

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



The Leo Family, Rose Marie Falco, and Biagio Mazza represented Italy at our last Heritage Celebration in 2014!

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.**

Heritage Celebration

Come celebrate the diversity of our parish family with us! Our Heritage Celebration will be held on September 23 at 5pm in the Gym. Contact Berenice if you can help by decorating a table in the tradition of your heritage. There will be a prize for the best decorated table!

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for September 11-15, 2017

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	†Phyllis Richert
Wed.	10am	†Austin Richards (Redwood of Raymore)
Thurs.	8am	†Ann Woodard
Fri.	8am	†Kevin Starken

Saturday, September 16, 2017

4:00pm †Tyson Burgin
Intentions of the Parish Family

Sunday, September 17, 2017

8:00am	†Nick Henning
10:30am	†Doug McDonald
12:30pm Spanish	†Fulvia Ramos
	†Sabino Torres

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

†**Georgia "Ann" Woodard**, mother of Gennifer Armstrong and Shannon Degrasse

†**Charnel Phyllis Richert**, mother of George C. Richert, Richelle Rauch, and Cherie Bost

†**Austin Richards**, son of Patricia Smith

†**Mike Kimble**, husband of Janet Kimble

†**Anna Scarcello**, mother of Bonita Mackedanz

†**Fran Brennan**, Beautiful Savior



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, September 10 - Domingo, 10 de Septiembre

Altar Society Sale

- 8:00am Blood Drive
- 10:00am Talleres de Oración y Vida
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Monday, September 11 - Lunes, 11 de Septiembre

- 5:30pm Marian Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

Tuesday, September 12 - Martes, 12 de Septiembre

- 7:00am Youth Prayer Breakfast
- 7:00pm ESL/Inglés Como Segunda Lengua
- 7:00pm Foundations for Living Stones
- 7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, September 13 - Miércoles, 13 de Septiembre

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 10:00am Mass at Redwood of Raymore
- 7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 Groups)
- 7:00pm Love Thy Neighbor Team Meeting

Thursday, September 14 - Jueves, 14 de Septiembre

- 9:30am Quilters
- 7:00pm Baptism Prep
- 7:00pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm RCIA/RICA
- 8:00pm Choir Practice (8:00 Group)

Friday, September 15 - Viernes, 15 de Septiembre

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, September 16 - Sábado, 16 de Septiembre

- 10:00am Platicas Matrimoniales
- 11:00pm Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, September 17 - Domingo, 17 de Septiembre

- Beans and Rice Collection
- 9:00am PSR
- 9:00am Parents Lounge
- 11:00am Ladies Auxiliary Area 1 Meeting
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión
- 7:00pm Confirmation and HS Youth Group

Discover the South Pacific with Fr. Jeff

Travel to the South Pacific with Fr. Jeff where you will get to see the Great Barrier Reef, the Sydney Opera House, Auckland and Milford Sound, New Zealand, and more. Information packets are available in the gathering space.

Getting to Know Your Faith Session on the Book of Revelation – Monday Evening, Sept 18, 2017, 7-8:30 PM

The book of Revelation is one of the most misunderstood and misinterpreted books of the bible. Because the book's literary style and approach is so far removed from our way of articulating realities, interpretation of its message has varied so much that many people are often confused.

This Getting to Know Your Faith Session will seek to understand the cultural, political and religious context of the community that produced this unique book. We will explore the mind and intention of its author, trying to uncover the message being proclaimed, along with its unique literary style.

Further, we will explore if the message is still relevant for our day and time, along with any practical applications for Christian living that can be derived from the book.

Bring an open, inquiring mind, a Bible, and anyone you think would benefit from our communal exploration of one of the more intriguing books of the Bible. The session will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate, St. Sabina Parish, Belton, MO.

The Book of Revelation: What it Says and Does Not Say

Wednesday Evenings, Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2017 7-9 PM

Repeated on Thursday Mornings, Sept 28, Oct 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2017 10 AM to Noon

The book of Revelation offers a message of hope and consolation to a persecuted community. At the same time, it challenges the followers of Christ to be completely committed to the values and life style of the Risen Lord.

These sessions will seek to understand the cultural, political, and religious context of the community that produced this unique book. We will explore the mind and intention of its author, trying to uncover the message being proclaimed, along with its unique literary style. Further, we will examine the message to see if it is still relevant for our day and time, along with any practical applications for Christian living that can be derived from the book.

