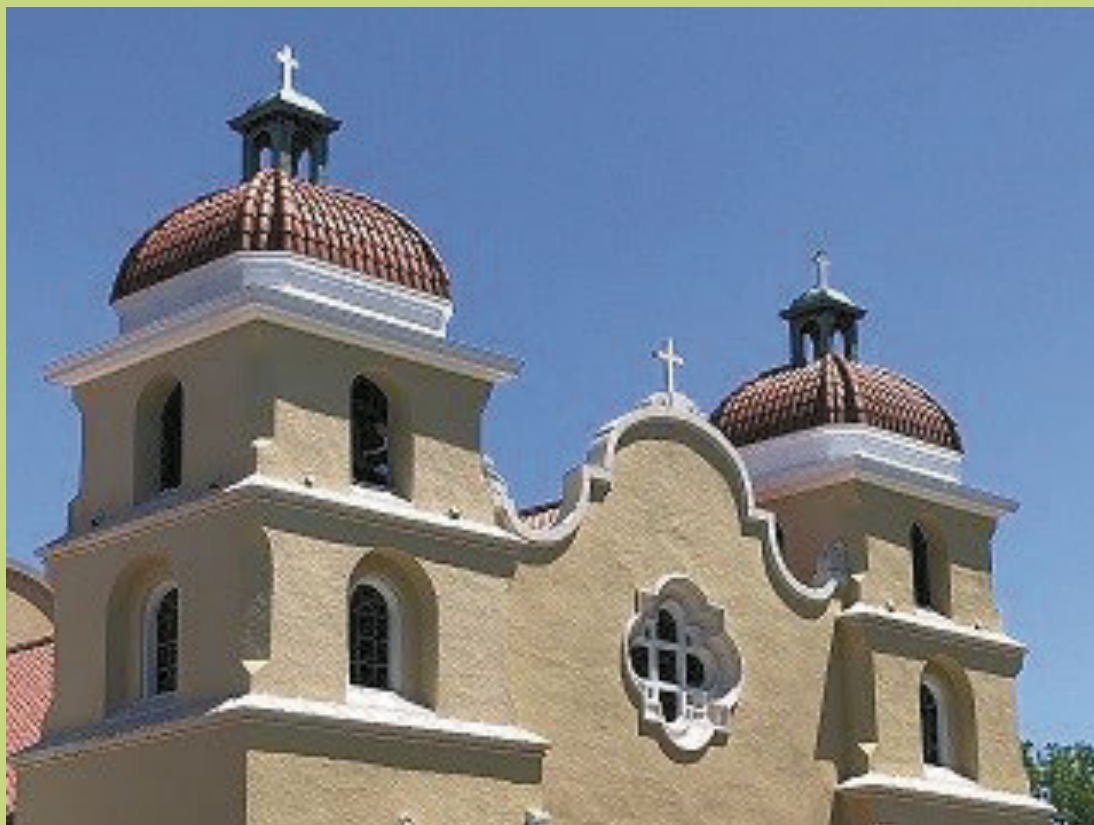


# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## VISITATION PARISH

### AUGUST 27, 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 life-long 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

### CONFIRMATION MINISTRY TEAM

Interested in joining the Confirmation ministry team? Or, have some ideas about Confirmation you want to share? We had a small but mighty group at our last meeting. Please come join us for the next planning meeting on Thursday, August 31 at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Room.



### CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER



**CHRISTMAS  
in  
OCTOBER**

Visitation has a long rich history with Christmas in October and we hope to continue the tradition of rebuilding houses and neighborhoods in Kansas City! **Please save the date of Saturday, October 14** and RSVP to Ken Conroy at [kmjhconroy1@gmail.com](mailto:kmjhconroy1@gmail.com) or 816-819-0578 to join the team! Your help is needed!



**MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN**

### KICK-OFF PARTY

**Wednesday, September 6th**

**7:00 PM**

**Tighe Hall**

Join us to kick off Visitation's Mothers of Young Children group!

Meet, register and mingle!

Hear about our mission, subcommittees and offerings.

Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to <https://www.addevent.com/event/pQ18300281>

### ROSARY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY IS HELD

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN THE  
ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL AT 8:00 PM.

