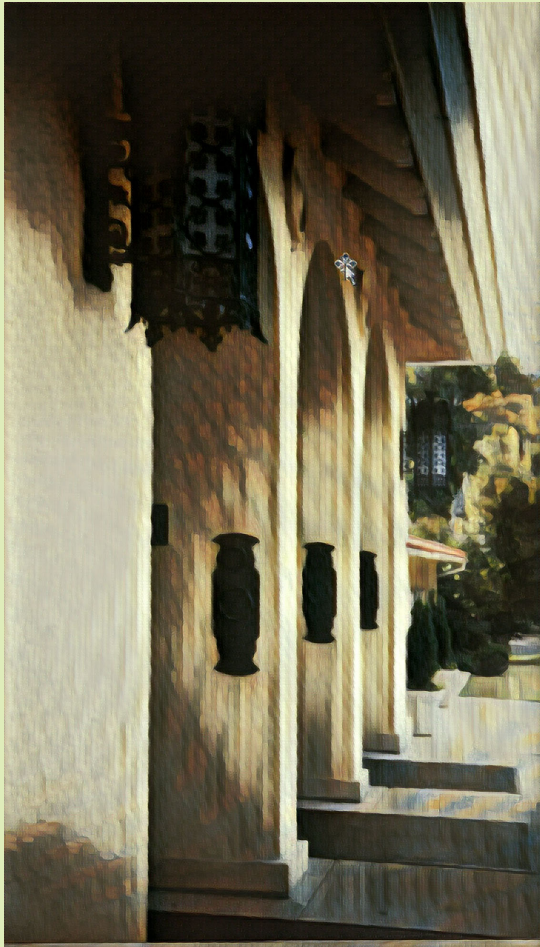


VISITATION PARISH  
24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



**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

### JUSTFAITH - FAITH AND RACIAL HEALING

Do you want to address racism in your community, but you don't know where to begin? Presented through the lens of the Christian faith, JustFaith Ministries' *Faith & Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice and Restoration* is an eight-session program that guides participants in telling the truth about the history of racism in the United States, that we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another. For more information:

<https://justfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Faith-Racial-Healing-Program-Booklet.pdf>

A new session will begin on September 20. To register, please call Karen Miller in the parish office or email at [karen@church.visitaion.org](mailto:karen@church.visitaion.org).

### CATHOLIC PRAYER STATIONS

**Tuesday, September 13**

**Tighe Hall, 6:00-8:00 pm**

*Learn about and sample some traditional ways that Catholics pray.*

- The Rosary - with Marty Meyer
- Liturgical Music - with Cathy Colburn
- The Ignatian Examen - with Jeff Crowe
- Centering Prayer - with Peg Ekerdt
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - with M.C. Newman

### HEALING AND ANOINTING

**St. Joseph Chapel 12:00 -12:30 pm**

**September 15**

The roots of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick are found in the New Testament Letter of James: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven." (James 5:14-15) Thus, we are encouraged to celebrate and participate in this sacrament when sickness occurs. Anyone who is seriously ill, whose serious illness has changed, who is facing surgery, or the loss of health due to aging can and should benefit themselves of the grace of the Sacrament of Anointing.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Suzanne Adams	Jorge Maldonado
Pamela Atherton	Scott Martens
Maggie Quirarte Bates	Priscilla McInnes
Marilyn Frechin Blank	Tim McNamara
Leonardo Borders	Thomas McNamara
Mary Ann Brown	Tricia Melland
Bernice Campbell	Birdie Mendence
Mike Caraway	Andy Metzler
Shari Caraway	Lionel Morgan
Marianne Carl	Maggie O'Neill
Beverly Cascone	Jennifer Olson
Joanne Comisky	Charles Oppenlander
Olivia Connealy	Nicholas Parscale
Jean Cummings	Connie Perucca
Allie May Dudenhoeffer	Nicola Pistone
Bill Fuss	Kat Potter
Shana Gadt	Peggy Pruitt
Susie Haake	Ruth Quirarte
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Quinn Regan
Darlene Henninger	Ellie Rose
Mike Henninger	The Ryan Family
Joe Irwin	The Saalberg Family
William Jewell	Gary Schafer
Lee Jones	Fran Schuetz
Jaquie Kallman	Barbara Schulte
Peg Kallman	Marialice Searcy
Shirley Kempker	Aimee Sesler
Marriane Kersten	Sandra Sharp
Kevin Koch	Special Intention
John Langle	Jeannie Sullivan
Bryan Larson	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Betsy Lazere	Annabelle Whalen
Jeanne Lendabarker	Dave Wittrock
Anthony Lipari, Sr.	Leigh Ann Zeller

