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Holy Trinity Parish

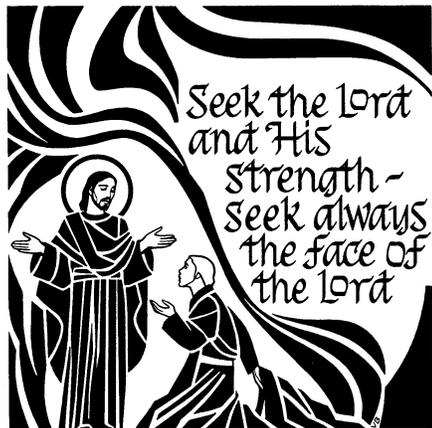
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2015



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After healing the blind man in today's Gospel Jesus told him to go, to be on his way. But the man decided to follow Jesus. Being a disciple of Jesus is a choice. The stewardship way of life likewise involves a choice, in fact many choices. We choose to be grateful, we choose to live generously, and we choose to trust that God will always provide for our needs. These are three choices central to the stewardship way of life. What choices will we make this week that give witness to our decision to follow Christ?

International Catholic Stewardship Council October 2015

Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 PM – Twelve Apostles Church
Sunday 7:30 AM – Holy Trinity Church
9:00 AM – Twelve Apostles Church
10:45AM – Holy Trinity Church

Weekday Mass times are listed inside the bulletin.

Confessions heard: Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 PM at Holy Trinity; 4:15-4:45 PM at XII Apostles; First Fridays after 8am Mass & anytime by appt.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the pastor, preferably before going to the hospital, to receive this Sacrament.

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Mrs. Maureen Vernon, Parishes' Safe Environment Coordinator

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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 Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, 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 Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsi.org for more information.

Office Hours: M, W, Th, F – 9AM-Noon, 1-4PM (closed Tuesdays); PSR Office Hours: M & W–10AM-Noon, 1-4PM

Bulletin deadline: 8am Wednesday. Please notify us of change of address, phone, email, etc.

New Parishioners: Welcome! Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles have been serving the northern Platte County area since 1842 and 2008, respectively. **We welcome all guests and newcomers to our parish families!** Newcomers are asked to register at the earliest opportunity. Forms are available in the back of church, on our websites, or from the parish office. We look forward to knowing you!

Is A Wedding or Baptism in Your Plans? Congratulations! Remember: sacramental preparation is required prior to these events. You must be a registered parishioner for the past year or have a letter from your previous pastor before dates are scheduled.

Weddings: Parishioners wanting to be married should contact Fr. Rogers nine months in advance.

Baptism: Expectant parents should contact Fr. Rogers comfortably prior to the baby's birth for baptism preparation.

First Penance/Eucharist, Confirmation: Children preparing for these sacraments must have completed the prior year of religious education.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25 Oct 2015
Readings: p. 222 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 24

5:00pm--XII +Special Intention

Sunday, October 25

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

10:45am-HT +Fr. Robert Cameron

Mon, Oct 26, 8am-HT Intentions of the Holy Father

Wed, Oct 28, 8am-HT Private Intention

Thu, Oct 29, 6pm-- XII +Esther Kneib

Fri, Oct 30, 8am-HT Private Intention

Saturday, October 31

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, November 1

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII For all our departed relatives & friends

10:45am-HT +Chanta Vrbas Brown

HOW DOES A PERSON BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith? Have you been coming to church for years with your family and just never made it official? Are you a baptized Catholic seeking to complete your Baptism through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Whether unbaptized, or baptized Catholic or Christian, if you are interested in finding out more about this process, an **introductory RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** class will be held **this Wednesday, October 28, at 7pm, at Holy Trinity. Join us!**

TICKETS FOR BISHOP'S INSTALLATION: Our new bishop, James Johnston, Jr., will be installed Wednesday, November 4, at 2pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Kansas City. There will be Vespers the evening before, Tuesday, November 3, at 5pm at Co-Cathedral in St. Joseph. Each parish can receive two tickets to each event. We will distribute them through a drawing of interested parties. If you are interested in and able to attend, please notify the office by this Wednesday, October 28, 640-2206 or secyht-xii@kc.rr.com—to put your name in the drawing for one or the other event. (Note: There will be no parking on site for the installation on Wednesday; shuttles will transport attendees from the Catholic Center several blocks away.) All attendees must have a ticket to be admitted.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS next SUNDAY

Be sure to “fall back” one hour next Saturday night!

