

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Congratulations to Crystal Gutierrez and Guerrero Hinojos who were married on July 1st!

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.

Vacation Bible School!

Sunday through Thursday, July 16th-20th, 5:30-8:30pm, in the evenings we will have "Maker Fun Factory! Created by God, Built for a Purpose!" Registration forms for children and adult volunteers are available on the website, in the back of the church and in the Youth Office. Cost is \$25 per child.



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Intentions for July 17-21, 2017

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed.	10am	COMMUNION SERVICE (Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Fri.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, July 22, 2017

- 4:00pm †JoAnne Davis
Intentions of the Parish Family

Sunday, July 23, 2017

- 8:00am †Audrey Reichert
10:30am †Jenna Roberts
12:30pm Spanish †Efren Mauro

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

† **Jenna Roberts**, wife of Matthew Roberts and daughter-in-law of Trish Schieszer

† **Julio Reyes**, padre de Calixta Reyes

† **Vidal Tarango**, tío de Sergio Guzman



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, July 16 - Domingo, 16 de Julio

- 10:30am Bible Study
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 5:30pm Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 17- Lunes, 17 de Julio

- 5:30pm Marian Prayer Group
- 5:30pm Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 18 - Martes, 18 de Julio

- 5:30pm Vacation Bible School
- 7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, July 19 - Miércoles, 19 de Julio

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 10:00am Communion Service at Foxwood Springs
- 5:30pm Vacation Bible School
- 7:00pm Knights of Columbus 1st Degree

Thursday, July 20 - Jueves, 20 de Julio

- 9:30am Quilters
- 5:30pm Vacation Bible School
- 8:00pm Choir Practice (8:00 group)

Friday, July 21 - Viernes, 21 de Julio

- 5:00pm Ensayo de Quince Años—Rachell Perez

Saturday, July 22 - Sábado, 22 de Julio

- 1:00pm Quinceañera—Rachell Perez
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, July 23 - Domingo, 23 de Julio

- 8:00am Retiro de Pequeñas Comunidades
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Foundations for Living Stones – A Faith Formation Program for Interested Adults

“Come to him, a living stone...chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourself be built into a spiritual house...” (1 Peter 2:4-5)

St. Sabina, a Catholic faith community committed to total and lifelong faith formation, offers an adult faith formation program titled, Foundations for Living Stones. The program explores in greater depth and knowledge the basics of our faith. All the sessions focus on the ministry that we are called to in and through our baptism. Communication skills, group development, leadership skills, bible study, church history, prayer and sacraments are some of the many areas explored and examined in depth. Adult methods of learning and reflection are employed throughout. The sessions are scheduled on Tuesday evenings, from 7-9:30 PM, beginning in early September and ending in early June. This is a 9-month commitment to deepen one's skills and knowledge so as to become a more effective and engaged disciple and minister. We work collaboratively with neighboring parishes, inviting them to be part of this mutual learning process. For a brochure or more information, please call or e-mail either Kris or Biagio at: Biagio Mazza 816-979-3153; e-mail biagio@stsabinaparish.org or Kris Larkey 816-979-3151; e-mail kris@stsabinaparish.org.



Parish Happenings

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Scott Hilworth and Nancy Owen who were married on Saturday, July 15th!

Delegation to El Salvador - January 2018

St. Sabina Parish currently sponsors 7 students in Cinquera, El Salvador. This past February we were honored to have Heydi Gomez, one of our students, visit us. Currently we are planning a trip to El Salvador in January of 2018. During our visit to El Salvador we plan on visiting all of our students in Cinquera, as well as several historical places in San Salvador, including the chapel where Blessed Oscar Romero was murdered, his tomb, and also the Jesuit University, UCA. Delegates will have the opportunity to learn more about the reality of living in El Salvador by visiting several of our students in their homes and meeting their families. The cost for the trip is approximately \$750 plus airfare. The delegation fee covers all meals, transportation (excluding airfare) and hotels. It is not necessary to speak Spanish, as a translator will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Kris at 816-979-3151 or via email at kris@stsabinaparish.org.

Congratulations to El Salvador Graduates!