Bring an open, inquiring mind, a bible, and anyone you think would benefit from our communal exploration of one of the more intriguing books of the Bible. All faith traditions are most welcomed.



Parish Happenings

16th Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite all parishioners to join us for the 16th Annual Paul Vargo Golf Tournament. It will be held on September the 16th at Eagles Landing Golf Course at 11 am. Registration forms are in the gathering space. Entry fee is \$75 per person, or \$300 for a team of 4. This includes lunch and dinner, door prizes, contests, raffles and more. You can also sponsor a cart for \$25 or a hole for \$100. Please join in the fun and help raise money for our parish, our community, and the Special Olympics. Mail Registration forms to:

Knights of Columbus
C/O David Pierce
918 Ridge Dr
Belton, MO 64012

Questions? Call or text David Pierce 816-392-1110 or email at piercehobbitts@sbcglobal.net.

Small Christian Communities

Our Small Christian Communities will begin another year this September. If you would like to join a group, please contact either the group leader or Biagio Mazza at 816-

979-3153, biagio@stsabinaparish.org or Kris Larkey at 816-979-3151, kris@stsabinaparish.org.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES are groups of Christians who gather on a regular basis to build community among themselves while at the same time reaching out in concern and justice to others. Community building and manifesting God's love to others are the two feet that keep small Christian communities grounded.

Prayer, Scripture study and Faith sharing leading to action on behalf of others are the activities that most characterize SCC.

PRAYER focuses the role and function of any SCC group. It brings unity to the group, as well as grounds them in their mission to build community and to evangelize through their reaching out to others in love.

FAITH SHARING involves each member in connecting their faith and everyday life. Their faith reflection challenges them to discern how God is present and operating in their life experiences. Sharing those reflections with others enables trust, bonding and strong communities to form.

Current SCC Groups

Core Leader	Meeting Time	Meeting	Contact Number	Contact Email
Jim Agnew	Monday PM	Homes	816-331-1427	agnewjedward@gmail.com
Members include: Jim and Peg Agnew, Sheila Birkner, Elaine Christopher, Jerry and Carolyn Folz, Peter Henry, Quin Henry, Teresa Kelly and Ann Ryan				
Nancy Amfahr	Tuesday PM	Homes	816-322-3230	nandamfahr@yahoo.com
Members include: Dale and Nancy Amfahr, John and Cecelia Berryman, Bob and Mary Kottenbrock, Don and Marilyn Grieb, and Hermie Timmons				
Sonja Bornheimer	Thursday PM	Homes	816-718-1664	jbornh5703@aol.com
Members include: Jim and Sonja Bornheimer, Mary Ann Long, Joe and Lois Pusateri, Cheryl Dennis, Teri Milbourn and Stephanie Reynolds				
Kathy Griggs	Sunday AM	Day Chapel	816-322-7945	katgr317@gmail.com
Members include: Cathy Davis, Kathy Griggs, Annette Motsinger, Terri Standley, Gary Prendergast and Jo Rangel				
Joe Lager	Monday AM	Day Chapel	816-331-5333	fjlag6717@msn.com
Members Include: Ilene Burns, Joe Lager, Terry McDaniel, Terry Richards, Jerry and Jan Stella, Lois Stogsdill, Rita Stout, Anita Barton, Larry and Carolyn Foster and Donna Sullivan				
Al Gebauer	Thursday AM	Homes	816-331-1455	gwp113@gmail.com
Members Include: Tom and Priscilla Moran, Par Castaneda, Denise Gates, Terry McDaniel, Al and Kathleen Gebauer, Charles and Melba Mercier, and George and Helen Panebianco				
Jim Ruffini	Tuesday AM	Education Wing	816-331-0643	jruffini1620@gmail.com
Members include: Dick Bell, Stephanie Gunn, Sally Coshun, Margaret Vargo, Don Hemmen, Stella Niemeier, Tom and Ernestine Iseman, Jim and Nancy Ruffini and Pat Ohnemus				



Parish Information

Women's Mini-Retreat - "An Invitation to Prayer"

The Altar Society is sponsoring a mini-retreat on Saturday, September 30th from 9:00 - 12:00, in the parish hall. The retreat will be led by Biagio Mazza, and focus on ways to incorporate more prayer into our busy lives. Topics such as 'Prayer in the Workaday World', and 'Finding the Silence Within' will be covered; take-home reference materials will be provided. The mini-retreat will conclude with a Pot Luck Lunch. The meat is being provided, but please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. There is no charge for the retreat. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space, or you can e-mail Cheryl Nichols at cnich123@yahoo.com.