Help our neighbors in need — remember “Food to Share” next weekend. Containers in the back of our churches.

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

This year we again ask you to join us in remembrance and prayer as we observe Cemetery Sunday on November 1. The Catholic Cemeteries of our diocese invite you to a Day of Faith, Remembrance, Prayer and Visitation. The Prayer Service will begin at 2 p.m. at the following Catholic Cemeteries.

In Kansas City: Mt. Olivet - 7601 Blue Ridge Blvd
Resurrection - 5001 NE Cookingham Drive
St. Mary's - 2201 Cleveland Avenue

In St Joseph: Mt. Olivet - 26th & Lovers Lane

A scripture service and rosary for the faithful departed will be held at Calvary Cemetery, 6901 Troost Ave., KC, MO at 2pm on Sunday, Nov. 8. Please enter the main gate of the Forest Hill side of the cemetery and go past the office to the chapel up the hill to the back.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

All Adult Parishioners ~ please join us for coffee, fellowship and Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings at Holy Trinity Parish Hall —9 AM each week, excluding pancake breakfast days. Come and go as you are able; it isn't a formal study; newcomers are always welcome.

WHY WE CATHOLICS BELIEVE CATHOLIC STUFF
POPES AND BISHOPS

What we believe about them, and why!

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

What we believe about Salvation, and why!

Wednesdays, October 28th & November 4

6:45 – 8:15 p.m.

@ 12 Apostles Catholic Church

Learn *reasons for our faith* from Scripture, history, tradition and logic to better experience in the Mysteries of Christ

Taught by Chris Patterson – 816-807-1411

Sign up via email – cpatterson@pattersonlaw.net

The 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (in past years, the Bishop's Annual Appeal) is based on the beatitude, “**Blessed are the Merciful.**” When you give to the Appeal, you are Catholic Charities, parishes, and diocesan ministries helping those in need and those seeking a fuller life in the Body of Christ. Through you, lives are changed. Without you, fewer needs can be met. 100% of all funds collected by **the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal** will go directly to support Catholic Charities, parish based ministry grants and ministries, programs and services throughout the Diocese.

Watch your mailbox the week of November 8th for a special edition of the Catholic Key with details of what your donations accomplish, an envelope for your gift and a full report on Bishop James Johnston's installation as the Shepherd of our Diocesan Catholic Community.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all.....

THANK YOU:

- Twelve Apostles Council No. 16189 thanks all who volunteered time and talent during the recent Tootsie Roll Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. We also thank EVERYONE who made financial donations.
- Council No. 16189 extends sincere appreciation to all who attended the Knights of Columbus PSR Rosary October 11.
- Council No. 16189 thanks all who volunteered at the Twelve Apostles Fall Harvest October 17. We thank Nikie Glasbrenner and all committee members from Twelve Apostles Womens' Group for their work.

OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS: Practicing Catholic gentlemen, age 18 or older wishing to become members of the Knights of Columbus either at Holy Trinity or at XII Apostles may do so on one of the following dates:

- (1) Monday, November 9, 7:00PM at St. Therese Parish in Parkville, MO
- (2) Tuesday, November 10, 7:00PM at Lee's Summit, MO
- (3) Wednesday, November 18, 7:00PM at Belton, MO
- (4) There are also several December dates — contact Grand Knight Jim Rooney of Holy Trinity at (816) 674-4268 or Grand Knight Steve Steiger of XII Apostles at (816) 431-6506 for general information or if you wish to attend one of the ceremonials listed above.

1st Degree Members of the Knights of Columbus are invited to participate in 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials on one of the following dates: Thursday, October 29, Lenexa, KS; Sunday, November 8, Topeka, KS; or Sunday, November 22, Overland Park, KS. Contact either Grand Knight (contact info above) if you are interested in attending.