### Reminder:

Thank you for sharing your name with us. We are always ready to pray for you and your loved one. Please contact us and let us know when you or your loved one is doing better and ready to be taken off the prayer list. God Bless.

*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.*

### SAVE THE DATE - LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL!

Life is Beautiful is Back! Save the date for October 3, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in Tighe Hall. Sponsored by the Respect Life Committee, staff liaison, Chris Sanders, Pastoral Associate.

## RACIAL JUSTICE



On August 30, the parish Racial Justice Committee met in person for the first time in its two-year existence. The 21 members in attendance engaged in a process that asked them to respond to two questions: **What has encouraged/energized me about the parish Racial Justice Committee? What has disappointed or discouraged you about the parish Racial Justice Committee?**

Members took quiet time to reflect, write and post their responses to these two questions. Once all responses were posted, members took a “gallery walk” to read what others had written and then as a group, identified common themes.

### **What has encouraged/energized me about the parish Racial Justice Committee?**

There were 58 positive comments in all—with the Just Faith Racial Justice sessions leading the affirmations as well as the consistency and existence of the group. These were some of the comments: *I loved being part of the Just Faith Racial Justice sessions—learned so much!; I am encouraged by the Just Faith program—I really got a lot from the class—felt humbled and inspired. In general, we are encouraged by the growth and consistency of the RJC committee itself, by its encouragement to support black owned businesses, by the Vis School Cristo Rey teacher intern program, the weekly RJC bulletin updates, that we have continued and grown during these years when we also were living with Covid’s impact, grateful to meet others in the parish who want to work for racial justice, conversations with St. Monica’s parishioners, grateful to be getting involved with Mothers in Charge.*

### **What has disappointed or discouraged you about the Racial Justice Committee?**

There were half as many discouraged comments, many of which were singular comments. These were some of the comments: *I am discouraged by the continued divisions of our country; I wish we could get more folks to participate in a Just Faith series, to make a difference and embrace Racial Justice initiatives; not discouraged but just curious—is there a way to measure our impact/gather feedback?; lack of diversity in our community; sometimes it feels like we stop and start—gather momentum behind an idea and carry it forward; with the growth in committee numbers, the lack of focus in the mission and in the recognized accomplishments of individual members in the group; have we made any real progress to be a more welcoming faith community? It’s a slow process and I find that a bit discouraging - I want change and conversion to happen faster than is feasible.*

Having identified common themes, members voted for these top five priorities for VIS RJC

- Partner with a neighborhood (Diane Cleaver’s suggestion at Just Faith talk this past spring)
- Work with and support KC Mothers in Charge
- Continue educating our parish community and ourselves with programs like Just Faith—offer another (5<sup>th</sup>) Just Faith session to the parish - (actually starting September 20)
- Inquire/support adding a visit to the Black Archives of MidAmerica to the existing Vis school field trip to the Negro League Baseball Museum
- Ask RJC members to write for the bulletin in response to this question: Why I am on this committee?

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 13-18**

**Tuesday, September 13**  
6:45 am Martha LaVigna †  
8:15 am Martha Beckers †

**Wednesday, September 14**  
6:45 am The Wasson & Burke Families  
8:15 am Charlene Crabtree †

**Thursday, September 15**  
6:45 am Marie Lafferty †

**Friday, September 16**  
8:15 am Jim Lynch †

**Saturday, September 17**  
8:15 am Anne Grevelle Black †  
4:00 pm Kevin Mashburn †

**Sunday, September 18**  
8:00 am People of Visitation  
10:30 am Greg, Julia, & Geo Malter

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 17-18**

	4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	C. Elfrink H. Hagenhoff J. Harris	K. Campbell A. Calkins <i>sub req</i> C. Fanning	D. Britt R. Spadafore K. Krull
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<b>USHERS</b>	A. Barber J. Elfrink	M. Dakan T. Dakan	J. Fennesy D. Fennesy
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	J. Rebman	J. Reboulet	J. Roach