Beans and Rice Collection

We will be collecting beans and rice for the migrant farmworkers the weekends of September 17th and September 24th. Other needs include:

- Baseball caps
- Water bottles
- Men's long-sleeved lightweight shirts
- T-shirts (any size, gently used and clean is fine)
- Paper grocery bags
- Hygiene items

It's a great time to join St. Sabina Music Ministry

The United States Bishops (USCCB) tell us, "Singing is one of the primary ways that the assembly of the faithful participates actively in the Liturgy." (Sing to the Lord: Music In Divine Worship) We feel confident joining in singing at Mass when we have good leadership. That's the role of music ministry.

Please consider sharing your interest in music with our parish. We are seeking singers and those with instrumental experience. Has anyone ever told you that you have a pleasant voice? Now is the time to join choir! Hey you high school band & choir members out there, I'm talking to you, too! It would be great to have you share the music you make on flute, clarinet, violin, cello, trumpet or whatever instrument! How wonderful it would be to enhance our music in that way.

You may choose to become involved at any Mass. Practice for the 4:00 and 10:30 Masses is on Wednesdays at 7:00 in the church. The 8:00 Mass choir practices every other Thursday evening. Even if you can't be there every week, come when you can. Why not come and try it out? I guarantee you will feel like you gain more than you invest. For more information please contact Susan Ratigan in the parish office, 979-3158 or susan@stsabinaparish.org

happy birthday

Mark Adams	Kathleen Gebauer	Emily Mosman
Adriana Alvarado	Todd Goffoy	Cecelia Moss
Jacob Ambrose	Malcolm Goswell	Juliana Munoz
Josiah Anderson	Sergio Guillermo	Alejandro Negrete
Maria Arroyo	Beau Harris	Sonia Oquendo
Julio Arroyo	Lauren Hennessey	Jasmine Orozco
Vidal Barrera	Pedro Hernandez	Juan Osorio Jr
Mercedes Becerra	Michelle Hernandez	Darren Ostrom
Christopher Benavides	Rafael Hinojos, Jr.	Crystal Perez
Sophia Biondo	Arabella Hoffman	Mario Quezada
Payton Buseck	Cecilia Imming	Aaron Ratigan
Roberto Cano	Grace Jackson	Kivan Rivera
April Carbajal	Mason Kirchhoff	Bertha Rodriguez
Belem Cardenas Camacho	Jose Lagunes	Kenneth Roe
Alex Carrillo	Juan Lopez Jr.	Rodrigo Rojo
Maria Cartagena	Megan Loveless	Gloria Romero
Elba Castellón	Joseph Malena	Juan Rosales
Damaris Castillo	German Mancia	Ana Sanchez
Daisy Cervantes	Elibeth Martinez	Avery Schaeffer
Christopher Coley	Fernando Martinez	Patté Schreihofner
Alexa Colorado	Arleen Martinez	Haley Seute
Carlos Contreras	Luis Martinez	Morgan Shelley
Jody Crookshanks	Sarah Meakins	Ashley Skipton
José Cruz	Nancy Minnis	Eduardo Solis
Sara Del Valle	Johanna Molina	Mackenzey Spiller
Robert Duffey	Kathleen Moore	Reilly Stewart
Salustia Enriquez	Mauricio Morales	Philip Stine
Katie Fletcher	Melany Moreno	Bridget Tapia
Ana Flores	Sonja Morgan	Arthur Zeitelhack
Mirtha Galant	Robert Morris	

Happy Anniversary

Robert and Darlene Henderson	61 Years!	9/14/1956
Donald and Margaret Bannerman	58 Years!	9/12/1959
Larry and Beckee Hart	53 Years!	9/12/1964
Randy and Teresa Davis	42 Years!	9/13/1975
Tom and Carol Lacy	38 Years!	9/15/1979
Dan and Tammy Barnes	21 Years!	9/14/1996
Richard and Julie McGurn	21 Years!	9/14/1996
Marquis and Cynthia Rickard	21 Years!	9/14/1996
Mike and Leslie McDowell	18 Years!	9/11/1999
Rodney and Sharon Stoverink	17 Years!	9/16/2000
Michael and Amy Laughlin	16 Years!	9/15/2001
John and Elvira Messer	14 Years!	9/13/2003
Michael Walter and Tara Wedemeyer	8 Years!	9/16/2009
John and Genoveva Driscoll	8 Years!	9/17/2009
Derek and Mallory Harshner	4 Years!	9/14/2013
Hugo Lopez and Justina Hernandez	2 Years!	9/12/2015



