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



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Remember, Renew, Rejoice...



Pictured are Thelma Putnam, Bettianne Gardiner, Bob Coomer and Jane Nouryeh at the Over 55 Christmas party on December 11. More pictures on page 3.

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

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Mass times.**

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for December 30, 2019-January 3, 2020

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	4pm	†Don Bannerman
Wed.	10am	†Mary Ann Hall
Thurs.	8am	†George Bremer
Fri.	8am	†Jerrie Holden

Saturday, January 4, 2020

4:00pm †Pauline Bellm

Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:00am	Intentions of Our Parish Family
	†Barbara Burdick
10:30am	†Viola Burns
12:30pm Spanish	†Mercedes Medrano Rodriguez

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

†Jerrie Holden, wife of John Holden

†George Bremer, husband of Maxine Bremer,
father of Brenda Bremer



Calendar/Information

Sunday, December 29 - Domingo, 29 de Diciembre

Christmas Light Recycle/Reciclaje de Luces Navideñas

7:30am Knights Family Rosary

10:00am Knights Family Rosary

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Monday, December 30 - Lunes, 30 de Diciembre

4:00pm Uplift Delivery

Tuesday, December 31 - Martes, 31 de Diciembre

4:00pm Holy Day Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1 - Miércoles, 1 de Enero

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10:00am Holy Day Mass: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, January 2 - Jueves, 2 de Enero

9:30am Piecemakers Quilt Group

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

8:00pm Choir Rehearsal (8:00 group)

Friday, January 3 - Viernes, 3 de Enero

8:30am Adoration/Adoración

Saturday, January 4 - Sábado, 4 de Enero

Christmas Light Recycle/Reciclaje de Luces Navideñas

Roses for Life/Rosas para la Vida

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 5- Domingo, 5 de Enero

Christmas Light Recycle/Reciclaje de Luces Navideñas

Roses for Life/Rosas para la Vida

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge

11:00am Boy Scouts Religious Emblem Class

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

11:00am Escuela de Religión/Piñatas

1:30pm Los Reyes Magos

3:00pm Search Team Meeting/Equipo Search

7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Holiday Mass Times

Mass Times for Mary, the Holy Mother of God (holy day of obligation):

4:00 PM Tuesday, Dec 31

10:00 AM Wednesday, Jan 1, 2020

Baptism Prep - January 9 at 7pm

Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for Thursday, January 9 at 7pm in the conference room of the parish hall. To register for this class, please contact Kris at 816-979-3151 or kris@stsabinaparish.org for a baptism application, or download one from our website at <http://stsabinaparish.org/sacraments/>.

Over 55 Christmas Party



Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

Matthew and Luke are the only two gospels that narrate events concerning Jesus' birth and infancy. Each offers a unique perspective of these events.



Matthew's infancy narratives reflect the tensions that exist within his primarily Jewish community over the acceptance of Jesus as the long awaited Jewish messiah. Along with this tension is the question and hesitation by Jesus' Jewish followers over the prospect of being open and welcoming to Gentiles who desire to join them in following Jesus. These tensions are reflected in Matthew's infancy narratives and lend a rather stark, foreboding and tension-filled aspect to the events when compared to Luke's infancy narratives. These tensions include a Jewish genealogy of Jesus that includes Gentile women, a movement by Joseph to divorce pregnant Mary, Gentile Magi and not Jewish king or religious leaders recognizing Jesus as new born king, the killing of innocent children, the flight into Egypt to escape a death threat, the return and settlement in Nazareth for fear of another Jewish king in Judea. Make time to view this week's DYK video and learn more of the unique aspects of Matthew's infancy narratives.

Youth Basketball Tournament

Over the holiday break, it is difficult for CYO and Parochial League teams to practice and play to improve before starting back up their season. The 12th Annual Best of KC Catholic Youth Basketball Tournament is a perfect opportunity for your team to play in some fun, competitive games and improve as well.