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Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe  
**BULLETIN DEADLINE Noon Monday**

**SACRAMENTS**

Anointing of the Sick by appointment  
Msgr. Offutt and Chris Sanders

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital, Chris  
Sanders

Sacrament of Matrimony, Contact Chris Sanders to  
begin marriage preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation, Youth Chris Sanders

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

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## FEED THE HUNGRY

### SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

# Fill The Basket

Most requested items are  
canned  
chicken,  
canned tuna,  
canned  
vegetables and  
canned fruit.

Bring a non-perishable food item for our  
basket each weekend in *September*



### HUNGER BANQUET THANK YOU

Thank you to all who came to the Hunger Banquet last week at St. Francis Xavier Church. The Tamale Kitchen and Patrice's Culinary Collective made delicious food and Max Kaniger from Kanbe's Market shared information about the work his organization is doing in local food deserts to ensure that healthy produce is available and affordable for all! Part of the evening also involved a tour of our very own SFX/Visitation Community Garden! It was a great way to kick off Hunger Awareness Month!





## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Our first new neighbor, a Congolese gentleman, has arrived in Kansas City! Della Lamb gave us the address of his new home and many Visitation volunteers worked to prepare the apartment for his arrival on September 7. His apartment was given a thorough cleaning and the household and personal items donated by Visitation parishioners were placed. His furniture was moved in and his pantry was stocked. On Wednesday, a hot halal meal was waiting after a long day of travel.

Thank you to the Visitation community for donating items needed as well as all the hard work in preparing for his arrival. For anyone that was not able to help, we hope to continue this important mission; please watch for future details.

*"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35*



## CONFIRMATION

### SOPHOMORE YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Registration is open for all baptized sophomore candidates beginning August 29 and closes on October 1. No late registrations accepted.

Confirmation is April 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm with Bishop Johnston.



**IF YOUR CHILD WAS NOT BAPTIZED AT VISITATION PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR CHILDS BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE,** in an enveloped marked **CONFIRMATION/ATTENTION: CHRIS.** *IF YOUR CHILD WAS BAPTIZED HERE AT VIS, PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN REGISTERING AS WELL.*

*\*\*NOTE-The reason the records are so important is all new sacraments are recorded at the church of baptism. If we do not have that record it cannot be recorded.*

## VIVA LA VIS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Sign up at [www.visitation.org](http://www.visitation.org).

# VIVA LA VIS!

THE EVENT FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE PARISH FIESTA!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 4:00-7:00 PM**

## BAPTISM



### Baptism Preparation Class for New Parents

Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 - 11:00 am in the church

*We will prayerfully walk through the rite of baptism. All are welcome!*

Need to schedule your child's  
baptism? Start **HERE**



## DIOCESE

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 Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto: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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## SISTER PARISH

### SISTER PARISH - RIDE FOR MADRE



This year's 8<sup>th</sup> annual Ride For Madre cycling event welcomes all riders to join us for an afternoon of cycling fun on the new Rock Island Trail in Raytown!

Departing from Crane Brewery on Friday, September 16, there will be two ride options: 10 miles departing at 2:00 pm and 20+ miles departing around 12:00 noon. Social hour will commence after the ride completes around 3:00 pm.

This event has made a tremendous difference over the years in the lives of literally hundreds of people in our sister parish in El Salvador. Donations to this year's Ride For Madre can be made to Visitation Church (put Ride For Madre in memo of check) or at our Go Fund Me Page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/ride-for-madre-2022?qid=c50368e48e9d73a6c2497333159c1a2e>.