Stewardship

"The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,' and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Romans 13: 9

Most of us know someone whose love is evident by how they treat others and how they live. Loving neighbor is a visible expression of everything that Jesus taught. It is a way of expressing the depth of our faith and our belief that we are Disciples of Christ. St. Francis de Sales captured all about what this love is and who is your neighbor when he wrote, "Examine your heart often to see if it is such toward your neighbor as you would like his or hers to be toward you in his or her place. This is the touchstone of true reason." It is relatively basic and simple — our neighbor is everyone with whom we have contact and love is what makes it all work. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Donating Securities and Mutual Funds

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

Donating appreciated stock or mutual fund shares is a strategic gift-planning method. In most cases, the donor receives an itemized deduction in the full amount of the fair market value (FMV) of the shares donated as of the date of the gift. This value is deductible up to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income and can be carried over for up to five years after the year of the gift. Please consult your financial or legal adviser.

Christmas in October—Oct 14

Please save the date for our Christmas in October workday this year on Saturday, October 14th. We will need lots of volunteers, and especially house captains, so that we can help many people this year. Sign-up to volunteer today in the gathering space.



Contributions for September 3

September 3 contributions will be listed in the September 17 bulletin.

Second Collection—Latin America Apostolate

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs.

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.



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@stsabina.org.



Congratulations to Alvaro Arias

Congratulations to Alvaro Arias, one of our scholarship students in El Salvador, who graduated from Lutheran University in El Salvador with a degree in Forensics Information!! Thank you to all who have made donations to our El Salvador Scholarship Fund!!

Green Team Tip of the Week

September 17 Cultivate KC annual fundraiser DIG IN 6:30pm-9:00pm at City Market



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Sept 13	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore
Sept 20	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Sept 27	11:00am	Carnegie Village

Hospitalized?

If you are hospitalized and would like us to know, please call or have a family member call us. Contact Marta in the parish office at 816-979-3154. Due to privacy laws, hospitals cannot contact us.

St. Sabina "Adult Grief Recovery Group"

Registration Deadline: Monday, September 11th

We are currently taking registrations for our six week Adult Grief Recovery Group. This group will begin on Monday, September 18 from 6:30-8pm and meets for six consecutive weeks. The group encourages you to "put words to your grief" in a safe, non-judgmental place. Confidentiality is expected. You do not have to be a parishioner to participate, friends and family members are welcome. **Advanced registration required.** To register or for more information contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154 or by email at marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Help after the heartache of abortion: Project Rachel—Unfailing Mercy Retreat, Sept. 22-24

This retreat is open to both men and women. Project Rachel is ready to care for those who are hurting. To register, please call Teresa at 816-591-3804 or email projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org. Complete confidentiality is assured.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

Wellness Center

Did you know you can save money by creating a meal plan for the week before heading to the grocery store? Buying for the week means you'll make fewer shopping trips and buy only the items you need. Here are some basic tips for creating your menu and grocery list:

1. See what you already have. Look in your freezer, cabinets, and refrigerator. Make a note of what you currently have on hand. You can save money by using these items in the upcoming week's meals.
2. Use a worksheet to plan your meals. As we head into football season, think of creating a "shopping playbook" to help you plan your meals and develop your shopping list.
3. Create a list of recipes to try. Find new ideas for healthy and low-cost meals based on what you have on hand, foods your family enjoys, and foods that are good buys.
4. Visit What's Cooking? for recipe inspiration. Search recipes by ingredient using What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl is an interactive tool to help with healthy meal planning, cooking, and grocery shopping. Be sure to include some family favorites along with the new recipes.
5. Think about your schedule. Choose meals you can easily prepare when you don't have a lot of time. Save recipes that take longer for days off. You also can prepare meals in advance to heat and serve on your busiest days.
6. Plan to use leftovers. Think about larger recipes with enough servings for multiple meals. This can reduce the number of ingredients you need to buy, and save you time preparing another meal.

Save money, eat well—it all begins with a Meal Plan!