- When: December 30, 2019 and January 1, 2020
- Who: Boys and Girls 3rd-8th Grade Teams. Teams of all levels are encouraged to play.
- Where: Avila University, Sion High School, Rockhurst High School, St. Thomas More
- Cost: \$150 per team (Registration Deadline is December 17th at Noon)
- Info: <http://catholicyouthbasketball.com/>
- Questions: Tournament Director Jim Huber at (816) 728-2341 / jjim@coachhuber.com

happy birthday

Alexander Arreola	McKenna Griggs	Ana Palomares
Guadalupe Ayala	Shaun Halbhuber	Valerie Pina
Ramona Benitez	Hector Hernandez	Marcela Ramirez Galvez
Renee Biondo	Josue Hinojos	Riley Robinson
Elizabeth Breier	Yamilet Huerta	Luis Rocha
Maria Candia	Isabel Jaimes	Eliceo Rocha
Candido Cano	Claude Jewell	Mercedes Rosa
Anthony Cedillo	Nicole Jordan	Conner Scott
Alexander Coffin	Kathy Kratofil	Kurt Shatford
Jose Contreras	Julie Lafata	Jeff Shields
Monte Crosby	Susan Lager	Laurie Sigman
Donna Dailey	Robert Lang	Larry Spencer
Honorio Dionicio	Shari Lindsay	Bethany Stoverink
Gustavo Enriquez	Shelby Lueckenotto	Mary Theobald
Enrique Esparza	Hailey Lueckenotto	Jesus Torres
Pat Falcon	Chloe Mackall	Rosa Torres
Cezar Franco	Drake Mackall	Jose Valenzuela
Adriana Garcia	Jennifer Mackinnon	Janet Villalobos
Maria Garcia	Mary Madrigal	Terrance Wartell
Zaira Gomez	Jordan Martin	Mary Weber
Yeni Gonzalez	Jamie McNiel	Jerry Wilburn
Emily Gracida	Argentina Meza-Dubón	Armando Yanez
Marie Graves	Eli Morgan	Maria Zuñiga

Happy Anniversary

James and Ann Morales	53 Years!	12/31/1966
Eliceo and Maria Rocha	53 Years!	1/1/1967
John and Barbara Clark	52 Years!	12/30/1967
Gary and Peggy Manning	52 Years!	12/30/1967
Louis and Sue Scaccia	39 Years!	1/3/1981
Carlos and Maria Arroyo	30 Years!	12/31/1989
Jesus and Rosa Torres	29 Years!	1/5/1991
Jaime Perez and Doraida Aguirre	26 Years!	12/31/1993
Ramon and Isela Gomez	24 Years!	12/31/1995
Derek and Sarah Noble	6 Years!	1/4/2014

Calling all Marriage Encounter Couples...

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering an afternoon of enrichment, for any couple that has experienced a Marriage Encounter Weekend, on Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 1:00 - 4:15pm at the Precious Blood Center, 2130 Saint Gaspar Way, Liberty, Missouri. Entitled "Lighting the Way Together - Castles to Lighthouses", the afternoon will reinvigorate your communication and rekindle the love in your relationship. Mass will be celebrated at 4:30pm with a free willing offering to defray the program costs. For more information or to RSVP, email Rich & Wendy Lorenz at wendyteach3@yahoo.com by January 10th.

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Jan 1	10:00am	Holy Day Mass at St. Sabina
Jan 8	10:30am	Benton House
Jan 15	10:00am	Foxwood Springs

Mental Health Challenges

Some are more visible, others can be harder to see when you're not looking for them. But, they are still there. These statistics provide a look at how many people face a mental health or substance use challenge, whether we see it or not:

- In the United States, almost half of adults (46.4 percent) will experience a mental illness during their lifetime.
- 5 percent of adults (18 or older) experience a mental illness in any one year, equivalent to 43.8 million people.
- Half of all mental disorders begin by age 14 and three-quarters by age 24.
- In the United States, only 41 percent of the people who had a mental disorder in the past year received professional health care or other services.

