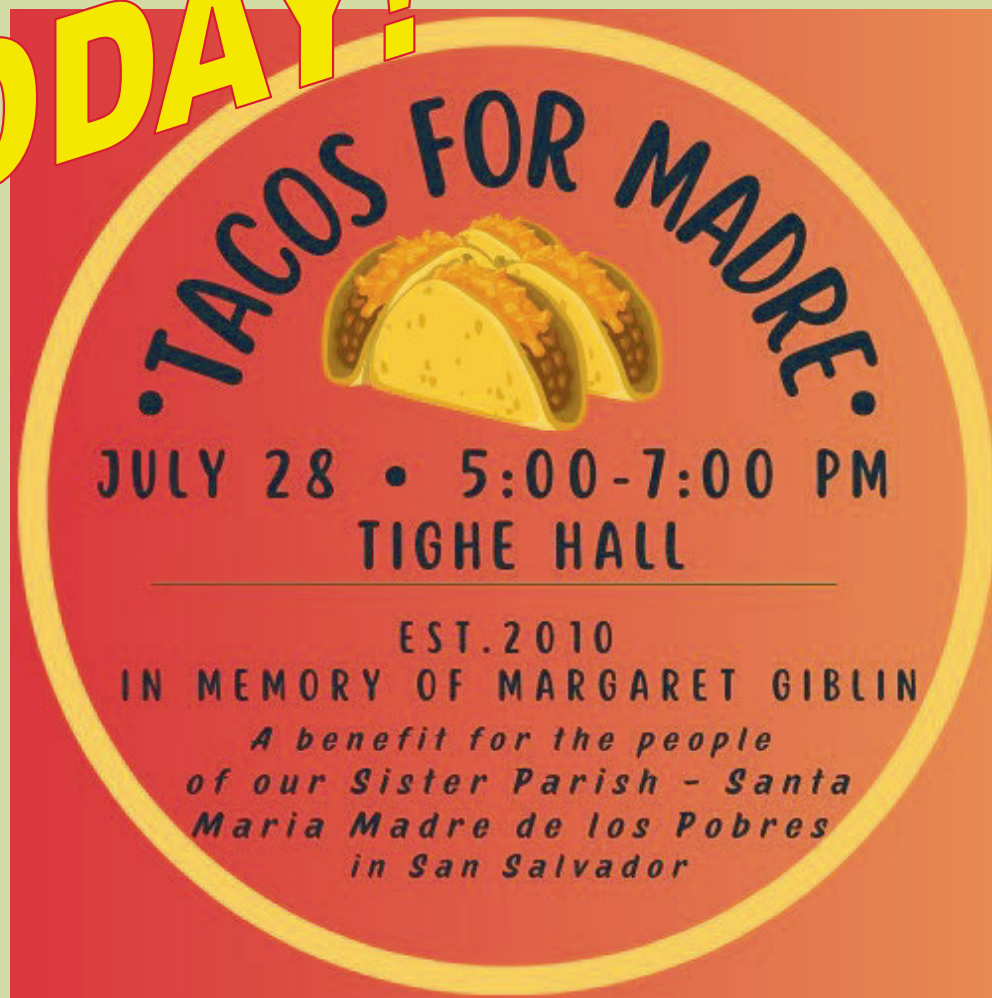


VISITATION PARISH
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 28, 2024

TODAY!



M A S S E S

Sunday Masses

Saturday..... 4:00 pm
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

Weekday Masses (St. Joseph Chapel)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.....6:45 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday..... 8:15 am
Saturday..... 8:15 am

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFIRMATION CHANGES

PLEASE NOTE: The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph is changing the age of reception for the sacrament of Confirmation to students in the 6th grade. We will be adjusting the program to make sure all Vis children older than 6th grade who have not been confirmed will have the opportunity to be confirmed in the next two years. This will affect the following students:

- ⇒ **Incoming 10th graders** - You can enroll in Vis Confirmation prep program this year. Please be on the lookout for more information to come this fall.
- ⇒ **Incoming 9th graders** - You will enroll in the Confirmation program next year as a sophomore.
- ⇒ **Incoming 7th and 8th graders who attend Vis** - You will receive preparation to be Confirmed through Visitation school.
- ⇒ **Incoming 6th graders who attend Vis** - You will receive preparation to be Confirmed next year through Visitation school.
- ⇒ **Incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders** who do not attend a Catholic elementary school - You can enroll in the Vis Confirmation prep program later this fall.