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 Circuit Training 6-7pm
Wednesday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Restorative Yoga 6-7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Friday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm ReFit® 6-7pm



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, September 25th.**

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 September 21st, 6-8pm.** If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. **Our next volunteer date is September 20th.** Contact Berenice Zayas for more information or to sign up at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Child Safety

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

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

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

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

High School Youth and College Youth!

The National Catholic Youth Conference is coming soon, November 16th-19th! We will be registering youth to go on this amazing trip to Indianapolis until September 18th. Contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office to get an information and registration packet!

Parish School of Religion!

We are now accepting registrations for PSR. Registration forms can be picked up in the gathering space or found on the parish website. **Classes will begin September 17th.** Children entering 2nd grade are eligible for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion this year and youth entering 10th grade or older are eligible for the sacrament of Confirmation. Information packets about the sacraments will be sent upon receipt of registration. We look forward to sharing your children's faith journey this school year!

Substitute Teachers Needed!

If anyone is available to occasionally help out in a PSR classroom, please contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office. All volunteers must meet the Diocesan requirements to work with children.



Reflection on the Readings

The refrain from Psalm 95 captures well the focus of this Sunday's readings: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Listening with an open heart and mind to how God speaks in and through others and all of creation will lead to an attunement of mind and heart to God. *True discipleship entails and demands a constant discipline of listening to how God might be speaking to us in all the events of life.*

Psalm 95 is used daily in the morning prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours. *The psalm sets the appropriate context for beginning the day's journey, alerting those praying to the constant need throughout the day to be attuned to God's voice in life's many and various encounters.* The psalm verses chosen for this Sunday call us to come into God's presence, praising and thanking God for shepherding and guiding us through life. They also include a warning not to harden our hearts lest we cut ourselves off from the wisdom and guidance that the Lord continually provides throughout our days.

Ezekiel in the first reading is reflecting on his role as God's prophet. He is to listen to God's word with open heart and mind so that he can be the instrument of God's wisdom and guidance to others. *Having listened, Ezekiel has the added responsibility to announce God's words to the people.* If they listen and act on God's wisdom and guidance, they will live and grow. If they harden their hearts and refuse to listen, they cut themselves off from God's life and guidance, ultimately lifeless and dying.

Paul's letter to the Romans offers us the general thrust of God's wisdom which, if acted upon, does lead to abundant life. *Following Jesus' lead, Paul stresses that loving our neighbor as ourselves is the soul and substance, the "fulfillment," of the law. Love does no evil, overcoming evil with good while bringing about new life and meaning.* The law is perfectly fulfilled in love of God through love of neighbor. All else is merely commentary and footnote.

Matthew's gospel has Jesus address his followers concerning the existence of conflicts and disagreements within the community. The presumption in Jesus' directives is that the community's integrity is based

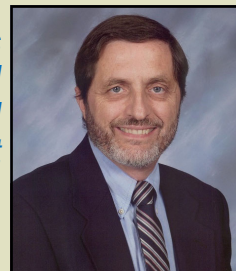
on its daily attempt to attune itself to God's wisdom and guidance. Only such a community can approach an erring member and strive to heal, reconcile and reintegrate the sinner into the community. If the erring member does not listen, then two or more members of the community are asked to come along to witness to the response of the erring member. If the erring member still refuses to listen and respond then the matter is to be brought to the whole community.

If the erring member cannot heal and reconcile with the community, then the member chooses no longer to be an integral member of the community, thus severing the relationship. The community affirms the personal choice of its erring member who consistently refuses God's wisdom and guidance as expressed through the community. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus gives this authority to Peter in chapter 16 and to the whole community in chapter 18. *However, that authority must consistently be tested against the discipline of attunement to God's wisdom and guidance. Failure to do so leads to a loss of integrity and a profound rupture in the community's exercise of authority.*

Matthew's gospel passage ends with Jesus affirming the rich reality that whenever two or three are gathered in his name, he is there in the midst of them. This assures the community that God listens to the community, especially in its continued attempt to attune itself to God's wisdom and guidance.