Please don't suffer alone; speak with your family and your primary care physician.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Available 24/7

ACI Mental Health Crisis Hotline

1-888-279-8188 Available 24/7, Multilingual

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Anna Anderson	Martha Healy	Michelle Rose
Dennis Berg	Beth Heide	Anna Ryan
Jean Berg	Rhonda Henke	Ron Schock
John Bidondo	Alex Henningsen	Doris Shields
Mary Pat Biondo	Morgan Hilliard	Jaxton Shipley
Betty Bremenkamp	Richard Hoedl	Lois Simpson
Maxine Bremer	Gale Holsman	Don Standley
Sheila Brown	John Jongenelen	Rachael Casady Smith
Joyce Callahan	Don Kueck	Cleo Srader
Marge Campbell	Emmy Long	Wally Srader
John Cikan	Kristy McClain	Marie Stinger
Joseph Coots	Ray Malisos	Lois Stogsdill
Toby Coyle	Laurie Marmon	Rita Stout
Barry Dougherty	Bienvenido Martinez	Jean Tate
Irene Down	Nancy Meiron	Joe Taylor
Paula Dull	Janet Moorman	Priscilla Tristani
Terry Eppert	Bogumila Oczko	Tierney VanMeter
Pat Ford	Mark Parson	Margaret Vargo
Jean Frank	George Panebianco	Senny Vigil
Bettianne Gardiner	Monica Peek	Richard Vogel
Butch Geer	Diane Quinn	Mary Westfall
Judy Giannini	Leona Ragsdale	William Jordan Family
Rita Ann Hand	Larry Rhodes	Merle Woolworth
Cherie Hatfield	Agustin Rivera	Carmitia Yust

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

KMCI, channel 38 at 7:00 am, Sundays.

Wellness Center

Did You Know— Health coaching can help you achieve your goals to improve your health and well-being. Consider working with a health coach to support you on your journey to wellness and achieve your New Year's resolutions for better health this year.

Here are some benefits of health coaching-

1. You receive a personalized plan according to your needs. You've probably come to realize that there's no "one size fits all" solution for health improvements. Work with a health coach to develop a customized plan created just for you.
2. Your health coach educates you about your health and how to make changes that will support you in the long-term.
3. Your health coach helps you break through the blocks to continue moving forward on your health.
4. A health coach keeps you motivated and accountable.

A journey begins with the first step. Join us in the Wellness Center for health coaching, screenings and more!



Stewardship

AmazonSmile Donations

Did you know that we are eligible to receive donations based on your Amazon purchases? Last quarter, we received donations based off of over \$3000 of your purchases! Please remember this while doing your Amazon shopping! To support us in this way, be sure to do your Amazon shopping through smile.amazon.com and select "St. Sabina Catholic Church, Belton" as your charity of choice.



Contributions for December 15

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$10,291.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 823.81
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 499.00
Guadalupe Mass:	\$ 1,607.19

Contributions for December 22

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the December 22 contributions will be listed in our January 12 bulletin.

Focus on Ministry

Each month we will be highlighting one of our many parish ministries. Please take this opportunity to read about the ministries offered at our parish. If you are interested in volunteering, or simply want more information, please reach out to the contact person listed at the bottom of the ministry highlight.

55 and Over Ministry

Our 55 and Over Ministry provides activities throughout the year for parishioners to come together for fun, fellowship and food. Activities include pot luck luncheons, games, outings, and our annual Christmas party. All parishioners ages 55 and older are invited to attend any of the events. The more people that participate, the more fun that is had by all. Thanks to Sarah Noble, sehampel@gmail.com, for coordinating this ministry. Pictured below parishioners enjoy their Christmas party which was held on December 11.



"When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel."