*(WILL BE LIVESTREAMED)*

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

#### Laura Horigan

Brian Adams  
John Anderson  
Pamela Atherton  
Maggie Quirarte Bates  
Leonardo Borders  
Chace Brundige  
Cathy Campbell  
Marianne Carl  
Timothy Charles  
Mary Beth Cicchetti  
Olivia Connealy  
Tony Cosentino  
Jean Cummings  
Allie May Dudenhoeffer  
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Shana Gadt  
Ed Growney  
Brooke Kuechler Harris  
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Mary Lipari  
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Jorge Maldonado

Scott Martens

Priscilla McInnes  
Tim McNamara  
Thomas McNamara  
Tricia Melland  
Birdie Mendence  
Andy Metzler  
Lionel Morgan  
Krystal Nemetz  
Jennifer Olson  
Charles Oppenlander  
Linda Osterhaus  
Nicholas Parscale  
Nicola Pistone  
Kat Potter  
Peggy Pruitt  
Ruth Quirarte  
Quinn Regan  
Theresia Ritchie  
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: Maj. Philip Martin, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Master Sgt. Louis A. Perez, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL.*

### FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

**On Deck:** Team # 6

**On Alert:** Team # 12

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

It is so good to be here with you. I am grateful for such warmth, hospitality and welcome! Many have asked me if I'm getting settled in, and I'm happy to say "yes" to that. I had a lot to unpack and I'm happy to say every box is indeed unpacked. Emptying the last one sure felt good. Finding the right place for everything will take a while, but it's all unwrapped, shelved and visible.



The rectory is a wonderful home. I appreciate how spacious and comfortable it is, and how beautifully it's situated within the rest of the campus. Having a screened-in porch off the main living room, and a little deck outside my own living room, is a real treat! I like to sit outside, especially on summer evenings. And the rectory's adjacency to the courtyard and fountain is delightful.

I can't say enough about the beautiful church. Saying Mass in the church is a real privilege and joy. It has the feel of sacred space and leads me into prayer. I'm in awe of the furnishings as well as the architecture, as everything works together so well. I love wrought iron, and that is one of the features I especially appreciate. What a beautiful aesthetic! And standing on the predella during Mass is humbling and exciting. Being surrounded by and united with so many good people of faith inspires me and encourages me.

Thank you for your welcome to Visitation. I look forward to the journey of the years ahead!

Peace - Fr. Greg



## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

**REGISTER FOR PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN 4.0 WORKSHOP  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 FROM 6:30 - 9:30 PM IN TIGHE HALL**



*You need this course! There is a lot to do if you want to volunteer at the school or the parish. This includes helping with lunches, being a room mom or dad, volunteering in the nursery, with school of religion or Vacation Bible School - this list goes on. Please see below:*

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph **REQUIRES** all parish and school employees and volunteers who work with children (school and childcare volunteers, coaches, chaperones, SOR teachers, youth ministers, sacristans and Confirmation leaders) to take this workshop, register for a background check, sign an Ethics and Integrity in Ministry statement, take an on-line Mandated Reporter course and sign mandated reporter acknowledgement. If you plan to volunteer with children in the parish or the school, please complete these requirements. Register online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Click on registration, then select the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, MO. You may expect to spend 2 hours completing this process. If you have any questions, please call Janet Ridder at 816-381-6910.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 29– SEPTEMBER 3

**Tuesday, August 29**  
6:45 am Fred Mallick †  
8:15 am Mae Brown †

**Wednesday, August 30**  
6:45 am Fred Mallick †  
8:15 am Jacquie Kallman †

**Thursday, August 31**  
6:45 am Frances Beckers †

**Friday, September 1**  
8:15 am Jerry Handley †

**Saturday, September 2**  
8:15am Michael McIntosh †  
4:00 pm Evelyn Puno †

**Sunday, September 3**  
8:00 am Irene Seigfreid †  
10:30 am People of Visitation

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 2-3

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
ALTAR SERVERS	S. Anderson N. Bond <b>sub req</b> N. Evett	J. Kobler A. Hughes G. Greim	C. Reib F. Poiry E. Orscheln
E MS	S. Bastasch L. Waters Amy Thompson Addie Thompson L. Sokoloff K. Reichman A. Perry A. Peratt R. Moran	L. Hughes J. Miller J. Grego C. Schorgl K. Taylor <b>sub req</b> K. Banes P. Banes M. Kirwan S. Otto	J. Waldrup C. Powers J. Olivas G. O'Brien B. Bownik T. McCray A. Adams <b>sub req</b> S. Derks A. Bergner
LECTOR	J. Evett	E. Greim	D. Closson
USHERS	M. Evett B. Peay	T. Colburn M. Thompson	R. Lang J. Mateski
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Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe  
**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

### PARISH COUNCIL 2022-23

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## RCIA



Do you have questions about becoming Catholic and living a Catholic life? Please join us for 3 upcoming "Inquiry Sundays."

