

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

VISITATION PARISH

JULY 16, 2023



OUR MISSION

Visitation, a community of communities, is committed to a way of life based on Christ's teaching and our Catholic tradition by being dedicated to lifelong conversion in faith, healing sanctuary in our sacraments and relationships, an educational environment for our children which emphasizes Catholic values and is committed to excellence, awareness and responsiveness to the needs of our neighbors and our society.

MASS SCHEDULE

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



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year where we prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism and learn about its ancient and rich sacramental symbols. The next class will be **Sunday, August 20 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Meet in the Adult Classroom downstairs in Tighe Hall.**

- New parents are required to complete Baptism preparation prior to their child's baptism.
- All others are also welcome! Parents who baptized their first child during the pandemic and had to take the class online are especially encouraged to attend this class in-person. Parents who want a "refresher," or godparents wishing to deepen their understanding of Baptism, are invited to attend the class.
- To learn more, contact Teresa Albright at 753-5155 x1309 or teresa@church.visitation.org.

GREETERS NEEDED

We are in need of people to serve as greeters (ministers of hospitality) at all liturgies with the most need at the 10:30 am Mass. Greeters serve as the face of our community! Greeters welcome all who enter our doors at Mass. They distribute order of service cards, take up the offertory collection and tidy up after the liturgy. If you are available and interested in serving, please contact Liturgy and Music director, Alejandro Manso, at 753-5155 x1307 or alejandro@church.visitation.org.

FAITH FORMATION PARISH BOOK



There are still a few copies of this year's parish book in the narthex. Pick up your household's free copy while they last!

ROSARY FOR THE SICK

IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY IS HELD
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE
ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL AT 8:00 PM.
(WILL BE LIVESTREAMED)

OUR SYMPATHY

We, a parish community, extend our prayers and sympathy to Marilyn Kearns, Barbara Mashburn and Michael Kearns on the death of their husband and father, James Kearns; Courtney, Fisher and Finnegan Roy on the death of their husband and father, James Roy; and for Jana McIntosh on the death of her husband, Michael McIntosh.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Tony Consentino

John Anderson
Pamela Atherton
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Leonardo Borders
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Nicholas Parscale

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Kat Potter

Peggy Pruitt

Ruth Quirarte

Quinn Regan

Theresia Ritchie

Valerie Roach

Ellie Rose

The Ryan Family

The Saalberg Family

Liam Scanlon

Fran Schuetz

Barbara Schulte

Aimee Sesler

Sandra Sharp

Bill Stone

Special Intention

Jeannie Sullivan

Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.

Annabelle Whalen

Dave Wittrock

Leigh Ann Zeller

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Major Philip Martin, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Staff Sgt. Louis Perez, San Diego, CA.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

On Deck: Team # 8

On Alert: Team # 12

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY 18-23

Tuesday, July 18

6:45 am Jim Murtha †
8:15 am Paula Gettino †

Wednesday, July 19

6:45 am People of Santa Madre de los Pobres
8:15 am Byron Thompson †

Thursday, July 20

6:45 am Jeanne Thompson †

Friday, July 21

8:15 am Jerry Handley †

Saturday, July 22

8:15 am Jim Lynch †
4:00 pm Byron Thompson †

Sunday, July 23

8:00 am Jim Lynch †
10:30 am People of Visitation

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JULY 22-23

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	B. Murray sub req M. Murray S. Munjak-Khoury	L. Maginn A. O'Neill D. Britt	E. Orscheln K. Schilling A. Calkins
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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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RCIA

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R.C.I.A. CLASSES START SEPTEMBER!

LUKE 24:13-35



*Now scheduling Inquirer meetings.
Contact Teresa Albright in the parish office.*

PASTORAL CARE



EVERY MARRIAGE HITS A ROCKY ROAD at times. If this is such a time for you because of stress, loss of work, anxiety, communication problems or loss of purpose, then think about making a RETROUVAILLE weekend. The next local retreat is the weekend of September 1-

3. For confidential information about or to register for a weekend, please visit <https://retrokc.com>. Visitation parish wants to support our married couples—always—in good times and in hard times. If you would like to make the weekend, but are concerned about the cost (\$200) we as a community want to help. Contact Jenny Greene at 816-753-5155 x1309 for assistance.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

