# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER VISITATION PARISH MAY 7, 2023



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#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

#### VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

During the month of May we will be collecting items and securing volunteers to help a new family settle into their new home in Kansas City. Please plan to help in any way you feel called. A Sign Up Genius is available on our parish website and will be shared through our parish email communications. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Julie Morrand at <u>igmorrand@vahoo.com</u> or Mike Morrand at MJM2U2.mm@gmail.com.

#### VIS ON MAIN PODCAST

#### Episode 3 NOW STREAMING:

A cross-section of parishioners share how each is reading and using this year's Main parish book "The Monastic Heart" by Sr. Joan Chittister in different ways. Listen to host Lorraine Gordon's conversation with Dr. Ana

Valdez, Cathy and Ted Colburn, Kristie and Ryan Larson and JoAnn Axtell. Listen at:

www.visonmainkc.com/podcast

#### DEAR NEWLY CONFIRMED,

Now that you are a fully initiated into the faith it is a perfect time to seek a ministry you are interested in. If you would like to be a lector, distribute communion at Mass or to the homebound, help at funerals or weddings, contact chris@church.visitation.org. We welcome you into the next stage of your growing faith journey.

Your parish family,

Visitation Parish

#### FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community we thank our Women of Vis Funeral Meal Team 4: Team Leaders: Linda Dro (standing in for Linda was Amy Thompson) and team: Lois Roszak, Kara Grefrath, Rebecca Bennett, Jennifer Blanck, Terri Cotton, Jean Cummings, Suzette Cutcliff, Anne Dillon, Mary Harte, Margaret Kearns, Trish Mayer, Mary Otto, Becky Selzer, Marny Sherman, Cindy Spaeth, Lisa Waters and Olga Wittman. We are grateful for their service and thankful for our Chairs: Linda Williams, Kathy Diamond and Amy Thompson.

#### **OUR SYMPATHY**

to Brendan Buckley on the death of his father, James T. Buckley.

#### PRAYING FOR OTHERS

HELPS US STAY CONNECTED TO GOD AND TO ONE ANOTHER

REMEMBER OUR SICK John Anderson Pamela Atherton Maggie Quirarte Bates Marilyn Frechin Blank Leonardo Borders Chase Brundige Mike Caraway Shari Caraway Marianne Carl Beverly Cascone Mary Beth Cicchetti Olivia Connealy Jean Cummings Allie May Dudenhoeffer Bill Fuss Shana Gadt Brooke Kuechler Harris

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Peggy Pruitt Ruth Quirarte Quinn Regan Theresia Ritchie

Ellie Rose

The Ryan Family The Saalberg Family

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 # 9 On Alert: Team # 2

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 9-14

#### Tuesday, May 9

6:45 am Dominic Passatino † 8:15 am Kathy Koslowsky †

#### Wednesday, May 10

6:45 am Martha Beckers † 8:15 am Visitation 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

#### Thursday, May 11

6:45 am People of our sister parish

#### Friday, May 12

8:15 am Marialice Searcy †

Saturday, May 13

8:15am Richard Knopke † 4:00 pm People of Visitation

#### Sunday, May 14

8:00 am Marguerite Shortino † 10:30 am Michael Siragusa †

#### PARISH BOUNDARIES

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East; 47th Street on the North to Meyer Blvd on the South

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#### **LITURGICAL MINISTER MAY 13-14**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
B. Murray J. McPherson L. McPherson	D. Colombo A. Hughes A. O'Neill	Q. Scanlon C. Scanlon F. Poiry
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B. Nelson	T. Fanning	J. McCann sub req
J. Elfrink sub req O. Elfrink sub req M. Mullins	K. Levi <b>sub req</b> P. Levi B. Palmer	T. Ritchie sub req J. Swafford
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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

#### **PARISH COUNCIL 2022-23**

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#### **PASTORAL CARE**

#### **RETROUVAILLE**

#### WEEKEND FOR COUPLES JUNE 9-11 IN KANSAS CITY

NOT WILLING TO LET GO OF YOUR MARRIAGE? MANY COUPLES CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE IN A MARRIAGE. BUT ARE NOT WILLING TO GIVE UP ON EACH OTHER. THERE IS HOPE.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program or to register in Kansas City, go to www.retrokc.com or call 800-470-2230. Please visit our website at HelpOurMarriage.com.