**Sundays, September 10, 17 and 24**

9:15 – 10:15 am (Adult Classroom in Tighe Hall)

These sessions will address basic questions about what Catholics believe, how we pray and what we celebrate. With a focus on fellowship, Sunday sessions take place between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Masses and are open to walk-ins and all parishioners. **Come with your questions, or follow the QR code to submit questions anonymously...**



## SCHOOL OF RELIGION

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION – REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

*A weekly program for the children of Visitation parish, their households and their neighbors. Classes, including preparation for First Sacraments, are available for K-8<sup>th</sup> graders beginning Monday, September 11 from 5:15 – 6:15 pm.*

HELP IS NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE S.O.R. VISION:

- ⇒ Support the Domestic Church
- ⇒ Make Disciples of Jesus
- ⇒ Encourage Servant Leadership
- ⇒ Reinforce a Catholic Identity



**Call for Volunteers!** There are several ways to help with this important family program. If you are Virtus certified, or willing to be trained, please contact Teresa Albright in the parish office to discuss volunteer opportunities for both teens and adults.

## ABOUT TOWN

### DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR HOMICIDE VICTIMS- SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24



**What:** Memorial Service

**When:** Sunday September 24, 12:30 pm

**Where:** Spirit of Freedom Fountain. 3708 Emanuel Cleaver Boulevard  
Please join Father Greg, members of the Visitation community and KC Mothers in Charge to show support for those who have lost loved ones

to homicide in Kansas City and to remember those who have died. **REMEMBER THEIR NAMES.**

### FROM GRIEF TO GRATITUDE BY GRACE - LORI HALL

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 12:00 NOON - 1:00 PM**

Lori, a retired educator, will share her story of love and loss of her husband through lessons she learned from Grief and the Gratitude that sustained her. She will speak about God's grace that is freely given to us and how, through the writing of her book, *Birds Still Dance*, her faith was challenged and strengthened. She writes, "Cancer is how John died but not how he lived."

*Our lunch presentations and facilitated table conversations provide a safe place to listen, remember and pray together. You may share—or not— as you are comfortable. Everyone is welcome—no charge. A complimentary box lunch is provided for those who pre-register. A free-will offering is appreciated. Sponsored by local churches and hosted at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village KS.*

<https://www.faithandgrief.org/gatherings/> - Info 816-381-9249 or care@cccckc.org.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### HUNGER FOR JUSTICE BANQUET WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30



*Kevin Strickland wrongfully convicted and spent 43 years in prison.*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30  
6:00 - 8:00 PM IN TIGHE HALL**

A light meal will be served and a free will offering will be collected for the Miracle of Innocence Project.



*Ricky Kidd - wrongfully convicted and spent 23 years in prison.*

The Visitation Social Concerns Committee is hosting the annual Hunger Banquet on Wednesday, August 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Tighe Hall. The theme this year is "Hunger for Justice". We are honored to have Ricky Kidd and Kevin Strickland as our guest speakers. Ricky and Kevin are both exonerees who served a combined 67 years in Missouri prisons for crimes they did not commit. Both were exonerated after years of effort by volunteer attorneys and the staff of the Midwest Innocence Project.

The purpose is to learn about social justice issues happening around us, learn what we might do to realize a more just society and gather in prayer in hopes to help Kevin and Ricky heal from this terrible injustice.

A simple meal will be served at 6:00 pm followed by our speakers and a question- and-answer period. In order that we will have enough food, we kindly ask you to RSVP to [janet@church.visitation.org](mailto:janet@church.visitation.org).

### VISITATION COMMUNITY CARES PROJECT - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28



Please plan to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual project where Visitation families/parishioners can show care and kindness to fellow parishioners! If you know someone who has suffered a loss, illness or hardship this year or who may need to be reminded how special they are to our community, please nominate them to be served in this way. All names can be submitted to Karen Miller at [karen@church.visitation.org](mailto:karen@church.visitation.org). If you are interested in volunteering on the day of the project, some tasks include raking leaves, planting flowers, trimming shrubs, sidewalk chalk art, etc. If you are willing to be participate or want more information, please call or email Greg Fowler at 816-718-5539 [gfwolder11057@gmail.com](mailto:gfwolder11057@gmail.com) or Jeff Mohajir at [jmohajir@mohajir.com](mailto:jmohajir@mohajir.com).