ENGAGED COUPLES

Congratulations on your Engagement! Visitation welcomes you into the marriage preparation process that will enrich and equip you to experience a joy-filled marriage. Visitation's engaged couples who are preparing for marriage are guided in an insightful and life-giving marriage preparation process. Our process helps form essential marriage tools and establish a closer connection with our parish community. The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph sets the expectation that engaged couples will notify parishes at least nine months in advance of their weddings in order to participate fully in preparation for the sacrament of marriage. Over the years our parish community has learned this and, without exception, contacts the parish as soon as they are engaged. For the most part people have to do that in order to get the church and reception site dates lined up well in advance of nine months. More recently, couples who are going "home" (out of Kansas City) to be married have contacted the parish three – six months before their weddings which does not allow adequate time. To be fair to those couples themselves and to the 40+ couples currently in marriage preparation at Visitation, if you are newly engaged, please contact our pastoral associate, Jennifer Greene at 753-5155 x1309 or Jennifer@church.visitation.org so we can begin your new journey to married life.

GOLDEN SHAMROCKS 2023-2024 EVENTS

Visitation's Seniors Ministry, the Golden Shamrocks, invites all senior members of the parish to join us for any of our 2023-2024 events. Watch the parish bulletin, social media and e-news for more details about each event and RSVP information.

Tuesday, August 29

Back to School Luncheon, 12:00 Noon

Thursday, October 19

Harvest Luncheon, 12:00 Noon

Wednesday, December 6

St. Nicholas Luncheon, 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, February 13

Mardi Gras Luncheon, 12:00 Noon

Monday, March 18

St. Patrick's Luncheon, 12:00 Noon

Thursday, May 2

Spring Brunch, 9:00 am

Wednesday, June 5

Picnic, Loose Park, 11:30 am



RACIAL JUSTICE

FROM RJC'S NEWSFEED AS FEATURED IN TRAVEL AND LEISURE AND THE KANSAS CITY STAR:

How to better showcase Kansas City Black art?
This woman brings it to where people shop
BY J.M. BANKS JULY 06, 2023 5:30 AM

Brian Roberts fills the shelves and tables of his midtown Black Pantry shop with Black-owned brands — books, wines, skin creams, candles and more. He wanted to do the same for the bare walls. “I wanted to create a sustainable marketplace for Black goods and to give the opportunity for those who want to support Black businesses and buy Black,” said Roberts, who opened the brick-and-mortar store at 325 E. 31st St. in 2021. He came across the Natasha Ria Art Gallery and its owner, Natasha El-Scari. She told him about her partnership, Black Space Black Art, which pairs local businesses and Black artists to showcase and sell their works. “It has been great to add to the aesthetic of the shop. It is usually the first thing (customers) notice when they walk in,” Roberts said.



Brian Roberts

Among the paintings at Natasha Ria Art Gallery: “Inner Stellar Space” by Adrienne D. Clayton. El-Scari works at the University of Missouri-Kansas City as the director of the Women’s Center and at the Kansas City Art Institute teaching African American experience through literature. “I started Black Space Black Art with the purpose of shining a light on Black artists and Black art in Kansas City,” said El-Scari. “I felt like Black art was something that African Americans were missing that they didn’t know was missing, to see a reflection of their culture and their beauty in their homes and their lives.”

Starting in 2017 with barber and beauty shops, El-Scari and her collective branched out to over 40 minority-owned businesses. in the KC area. The gallery earns a commission on any sale of the works. In 2018 she opened her gallery at 1014 W. 39th St., sharing a space with the Center for Spiritual Living Church. She set out to create a place where Black art could be on display and sold year-round. The Natasha Ria Art Gallery shares a space with the Center for Spiritual Living church on West 39th Street. “I am really dedicated to Black people extending their own spaces in art and I want to see them receive more awards and residencies,” she said. Artist Vivian Bluett had her first showing at the Natasha Ria Gallery and, through Black Space Black Art, her work has been displayed and sold in various businesses, including the Black Pantry. Bluett thinks the collective opens doors for new artists.



Natasha El-Scari

“That is where I got my confidence,” said Bluett. “Having the opportunity to show my work in a space, build community, network and that might not have happened if you had shown on your own.” Bluett began to dive into her artistic inclinations in 2017 after being laid off. Self-taught, she developed a style that many, upon first sight, would describe as whimsical depictions of children’s paintings. However, Bluett, 40, says her style has deep cultural meanings. “I make art based around social justice, having a conversation with the art about what we are teaching our children and what is the narrative we are leaving with them,” she said.