On June 29th one of our scholarship students, Idalia Mendoza, and CIS Delegation Coordinator, Evelyn Portillo, graduated from the University of El Salvador with degrees in Education. Evelyn visited St. Sabina in February, and many of you may remember that Idalia was supposed to visit us last February, but her visa was denied. Congratulations to these young women on their accomplishments! Thanks to all those that have donated to raise funds for our scholarship program. Without your donations, Idalia would not have graduated!!



Thank you very much St. Sabina for making this achievement possible, with great perseverance, I have reached this important stage in my life, for which I am very grateful to all the people of good will who, even without knowing us, place their trust in us and sponsor our academic formation, which is the fruit of the sacrifice and courage in facing situations that present themselves to us as students. I am eternally grateful to you, thank you for all your support. Blessings! -Idalia

Green Team Tip of the Week

Calculate out the economic and environmental benefits of your trees <http://www.treebenefits.com/calculator/>

Stewardship

"And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.'

Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Matthew 13: 3-9

Christ's speaking in and relating to parables has everything to do with what we call The Word. If we listen conscientiously to the Word (represented by our readings at Masses and to the homily we hear), we may, and perhaps even should, grasp the meaning. The Word is filled with the deeper truths of the Bible. God opens our eyes and ears to these truths, but we must be amenable to them and must be willing to try to understand them. Too often we merely listen and do not hear. We go through the motions, when our total concentration should be on what we are being told. First of all we need to appreciate that only God can open the eyes and ears of each of us. One of the popular phrases about stewardship is "an attitude of gratitude." That is so important. On a bad day, even the most hardened of us can find one thing for which to be grateful, and that can adjust everything in our thought processes. Are we closed to the teachings of Jesus? If we open our minds and concentrate, the Lord's teachings may unfold to us like nothing we have ever experienced previously. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Letter from Guadalupe, El Salvador Scholarship Student

Hello friends! Please receive my cordial greetings, hoping you are in very good health. My name is Guadalupe Beatriz Lopez Diaz. I am 23 years old. I am currently studying my third year in the bachelor's degree in public accounting. I will tell you a little about why I decided to send an application to the scholarship program. My family is of limited resources and did not have the capacity to help me to realize my dream. It is quite frustrating to want to get ahead and not be able to for lack of money. Thank God I was approved, since I meet the requirements that the institution requires. I support my community through the youth organization and I participated 2 years in Adesco, coordinating healthy recreation activities for our youth. I give support to the ARDM with social hours in the ecological park, and in the different initiatives. I am a responsible young woman that fights for her goals, not leaving aside the organizational part. I give thanks to you all because thanks to people like you, many young people can realize their dreams. Nothing else to add.



With Affection: Guadalupe Beatriz Lopez Diaz

Contributions for July 2

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$14,150.50
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 819.49
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 1,662.00

Contributions for July 9

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$20,049.30
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,064.65
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 1,090.37

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.

Missionaries of the Precious Blood - July 15-16

Fr. Dien Truong of the Precious Blood Missionaries will celebrate our Masses on the weekend of July 15-16. A second collection will be taken up after Communion to benefit the Precious Blood Missionaries. Missionaries of the Precious Blood are not defined by what they do, but rather the spirituality which informs their ministries. Missionaries of the Precious Blood believe in the power of the blood of Jesus, shed for all, to heal a broken world. Missionaries of the Precious Blood serve where there is a need: in parishes, schools, health care institutions, retreat houses, in urban and rural areas. Missionaries of the Precious Blood are called to walk with those they serve in their times of joy and sorrow. They are especially called to minister to those people who live on the margins of society. Precious Blood spirituality calls Missionaries to encourage reconciliation in the communities they serve.



Area Information

Cass County Family Resource Center

The Resource Center is offering free breakfasts to Belton/Raymore students from July 14 through August 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For information or to register, call Michelle Sánchez at 816-425-5706. 528 North Scott Ave. Belton, Missouri.



