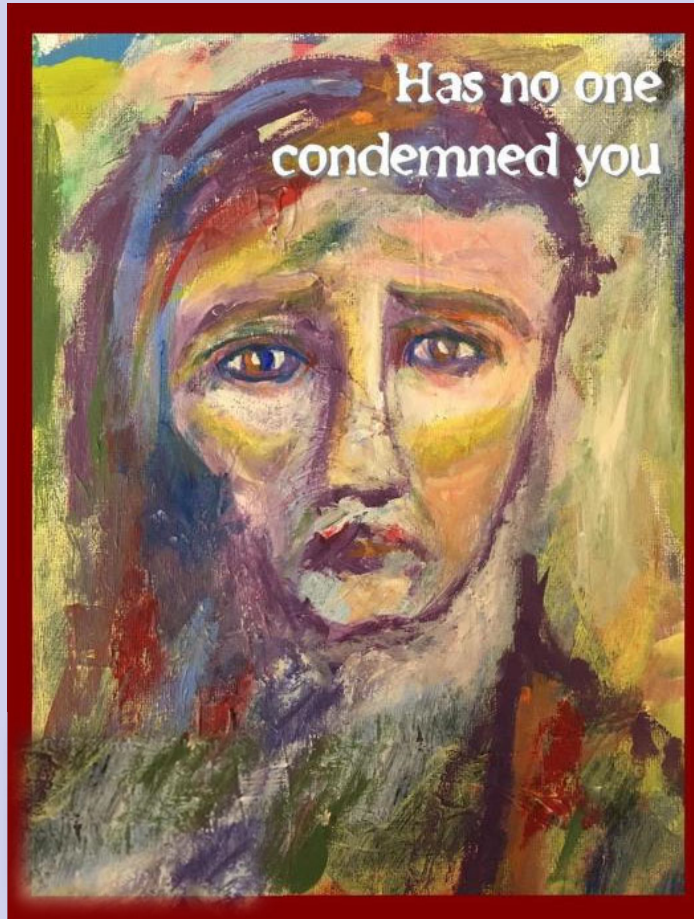


VISITATION PARISH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 3, 2022



THE SEASON OF LENT

- ‡ **Pray** ~ Our St. Joseph and Blessed Sacrament chapels, and our church nave are open during the day for personal prayer. On Mondays, they remain open until 6:30 pm for parish children and their families. After the weekday 8:15 am Mass, the Rosary is prayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. On Wednesday, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the St. Joseph Chapel from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Catholics are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. Our Parish Communal Penance Service is Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00 pm.
- ‡ **Fast and abstain** ~ Persons between the ages of 18 and 59 are asked to keep a simple fast (one full meal plus two smaller meals that together do not equal one full meal and no snacking) on Good Friday.
- ‡ **Give Alms** ~ Opportunities for generosity include: Rice Bowl (benefits Catholic Relief Services) throughout the season; the Good Friday Collection on April 15 (benefits Christians in the Holy Land). Also, remember the food collection each weekend in the narthex and the special food collection on Holy Thursday.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. This is the start of the holiest week of our liturgical year. Masses will begin in the narthex with the solemn blessing of palms, followed by a procession into the nave for Mass. Please try to arrive early for Mass next weekend. **We invite you to dress in red for Mass on Palm Sunday.**



LENTON COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

The Season of Lent is a time of grace and reconciliation with God and with one another. It is an ideal time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our Visitation Communal Penance Service is on Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00 pm.

TRIDUUM APRIL 14 THROUGH APRIL 17

WE are invited to make it a priority to be TOGETHER for the services on these three holiest days of our church year.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Morning Prayer, 8:15 am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 12:00 Noon
Holy Land Collection

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Morning Prayer, 8:15 am
Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Masses at 8:00 am & 10:30 am



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

OUR SYMPATHY

to Penny Livers, on the death of her mother Dorothy Ahlman.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Lee Jones

Suzanne Adams
Pamela Atherton
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Dorothy Bock
Leonardo Borders
Mary Ann Brown
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
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Olivia Connealy
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Nicholas Parscale

Connie Perucca

Nicola Pistone

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Peggy Pruitt

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The Ryan Family

The Saalberg Family

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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.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

S.O.R. is a program for parish children, their families and their neighbors.

