

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Congratulations to Geraldine who celebrated her Quinceañera Saturday, August 6!

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

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

Visit our website for Holy Day and special
Mass times

Protecting God's Children—August 11

A Protecting God's Children workshop will be offered in our parish on Thursday, August 11 at 6:30pm. Protecting God's Children is a required training program for all volunteers with youth and children. This is a free training where you will learn the warning signs of abuse, strategies for handling suspicions of abuse, and ways to respond to abuse. By participating in this program you are helping to ensure that our parish is a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults. Register online at kcsjcatholic.org. Under the "Safe Environment" tab select "Training."

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Intentions for August 15-19, 2016

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	†Rosemarie St Germain
Wed.	10am	†Rita Miller (Foxwood Springs)
Thurs.	8am	†George Bleier & his deceased family
Friday	8am	†Daniel Ellis

Saturday, August 20, 2016

4:00pm Intentions of the Parish Family

Sunday, August 21, 2016

8:00am	†Rosemarie St Germain
10:30am	†Charlie Carollo
12:30pm Spanish	†Mary Ellen Hermann Intenciones de Kimberly Arbizo Rocha †Juanita Picaso y †Ramon Torres

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

†Daniel Ellis, husband of Karen Ellis

†Lisa Noah, Beautiful Savior



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, August 14 - Domingo, 14 de Agosto

9:30am Summer Choir Practice

Monday, August 15 - Lunes, 15 de Agosto

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 16 - Martes, 16 de Agosto

7:00pm Boy Scout committee meeting

7:00pm English as a Second Language
Inglés Como Segunda Lengua

Wednesday, August 17 - Miércoles, 17 de Agosto

9:00am Legion of Mary

10:00am Mass at Foxwood Springs

7:00pm Knights Officers Meeting

7:00pm Talleres de Oración y Vida

Thursday, August 18 - Jueves, 18 de Agosto

9:00am Sew Day

5:30pm Poverty Simulation (in Gym)

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

Friday, August 19 - Viernes, 19 de Agosto

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, August 20 - Sábado, 20 de Agosto

3:00pm Confessions

3:20pm Summer Choir Practice

Sunday, August 21 - Domingo, 21 de Agosto

9:30am Summer Choir Practice

Knights Golf Tournament

Come play golf and join the fun at the Knights of Columbus 15th Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament at Eagles Landing Golf Course in Belton on Saturday, September 17th. It's only \$75.00, which includes green fees, cart, lunch, BBQ buffet dinner, golf prizes and contests. If you don't play golf, be a sponsor (\$25.00 cart or \$100.00 hole). All proceeds will benefit Missouri Special Olympics, St. Sabina Youth Ministry and Disabled U.S. Veterans. Last year we made \$4,000 and gave \$2,000 to Missouri Special Olympics, \$1,000 to St. Sabina Youth Ministry and \$1,000 to Lord of Love Community Meals. Please mail your check, payable to Knights of Columbus, for golf or sponsor to: Bob Coshun, 310 Monroe Ave., Belton, MO 64012. Questions, please call Bob at 816-304-0570. **Thanks in advance for your support!**

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, is offering 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 late May. 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 hope to 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@stsabina.org

Kris Larkey 816-979-3151; e-mail kris@stsabina.org



Parish Happenings and Information

Beans and Rice Collection

One of the gifts I'm grateful for is a place to call "home." Not just a roof over my head but a place where my family can grow, build memories, feel safe, and have what we need. How can I thank God for the blessing of my home? I thank Him by helping those who do not have a home, and doing what I can to make them and their families more comfortable by providing them with items that they need.

St. Sabina parishioners help people who don't have a steady home by holding a Beans and Rice Drive every fall. This year we will hold our collection on the **weekends of August 28th and September 4th**. We will collect beans, rice, and other dry or non-perishable foods, as well as the following special requests for this year:

- brown paper grocery sacks - we always need more of these than we have; we use 100-200 every Monday evening.