Family Vocation Day - August 19



The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph is presenting a Family Vocation Day "Your Life - God's Call" on August 19th at St. Therese Parish, 7207 NW Hwy 9,

KCMO. All ages can attend. Tracks for young adults, parents, children by age group, as well as child care for kids ages 2-4, will be offered. Come and be inspired. Experience prayer, learn more about the consecrated life, ask questions and have fun. For the complete schedule and registration information, please contact the Family Life Office at 816-714-2373 or www.kcpriest.org. \$5 per person or \$30 per family. Child care \$5 per child.

KC Royals Faith and Family Night - Aug 5

The Kansas City Royals will host their annual Faith & Family Night presented by Hobby Lobby on Saturday, August 5 when the Seattle Mariners come to The K. The event will feature a post-game appearance and speech from select players and/or executives, as well as Scott Dawson of Safe at Home, and a post-game concert by Newsboys. For tickets please visit Royals.com/Faith. For orders of 20 or more, please call 816-504-4040, Option 4.

happy birthday

Juan Aguilar
Jasmine Aguilar
Paul Anderson
Moises Angel
Edgar Arellano
Osvaldo Arellano
Janet Arellano
Jacqueline Arreola
Amirah Auva'a
Alex Barberis
Vick Bland
Carmen Bretado
Mandy Butscher
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Maria Damian
Julia DeFeo
Kelly DeFeo
Diana Dermond
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Yolanda Hernandez
Melany Hernandez
Carmelo Hinojos
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Shelli Miller
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Fernando Montenegro
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Alejandra Olivas
Samuel Perez
Emily Perez
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Camila Ramirez
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Jesus Torres
Yaretzi Trejo
Joselyn Trejo
Cynthia Varela
Chris Venable
Lorena Vieyra
Gonzalo Villalobos
Michael Walter
Haley Wheeler
Melonie White

Happy Anniversary

Rudy and Gerrie Roberts	64 Years!	7/18/1953
Edwin and Barbara Hopkins	63 Years!	7/17/1954
Dick and Bev Bell	59 Years!	7/19/1958
Chris and Patricia Kallas	50 Years!	7/22/1967
Terrance and Michal Wartell	46 Years!	7/23/1971
Wayne and Mary King	35 Years!	7/17/1982
John and Angelika Mackey	33 Years!	7/20/1984
John and Andrea Tapia	26 Years!	7/20/1991
Matthew and Jill Hartnett	25 Years!	7/18/1992
Sixto and Cynthia Varela	15 Years!	7/19/2002
Mario Mejia and Analise Cartier	11 Years!	7/22/2006
Grant and Alberta Prieve	9 Years!	7/19/2008
Gil and Bridget Hernandez	8 Years!	7/19/2009
Tyler and Gabrielle DeMay	3 Years!	7/19/2014
Ruben and Norma Campos	2 Years!	7/22/2015

Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

July 19	10:00am	Foxwood Springs (Communion Service)
July 26	11:00am	Carnege Village
Aug 2	10:30am	Beautiful Savior

Homebound

If you or a family member is homebound due to a chronic illness or advanced years and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Mental Health Resource Numbers

NAMI - National Alliance on Mental Illness

816-931-0030 - Support, Education, Advocacy

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

Bulletin Prayer Request List

Parishioners who are ill, or who have a loved one who is ill, may request to have the person remembered on the Prayer Request list published in our bulletin. Names will remain on the list for two months but may be resubmitted upon request. Please remember permission must be given by the individual before the name can be published. To add or remove a name from the list contact Marta in the parish office 979-3154 or 331-4713. marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Jim Agnew	Dick Garnier	Thelma Palmer
Armando Alarcon	June Glunt	Dee Raya
Diane Atchison	Karen Grantham	Patricia Rellihan
Marilyn Avalos	Laverne Harlow	Helen Rush
Polleth Bautista	Amber Hartenbower	Ann Ryan
Nikki Barrett	Cherie Hatfield	Yvonne Salmon
Pauline Bellm	Bob Heffernan	Shelline Smoot
John Bidondo	Bart Henke	Jim Storm
Fran Birkner	Rhonda Henke	Leo Storm
Nancy Christian	Pam Kelleher	Mary Jane Storm
Steve Circo	Mary Carol King	Jean Tate
Anna Clark	Glen Lewis	Ruth Tayler
Kristen Conner	Susan Lewis	Angel Thomas
Joseph Coots	Beverly Little	Priscilla Tristani
Paul DeMar	Bill Locke	Eduardo Vasquez
Nolan Dickerson	Debbie Locke	Rose Wall
Frances DiGeorge	Jo Locke	Mary Westfall
Argentina Meza Dubon	Denise Mehlo	Marie Wilburn
Terry Eppert	Leonard Meiron	Jeannette Woolworth
Joan Feeback	Harry Muench	Merle Woolworth
Butch Ford	Joan Muench	Carmitia Yust
Larry Foster	Bella Nouryeh	Pablo Zayas
Luis Franco	Jane Nouryeh	
Emily Frezza	Rick Orey	