Here are some additional reading resources:

The Love Dare - 40-day challenge for husbands and wives to understand and practice unconditional love. Alex and Stephen Kendrick

Focus on Marriage - The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work

A Practical Guide from the Country's Foremost Relationship Expert, John M Gottman, Ph.D. and Nan Not "Just Friends" - Rebuilding Trust and Recovering Silver

The Five Love Languages - How to Express Heartfelt Commitment to Your Mate, Gary Chapman

We Can Work it Out - Resolving Conflicts Peacefully and Powerfully, Marshall B. Rosenberg

Getting Anger Under Control - Overcoming Unresolved Resentment, Overwhelming Emotions, The Lies Behind Anger, Neil T. Anderson and Rich Miller

Working With Anger - Thubten Chodron

Your Sanity After Infidelity, Shirley P. Glass, Ph.D.

Rewired - A Bold New Approach To Addiction and Recovery, Erica Spiegelman

#### **ABOUT TOWN**

#### **MARIAN CONFERENCE 2023**

Catholics are joined together in faith, as we adore Jesus at the foot of the Cross, along with His Mother Mary, the Queen of Heaven and Earth. She is our life, our sweetness, and our hope. Praise God! We come to give ourselves to Mary, as Jesus gave her to us from the Cross. \*Free admission \*Donations \*Meals \*Adoration \*Confession \*Relics \*Music \*Food \*Vendors

#### - June 16 and 17 at St. John LaLande Catholic Church

**June 16:** Registration and finger foods at 4:45 pm. Conference opens at 5:45 pm, Last Speaker ends at 9:00 pm

June 17: Benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:30 am, Breakfast 7:30 am, first Speaker starts at 8:15 am, last Speaker ends with Mass at 4:30 pm.

- June 18 at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church June 18: Mass at 11:00 am, brunch at 12:15 pm, first Speaker 1:25 pm, last Speaker ends at 4:45 pm Please prayerfully consider making a donation to our conference. Make checks payable to St Robert Bellarmine Marian Conference 2023.

For more information on speakers and agenda go to: https://www.srbcatholic.org/marian-conference

#### THE BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL

**ADORATION** in Clyde, Missouri, will host an in-person Monastic Experience June 23-29. "It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life where you can join us in singing the divine office, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer and open your heart to God's call by learning about discernment and prayer," Vocation Director Sister Maria Victoria Cutaia, OSB said. "It's always a joy and an honor for me to journey with women who are discerning their path in life." This opportunity is for single women, age 18-40, who are considering religious life. There is no cost to attend. For more information or to learn about upcoming Monastic Experiences, including virtual opportunities, please contact Sister Maria Victoria at vocation@benedictinesisters.org or call (660) 944-2221 x127, or visit <u>www.BenedictineSisters.org</u> and click on Vocations/Walk With Us.

#### **RACIAL JUSTICE**

On April 25, our bishop, James V. Johnston, presided at a diocesan prayer service for Peace and Unity at the Cathedral. This is his greeting and pastoral statement that led the service. Some members of our parish RJC and members of St. Monica's were able to attend this service. In a spirit of hope and persistence, with the Bishop's permission, we share this statement with our parish community:

Brothers and Sisters, I welcome you tonight to this special occasion of prayer, and thank you for coming. This past week has been painful for our community, but it's symbolic of the pain and woundedness that many face across our country in so many communities.



Here in Kansas City, a black, teenage boy named Ralph Yarl was shot in the head and the arm when he mistakenly rang the doorbell at the wrong house looking for his siblings. We will pray for Ralph tonight and pray for our community.

Within a day, there was news in another place of a woman who was shot and killed, simply because she chose the wrong driveway to turn her car around. And it seems like every other day we hear of a road rage incident on our interstates.

And we are all familiar with the mounting toll of gun violence, from the school shooting in Nashville to the daily death toll which mounts here in our city and cities around the country.

There is a poison in the system; some of it is rooted in racism; some of it is rooted in suspicion and hatred for anyone on the opposite side. There's a lack of respect for the humanity of others and the dignity of every person.

There's a need to set things right and to heal. There's a need for prayer and a need for action. Christians must do both.

But prayer always comes before action. It was so even for Jesus. Before he did anything, whether it was choosing his twelve Apostles, or getting ready for his Passion and Death on the cross, he prayed.

That is what we do tonight. We pray. We will pray for ourselves and for our community. We'll also examine our consciences and repent. And then, near the end, we'll make resolutions on how we will act.

We need God. Kansas City and America needs God.

And Jesus needs us to be his disciples, so that in large and small ways, the poison can drain and peace and communion can reign.

We invite you to take the time - 58 minutes and watch this prayer service—perhaps with your family or with friends: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YEsRZn5gWQ.