Matthew 2: 19-21

Today's feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a fitting time to consider the importance of the virtue of the stewardship pillar of hospitality within the context of our own domestic churches. Why is hospitality so important? Well, we can hardly expect our family members to pray together, study their faith, and serve others if we have a home where we are disconnected from each other, or the atmosphere is stressful and tense. Of course there will be moments like this. But we must be intentional in creating homes where everyone feels accepted and important. We want our homes to be the place to get recharged to go out and bring love to everyone we encounter outside our home. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Poinsettias in Memory/Honor of our Loved Ones

Poinsettias have been placed in the sanctuary in memory of the following: Irena Oczko, Edward and Halina Pawlus, Robert and Stefania Papez, John C. Mayabb, L. James Wolfe, Dorothy, Rita, Annie, Joyce, Carl Parrott, Ralph and Ruth Richardson, Theo Suwito, Felix Suwito, Frank P Henke, Joan Biondo, Dolores Biondo, Fran Birkner, Wm. P. Birkner, Phil Moore, Walter Zmuda, George Pierce, Robert Meiron, Barbara Pierce, Casey Pointer, Albert and Loritta Verhulst, Darrell Littler, Francis Storm, Albert Storm, Judy Kemper, Joe and Dodie Maurer, Jack Shatford, Marjorie and Le Witulski, Paul E. Hughes II, Ko and Chieko Hongo, Rita H Miller, Justin Chrane, Robert Humphrey, Logan Cannon, Vernon Cook, Joseph Falco Sr., Ursula Buell, Keith Buell, Veronica Yust, Raymond Yust, Buttercup, Joe and Gloria McLaughlin, Marie Potyandy, William Firner, John Healy, Maurine, Pat Rose, Jean Wasleski, and the souls in Purgatory.

Poinsettias have also been placed in the sanctuary in honor of the following: Al and Kathleen Gebauer and The Anthony Family.



Stewardship/Parish Happenings

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.

Catholic Key Appeal - January 4-5

Our second collection on January 4-5 will be to support our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Key. If you would like to receive a copy of the diocesan newspaper, (or renew your subscription) you may use your envelope in your packet to give an offering of \$25. The diocese requires that 35% of our parish families receive the Catholic Key. If you currently receive the Key at no cost to you, that means the parish is paying for your subscription. Please consider subscribing to the Key to help offset the costs to the parish.

Retirement Plan Assets

Plan your legacy – retirement plan assets

As Christian stewards, we share the responsibility of making our Church a true community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the larger community. This includes providing financial support for today's needs, and building a firm financial foundation for tomorrow.

Beneficiaries of your Retirement Plan Assets

A gift of all or a portion of your remaining assets from an

IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or other retirement plan may be one of the smartest and least "expensive" ways to favor your parish, school, ministry or the Church. Very substantial sums are currently invested in retirement plans. For many people, their retirement plan may be the principal asset at the end of their life.

Tax Treatment

Taxable to your heirs

In addition to inheritance taxes if the balance is large (more than \$11.2 million in 2018), if retirement plan assets pass to family members other than the spouse, the heir pays income tax on the value received. If a child is in the 22% tax bracket when he/she receives retirement plan assets from a parent, then a 22% tax will be levied on the receipt of these funds.

Tax free to your parish, school or other ministry

If you have other assets to provide for your heirs, giving assets from retirement accounts directly to your parish, school or other ministry can by-pass taxation. Moreover, these gifts can be accomplished quite easily.

Most retirement fund managers provide "beneficiary designation forms" available through a website or by calling the manager of the funds. The proper legal name of your parish, **St. Sabina Catholic Church, Belton**, should be listed on the beneficiary designation form with a portion or amount of the fund to be designated for the benefit of the parish or ministry. **Please consult with your own attorney and other professional advisors regarding your personal tax and financial situation.**



*Parish Mission with
Fr. Dick Gielow*

*Save the Dates!
March 7-11, 2020*

Parish Information/Youth Ministry

PSR News

First Reconciliation will be Tuesday, January 21st at 7pm. Parents are asked to accompany their children to this service and arrive 10 minutes early to check in with their teachers in the gathering space.

Youth News

Junior High Youth! Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 8 at 7pm.

Confirmation Candidates! Our next Sponsor Night will be January 15 from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Search Retreat! All youth in the Confirmation program are required to attend this retreat on February 14th through the 16th. Details will be sent directly to your home and will include your permission slip, packing list and information for your parents.