Please be patient and know there will have to be some flexibility as we all adjust and plan for this new Diocesan initiative. Keep an eye on bulletin announcements, emails and postcards for more information. Contact Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309 with any questions. THANK YOU!



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

- Deanna & Bob Belt
- Nick Nachbor & Elly Amighi

OUR SYMPATHY

We as a parish extend our sympathy to Joe Landwehr on the death of his wife, Pat Landwehr; and also to John Saladino, on the death of his father, Marion Saladino.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Bill Blank, Sr.	Jeanne Lendabarker
Earl Adam	Scott Martens
Pamela Atherton	Tim McNamara
Marianne Carl	Thom McNamara
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Tricia Melland
Susan Erwin	Peggy Pruitt
Laura Fitzpatrick	Ellie Rose
Bill Fuss	Kathy Scaglia
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Barbara Schulte
Margaret Howard	Aimee Sesler
Joe Irwin	Sandra Sharp
William Jewell	Special Intention
Erin Kallman	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Peg Kallman	Dave Wittrock
Bryan Larson	Leigh Ann Zeller

SICK LIST UPDATE

Contact Jenny Greene to request an individual be added to our list. We ask that you leave a contact name and number. We will follow up with each request quarterly to keep the list current and to offer additional support as needed.

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Major Philip Martin, Fort Leavenworth, KS; Major Chris Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Major Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Master Sergeant Louis A. Perez, Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 6
On Alert: Team # 7

THE 2024 GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

will be celebrated on August 25 at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception by Bishop Johnston. Please contact Joni at 816-753-7422 in the parish office if you are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2024.

PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Parishioners,

Since my arrival here last summer, I've heard a lot of conversations about increasing Mass attendance. It tells me how much we care about our celebration of the Eucharist, how we cherish it and recognize it as the Source and Summit of our faith. I love how so many in this parish recognize the gift of the Eucharist and are eager to draw more people to this celebration.

Beginning this weekend, in conjunction with excerpts from the Bread of Life discourses in John's Gospel, we have special outdoor banners highlighting the richness of the Eucharist. On our YouTube channel, you will have the opportunity to watch videos from various parishioners as they reflect on the power and the gift of the Eucharist in their lives. I begin those reflections this week, but many more will follow. I hope the videos provide you with abundant food for thought, but also inspire you to name the ways the Eucharist shapes and strengthens your faith. We are blessed to be a community with a strong liturgical life and a tradition of vital and dynamic weekend Masses. And our embrace of this faith can always grow deeper and stronger. What a wonderful journey to share together!

Peace,

Fr. Greg

RCIA

RCIA CLASSES BEGIN SOON!



Now is the time to schedule your initial meeting with RCIA Director, Teresa Albright at 816-753-5155 x1306 or teresa@church.visitation.org.

Who is the RCIA process for?

- Any non-Catholic adult interested in learning more about Catholicism.
- Baptized or unbaptized Adults considering becoming Catholic.
- Adults who were baptized Catholic and wish to prepare for their First Communion and Confirmation.

SCHOOL

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED

The Visitation Athletic Committee is currently seeking interested volunteers to coach girls volleyball, including non-parent coaches for the upper grades, for the upcoming season. The season runs from mid-August to mid-November. If you are interested in volleyball, and enjoy working with kids, please consider this very rewarding opportunity. Please contact Julie Munjak at jfmunjak@yahoo.com or 816-492-0700 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY 30-AUGUST 4

Tuesday, July 30

6:45 am James Lynch †
8:15 am Donna Seigfreid †

Wednesday, July 31

6:45 am Fr. Gregory Schmidt †
8:15 am Mary Agnes Alderman †

Thursday, August 1

6:45 am Valerie Roach †

Friday, August 2

8:15 am Thomas Dubbert †

Saturday, August 3

8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres
4:00 pm People of Visitation

Sunday, August 4

8:00 am Christopher Burke †
10:30 am Bryon Thompson †

MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 3-4

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
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BULLETIN DEADLINE Noon Monday

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick by appointment
Fr. Greg and Jennifer Greene

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital, Jennifer Greene

Sacrament of Matrimony, Contact Jennifer Greene to begin marriage preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation, Youth Jennifer Greene

Sacrament of Infant Baptism, Adult Confirmation and Sacraments of Initiation, *For those who wish to become Catholic.* Teresa Albright

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RACIAL JUSTICE



ONE PARISHIONER'S STORY: HOW MY PARTICIPATION IN THE VIS RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE LED ME TO AN UNEXPECTED TREASURE.