Thanks to School faculty Nancy Hesse and Heather Shinn who joined Fr. Brad for the Wednesday Video Visitation on April 26. If you missed it, we ask you to take a look <a href="https://www.youtube.com/visitationtv">https://www.youtube.com/visitationtv</a>, and consider making a contribution to our Cristo Rey student intern fund:

https://tinyurl.com/9urtpz5x.

#### **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**



## PLAN AHEAD—REGISTER FOR PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN 4.0 WORKSHOP ON MONDAY, JUNE 5 FROM 6:30 - 9:30 PM IN TIGHE HALL.

Don't wait until life gets crazy right before school starts to take care of these requirements. 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 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 and 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. 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 lanet Ridder at 816-381-6910.

#### VISITATION ATHLETIC COMMITTEE



#### **ABOUT TOWN**

## ST. SABINA/SEVEN EVENTS THAT SHAPED THE NEW TESTAMENT WORLD

St. Sabina in Belton, MO is offering faith formation sessions during May titled *Seven Events that Shaped the New Testament World.* To understand the New Testament, it is necessary to delve into the Greek, Jewish and Roman social and cultural world within which it was written. These four sessions provide a window into the world of Jesus and his followers, and the events that influenced their everyday lives and thought patterns. The sessions will explore these events to read the New Testament with greater clarity, understanding and awareness. All churches and faith traditions are most welcome.

The sessions will be held on via Zoom on Wednesday Evenings – May 10, 17, 24 and 31, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. They will be repeated in person on Thursday Mornings – May 11, 18, 25, and June 1, from 10:00 am—noon. For more information and to register, call 816-979-3153 or email Biagio at <a href="mailto:biagio@stsabinaparish.org">biagio@stsabinaparish.org</a>. Inperson Thursday morning sessions will be held at the St. Sabina Education Wing.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES

#### VISITATION GREEN TEAM

Visitation is forming a "Green Team." The Green Team involves our parish in exciting events and programs about the environment and caring for our common home, the earth.

Topics and involvement include:

- climate change
- Earth Day
- protecting endangered species & natural wonders
- recycling reusable materials, avoiding practices of waste and making connections between the environment and social justice.



Pope Francis has connected the Catholic Church to these major challenges of our lifetime with his letter to the world on "Care for Our Common Home," and followed up his letter with a major worldwide action program.

Catholics and Christians are finding new depths of meaning in continuing creation, revelation, Christmas, Easter and living out our lives on this earth, our common home.

Are you interested in learning more, as you have heard about some of these events? Have you been sympathetic or proud when you see young persons like Greta Thunberg, advocating to make the environment safe for future generations?

If you would like to know more about the Vis Green Team as it develops, without any obligation, drop an email with your name, email address and phone number, and if you will, a word about the nature of your interest to:

- Karen Miller at karen@church.visitation.org
- Larry Guillot at guillotlawrence@gmail.com

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



#### SISTER PARISH

PLAN TO JOIN THE MADRE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR A SPAGHETTI DINNER ON MAY I 3
AFTER 4:00 PM MASS IN TIGHE HALL TO MEET AND GREET PADRE AND WENDY! A FREE WILL
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1. What is your name and what is your role at the parish/clinic/school?

Luis Edgardo Salazar Aguilar. I am the priest in charge of Maria Madre de los pobres parish.

2. How long have you worked at the parish/clinic/school?

I have been working with this community for 15 years.

3. In the time you have been employed by parish/clinic/school what is the biggest change you have seen? My biggest change in this 15 years has been my personal growth as a human and development of my spirituality.

PARROQUIA MARIA MADRE DE LOS POBRES

4. What is your favorite prayer or quote?

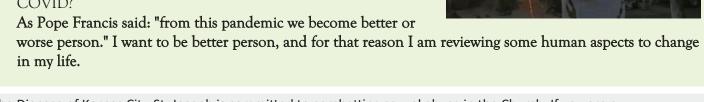
Mateo: 5,8 "Bienaventurados los limpios de corazón

porque verán a Dios," translated "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8).

- Who is your hero?
   My mother is my hero, Alicia Aguilar, my father, Jose Salazar Posada and Saint Oscar Romero.
- 6. What is your favorite holiday?

  Our parish festivity dedicated to the Mother of God.
- 7. What are your favorite hobbies?

  Walking and having a connection with people. I am making an anthology according to my personal criteria about the best English and Spanish songs from the 50s until today.
- **8.** What is the one thing I have learned about myself because of COVID?



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 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.



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