Adult Grief Recovery Group

This year we will offer our six week grief group beginning mid September 2017. We will offer a 1:30 pm group and a 6:30pm group. If you are interested in registering early or have questions please contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Wellness Center



The carpeting in the Wellness Center is officially complete!

Wellness Center Class Schedule

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



School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities

Uplift Org. If you would like to bring meals to the homeless on the 4th or 5th Monday of any month, please contact Kirstie Roberts! This ministry is open to all parishioners age 14 and older. Volunteers must report to the Uplift Warehouse by 5pm and will be finished around 9:30pm.

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

Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. **Our next date is July 20th, 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 July 19th.** Contact Berenice Zayas for more information or to sign up at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Peer Ministry Training - August 26th, 7:30am to 12:30pm at St. Mark's Parish!

All current Peer Ministers and youth who have been confirmed and would like to participate in the upcoming school year on the Peer Ministry and Search Team are invited to attend a special training day. This is an excellent opportunity to help all of us work together and best serve our new group of young people. There will be workshops on Hospitality, Ice Breakers, Choosing Topics and Input, Leading a Small Group Discussion and Leading Prayer. Please contact Kirstie Roberts by August 18th if you plan to attend. We will meet at St. Sabina at 7:45am and carpool to St. Mark's. Everyone will need a permission slip and there is no cost for this valuable training day!



Pictured left is the youth group at Worlds of Fun!

Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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



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Reflection on the Readings

Today and the next two Sundays the gospel is taken from Matthew 13, a collection of parables that address what “the kingdom of heaven is like”. Matthew 13, the third of Jesus’ five sermons in Matthew’s gospel, is a discourse that unpacks seven parables on the kingdom of heaven. Jesus usually sits to proclaim God’s word, the typical position for a teacher in the ancient world, while the attentive crowds and listeners stand. Here Jesus sits in a boat as he discourses on the kingdom of heaven.



Most interpretations of this parable of the sower, the seed and the soil focus on the type of soil within which the seed is planted. While such focus is understandable, the other readings direct our focus more on the sower as God and on the seed as God’s word. The focus on God as the sower manifests an integral quality of our God as a lover whose love and word are disseminated indiscriminately, regardless of the condition or receptiveness of the soil. In the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:45), Jesus affirms that our heavenly Father causes the sun and rain to rise and fall on the good and the bad, on the just and the unjust. God does not discriminate when dispensing love and bounty, and neither should we.

The focus on the seed as God’s word challenges us to pay attention to God’s word and allow it to take root in our hearts. The power of God’s word is so great that despite obstacles and even possible rejection, God’s word will in the end be fruitful, leading to a marvelous and unimaginable harvest. Nothing will get in the way of accomplishing the purpose and intent for which it was sent.

Our stubbornness, our refusal or denial, our inattentiveness, or whatever obstacles we place in its path, will not deter the unfolding of God’s will and purpose.

The first reading from Isaiah 55 affirms that the word that goes forth from God will not return to God void, but rather accomplish the purpose for which it was sent. Throughout the process, the word will provide life, nourishment and sustenance to all, the very attributes of our gentle and loving God. Jesus uses parables with common ideas and images to help us understand the challenge of being citizens in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus’ parables also nourish and provide sustenance and life to all who are open to listening, understanding and carrying through on Jesus’ words.