The whole community is welcome at a Family Faith Event THIS MONDAY.

April 4 - Children's Stations of the Cross

5:15 - 6:15 pm - meet in the St. Joseph Chapel

A LITTLE VISITATION

Dear Folks,

We have gotten our tail in a tight crack around here and I will take the blame for it. There is just too much going on between extraordinary prayer services, penance services at this and other deanery parishes and schools, the Synod Process events, Confirmation on the 30th, Christ Renews His Parish retreats for both men and women this weekend, teacher contract time, budget determining time, school master plan meetings, various diocesan obligations, Holy Week, Easter, then First Communions and graduations not long after that. Then, as if all that were not more than enough, my father's health has been most precarious of late. I am the only one he has in the world to help him and most of today (Tuesday) has been spent in the hospital, after yet another fall and a broken ankle, trying to discern problems and strategies for the immediate offing. It is late as I write this and I am tired, so please forgive me if I am not cogent, let alone compelling. I would do it tomorrow, but the day is totally congested with liturgies and appointments. So, here goes.

In my mind's eye I keep thinking of last Sunday night, where I saw a cassocked young priest removing the chair from the Confessional so that those who come to the Sacrament of Penance must kneel behind the screen. At that time I also noted the rose damask vestments, the ornate gold communion vessels, chalice veil, sanctuary bells, missal stand, and conspicuously large crucifix set upon the altar. The Mass was particularly for young people from UMKC. As I noodled around the church, doing one thing and another, I noticed that soon the cassocked young priest had a line of young adults waiting to go to Confession at least as long as most any I encounter around here on Saturday afternoons. I do not know what to make of this.

My puzzle-witted hours know no end when I contrast this Sunday night scene with the Saturday morning one here. Our Synod process was a very gratifying event for me and, I think, most all of the people who attended it on Saturday morning or Monday evening. It was a unique and important exercise whereby we were able to register our sensibilities about the Church with the diocese and the worldwide Catholic communion. Also, it was a nearly unparalleled opportunity for Visitation people to immediately witness what some other Visitation people think about matters effecting Church life. One day soon I will attempt to give a synopsis of the parish Synod process findings but Dr. Dave Ekerdt is writing a multipage report about it now and I do not want to pre-empt his uniformly careful and excellent work. I will just say for now that the reports from numerous table conversation moderators have proven to be remarkably consistent. The people are vitally, and almost universally, interested in the consequential reform of their Church.

And now my conundrum is somehow fastening the traditionally-inclined piety of the youth I witnessed Sunday night to the reform-minded sensibilities of the middle-aged and older people I heard Saturday morning and Monday evening. While I freely admit to being a glass half empty kind of soul, for the life of me, I do not see how these things can synchronize. Although they might. . . someday. At least in my experience, there is little contemporary chance of the respective proponents of Saturday morning and Sunday night even talking to each other. And, I must say, I find that rather sad for I am a very big tent Catholic. I am nearly old, and do not suppose I will ever see it, but I hope someday there is a Roman Catholic Church where the people who pray, "I confess to Almighty God" and the ones who pray, "Confiteor Deo Omnipotenti" share a bounty of empathy and stand on solid, fertile common ground. We are not there yet. I believe our Lord is calling us to get there. One thing seems to be gathering favorable odds: The day is coming when the disparate elements of the Roman Catholic Church will be compelled to make peace or war among themselves. If war is the outcome, and the schism and division that may follow in its wake, a kind of culpable myopia will be to blame.