Search Team Meetings! All Peer Ministers and Adult Chaperones for this retreat are required to attend the meetings before the retreat on each Sunday of January from 3-5pm as well as February 2nd and 9th, 3-5pm. If any returning Peer Ministers would like to join the Team for Search this year, please contact Kirstie Roberts immediately.



Congratulations to, Noah, Eziryah and Roman, sons of Ivan and Erika, who were baptized on December 15!

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
-Luke 1:46-47

Mary, Mother of God
A young virgin chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, true God and true man. On the cross, Jesus gave Mary to us to be our mother as well.

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January 1

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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:

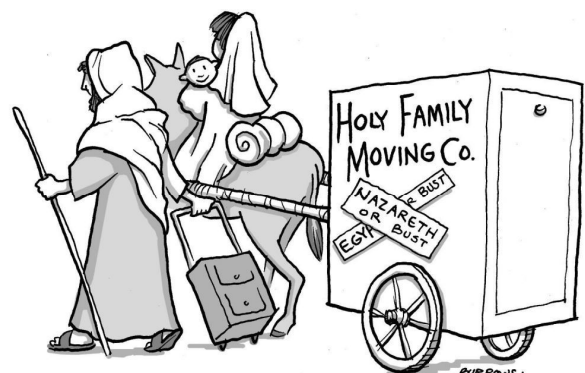
1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected **sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult** to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, 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/>

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Joseph got up and took the child and his mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. Mt 2:14

Reflection on the Readings

The refrain from Responsorial Psalm 128 for the Feast of the Holy Family focuses the theme of this feast: **"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."** This beatitude, a constant form of Jewish prayer, asks for blessings on those who fear the Lord and walk in the Lord's ways. **"Fear of the Lord" is understood in terms of awe, respect and wonder at the majesty and greatness of the Lord.**

Such **"fear"** should lead to a life style reflecting the **Lord's desires and intentions for all creation.** The heart of biblical wisdom literature constantly proclaims that the fear of the Lord is indeed the beginning of wisdom and the source of God's blessings. **But the Lord's blessings do not take away life's ambiguities, anxieties, tensions and struggles. Rather blessings often come through those very complex realities of life.**

The readings from Sirach and Colossians both speak of the constant vigilance and work required in sustaining the multiple relationships of life. Families, friends, loved ones and even those we do not like are to be treated with "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." We are called to mutually bear "with one another" and forgive one another the way the Lord has forgiven us. Colossians reminds us that in all these actions and ways of relating we are to "put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." **Ultimately, how we conduct our human relationships is a measure of how we "fear the Lord and walk in the Lord's ways."**

Matthew's infancy narratives, unlike Luke's, have a **dark, foreboding and tension-filled aspect to them.** Matthew's gospel relates the frightening adventure of Joseph, Mary and Jesus being forced to flee to a foreign land in fear of Herod. Not just their well being, but their very lives are at stake. Being forced to leave the comforts of home and country for a strange land must have been a very dreadful, distressing experience. Yet they did not hesitate to do so. **The safety, dignity and security of the family were more important than the dangers or difficulties that they knew they would encounter. It must have been difficult to travel in fear to a strange land, not knowing the customs, the language or whether they would be welcomed. Placing their trust in the Lord, they ventured off, praying that some blessing would result.**

Many immigrants today experience similar oppression, fear and dread. **For the sake of their families'**

need for safety, security as well as a just and decent life, they emigrate to other lands. It is extremely difficult to travel in fear to a strange land, not knowing the customs, the language or whether they would be welcomed. **The Holy Family experienced just that. How would you have treated the Holy Family had they come into our land? How do we treat the immigrant family/asylum seekers who come to our land seeking safety, justice and dignity?** How do you respond when you see people locked out, caged in, and mistreated in the name of national fear?