- t-shirts - all sizes

- bandanas

- baseball caps

- blue jeans for men and women

- sweatshirts, light jackets

(we'll be handing these out in late

September

as the weather begins to turn)

Several volunteers will take the donations to the Migrant Farmworkers Project in Lexington, MO on September 12, where they will distribute items to migrant families. This ministry is very important because the migrant families are constantly moving around the country, to where ever they can find work that time of year, and can only take the possessions that will fit in their car with them.



RCIA—Why Be a Catholic?

The Catholic Church has consistently believed that God has a universal will and desire to save all people. Our God is the God of all people. God has initiated this love relationship with all creation and desires to bring all to fullness through total union with God for all eternity. Each one is called to union with God through the faith path and tradition that they feel God is leading them.

If this is so, then why be Catholic? One is Catholic, not because it is the only way to God, but because one feels attracted to the things that the Catholic tradition offers. One feels at home more in the Catholic tradition

than in other faith traditions. The following list is meant to highlight some of those aspects of the Catholic tradition that have attracted others to it.

Catholics are not the only ones that value these qualities. Nor have we been consistent in following through on them. But, no matter the history, we seem to have held onto these values rather consistently.

See if these are values and attractions for you.

1. We affirm a belief in the goodness of all creation.
2. We have a universal sense of openness to all people and all cultures.
3. We affirm that we are all called to holiness.
4. We are committed to continual growth as persons.
5. We are challenged to change the world and society into the reign of God.
6. We are called to live in community.
7. We have historical roots and identity.
8. We respect reason, human knowledge and human exploration

If you or anyone you know would be attracted to these values, please share the information with them. Please fill out the contact information on the handout in the back of church and we will personally contact and invite all those interested to our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Meal which will be held on **Thursday, August 25th, 2016 at 6:00pm**.

Tamale Sale

Support our parish and our Hispanic Ministry by ordering some delicious tamales from the Hispanic Ministry Tamale Sale. The tamales are \$15 by the dozen. Order now and pick them up on August 27th in the gym. To order, contact Berenice Zayas at 816-979-3150 or Berenice@stsabinaparish.org



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Aug 17 10:00am Foxwood Springs
Aug 24 11:00am Carnegie Village
Aug 31 8:00am At St Sabina (5th Wednesday)

"I was ill and you cared for me" (Matthew 25) Save the date! Is God calling you to ministry? On Saturday morning, Sept 24th we will offer a workshop for Extraordinary ministers to the sick and homebound. For more information, or to register please contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Anointing of the Sick?

If you suffer from a chronic illness, the affect of advanced years or have an upcoming surgery and wish to receive this sacrament let Fr Jeff know before the Mass you attend and he will be glad to anoint you after Mass. If you would like to schedule it in advance or make an appointment for a weekday contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154.

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

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Felipe Abarca	Fr. Paul Frank	Alice Miller
Dick Anthony	Emily Frezza	Sherril Nevins
Belen Antillon	Dick Garnier	Johnnie Nicholes
Marilyn Avalos	Antonio Garcia	Jane Nouryeh
Suzie Ashbaugh	Wendy Gomez	Vicki Owen
Polleth Bautista	Tom Gudenkauf	Gary Palmer
Yesika Benavides	Connie Harper	Thelma Palmer
Sheryll Bentley	Jason Hart	Cynthia Peterman
John Bidondo	Jeanette Hart	Leona Ragsdale
Allie Biondo	Cherie Hatfield	Sherman Ragsdale
Joe Birkenbach	Laverne Harlow	Connie Read
Yolanda Blanks	Bart Henke	Austin Richards
Mark Butler	Rhonda K Henke	Patricia Smith
Hilda Burchett	Mabel Hopkins	Noah Stanley
John Caoile	Josie Johnson	Jean Tate
Delfina Chavez	Kelly Jordon	Ruth Tayler
Barbara Clark	Ashley Junkunc	Angel Thomas
Marvin Cohen	Kelsey Krum	Daryl Vonderohe
Steve Collier	Beverly Little	Bob Westfall
Joseph Coots	Jo Locke	Mary Westfall
Donna Dailey	Dick Martin	Judy Wheeler
Paul DeMar	Dodie Maurer	Merle Woolworth
Nolan Dickerson	Bob McDonald	Emy Yeater
Frances DiGeorge	Gloria McLaughlin	Carmitia Yust
Butch Ford	Denise Mehlo	Pablo Zayas