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### SISTER PARISH - MEDICINE FOR MADRE

Our medical delegation will be leaving on September 30 and will be carrying over the counter medicine to assist the health clinic. Donations of the following medications and items will be appreciated:



- ⇒ Vitamins for children and adults (No gummies, please)
- ⇒ Acetaminophen for adults (500 mg)
- ⇒ Children's Acetaminophen
- ⇒ Aspirin (81 mg)
- ⇒ Benadryl (allergy medication) 25 mg (tablets only)
- ⇒ Magnesium tablets
- ⇒ Toothbrushes for children and adults

### RIDE FOR MADRE - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

This year the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Ride for Madre will take place at the Crane Brewery with two ride options. The 20-mile ride leaves at 1:00 pm and the 10-mile ride leaves at 12:00 noon. To participate, please contact Bob Steinert at 816-729-2748 or email him at [bsteinert@aol.com](mailto:bsteinert@aol.com). Donations made to the ride for Madre go to support various projects at our sister parish in El Salvador. To donate go to our parish website, click Online Giving, scroll down to Sister Parish and put your donation amount in Ride for Madre.



## HUNGER AWARENESS

### SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

Donations of non-perishable food items may be brought to the basket in the church narthex throughout the month of September. Donations will benefit four neighboring food pantries: St. Francis Xavier, Bishop Sullivan Center (Troost location), Guardian Angels & Redemptorist.

*Young children are invited to participate and bring donations to the basket on the predella during the collection each weekend in September.*

Help us fill our basket each weekend in September!





## RACIAL JUSTICE



On August 9, Councilwoman Melissa Robinson (3<sup>rd</sup> District) was the featured speaker at the eighth and final session of the parish Just Faith Racial Healing class. Ms. Robinson, who got her start in civic involvement serving on the Ad Hoc Group Against Crime and as president of the Kansas City School Board, holds an MBA from Webster University. The Just Faith group asked Ms. Robinson to consider these questions: Why do you do what you do? Why is racial justice important to you and your vocation? How does your faith inform your work? What are the biggest joys and challenges of your work? How can churches and individuals support you and your work?

Eloquent, passionate and compassionate, Melissa Robinson was the perfect speaker to motivate this group of Just Faith alumni to continue to build bridges among people of all colors. She herself is motivated by the words of civil rights leader, Barbara Jordan, “It is a privilege to serve people; a privilege that must be earned and once earned, we have an obligation to do something good with it.” Answering the final question posed by the JF group, Ms. Robinson asked us to be informed and seek ways to stand in solidarity with the underserved 3<sup>rd</sup> district, to pay attention to the issues facing city government and to use our time and talent and get involved.

<https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/city-officials/city-council-members/councilman-melissa-robinson-3rd-district>





KANSAS CITY CATHOLICS  
ADDRESSING RACISM



# Continuing the Conversation about RACISM AND OUR FAITH

The *Kansas City Catholics Addressing Racism* (KCCAR) will update us on conversations with Bishop James V. Johnston and report on the National Black Catholic Congress XIII, followed by table discussions.

## Thursday September 14, 2023

Visitation Catholic Community

5141 Main, KCMO 64112, Tighe Hall

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m.



**R.S.V.P.**  
(requested)

CONTACT US: [kccatholicsaddressingracism@gmail.com](mailto:kccatholicsaddressingracism@gmail.com)



**MISSION STATEMENT:** As a purposefully organized and spiritually motivated initiative, we are committed to raising Kansas City Black Catholic voices and emphasizing the need for ALL Kansas City Catholics to appreciate the enrichment that enduring Black Catholic traditions have added to our Catholic faith and worship. In order to redress our fellow Catholics' diminishment, we dedicate our efforts to creating opportunities for constructive conversations that address the consequences of racism to generating action plans designed to restore the vitality that has sustained the urban Black Catholic community for decades, and to compelling the diocese to be urgently engaged in this revitalization.



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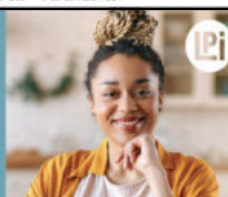
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