Our nation's rhetoric on immigration has become utterly divisive. As disciples, we need to reflect on what it means for us as Christians to walk in the Lord's way. A human being in need of help, hospitality and care is a member of God's human family, and is to be treated as we would treat Christ. **Jesus never asked for identity cards before he would show care and concern, and neither should we. The issues are complicated, yes. But the way we treat others is a defining measure of the way we relate to God, and how we will be judged.**

How would you have treated the Holy Family had they needed to emigrate to the United States? Would you have been a source of blessing for them in the midst of their misfortune? Or would you have rejected them because they looked different, spoke a different language, and could be here to harm us? **These are sober reflections for all of us as we continue to inform ourselves about the justice of our immigration laws and policies towards immigrants.** As a nation whose very identity is based on liberty, equality and sustaining human dignity, we desperately need to discern how we treat those in our midst who are here because they could not live with security, dignity, justice and equality in their native place. Let us all work to promote just and fair immigration policies and laws.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings

Sunday, December 29

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

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

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Sunday, January 5

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (11)

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



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 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 Sundays, January 12 and 26 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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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

El refrán del Salmo 104 Responsorial para la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, "El Señor se acuerda de su alianza eternamente", resalta la realidad de que nuestro Dios es un Dios fiel. Nuestro Dios ha entrado en una relación de pacto con nosotros y nunca olvida, ni retracta las promesas de la alianza. **La clave de la alianza de Dios es la promesa de estar con nosotros para siempre.** La Navidad, junto con la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, es el cumplimiento de la promesa del pacto de una manera que nunca podríamos haber imaginado: Dios convirtiéndose en uno de nosotros en la persona de Jesús.

El Salmo 104 nos invita a alabar al Señor por ser siempre fiel a las promesas hechas que perduran no solo por un corto período sino "por mil generaciones". Esta es una forma bíblica de decir que la fidelidad de Dios dura para siempre. **La Sagrada Familia, a pesar de las diversas luchas que tuvieron que soportar, permaneció fiel al plan de Dios.** Cooperaron consistentemente con el plan de Dios al ser fieles a los caminos de Dios y al enseñar a Jesús, Dios con nosotros, a ser fiel a la voluntad y los valores de Dios. **Tal estilo de vida exige una sintonización constante con Dios en el contexto de la vida familiar y las relaciones.**

Las lecturas de Eclesiástico y Colosenses hablan de la vigilancia constante y el trabajo requerido para sintonizarnos continuamente con Dios en el contexto de las múltiples relaciones de la familia y la vida. A las familias, los amigos, los seres queridos e incluso aquellos que no nos gustan deberíamos ser "compasivos, magnánimos, humildes, afables y pacientes". Estamos llamados a soportarnos mutuamente y perdonarnos el uno al otro de la manera en que el Señor nos ha perdonado. Colosenses nos recuerda que en todas estas acciones y formas de relacionarnos debemos tener "amor, que es el vínculo de la perfecta unión". **En última instancia, cómo llevamos a cabo nuestras relaciones humanas es una medida de cómo caminamos los caminos del Señor.**

Las narrativas de infancia según Mateo, a diferencia de las de Lucas, tienen un aspecto oscuro, inquietante y lleno de tensión. El evangelio de Mateo relata la aterradora aventura de José, María y Jesús obligados a huir a una tierra extranjera por temor a Herodes. No solo su bienestar sino sus vidas están en juego. Ser obligado a abandonar las comodidades del hogar y el país por una tierra extraña debe haber sido una experiencia muy terrible y angustiosa. Sin embargo, no dudaron en hacerlo. **La seguridad y la dignidad de la familia eran más importantes que los peligros o dificultades que sabían que enfrentarían. Debe haber sido difícil viajar con miedo a una tierra extraña, sin conocer las costumbres, el idioma o si serían bienvenidos. Al dejar su confianza en el Señor, se aventuraron, rezando para que se obtuvieran alguna bendición.**