College scholarships, fellowships and grants are available from the Knights of Columbus for Knights and their families from the Missouri State Council and the National Office. Applications will be due to the Missouri State Council on February 15, 2016, and to the National Office on March 1, 2016. More information will be available at a later date from Steve Steiger.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Women's Guild will meet next SUNDAY, November 1, at 5:30pm in the parish hall. All women of the parish are welcome.

Welcome Dinner for Newcomers—Sunday, November 8, 5pm, at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. **Everyone is invited** to welcome new Holy Trinity parishioners, to have fellowship and to get to know each other. Newcomers from 2014 & 2015—just bring yourselves—children welcome. “Established” parishioners are encouraged and needed to help host our new members—please bring a covered dish to share. (Meat & beverages provided.) Please RSVP by Nov. 1 to secyht-xii@kc.rr.com or 640-2206



WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM of **Olivia Avery Swanson**, daughter of Jacob and Jennifer Swanson, on Saturday, October 17, 2015. May this new child of God and her family always know God's many blessings.

Save-the-date: Holy Trinity Women's Guild Christmas party, Tuesday, December 1, at the parish hall. More info to follow.

RETURN BAPTISM DVDS, PLEASE: If you borrowed a **Your Baby's Baptism** DVD for baptism preparation, please return it to Father Rogers or to the parish office as soon as possible. We have six copies, but none currently on hand in the office and there are new parents who need them!

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A PARISH?

All Catholic adults should be registered in a parish. If you are an adult who regularly attends Mass at Holy Trinity or Twelve Apostles, but have not yet registered, you may do so by going to our websites and clicking on the registration button on the Home page, or by filling out the form found in the vestibule of the churches and returning it to the parish office (via the collection basket or by mail or dropping off.)

All Catholics who wish to receive sacraments for themselves or their children should be registered members of a parish and known to the pastor for the past year or, if new members of this community, should have been registered in a previous parish before sacraments like Baptism or Marriage are scheduled.

We look forward to knowing you!

KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH GROUP Grades 7-12:

Join us this Sunday, October 25, 1:30-3pm at Holy Trinity for **Rise Up**. Buff up your building skills, you'll need them for a challenging competition involving spaghetti and marshmallows. Of course there will be prizes given!

Next week: November 1. Note: DIFFERENT TIME -- 1-3pm at XII Apostles. Join us for one of the best movies of all time! **"Little Boy"** is a powerful and moving film about a little boy who is willing to do whatever it takes to bring his dad home from World War II alive. You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll ask where you can buy this amazing movie!

Confirmation: Next Session: *I Believe*

Sunday, November 1: Holy Trinity, 9am; XII Apostles, 3pm

YouCat Challenge: Find the drawing of four people walking: a rabbi, a whistling priest, and a dude pulling a bed of spikes. Tell Katie the page # for a special prize!



TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

A remembrance book for the Month of All Souls will be displayed on a small table just to the side of our Divine Mercy altar at XII Apostles beginning next Sunday, November 1. Feel free to write the names of your beloved dead in it for remembrance in prayer throughout the month of November.

Book available at the gift counter:



Waiting for a Name is a book about life, and the value of human life. The book, written by a Catholic author who underwent an abortion, takes on the questions of our time and responds with compassion and in truth the answers for which every human heart yearns. Stop by the gift counter to take a look. Proceeds will go towards bus costs for the March for Life 2016 pilgrimage.

Save-the-date: XII Apostles' Women's Group Christmas party, Thu., Dec. 3, 6pm, Hereford House, Zona Rosa. More info to follow.

REGISTRATION for 2016 March for Life

Registration is now open for the 2016 March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC January 20-23, organized by the diocesan Respect Life Office. Prices below are per pilgrim and include round-trip bus fare, one night hotel stay, stocking cap and life-changing memories:

Early registration rate-\$350 (shared room); \$385 (private room) available through Saturday, October 31.

Regular registration rate-\$380 (shared room); \$415 (private room) available through Saturday, December 12.

To learn more, see the flyers on the table in the back of each church or go to www.respectlifeekcsj.org

St. Pius X High School will host their annual Open House on Sunday, November 8, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (last tour begins at 1:30 p.m.) All 6th-8th students are encouraged to come explore all the fantastic opportunities St. Pius X High School has to offer.