As I explored the effect of racial injustice, one of the recommendations I came across to undo some aspects of racism in personal behavior was to learn much more about that group's writers and culture.



That led me to make a list of names of African American writers whose name I was familiar with but about whom I knew very little and whom I had never read firsthand. That disappointing result led me to a google search for African American leaders and writers. The search put me onto the Norton Anthology of African American Literature, edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (of PBS fame for Finding Your Roots and multiple TV series and books on black culture).

As some of us may recall from college days, Norton is a specialist publisher of high-quality anthologies. They tend to be expensive but barely used copies and are usually available at surprisingly low prices. In Amazon's used book options I bought a completely unmarked copy of the 2014 second edition in prime shape for \$8. I checked on the current situation before writing this and found **multiple copies of the 2nd edition** available for \$6 to \$9. (A new copy of the 2014-3rd edition is priced at \$85.)

My copy has been a treasure: it put me in touch with 121 writers, each with a profile. They provided firsthand descriptions of seven periods of U.S. Black history: Over a 100 early spoken texts like spirituals, gospel, ballads and work songs from a time before slavery; nineteen authors of the period of slavery and of freedom, 1746 to 1865, like Venture Smith, Phyllis Wheatley, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Jacobs, Frederick Douglas; fourteen in the Reconstruction to the New Negro Renaissance period, like Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. DuBois, James Weldon Johnson; twenty-one in the Harlem Renaissance, 1919-1940, like Zora Neale Hurston, Jean Toomer, Langston Hughes; eleven from 1940 to 1960, characterized as Realism, Naturalism, Modernism, like Richard Wright, Ralph Ellison, Gwendolyn Brooks, James Baldwin; twenty-five in the Black Arts Period, 1960-1975, like Malcom X, Martin Luther King Jr., Audre Lorde, Amiri Baraka, Eldridge Cleaver, Niki Giovanni; thirty-one for Literature since 1975, like Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, Rita Dove, Harryette Mullen and Colson Whitehead.

These gifted writers shared memoirs, stories and analyses of their lives and insights as they make a stunning contribution to the history and culture of America. A treasure indeed.

- Parishioner Larry Guillot

WEDDINGS

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We need people to join our team of talented coordinators. These are people who both love the flow of liturgy within the Marriage Rite and are detailed-oriented so to be able to work with the bride and groom and their wedding parties. Coordinators provide their expertise for both the rehearsal and the wedding day and are essential to a beautiful wedding ceremony. Please contact Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309.



SISTER PARISH

Visiting Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres by Julie Spaeth



I was honored to be part of the delegation visiting Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres in May. It was like a grand reunion with family and friends! Celebration was the key word of our visit! It was a true blessing to be able to celebrate in solidarity with our Salvadoran brothers and sisters during the week long celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Santa Maria de los Pobres . it was very evident how our parishes truly cherish our Sister Parish relationship. We celebrated with the school children when Bob presented his book, La Chica de la Chacra. The children were thrilled to hear the story and see their neighborhood when it appeared on the screen. Each student received their own signed copy of the book. We celebrated the work of the Sponsorship Program does for the children in the parish. We visited five families in their homes who are sponsored by Visitation Parish. They were all grateful for the help they are receiving.

JULY IS MADRE MONTH!

In 1988, our parish held a vote and agreed to enter into a sister parish relationship with Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres. Over thirty years later, that friendship has continued to grow! Whether you have been able to travel on a delegation, participate in the sponsorship program or have contributed in some other way, your generosity has made a difference to this wonderful community. Please consider making a special gift this month. Here are some of the ways your money makes a difference: CAPI- the early childhood education center, the sponsorship program,



the medical and dental clinic and medical delegations, solidarity delegations and annual financial support, including providing water filters and regular contributions for needed supplies and capital improvements. Send your donations to the church office by July 31 or go to our parish website at www.visitation.org to donate.

