.

Horarios de Misa

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Domingo: 8:00am y 10:30am en Ingles,
12:30pm en Español

Confesiones: Sábados, 3:00-3:30pm

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The Parish Office will be closed on:
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Friday, November 24
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Viernes, 24 de Noviembre
en observancia del Día de Acción
de Gracias.