Does your marriage need a “break” in its routine, humdrum life-style? Want more “sparkle and glow” in your marriage? Want to feel that “original romance” you had in your dating days? **Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.** Couples who make Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Worldwide Marriage Encounter helps make marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier. The next Weekend is Nov 20 – 22. **For information or to apply, please visit our website:**

www.wme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net



PARISH QUILT GUILD TO BEGIN:

A new group is being formed whose purpose will be to meet both for socializing and making quilts/sewing items for ministry outreach (to the homeless, ill, etc.) The group plans to meet monthly at Holy Trinity. Members of both parishes are invited. Come to a **“Meet and Greet”** at 11am on Monday, November 16, at Holy Trinity. We will have a **short planning meeting and lunch** to discuss possible meeting dates, etc. -- lunch will be provided. During the upcoming Year of Mercy, which begins December 8, we will be looking at projects to show God's mercy to others.

All levels and anyone interested are invited. Even if you don't sew, we will need people for cutting, pressing, etc.

If you are coming to the “Meet and Greet” or if you have any questions—call Lori Mathews: 816-807-3220 or lori.mathews4@gmail.com

If you can't join us during the day, but would be interested in being involved, donating material, or have other questions, also contact Lori.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

Chantay became a single mother after her husband was killed in a drive-by shooting at a gas station just outside of St. Louis. It was a random act of violence, the news reported. Chantay had big dreams that she and Teetee would raise a big family, own a big house, and live the quintessential life in the suburbs where random acts of violence were rare and deadly crime was only something seen on television during the nightly newscast. She was well on her way of realizing her dreams, but with one brief phone call, Chantay's dream stopped cold.

Three weeks before, Teetee had been hired as an engineer with Monsanto. It was a great job. Being right out of grad school and getting such an opportunity was a true blessing. He wanted to make a good impression and didn't want to be late for work so soon into his employment. Teetee had never gone to that gas station before. It was out of the way of his normal drive to work. He was extra tired that morning, having been kept up all night by his three year old son Marcus. His mind drifted in a moment of worry and he missed his exit.

Realizing a different route would take longer than expected, he pulled into the gas station to fill up his gas tank. He no more than got out of his car when he was felled by seven gunshots as the drive-by shooting took place. He took two bullets to the head and three in his chest, two more to the neck and shoulders. Semi-automatic weapons can inflict severe damage in a matter of a moment. The policemen on the gruesome scene said he was killed instantly in the crossfire between rival gangs.

Chantay never imagined she would be a single mom at 22, much less a widow. Her life was suddenly caught up in a whirlwind of misfortune. There was no place to go except down and the vortex of calamity pulled her down into the depths of defeat and despair. For her, it wasn't a matter of being lost; being sucker punched in this way meant she had no one to find her. All that she had hoped for was gone. She and Teetee had only been married for a year and a half. They didn't have much of a past. Now she had no chance at a future.

Something deep within told her to hold on, but whenever she reached out, everything she counted on, everything tangible, solid and sure fled the scene, all but one little boy, Marcus. She clutched Marcus into her arms and held him tight. She would never let him go. Three weeks after Teetee's memorial service, Chantay dragged herself out of bed. It was time to do something other than despair. She had decided to change her routine a little. She went into the nursery to get Marcus ready for the day, but Marcus was non-responsive. His little body went limp when she lifted him out of the bed. Chantay screamed inside and outside. Her heart raced with fear and foreboding. She couldn't lose Marcus too, "Oh Lord, NO!" Marcus opened his eyes but drifted back into himself.

Chantay called 911. She noticed his lips had swollen to five times their normal size but they had not turned blue. The emergency medical technicians arrived and immediately transported Marcus to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, "He will be in good hands there, Ma'am." Chantay shook her head a little. She wanted to remain grounded and connected. She fought hard elapsing into an out of body experience; it was all so surreal for her. She laughed out loud, "No one has ever called me Ma'am before." The EMT understood Chantay was fighting off hysteria.