Muchos inmigrantes de hoy también experimentan una opresión, miedo y temor similar. En aras de la necesidad de seguridad de sus familias, así como de una vida justa y decente, emigran a otras tierras. Es extremadamente difícil viajar con miedo a una tierra extraña, sin conocer las costumbres, el idioma o si serían bienvenidos. **La Sagrada Familia experimentó exactamente eso. ¿Cómo hubiera tratado a la Sagrada Familia si hubieran venido a nuestra tierra? ¿Cómo tratamos a las familias inmigrantes y solicitantes de asilo que vienen a nuestra tierra en busca de seguridad, justicia y dignidad? ¿Cómo responde cuando ve personas encerradas, y maltratadas en nombre del miedo nacional?**

La retórica de nuestra nación sobre inmigración se ha vuelto completamente divisiva. Como discípulos, debemos reflexionar sobre lo que significa para nosotros, como cristianos, caminar en el camino del Señor. Un ser humano que necesita ayuda, hospitalidad y cuidado es un miembro de la familia humana de Dios, y debe ser tratado como trataríamos a Cristo. **Jesús nunca pidió tarjetas de identidad antes de mostrar cuidado y preocupación, y nosotros tampoco deberíamos. Los problemas son complicados, sí. Pero la forma en que tratamos a los demás es una medida definitoria de la forma en que nos relacionamos con Dios y de cómo seremos juzgados.**

¿Cómo hubiera tratado a la Sagrada Familia si hubieran necesitado emigrar a los Estados Unidos? ¿Habría sido una fuente de bendición para ellos en medio de su desgracia? ¿O los habría rechazado porque se veían diferentes, hablaban un idioma diferente y podrían estar aquí para dañarnos? Estas son reflexiones serias para todos nosotros mientras continuamos informándonos sobre la justicia de nuestras leyes y políticas de inmigración hacia los inmigrantes. Como una nación cuya misma identidad se basa en la libertad, la igualdad y el sostenimiento de la dignidad humana, necesitamos desesperadamente discernir cómo tratamos a aquellos que están aquí porque no podrían vivir con seguridad, dignidad, justicia e igualdad en su lugar natal. **Trabajemos todos para promover políticas y leyes de inmigración justas.**

Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 29 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Eclesiástico 3:2-6, 12-14

Salmo: Salmo 104:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Segunda Lectura: Colosenses 3:12-21

Evangelio: Mateo 2:13-15, 19-23

Lecturas del Domingo, 5 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 60:1-6

Salmo: Salmo 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6

Evangelio: Mateo 2:1-12

Ministerio Juvenil/Información

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

La **primera reconciliación** será el martes 21 de enero a las 7pm. Se les pide a los padres que acompañen a sus hijos a este servicio y que lleguen 10 minutos antes para registrarse con sus maestros en el espacio de reunión.

Noticias de los Jóvenes

¡Jóvenes de la Middle School! Nuestra próxima reunión será el 8 de enero a las 7pm.

¡Candidatos de la Confirmación! Nuestra próxima Noche de Padrinos será el 15 de enero de 7 a 8:30 pm en el Salón Parroquial.

¡Retiro de Confirmación Search! Todos los jóvenes en el programa de Confirmación deben asistir a este retiro del 14 al 16 de febrero. Los detalles serán enviados directamente a su hogar e incluirán su hoja de permiso, lista de empaque e información para sus padres.

¡Reuniones del Equipo Search! Se requiere que todos los Ministros jóvenes y Chaperones adultos de este retiro asistan a las reuniones antes del retiro cada domingo de enero de 3 a 5 p.m., así como los días 2 y 9 de febrero de 3 a 5 p.m. Si alguno de los Ministros jóvenes del año pasado quisiera unirse al Equipo Search este año, comuníquese con Kirstie Roberts de inmediato.

¡Felicidades a Allison, hija de Olinser y Alejandra, quien fue bautizada el 15 de diciembre!



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

La Diócesis tiene un sincero compromiso con los recursos del cuidado y la curación para las víctimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Víctimas, 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/>

Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



Y José, levantándose, tomó de noche al Niño y a su madre, y se trasladó a Egipto. Mt 2:14

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Misas para Santa María, Madre de Dios

4:00 PM martes 31 de Diciembre

10:00 AM miércoles 1 de Enero, 2020

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