Wellness Center

A Little Bit of Sun for Health

A small 2014 study in the Journal of Investigative Dermatology found that roughly 20 minutes of UVA exposure lowered subjects' diastolic BP (which measures the pressure in arteries between heartbeats) by nearly 5 points. Researchers believe that when UVA rays—the type of ultraviolet light most responsible for giving you a tan—reach your skin, they trigger the release of nitric oxide, a gas that dilates vessels, increasing blood flow and potentially lowering the risk of cardiovascular disease. So, 15-20 minutes of direct exposure daily has been deemed safe. After that, put on the sunscreen. A recent study in the Annals of Internal Medicine found that people instructed to use sunscreen daily had 24 percent fewer wrinkles than those who used it at their own discretion.



"You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey,
you'll never know dear how much I love you, please don't take my sunshine away."

Wellness Center Class Schedule

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

**Schedule your
screening today!**



Area Information

St. Bernadette Annual Fall Festival 5-9 pm, Sept 10.

Music by Harvest Moon, BBQ dinner, Cash Raffle, Bingo, Cake Walk, and new surprises.

Come join us at the 4 pm Mass and stay for the festival.

St. Bernadette Church, 9020 E 51 Terr, Kansas City, MO (816) 356-3700.

University of St. Mary Alumni Fundraiser

The Greater Kansas City Alumni Council of the University of St. Mary is sponsoring its fall fundraiser to benefit student scholarships on August 26 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm at the Strawberry Hill Museum, 720 North 4th Street Kansas City, KS 66101. Join us for an Evening in Dubrovnic, including:

museum tours, silent auction, music by Hrvatski Običaj Combo, Croatian wine tasting and regional appetizers and desserts. To RSVP contact Penny Lonergan at plonergan@kc.rr.com or call 913-651-5265 no later than August 19th. Suggested minimum donation \$30.00.

“Nelly Don at Dusk” Silent Auction hosted by St. Francis Xavier-Kansas City

Join us Saturday, Sept. 17 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a fun and elegant evening to raise money for much-needed window replacements and other improvements at our St. Francis Xavier rectory. The “Nelly Don at Dusk” event will feature a silent auction, home tours, live music, appetizers and beverages at the historic mansion where the famed Kansas City fashion designer once lived.

5236 Cherry St. Kansas City, MO 64110 - Tickets are \$75 at www.nellydonatdusk.com



Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the following that are being baptized this weekend:

- Brantley Liam Jones, the son of Donavan and Janet Jones
- Kimber Lynn Stegner, the daughter of Mark and Amber Stegner
- Uriel Granados, the son of Lucenda Piñon



happy birthday

Alexandra Aguilar	Natalia Hernandez	Gerrie Roberts
Pauline Auva'a	Nydia Hernandez	Sergio Rocha
Zoe Ayers	Lucero Hinojos	Carlos Rodriguez
Betty Bleier	Brantley Jones	Edwin Rodriguez
Anna Biondo	Pedro Lopez	Enrique Rodriguez
Nicholas Biondo	Israel Luna	Olivia Rodriguez
Rolando Buendia	Olinser Luna	Renee Roe
Susan Butler	Xavier Madden	Kevin Romero
Karla Coronado	Alondra Marquez	Sara Rosales
Sharon Davis	Angel Mauro	Mary Rustemeyer
David DeRosear	Eduardo Menjivar	Maria Sanchez
Emily Dimarco	Adrian Michalski	Jennifer Sanchez
Lynsy Dimarco	Carol Miederhoff	Maria Santillanes Cruz
Sheila Ellis	Charlene Miranda	Jose Serrano
Brandon Embry	Ryan Monroe	Kelly Spiller
Lorann Eppert	Jennifer Moore	Lori Stewart
Moises Fiallos	Gary Moulder	Jeremy Stinger
Caitlin Figge	Allison Norris	Trinity Sumner
Chris Figge	Elda Ortiz	Nicolina Taylor
Jaxon Fuller	Claire Overhaug	Tytan Thurston
Lexi Fuller	Belen Padilla	Guadalupe Toledo
Noemi Gallardo	Jacob Pope	Alfredo Torres
Mario Garzon	Jesse Quijas	Jennifer Torres
Michael Gerant	Julian Rascon	Everett Wehner
Tracy Gnad	Dianela Rios	Mary Winkert
Jose Gutierrez	Christina Robb	Norma Zavala
Michael Hartzell		