Paul in his letter to the Romans speaks of the inevitable struggles that surface whenever we attune ourselves to God’s word. While we can be overwhelmed by the struggles and sufferings of life, our hope is on God’s promises for ourselves and all of creation, a hope that will not disappoint. Paul uses the image of a woman in labor. God’s new life has been given to us. We, along with all of creation, groan to bring it to life in our lives and in our world. Assured of the success of our labor, we strive to attune ourselves to God’s word knowing that it will result in new and abundant life. For Paul, Jesus is the Word who restores us to life and intimacy with God.

Today is one of those rare times when the **Responsorial Psalm** refrain does not come from the psalm but from a verse from Luke’s gospel. The psalm refrain from Luke 8 calls us to affirm that the seed, God’s word, will yield a fruitful harvest. The verses from Psalm 65 praise God whose interaction with the earth is one of inevitable fruitfulness, fertility and abundance.

We often struggle in paying attention to God’s voice, whether through the scriptures, through the experiences of life or through our interactions with others. We are easily distracted or bored. How do you attune yourself to hear and own God’s word in your life?

Take some time before Mass to read and reflect on the readings that will be proclaimed. How do you understand and relate the readings to your life? How does God speak to you in and through the readings? Ask yourself what you would emphasize if you were giving the homily to your faith community this Sunday. You might be surprised at how such efforts in unpacking the readings can bring about richness of life both for yourself, others and for all of creation.

**Biagio Mazza,
Pastoral Associate**

Readings

Sunday, July 16

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm: Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)
2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Sunday, July 23

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm: Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)
2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



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. **Summer dates are July 16 and August 20th 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

Hoy y los dos domingos siguientes el evangelio se toma de Mateo 13, una colección de parábolas que se refieren a "los misterios del Reino de los cielos". Mateo 13, el tercero de los cinco sermones de Jesús en el evangelio según San Mateo, es un discurso que descomprime siete parábolas sobre el reino de los cielos. Jesús suele sentarse a proclamar la palabra de Dios, la posición típica de un maestro en el mundo antiguo, mientras que las multitudes atentas se paran. Aquí Jesús se sienta en un barco mientras discurre sobre el reino de los cielos.



La mayoría de las interpretaciones de esta parábola del sembrador, la semilla y el suelo se enfocan en el tipo de suelo dentro del cual se siembra la semilla. Mientras que este enfoque es comprensible, las otras lecturas dirigen nuestro enfoque más al sembrador como Dios y la semilla como la palabra de Dios. El enfoque en Dios como el sembrador manifiesta una calidad integral de nuestro Dios como un amante cuyo amor y palabra se difunden indiscriminadamente, sin importar la condición o receptividad del suelo. En el Sermón del Monte (Mt 5:45), Jesús afirma que nuestro Padre celestial hace que el sol y la lluvia se eleven y caigan sobre lo bueno y lo malo, sobre lo justo y lo injusto. Dios no discrimina cuando dispensa amor y generosidad, y tampoco debemos hacerlo.

El enfoque en la semilla como la palabra de Dios nos desafía a prestar atención a la palabra de Dios y permitir que arraigue en nuestros corazones. El poder de la palabra de Dios es tan grande que, a pesar de los obstáculos e incluso el rechazo, la palabra de Dios será al final fructífera, llevando a una cosecha maravillosa e inimaginable. Nada se interpondrá en el camino de lograr el propósito y la intención para la cual fue enviado. Nuestra obstinación, nuestro rechazo o negación, nuestra falta de atención, o cualquier obstáculo que ponemos en su camino, no disuadirá el despliegue de la voluntad y el propósito de Dios.

La primera lectura de Isaías 55 afirma que la palabra que sale de Dios no regresará a Dios vacío, sino que realizará el propósito para el cual fue enviada. A lo largo del proceso, la palabra proveerá vida, nutrición y sustento a todos, los mismos atributos de nuestro Dios amable y amoroso. Jesús usa parábolas con ideas e imágenes comunes para ayudarnos a entender el desafío de ser ciudadanos en el reino de los cielos. Las parábolas de Jesús también nutren y proveen sustento y vida a todos los que están abiertos a escuchar, comprender y llevar a cabo las palabras de Jesús.