Once inside the emergency room the doctors and nurses took over. Chantay watched in disbelief, "My little boy is so frightened." They hooked Marcus up to a variety of monitors and machines and the nurse tried frantically to record his vital signs and draw a vial of blood. His entire body was swollen. Taking blood was not going to be easy. Chantay stood close by his side watching every move the nurse made. After the nurse tried unsuccessfully six times to find a vein, Chantay stopped her and let the nurse know who was in charge, "This is my baby and you need to stop. You're hurting him! You need to get someone else. NOW!"

The supervising nurse stepped over to help and led Chantay out into the hallway for a breath of fresh air. "I'm going to take over now so let's you and I take a short break." Chantay complied. She paced the hallway for just a few moments, but it seemed like she had been there for hours. When the doors to the emergency room opened, she noticed that the nurse was putting a needle into Marcus's head, near the temple. Chantay ran to Marcus's side. "Don't hurt my baby!" She knocked the nurse over and grabbed the attending physician. "What are you doing? Don't hurt my son. He's all I've got!"

Security was called and Chantay was escorted out of the hospital. The doctors and nurses worked their magic. They had quickly determined that Marcus had come down with a rare infection, *Kawasaki disease*, named after the doctor who discovered it. With an IV in place, antibiotics were started and Marcus was taken to a room on the fourth floor. Chantay was allowed back in the hospital under the condition she would not become violent or harass anyone. Chantay was embarrassed that she had lost control. She wasn't that kind of person. She was truly grateful. Panic had distorted reality for her. She had lost hope.

This is where I come in. While in my third year of seminary, I was appointed as a Chaplain for Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. I worked there every Tuesday afternoon for five hours to fulfill the requirements for *Priestly Practicum 303*. Every Tuesday I received a call-list from the supervising Chaplain for the patients that had requested a visit. All the visits were on the fourth floor that day; however, all the patients at the time were out of their rooms doing activities throughout the hospital. I felt awkward wandering around the floor. A hospital without patients makes for a lonely time if you're a chaplain.

Work started looking good when I found the door to Marcus' room wide open, even though he was not on my call list. I knocked at the door and went into his room. Chantay had her back to me, looking out the window to the traffic below. Once she heard me enter the room, she spun around ready for a fight but she noticed I was wearing my priestly garb. She burst into laughter, "OH MY GOD! They sent a PRIEST. They didn't have the courage to face me so they sent a PRIEST!" Taken aback a little I said, "I'm sorry; nobody sent me, you're not on my call list. The door was open and I thought I would step in and say Hi. Hello!"

Chantay laughed for several minutes before she told me the whole story. I met a young woman that day who was down on her luck and had lost all hope. In her panic she had lost focus. She was a "God-fearing Woman" she said, "faithful to the core." She thought she was doing well after the death of her husband, but fear she would lose her son had taken her over the top and she had lost her hope. She knew that she had caused a ruckus earlier; she wanted to make good on it. She was truly grateful for the good work the hospital was doing.

We both had a good laugh when we heard the phone call from the nurse's station as the attending nurse called the doctor and informed him, "There's a priest in her room right now. It is a good time for you to get up here. They are laughing about something. I don't think she will attack you while the priest is in there." I never imagined I would be used as a buffer between a patient's mother and a physician, but I was. Chantay taught me a valuable lesson that day. I can still hear her voice, "If God calls you to it, He will get you through it!"

That's how it is with each of us. God has given us the gift of Hope. We are to hope in God. Hope assures us that all things are possible with God. Whenever we have to face a change or a challenge we can become overwhelmed or immobilized. It is easy for us to lose hope. That's when we exchange hope for despair, anger, frustration, or violence and conflict, none of which will help us when we are in the throes of something tragic or difficult to handle. With hope there is trust, but when we lose hope, trust is the first thing to flee. Without hope we will trust no one, not even God.

Hope is a gift from God to help us live Holy, Happy, and Healthy lives. Hope in God. Where there is no hope, we give into the temptation to do things that are unholy. Without hope we cannot be happy. Hope helps us to become healthy in mind and body and live life with our eyes focused on what God is doing. Our help comes from the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Hope diminishes the very second we take our eyes off God. With hope comes peace and joy. "If God calls you to it, He will get you through it!"

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Neje