Happy Anniversary

Leonard and Nancy Merion	59 Years!	08-17-1957
James and Nancy Ruffini	54 Years!	08-19-1962
George and Ilene Burns	53 Years!	08-17-1963
James and Sonja Bornheimer	46 Years!	08-15-1970
Dave and Ann Morris	41 Years!	08-16-1975
Jerry and Lily Pointer	41 Years!	08-16-1975
Fernando and Maria Martinez	38 Years!	08-17-1978
Matthew and Kathleen Coleman	30 Years!	08-16-1986
Rutilo and Martha Lopez	30 Years!	08-16-1986
Scott and Mary Theobald	29 Years!	08-15-1987
George and Helen Panebianco	28 Years!	08-20-1988
Eric and Amber Hartenbower	22 Years!	08-20-1994
Edward and Christy Gudenkauf	21 Years!	08-19-1995
Ray and Antoinette Walker	16 Years!	08-20-2000
Steve and Cynthia Circo	12 Years!	08-20-2004
Martin and Teresa Bays	12 Years!	08-21-2004
Alfredo Aguilar and Dora Estrada	11 Years!	08-21-2005
Esteban Hernandez and Norma Meza	7 Years!	08-15-2009
Chris and Kristi Klohs	7 Years!	08-15-2009
Toby and Tracy Coyle	4 Years!	08-18-2012

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 August 28th.



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 August 18, 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 August 17. Contact Berenice Zayas in the parish office for more information or to sign up. Phone: 816-979-3150 or email: berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

PSR Teachers Meeting!

All teachers are invited to a brief meeting to review the upcoming school year and see what changes we will be doing to improve our program. Please attend August 28th, 9-10:10am in English and 11am-12:10pm in Spanish.

Peer Ministers!

All are invited to a planning session for our upcoming school year. If you have any amazing ideas for a meeting or small ideas that need help, bring them!! We will meet on September 11th at 2:30pm. Plan to be here for at least 2 hours.



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:

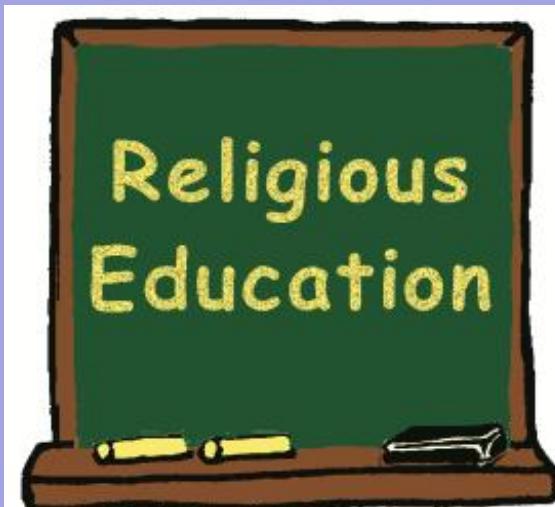
1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult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

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

The next PSR school year will begin on Sunday, September 18. PSR registration forms are available in the gathering space and on the parish website.



