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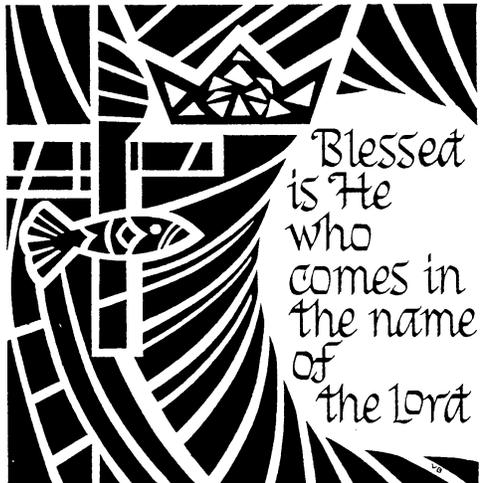
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Feast of Christ the King November 22, 2015



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The exchange between Jesus and Pilate in today's Gospel is, arguably, the most important exchange in all of literature. Pilate asks Jesus: "What have you done?" Jesus replies that he testifies to the truth. In the second reading we are reminded of the essence of that truth: Christ, ruler of all, loves us, liberates us from the bonds of sin, makes us a new kingdom. As we approach the Advent season, this week would be a good time to reflect on the question: What have we done in our daily lives, in our actions, words, private prayer, and in our interaction with others, to testify that Jesus is Lord?

International Catholic Stewardship Council November 2015

Mass Times:

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

Parish Staff:

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Mrs. Judy Sloan, Child Care Coordinator (offered during 7:30am & 10:45am Masses at Holy Trinity)
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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@diocesekcsj.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.

Feast of Christ the King - 22 Nov 2015
Readings: p. 230 in *Breaking Bread*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 21

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, November 22

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII +Ray Bailey

10:45am-HT Private Intention

Mon, Nov 23, 8am-HT +Fr. Robert Cameron

Wed, Nov 25, 8am-HT +Fr. Hugh Joseph Mullin

Thu, Nov 26, 9AM Thanksgiving (XII) - In thanksgiving for our many blessings

NO MASS ON FRIDAY THIS WEEK

Saturday, November 28

5:00pm--XII Parishioners of XII Apostles

Sunday, November 29

7:30am-HT Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:00am--XII Private Intention

10:45am-HT Intentions of Julie Hoffman

Tomorrow's Priests Second Collection this weekend

This weekend, November 21-22, there is a Second Collection for the support of our seminarians' education and training. Our seminarians today are **Tomorrow's Priests**. Please support their formation with your generosity.

Christmas Banquet for Inmates of Lansing Correctional Facility.

The generous response last weekend from all of you was amazing. Please remember that all items should be returned by Nov 29 to the table in the vestibule of the church. Gift items cannot be wrapped. Children's gifts may be placed in a gift bag. For those who missed the opportunity to sign up last week, there remain a couple of children's gifts and a few inmate hygiene items unsigned for.

BAKED GOODS. Several people have asked about donating baked goods. Beauty for Ashes will serve homemade desserts at the banquet, and is greatly appreciative of anyone who would like to donate homemade cookies, brownies, cakes, or pies (pumpkin, pecan, or fruit). Desserts will need to be delivered by the 3rd of December. If you are interested, please contact Rhonda Schneringer at 605-376-5431 or email rschneringer@mac.com.



CALLING ALL BAKERS of Twelve Apostles and Holy Trinity! Our Youth Group's 13th annual "Christmas-Cookies-by-the-Pound" Sale will take place the weekend of Weston's Holiday Homes Tour, December 4-6. If you can help by donating six dozen or so of your special homemade Christmas cookies,

please sign up online -www.holytrinitycatholic.org/youth or www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/youth or contact Katie - ymHT-XII@kc.rr.com. Thank you!!

You may drop cookies off at XII Apostles Church on Thursday, December 3, from 6:30-7pm, or at Holy Trinity Parish Hall on Thursday, December 3, or Friday, December 4, from 9am-3:30pm. You may also drop off downtown at the Masonic Lodge on Friday, December 4, from 3:30-4:30pm. If none of these times work for you, please contact Katie Troup - 816-640-2206 x304.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation at Holy Trinity will not meet this weekend — we will meet again November 29, December 6 & 20, to finish our study of Matthew.

Women of Faith book club will not meet this Wednesday. We will resume December 2, 8:30am at Holy Trinity.

Next RCIA sessions are Wednesdays, Dec 2 & 9.

"The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters"

The AFF team will offer this brand new series during Advent at Twelve Apostles (after the 9AM Mass). Bishop Robert Barron reaches into our rich Catholic intellectual tradition to uncover a clear yet sophisticated understanding of "God."

See the trailer on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvVyaGztiDs>, and/or visit <http://mysteryofgod.wordonfire.org/>.