Pablo en su carta a los romanos habla de las luchas inevitables que surgen cuando nos sintonizamos con la palabra de Dios. Mientras que podemos estar abrumados por las luchas y sufrimientos de la vida, nuestra esperanza está en las promesas de Dios para nosotros mismos y toda la creación, una esperanza que no defraudará. Pablo usa la imagen de una mujer en el parto. La nueva vida de Dios nos ha sido dada. Nosotros, junto con toda la creación, gemimos para llevarlo a la vida en nuestras vidas y en nuestro mundo. Asegurados del éxito de nuestro trabajo, nos esforzamos por sintonizarnos con la palabra de Dios sabiendo que dará lugar a una vida nueva y abundante. Para Pablo, Jesús es la Palabra que nos restaura la vida y la intimidad con Dios.

Hoy es uno de esos raros momentos en que el refrán del **Salmo Responsorial** no viene del salmo sino de un versículo del evangelio según San Lucas. El salmo de Lucas 8 nos llama a afirmar que la semilla, la palabra de Dios, dará una cosecha fructífera. Los versículos del Salmo 64 alaban a Dios cuya interacción con la tierra es de inevitable fecundidad, fertilidad y abundancia.

A menudo luchamos en prestar atención a la voz de Dios, ya sea a través de las Escrituras, a través de las experiencias de la vida o a través de nuestras interacciones con los demás. Somos fácilmente distraídos o aburridos. ¿Cómo se sintoniza para escuchar y poseer la palabra de Dios en su vida?

Tómese su tiempo antes de la Misa para leer y reflexionar sobre las lecturas que serán proclamadas. ¿Cómo entiende y relaciona las lecturas con su vida? ¿Cómo le habla Dios a través de las lecturas? Pregúntese qué es lo que enfatizaría si estuviera dando la homilía a su comunidad de fe este domingo. Usted podría estar sorprendido en cómo tales esfuerzos para descomprimir las lecturas pueden traer la riqueza de la vida, tanto para usted, los demás y para toda la creación.

Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 16 de Julio

Primera Lectura: Isaías 55:10-11
Salmo: Salmo 64:10abcd, 10e-11, 12-13, 14
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8:18-23
Evangelio: Mateo 13:1-23

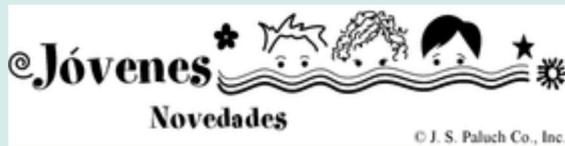
Lecturas del Domingo, 23 de Julio

Primera Lectura: Sabiduría 12:13, 16-19
Salmo: Salmo 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16a
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 8:26-27
Evangelio: Mateo 13:24-43

Corresponsabilidad/Ministerio Juvenil

Entrenamiento para Ministros Jóvenes - 26 de agosto, 7:30 am a 12:30 pm en la parroquia de San Marcos!

Se invita a todos los ministros jóvenes actuales y jóvenes que han sido confirmados y les gustaría participar en el próximo año escolar en el Equipo de Search y el Ministerio de Jóvenes a asistir a un día especial de capacitación. Esta es una excelente oportunidad para ayudar a todos a trabajar juntos y servir mejor a nuestro nuevo grupo de jóvenes. Habrá talleres sobre Hospitalidad, Rompehielos, Selección de Temas y Aportación, Dirigiendo discusiones en Grupos Pequeños y Dirigiendo Oración. Póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts antes del 18 de agosto si planea asistir. Nos reuniremos en Sta. Sabina a las 7:45am e irnos juntos a San Marcos. ¡Todo el mundo necesitará una hoja de permiso y no hay ningún costo para este valioso día de entrenamiento!



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- 3) Despues de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable al Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano, Jenifer Valenti, al 816.812.2500 o a su correo electrónico, jennifervalenti@att.net, si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph

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

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Carta de Guadalupe, Becada de El Salvador

¡Hola amigos! Reciban saludos cordiales, esperando se encuentren muy bien de salud.

Mi nombre es Guadalupe Beatriz Lopez Diaz. Tengo 23 años. Actualmente estudio mi tercer año en la carrera de licenciatura en contaduria publica.