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Stewardship

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12: 1-2

It is easy to look at life as a race. In doing that nonetheless, we all understand that we are not speaking of a sprint, but of a marathon. In Greek the word used which we translate as "persevere" is *hypomone* which also might be translated as "endure." God has set a race before us. God wants us to run that race and He wants us to finish it correctly. To do that requires endurance, the willingness to continue and to seek holiness as good stewards, because our focus is on what is to come, not what is. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

August 7 Contributions

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$14,293.29
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 400.43
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 1,823.29

Annual Life & Justice Campaign—August 21

Join the campaign to share your gifts! The Life & Justice Campaign supports local organizations dedicated to defending the dignity of the person and the sanctity of human life. To learn more, please visit www.lifeandjusticekc.org.



Thank you to all who bought Pupusas last Sunday. Our Romero committee was able to raise \$1,971 to go towards our next Romero celebration in March!

El Salvador Scholarship Student, Vanessa



Vanessa Esmeralda Cardoza Flores lives in Cinquera. She is 25 years old and she attends the Lutheran University in San Salvador. She is currently in her 1st year of study and she is majoring in Public Accounting. She entered the scholarship program in 2016 and she is expected to graduate in 2021.

Vanessa has classes Thursday - Saturday from 8am to 1pm. She leaves her home in Cinquera each Thursday at 5am for the 4 hour bus ride to San Salvador. She arrives home each Sunday at 10am.

Vanessa's family makes its living by farming. Her home is built of cement blocks with an outhouse. The family has access to potable water and the house has electricity.

Vanessa lives with her grandparents, her mother, her 18 year old sister, Johana, and her 4 year old son, Hector.

Vanessa was involved in the community project of working at the forest reserve in Cinquera, as well as participating in all the activities of the scholarship program. All scholarship students are required to participate in one community activity per month.

Vanessa's major challenge is that she does not have a computer, and most of her assignments require a computer.

Vanessa is very thankful to begin her first year in the scholarship program. After graduation, Vanessa hopes she will be able to find a job so she can help support her family and give back to the community. She believes this program is an opportunity for young people coming from families with few economic resources to be able to complete their studies.

To donate to our El Salvador Scholarship fund, please visit our website at www.stsabinaparish.org and click on on-line giving.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Learn the correct way to water your trees at
http://kansashealthyyards.org/index.php?option=com_allvideoshare&view=video&slg=water-wise-way-to-irrigate-trees&Itemid=346

Reflection on the Readings



Human living is a struggle. Christian living adds another layer to that struggle.

Human life is a struggle because we find it difficult

to sort out the conflicting voices and drives that continually pull at us. Christian living adds the layer of sorting out those conflicting voices in light of God's values and voice. Today's readings offer various insights into this Christian and human struggle.

Jesus' message in this Lucan passage is that fidelity to God's word, values and mission will bring division, opposition and possibly even death. This gospel message tends to shock us because we believe that Jesus came to bring peace and not division. Jesus does bring peace, but a peace that often comes at a high price. G. K. Chesterton puts it rather succinctly when he states that "the Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried." Often, living the Jesus life style and incarnating gospel values, is so overwhelming that people compromise, or give up trying. The readings present us with people who remained faithful no matter what the cost.

The first reading from Jeremiah shows that fidelity to God's word will bring opposition leading to death as a real possibility. Prophetic words challenge the status quo of people, calling for a new way of seeing and acting. This often unnerves people to such an extent that rather than listen and possibly

change, they usually prefer to close their ears and do away with the prophetic voice that is causing them discomfort.

However this does not seem to unnerve Jeremiah who is willing to suffer as long as his fidelity to God's word and values is maintained. The good news is that he is rescued from his predicament for now, till the next time. In the meantime, he will continue to "comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." This is the essence of a prophet's "job description."

The letter to the Hebrews offers us the rich image of the "great cloud of witnesses," faithful ones who have gone before us and who cheer us on as we "persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." God gifts us with these witnesses as well as with Jesus, so that we "may not grow weary and lose heart." God knows the challenge of fidelity to word and mission, thus God offers us companions along the way to comfort, aid and support us on our faith journey. Try to list for yourself people who might no longer be with us but who did provide you with comfort, aid and support on your life and faith journey. Since we believe that death does not sever those important relationships, ask them to

be for you a continual source of comfort and support.