How do you attune yourself to God's wisdom and guidance articulated in and through your faith community? Ask God for the grace to listen attentively and not to harden your heart.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate



Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, September 10

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 17

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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 September 10th and 24th 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 94 capta bien el enfoque de las lecturas de este domingo: "Ojalá escuchen hoy su voz: 'No endurezcan su corazón'". Escuchar con el corazón y mente abiertos a cómo Dios habla en y a través de los demás y toda la creación conducirá a una sintonía de mente y corazón con Dios. *El verdadero discipulado implica y exige una disciplina constante de escuchar cómo Dios podría estar hablando con nosotros en todos los eventos de la vida.*

El Salmo 94 se usa diariamente en la oración matutina de la Liturgia de las Horas. *El salmo establece el contexto apropiado para comenzar el viaje del día, alertando a los que oran a la necesidad constante durante todo el día para estar en sintonía con la voz de Dios en los encuentros múltiples y diversos de la vida.* Los versículos del salmo elegidos para este domingo nos llaman a entrar en la presencia de Dios, alabando y agradeciendo a Dios por pastorearnos y guiarnos toda la vida. También incluyen una advertencia para no endurecer nuestros corazones para que no nos separemos de la sabiduría y la guía que el Señor provee continuamente durante nuestros días.

Ezequiel en la primera lectura está reflexionando sobre su papel como profeta de Dios. Él debe escuchar la palabra de Dios con corazón y mente abiertos para que pueda ser el instrumento de la sabiduría y guía de Dios para los demás. *Habiendo escuchado, Ezequiel tiene la responsabilidad adicional de anunciar las palabras de Dios a la gente.* Si ellos escuchan y actúan según la sabiduría y guía de Dios, ellos vivirán y crecerán. Si endurecen sus corazones y se niegan a escuchar, se cortan de la

vida y guía de Dios, en última instancia, sin vida y muriéndose.

La carta de Pablo a los romanos nos ofrece el empuje general de la sabiduría de Dios que, si se actúa sobre ella, conduce a una vida abundante. *Siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, Pablo subraya que amar al prójimo como a nosotros mismos es el alma y la sustancia, el "cumplimiento" de la ley. El amor no hace ninguna maldad, vence la maldad con el bien mientras que trae nueva vida y significado.* La ley se cumple perfectamente en el amor de Dios a través del amor al prójimo. Todo lo demás es meramente comentario y nota de pie de página.

El evangelio de Mateo hace que Jesús se dirija a sus seguidores acerca de la existencia de conflictos y desacuerdos dentro de la comunidad. *La presunción en las directivas de Jesús es que la integridad de la comunidad se basa en su intento cotidiano de sintonizarse con la sabiduría y la guía de Dios.* Sólo tal comunidad puede acercarse a un miembro erróneo y esforzarse por sanar, reconciliar y reintegrar al pecador en la comunidad. Si el miembro erróneo no escucha, entonces se pide a dos o más miembros de la comunidad que vengan a atestiguar la respuesta del miembro erróneo. Si el miembro erróneo todavía se niega a escuchar y responder, entonces el asunto debe ser llevado a toda la comunidad.

Si el miembro erróneo no puede sanarse y reconciliarse con la comunidad, entonces el miembro elige dejar de ser un miembro integral de la comunidad, rompiendo así la relación. La comunidad afirma la elección

personal de su miembro erróneo que rechaza constantemente la sabiduría y guía de Dios expresada a través de la comunidad. En el evangelio de Mateo, Jesús le da esta autoridad a Pedro en el capítulo 16 y a toda la comunidad en el capítulo 18. *Sin embargo, esa autoridad debe ser probada constantemente contra la disciplina de sintonía con la sabiduría y guía de Dios. El no hacerlo conduce a una pérdida de integridad y a una ruptura profunda en el ejercicio de la autoridad por parte de la comunidad.*

El pasaje evangélico de Mateo termina con Jesús afirmando la rica realidad de que cuando dos o tres están reunidos en su nombre, él está allí en medio de ellos. Esto asegura a la comunidad que Dios escucha a la comunidad, especialmente en su intento continuo de sintonizarse con la sabiduría y guía de Dios.

¿Cómo se sintoniza con la sabiduría y la guía de Dios articuladas en y a través de su comunidad de fe? Pídale a Dios la gracia de escuchar atentamente y de no endurecer su corazón.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral



Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 10 de Septiembre

Primera Lectura: Ezequiel 33:7-9

Salmo: Salmo 94:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 13:8-10

Evangelio: Mateo 18:15-20

Lecturas del Domingo, 17 de Septiembre

Primera Lectura: Eclesiástico 27:30-28:7

Salmo: Salmo 103 (102):1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Segunda Lectura: Romanos 14:7-9

Evangelio: Mateo 18:21-35



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