Le comentare un poco a cerca de por que decidí enviar una solicitud al programa de becas. Mi familia es de escasos recursos y no tenia la capacidad para ayudarme a poder realizar mi sueño. Es bastante frustrante querer salir adelante y no poder por falta de dinero.

Gracias a Dios me la aprobaron, ya que aparte cumple con los requisitos que la institución exige, apoyo a mi comunidad a traves de la organización de jóvenes y participe 2 años en la Adesco, coordinando actividades de sano esparcimiento para nuestros jóvenes. Apoyo a la ARDM con horas sociales en el parque ecologico, y en las diferentes iniciativas. Soy una joven responsable y que lucha por sus objetivos no dejando de lado la parte organizativa.

Y de mi parte darle los agradecimientos a todos porque gracias a personas lindas como ustedes, muchos jóvenes podemos realizar nuestros sueños.

Sin mas que agregar.

Con Cariño: Guadalupe Beatriz Lopez Diaz



Información

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales - 12 de Agosto

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 pláticas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

V Encuentro Anual de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana de Jóvenes Adultos- Elijo Perseverar (Hch 1;14)

- Fecha: Viernes Agosto 4, 2017
- Hora: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Lugar: El Centro Católico – 20 West 9th St. KCMO
- Actividades: Santa Misa, Enseñanza, Adoración Eucarística, confesiones y Concierto.
- Costo: \$20 por persona (Incluye cena y refrescos)
- Misa: La Santa Misa será celebrada a las 6:00 pm por el Padre Olvin Girón en el Centro Católico.
- ¿Quiénes pueden participar? Jóvenes Hispanos Adultos, 19 a 35 años. Pueden registrarse online, en la parroquia a la que asiste o a la entrada del evento.
- Contacto: Edith Montes emontes@diocesekcsj.org 816.482.6906/816. 714.2350
- Página Web: <http://ministerio.diocese-kcsj.org/> link: jóvenes hispanos

V Encuentro Anual de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana de Jóvenes Adolescentes - Elijo Perseverar (Hch 1;14)

Este es un evento anual diocesano bilingüe para jóvenes adolescentes hispanos que estén en High School, y tengan la edad de 14 a 18 años. Durante el evento, los participantes pueden fortalecer su experiencia de fe con Jesús a través de charlas y talleres sobre formación, liturgia, oración y alabanza, sacramentos, fraternidad y actividades lúdicas. El objetivo de la conferencia es enriquecer la fe de los jóvenes hispanos, así como su identidad católica cultural hispana y puedan dar razón de su fe. Es también una oportunidad pastoral para invitar a los jóvenes a participar en los programas diocesanos y parroquiales para jóvenes.

- Fecha: Sábado, Agosto 5, 2016
- Hora: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Lugar El Centro Católico – 20 West 9th St. KCMO
- Actividades: Santa Misa, dinámicas lúdicas, talleres y charlas, adoración, confesiones, convivio familiar y concierto.
- Costo: \$20 por persona. Incluye comidas y refrescos. Ofrecemos un descuento para hermanos.
- ¿Quiénes pueden participar? Jóvenes adolescentes hispanos que estén en High School, y tengan la edad de 14 a 18 años - Pueden registrarse en sus parroquias o a la entrada del evento llenando el formato de registro y autorización. Este es obligatorio.
- Los padres de familia deben asistir a las 4:00 pm al lugar del evento para una catequesis sobre El Fruto del FIAT (Si) en la Santa Familia de Nazaret.
- La Santa Misa será celebrada a las 6:15 pm por nuestro Reverendo Obispo James Johnston en la Catedral de la Inmaculada Concepción 416 West 12th, Kansas City, MO
- Contacto: Edith Montes, emontes@diocesekcsj.org o 816.482.6906/816. 714.2350
- Página Web: <http://ministerio.diocese-kcsj.org/> link: jóvenes hispanos.

Felicidades a Melanie Sofía, hija de José Ernesto y Silvia Margarita, y Ashley Anahí, hija de José Isaías y Silvia Margarita, quienes fueron bautizadas el 9 de julio!



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