The Lucan gospel passage presents the images of fire (judgment) and baptism (Jesus' passion and death) as incorporating the stiff opposition to Jesus' message and ministry. Jesus makes it clear that disciples are called to be prophetic no matter where they are planted. Like Jeremiah, taking prophetic stances will result in opposition, division and possibly death, and bring with it sadness, frustration and loneliness.

It is at this point that the responsorial Psalm 40 enters in with the continual refrain of "Lord come to my aid." The psalmist recognizes that fidelity to God's message will stir opposition. It takes courage to stand against others for the sake of God's values. The psalmist is there to remind us that God is our comfort, support and joy in times of opposition and division. That comfort and aid is also expressed through the many people that God sends into our lives.

How do you maintain fidelity to God's word and values when faced with opposition and rejection? Who are those people that can and do help you remain faithful despite the difficulties? Pray for the courage to "not grow weary and lose heart."

Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, August 14

1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Psalm: Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Sunday, August 21

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalm: Psalm 117:1, 2 (Mark 16:15)
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we are offering study sessions that will provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **We will gather on August 28th and September 11th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



La vida humana es una lucha. La vida Cristiana añade otra capa a esa lucha. La vida humana es una lucha porque se nos hace difícil solucionar las voces en conflicto y las energías que continuamente nos jalan. La vida Cristiana añade la capa de solucionar esas voces en conflicto a la luz de los valores y la voz de Dios. Las lecturas de hoy ofrecen varios conocimientos en esta lucha Cristiana y humana.

El mensaje de Jesús en este pasaje de Lucas es que la fidelidad a la palabra, los valores y la misión de Dios traerá división, oposición y, posiblemente la muerte. Este mensaje del Evangelio tiende a conmocionarnos porque creemos que Jesús vino a traer la paz y no la división. Jesús si trae la paz, pero una paz que muchas veces viene a un alto precio. G. K. Chesterton lo dice suavemente cuando afirma que "el ideal Cristiano no ha sido juzgado y hallado falto; se ha hallado difícil y dejado sin juzgar." Muchas veces, al vivir el estilo de vida de Jesús y la encarnación de los valores del Evangelio, es tan abrumadora que la gente cede, o se rinden al tratar. Las lecturas nos presentan las personas que permanecieron fieles no importa cuál sea el costo.

La primera lectura de Jeremías muestra que la fidelidad a la palabra de Dios traerá la oposición terminando en la muerte como una posibilidad real. Palabras proféticas desafían la situación de la gente, pidiendo una nueva manera de ver y de actuar. Muchas veces, esto pone

nerviosa a la gente hasta el punto de que en lugar de escuchar y posiblemente cambiar, por lo general prefieren cerrar sus oídos y acabar con la voz profética que les está causando malestar.

Sin embargo, esto no parece poner nervioso a Jeremías, que está dispuesto a sufrir durante todo el tiempo que se mantiene su fidelidad a la palabra y a los valores de Dios. La buena noticia es que es rescatado de su situación, por ahora, hasta la próxima vez. Mientras tanto, se seguirá "consolando a los afligidos y afligiendo a los cómodos." Esta es la esencia de la "descripción del trabajo" de un profeta.

La carta a los Hebreos nos ofrece la rica imagen de la "multitud de antepasados," los fieles que nos han precedido y que nos animan mientras corremos "con perseverancia la carrera que tenemos por delante, fijando la mirada en Jesús". Dios nos regala estos antepasados, así como Jesús, para que "no nos cansemos ni perdamos el ánimo." Dios sabe el desafío de la fidelidad a la palabra y misión, por lo que Dios nos ofrece compañeros en el camino para consolar, ayudar y apoyarnos en nuestro camino de fe. Trate de hacer una lista de personas para usted mismo que quizás ya no estén con nosotros, pero le proporcionaron el consuelo, la ayuda y el apoyo en su viaje de la vida y la fe. Ya que creemos que la muerte no interrumpe esas relaciones importantes, pídale ser para usted una fuente continua de consuelo y apoyo.