RACIAL JUSTICE (CONTINUED)



Artist Vivian Bluett

Today, Bluett works as the instructor for The Village KC nonprofit's youth art program, teaching lessons learned through Black Space Black Art. "I think the beauty in Black Space Black Art and Natasha Ria is to educate the artists who don't know and might not have a chance," said Bluett. "The support in our community is getting a lot better, and seeing Black art becoming the norm when you go into one of our establishments is a great feeling as an artist."



Roberts of Black Pantry hopes more local Black businesses will introduce their customers to Black art. "It is great because we can elevate the walls and the space and give it some cultural cues, but to also recognize that we can work together and use our businesses to bring art to our community," says Roberts. "But it is going to take us working together in larger capacities on larger stages to help." For more information on Black Space Black Art and partnering businesses visit natasharia.com/natasha-ria-art-gallery.



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FROM RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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For Those We Serve,

Fr. Justin Mathews
Executive Director



FROM REDEMPTORIST



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,200 to Redemptorist Center. We are truly very grateful for your continued support. Our Emergency Client Assistance program provides individuals in crisis with a safety net and the peace of mind knowing they can stay healthy and in their home with the utilities on and food on the table. Their basic needs have been met and major obstacles have been removed.

Your funding support of \$1,200 will be instrumental in helping the center prevent a temporary crisis from becoming a permanent tragedy in the lives of individuals in need.

On behalf of the staff, Board, volunteers and clients of the Center, I thank you for your support of our mission and invite you to tour the center and see how our programs of assistance help those in need.

Warmest Regards,

Julie McCaw
Executive Director

FROM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Dear Visitation Parishioners,

Thank you so much for the Emergency Assistance check. This check is so needed right now as the food from Harvester's is severely limited due to supply chain issues and a decrease in donations. Our food pantry has fewer options than it has ever had in the time I have been here. Your generosity will allow us to buy much needed protein items for our neighbors in need. Thank you so very much!

Sue Robb
St. Francis Xavier Pantry

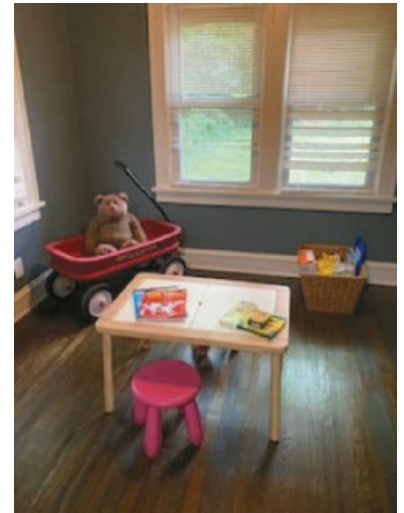
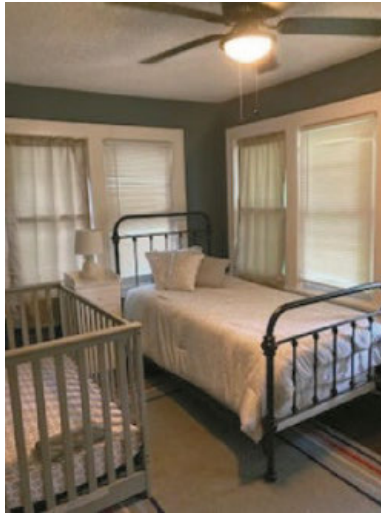


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Hi friends,

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Amy McCliney Perry- Visitation Refugee Assistance Committee/Transportation Team





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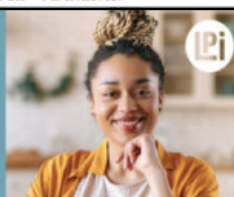
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MADRE MONTH

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Also, please follow our sister parish on social media to stay up to date on what is happening in their parish community. You can find them on Facebook at Parroquia Maria Madre de Los Pobres.



SPOTLIGHT ON A SPONSOR

"We have sponsored two young people over the years and the program has been especially important to us as a family. My kids always looked forward to the updates and we would put up the pictures, drawings and letters in a prominent place in our house. Bianca became part of the family in a uniquely special way."

Jennifer and Denis Greene

MADRE SPONSORSHIPS

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MEDICAL DELEGATION

Calling all medical professionals! If you are a doctor, nurse, physical therapist or any other type of practitioner, you are needed! We are in the process of planning the next medical delegation to our sister parish in El Salvador. Julie Aucar, a Nurse Practitioner who most recently traveled with the delegation said so eloquently, "It is service you never trained for that turns into the privilege you always wanted to share." The delegation is scheduled to leave on September 30 and return on October 7. For more information, email or call Jeph BurroughsScanlon at 816-786-5373.

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