Please consider a donation to our sister parish. Your support is needed now more than ever.

Sponsors who pay their sponsorship fee twice a year, your first annual installment is due in July.

SOCIAL SERVICES

VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

We are in communication with Della Lamb weekly regarding arrivals of refugees; they are continuing to look for a family whose size will be a good fit for the Visitation Community. Thanks to everyone for their donations and prayers for this mission. Please check future bulletins for further information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ONE CITY CAFÉ next on Thursdays, August 8 and August 22 from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. Please reach out to Bill Staggs for details at Bill Staggs at 816-304-3264 or willstaggs48@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY GARDEN- Great family service opportunity! Please join our gardeners as they tend to the summer garden on Saturday mornings. Volunteers should arrive by 9:30 am and can stay as long as they are able. Any assistance you can provide is helpful! The garden is in full swing with spring planting having been completed. We need regular teams of people for watering and tilling. If you are interested in helping with our community garden at St. Francis Xavier, please contact Alison Dudley at 816-914-3528 or alisondudleykc@gmail.com.



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), 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 Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

FATIH FORMATION

Don't miss out on the next tour group for the Michael Klein Collection of Judaica at Temple B'nai Jehudah. Now scheduling a weekday tour group in August. Contact Teresa at teresa@church.visitation.org for more information.

Here's what others had to say about the tour:

"I was inspired by the extent and the beauty of the collection, and the significant role of artistic expression in Jewish spirituality. The diversity of this collection underlines how Jewish faith is integrated into every aspect of life, something we as Catholics also promote, believe and cherish." - Fr. Greg Haskamp

"The collection was amazing in itself, but the docent's explanation of how the items were important parts of Jewish life, traditions and holidays, made the tour such a learning experience. Thank you so much for making this possible for the Visitation Community." - Julie & Mike Morrand



"The Michael Klein Collection at The Temple B'nai Jehudah was a visual, religious, artistic and cultural treasure for me personally and believe it was for all of our group. Our learned docent did a fabulous job of providing engaging information on the Judaic artifacts but she also gave us her own intimate connection with the objects, Judaism and her Jewish life." - Sheila Jewell

"The Klein Judaica Collection is filled with beautiful and meaningful objects from many ages and places. The collection illustrates Jewish beliefs and practices, many of which inform our own Catholic faith tradition." - JoAnn & Dan Axtell

"The collection, docent, and curator were warmly welcoming and informative. I highly recommend this opportunity." - Julie Aucar

"The collection was fascinating and the docent was excellent. I particularly liked that she wove her experiences of Judaism into her talk." - Kathleen Lusk

"Not only beautiful objects but informative descriptions of the ceremonies that use them." - Jan Tromans

"Our docent highlighted four Jewish holidays and discussed the related artifacts and also explained current changes and updates in the holiday traditions. I learned a lot." - Sandy Handley

"On its own, the Klein Collection is a stunning array of art, craftsmanship, culture and history. Curating the pieces around their significance as Judaica, along with a knowledgeable docent personally connected to its central theme, takes this visual experience to a deeper level. It also brings to mind the many items and traditions we as Catholics share and how they may continue to evolve." - Debi Sicoli

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The Presenter

Fr. James Smith, C.P.P.S., is a graduate student in practical theology at Graduate Theological Union. Fr. James was born, raised, and lived in Indiana until he entered formation with the Precious Blood community after graduating from St Joseph College in Rensselaer, Indiana. He was ordained in 2017. His research interests include theologies of pastoral care, practical theology, and trends in American Catholicism.



The Respondent

Jennifer Greene grew up in Kansas City, married Denis Greene in 2000 and raised three kids in Visitation parish. After finishing a Masters in Ministry from Creighton, she taught theology at St. Teresa's Academy for 10 years and transitioned to parish work last year. Jennifer says, "Having watched my own children's relationship with the Church and hundreds of teens over 10 years, I urgently want to be part of this conversation."

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