There are two fundamental types of spirituality, (No not Ignatian and everything else.) They are the kind that primarily perceives God as "transcendent" (classically called "Alexandrian") and the kind that primarily perceives God as "immanent" (classically called "Antiochene"). It is a mystery to me why the two types so often, so suspiciously, and even so cynically, eye each other. Someday we may yet find that Albert Brumlee and Marcel Dupre are both darn good. Daniel Berrigan and Thomas Aquinas both have important things to say. The devotion to social equanimity and "Forty Hours Devotion" both potentially serve Godly purposes.

In our Holy Communion,
Msgr. Bradley S. Offutt

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 5-10

Tuesday, April 5

6:45 am Leonardo Passantino †
8:15 am Don Malter †

Wednesday, April 6

6:45 am Tricia Thompson †
8:15 am Patricia Ann Regan †

Thursday, April 7

6:45 am Marilyn Jurden †

Friday, April 8

8:15 am Steve Anderson †

Saturday, April 9

8:15am Leonard J. Rodriguez †
4:00 pm Fred and Janet Ceule †

Sunday, April 10

8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Cathy McGee Schuerer †

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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

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RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE/FAITH FORMATION



Members of the Racial Justice Committee, plus current and past participants in the Just Faith Racial Healing groups, appreciated the outreach opportunity to join in dialogue with St. Monica's parishioners at St. Monica's on the evening of March 24. We look forward to continued opportunities to join others in sharing stories and experiences that remind us all of the importance of the work of Racial Justice.

The Vis Racial Justice Committee holds its next monthly meeting (via Zoom) this Wednesday, April 6 at 5:00 pm. The day and format of the meetings have changed—all subcommittee members will join this monthly discussion. But the purpose of RJC remains the same: The VIS RJC is committed to exploring and implementing ways in which the entire Visitation community—parish, school and all parish ministries, can work to support racial justice, education and inclusion.

Contact Co-Chairs Linda Hughes (lchteach20@gmail.com) or Peg Ekerdt (peggyekerdt@gmail.com) with questions or interest in joining.

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	Altar Server	EM	Lector	Usher Greeter	Sacristan
Saturday 4:00 PM	M. Eckels A. Evett	J. Franke S. Kearns G. Smith K. Hughes A. Holewinski	D. Fenley S. Derks J. Evett M. O'Neill L. Keens	C. Maggiorotto W. Maggiorotto NOT FILLED	J. Rebman
Sunday 8:00 AM	M.J. Thompson A. Graziano	K. Strauss M. Lising Susan Miller D. Bruegging A. Peratt	T. Dakan M. McCann J. McCann NOT FILLED	C. Schorgl Mark Thompson NOT FILLED	B. Truta
Sunday 10:30 AM	G. Gunter J. Sonnenberg	B. Adams J. Cummings A. Sonnenberg L. McLiney S. O'Neill	E. Carlyle D. Closson G. Noonan M. Heckman-Crowe E. Greim	M. Gunter T. Ritchie NOT FILLED	S. McCray

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

GOD OF MERCY, You call us to recognize you in our sisters and brothers, and to care for those most in need—for whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me. This Lent, ignite your love in us so that through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving we may support all who experience hunger in body, heart and spirit. Please return your rice bowls to the basket in the narthex.



COMMUNITY GARDEN – WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you are looking for an ongoing volunteer opportunity and if you love to garden, we need your help! The St. Francis Xavier/Visitation Community Garden is a vital source of healthy food for those in need. If you are interested in being part of a team that makes a difference, please contact Alison Dudley at 914-3528 or alisondudleykc@gmail.com.

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Menu includes fried catfish, parmesan encrusted baked tilapia, fish tacos, cheese pizza, mac and cheese, green beans, coleslaw, French fries, and fresh baked rolls. The 7th grade sells ice cream for dessert! Cash bar available.



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(a free will offering will be collected to fund Theatre at Vis Summer Youth Theatre Program)