El pasaje del Evangelio de Lucas presenta las imágenes de fuego (juicio) y el bautismo (la pasión y muerte de Jesús)

como incorporar la dura oposición al mensaje y ministerio de Jesús. Jesús deja claro que los discípulos están llamados a ser proféticos, donde sea que estén plantados. Como Jeremías, tomar posturas proféticas resultará en la oposición, la división y posiblemente la muerte, y traer consigo la tristeza, la frustración y la soledad.

Es en este punto que el salmo responsorial 40 entra con el estribillo constante de "Señor, date prisa en ayudarme." El salmista reconoce que la fidelidad al mensaje de Dios despertará oposición. Hay que tener valor para enfrentarse a los demás por el bien de los valores de Dios. El salmista está ahí para recordarnos que Dios es nuestro consuelo, apoyo y alegría en tiempos de oposición y división. Este consuelo y ayuda también se expresa a través de las muchas personas que Dios envía a nuestras vidas.

¿Cómo mantiene la fidelidad a la palabra y los valores de Dios cuando se enfrenta a la oposición y al rechazo? ¿Cuáles son esas personas que pueden y le ayudan a permanecer fiel a pesar de las dificultades? Oren por el valor de "no cansarse ni perder el ánimo."

**Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral**

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 14 de Agosto

Primera Lectura: Jeremías 38:4-6, 8-10

Salmo: Salmo 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 12:1-4

Evangelio: Lucas 12:49-53

Lecturas del Domingo, 21 de Agosto

Primera Lectura: Isaías 66:18-21

Salmo: Salmo 117:1, 2

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 12:5-7, 11-13

Evangelio: Lucas 13:22-30

Ministerio Juvenil/Información Local

Taller de música litúrgica "Alabemos al Señor"

Todos los integrantes y líderes de los coros parroquiales son invitados a participar al taller de música litúrgica "Alabemos al Señor" con Enrique Castro de Jefferson City- que se llevará a cabo en español en el Centro Católico (20 W. 9th St. KC, MO 64105) el sábado, 1 de Octubre 2016. 8:30am-4:30pm. Costo por persona: \$15...incluye inscripción, materiales, y almuerzo. Para inscribirse, llamar a Miguel Salazar en la oficina diocesana (816) 714-2323. Organizado por las oficinas de Ministerio Hispano y Sacred Worship de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph.

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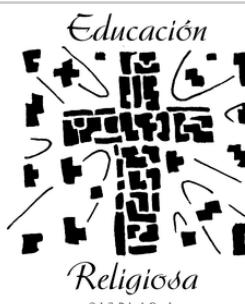


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Corresponsabilidad/Información Parroquial

Una Sola Persona No Puede Hacer Mucho

Asa Kent Jennings era un hombre de una consistencia física débil, que planeaba ser ministro metodista, pero la Primera Guerra Mundial le truncó sus planes. Asa prestó sus servicios en la Cruz Roja y a lo último fue destinado a Esmirna, en la parte occidental de Turquía. Ahí llegó en el momento que los turcos tomaban la ciudad. Los extranjeros huyeron, pero Asa se quedó junto a 350,000 refugiados. El ejercito arrasó con todo y después le dieron fuego a Esmirna. Los barcos de guerra estadounidenses y británicos que patrullaban la costa no hicieron nada. Asa se encargó del abastecimiento de alimentos y después se fue a buscar al líder turco Atatürk para pedirle que dejara salir a los refugiados supervivientes. Atatürk le dio once días para sacar a los refugiados. Entonces, Asa le pidió barcos al gobierno griego, quien cuestionó la identidad de Asa. Como era el único estadounidense que quedaba dijo audazmente: "Soy el mayor oficial estadounidense en Esmirna". El siguiente año se lo pasó dirigiendo una flota que salvó a un millón de refugiados. Pero, ¿quién se acuerda de Asa Jennings hoy? Sin embargo, piensa en todos los descendientes de esos refugiados y el bien que habrán hecho en este mundo debido a los esfuerzos de un hombre.

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