### MEDICINE FOR MADRE

Our Medical delegation will be leaving on October 1 and will be carrying over the counter medication to assist the health clinic. Donations of the following medications and items will be accepted:

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

## RACISM AND OUR FAITH



Continuing the  
Conversation about

**RACISM AND OUR FAITH**



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

Thursday, September 22

St. Monica Catholic Church

1616 Paseo Blvd.

Kansas City, MO 64108 - Parish Hall

Doors Open at 6:30 pm

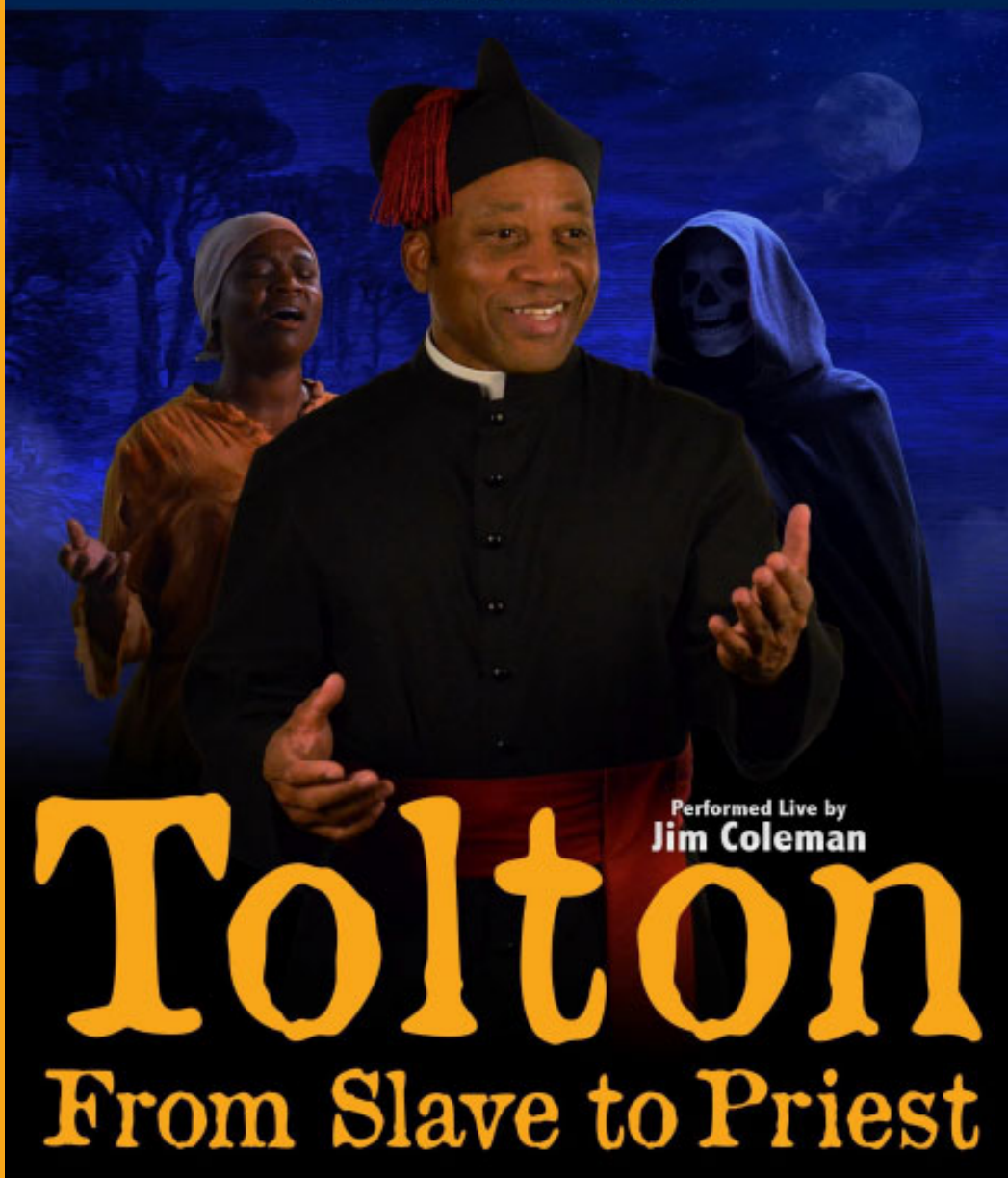
Program begins at 7:00 pm





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**Thur., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM & Fri., Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM**  
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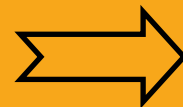
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# Hike

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**Parkville Nature Sanctuary**

100 E 12 St, Parkville, MO 64152

“This Day offers individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”

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