The *Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters* program occurs 10:15 to 11:45 AM in the basement of Twelve Apostles on December 6th, 13th, and 20th. For more information, please contact Jeff Witsken, witsken@hotmail.com or (816) 431-6298.

33 Days to Morning Glory will be offered at Twelve Apostles on Sundays from 8am-9am, beginning Nov. 29, and ending with Marian Consecration on January 1, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. **See the flyer on the bulletin table for more info.**

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS will be at 9am this Thursday at Twelve Apostles.

There will be no 6pm Mass on Thursday or 8am Mass on Friday.

The office will be closed Thursday and Friday this week. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all....

Catholic Men Invited to Become Members of the Knights of Columbus.

There are several opportunities to join the Knights of Columbus in December. Catholic gentlemen, 18 or older, wishing to become members of the Knights either at Holy Trinity or XII Apostles may do so on one of the following: 1) Tues, Dec 1, 7PM, Gladstone, MO; 2) Thu, Dec 10, 6:30PM, Holy Family, KCMO; 3) Sun, Dec 13, 6PM, Tonganoxie, KS; 4) Mon, Dec 14, 7:00PM, O'Hara Council, KCMO (south of the river).

Contact either Grand Knight Jim Rooney of Holy Trinity Council No. 12288 at (816) 674-4268 or Grand Knight Steve Steiger of XII Apostles Council No. 16189 at (816) 431-6506 for membership and general information about the Knights of Columbus, or if you wish to attend one of the ceremonials listed above.

ALL 1st Degree Members of the Knights are cordially invited to participate in the **2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonials** on: 1) Sun, Jan 17, 2016, Olathe, KS; (2) Sun, Jan 31, Conception Seminary, Conception, MO; or 3) Sun, Jan 31, Leawood, KS. Contact either Steve Steiger or Jim Rooney if you are interested.

Congratulations to Knights of Columbus member Marlin Legault who was selected to travel to Washington, D.C. on Veteran's Day as part of the Honor Flight Kansas City Program. The purpose of the wonderful program is to transport free of charge every military veteran in the United States to Washington, D.C. to visit the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Memorials and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Marlin served 26 years in the United States Air Force, including during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. More highlights of Marlin's Honor Flight story can be found in the November 11 issue of The Platte County Citizen. Marlin was nominated for the flight by Jerre Robertson of Twelve Apostles Parish. If you would like to nominate a Veteran, make a financial donation, or obtain general information about Honor Flight Kansas City, contact Jerre at (816) 431-6078 or visit www.honorflightkc.org. Top priority is given to America's most senior veterans. A Flightless Honor Flight is also available for those veterans who are unable to travel.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Today during the 7:30 Mass we celebrate the First Communion of two of Holy Trinity's 3rd grade students. **Congratulations to Ella Castillo and Shawn Newkirk! Welcome to the Lord's table.** Special thanks to Emerita Farnan for guiding these two students through the instruction necessary to receive this important sacrament.



WESTON COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FEAST & PRAYER SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & Prayer Service sponsored by the churches of the Weston Ministerial Alliance will be held at Weston Christian Church, 540 Washington St., this Sunday, November 22. Dinner at 6pm, followed by a prayer service at 7pm. Everyone is invited. Meat provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



All women of the parish are invited to the Women's Guild Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 1 at the Parish Hall. Social hour at 6:30pm; dinner at 7pm. \$15/person. Please RSVP by **this Monday, November 23**, to Pam Wittmeyer, 816-804-0855 or pamwittmeyer@gmail.com. Send payment to Pam; 20500 Grass Pad Road, Platte City, MO 64079. Checks payable to Holy Trinity Women's Guild.



Children's Christmas Choir: Please join in this long-standing tradition at Holy Trinity's 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Children of reading age through high school are invited to practice with the adult choir leaders on the following Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the church: December 2, December 9, December 16. Children are also welcome to sing a solo, in a group, or play an instrument. Let the choir director know on December 2 if you would like to do so. Questions? Contact Susanna Bartee @ 816-808-4777 or dreht@kc.rr.com or Barb Bopp at 640-2453.



ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, November 29. A daily reflection book for Advent, *A thrill of Hope!* is available on the bulletin table beginning this weekend. Help yourself.

KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



YOUTH GROUP Grades 7-12:

Cookie sale work sign-ups now available! Earn credit towards paying for youth group events (float trip, etc.) See fundraising policy and sign up online at www.holytrinitycatholic.org/youth or www.twelveapostlescatholic.org/youth

CONFIRMATION: Next session: this Sunday, November 22, 3:00-5:00pm at Holy Trinity. (Please remember this date is different than the schedule originally said.) Find the drawing of people laying down palm branches in front of Jesus for a special prize!

TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS



Attention all ladies of 12 Apostles:
Come join us for our Annual Christmas Party!
Thursday, December 3:
6:30 pm social hour; Dinner 7:30pm
Hereford House, Zona Rosa

Celebrate the season, meet new friends and spend time with old ones. Dinner, drinks, and fun! Always a favorite for those who have been! Cost \$35 per person. Sign up and collections after Mass.

Christmas Pageant and Children's Choir

Once again, our children are invited to participate in a Children's Choir for the 3:30pm Christmas Eve Mass and/or in a Christmas pageant to be held at 3:00pm (before Mass).



Children age K-8 are encouraged to share their time and talent by participating in one or both of these activities. Practices will be held in the church on Sundays, Nov. 29, Dec 6, Dec 13, and Dec 20, immediately following PSR classes. Parts in the pageant are: Joseph, Mary, The Three Wise Men, Shepherds, and Angels.

Any questions: for choir, contact Karla Stahl at 816-858-5817 or e-mail nstahl1@kc.rr.com; for pageant, contact Jeanne Witsken at 816-431-6298 or e-mail Witsken@hotmail.com.

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Looking for Advent items, Christmas, Birthday, any occasion Gifts? All are available at Twelve Apostles in your Narthex Display Case. Make a selection today.

JOB OPENING: The Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph is searching for a Director of Stewardship and Development. This full-time position will direct and implement a comprehensive program, including stewardship education; the Annual Catholic Appeal; annual fundraising activities, and long-term development efforts such as estate planning and corporate donor programs. Please visit Job Opportunities at www.diocese-kcsj.org for a complete job description or to apply.

The Holy Year of Mercy begins December 8, 2015... the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

"Many question in their hearts: why a Jubilee of Mercy today?" Simply because the Church, in this time of great historical change, is called to offer more evident signs of God's presence and closeness. This is not the time to be distracted; on the contrary, we need to be vigilant and to reawaken in ourselves the capacity to see what is essential. This is a time for the Church to rediscover the meaning of the mission entrusted to her by the Lord on the day of Easter: to be a sign and an instrument of the Father's mercy (cf. Jn 20:21-23). For this reason, the Holy Year must keep alive the desire to know how to welcome the numerous signs of the tenderness which God offers to the whole world and, above all, to those who suffer, who are alone and abandoned, without hope of being pardoned or feeling the Father's love. A Holy Year to experience strongly within ourselves the joy of having been found by Jesus, the Good Shepherd who has come in search of us because we were lost. A Jubilee to receive the warmth of his love when he bears us upon his shoulders and brings us back to the Father's house. A year in which to be touched by the Lord Jesus and to be transformed by his mercy, so that we may become witnesses to mercy. Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favourable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone, everyone, the way of forgiveness and reconciliation.

May the Mother of God open our eyes, so that we may comprehend the task to which we have been called; and may she obtain for us the grace to experience this Jubilee of Mercy as faithful and fruitful witnesses of Christ."

~ from Pope Francis' homily at first vespers, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2015

FROM THE DESK of FATHER STEVEN ROGERS....

Every summer Aunt Dorothy canned green beans. She had a cellar full of green beans in jars of every size and shape by the time she was finished. The cellar for green beans was next to her house. She also had a cellar for dill pickles around the back of the house. A jar of her pickles lasted much longer than a jar of her green beans. The cellar was strategically located, two steps from the side door to the kitchen. She made several trips to the green bean cellar each week. Aunt Dorothy was well known for her green beans. Every day at Aunt Dorothy's was green bean holiday. She cooked them for lunch and dinner. Always in demand, they were good. She used bacon and onions and a "special seasoning," and always cooked them with baby red potatoes. No one cooked green beans like Aunt Dorothy. Aunt Dorothy brought her green beans to every family function, every holiday, and on Thanksgiving she brought extra. Aunt Dorothy's old fashioned green beans were always at the top of the menu. The whole family counted on it. For years green beans were a staple at family feasts. Even when *Green Bean Casserole* took the holidays by storm, Aunt Dorothy's green beans took the prize. Thanksgiving wasn't Thanksgiving without her green beans. That's what everyone expected, except Aunt Helen.

Aunt Helen hosted Thanksgiving at her house each year because she had a fence around the yard. She preferred children be seen and not heard. All the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, first cousins, second cousins, and those not recognized as belonging to the family were made to stay outside until Thanksgiving dinner was ready. Aunt Helen had to concentrate on her cranberries; children made her nervous. Aunt Dorothy loved children. Children were never a problem for her or her green beans. Her green beans were made with love. Besides, children don't eat cranberries until they are adults. Anyone could do whatever they wanted with cranberries, but no one messed with Aunt Dorothy's green beans.

Aunt Helen wasn't one to sit back and go with the flow. She liked to mix things up and try new combinations to spice up life and meal time fun. It was her house and she felt she should be given the lioness's share of the attention. Aunt Helen could be sneaky and underhanded when it came to canned goods and frozen things. She would burn the turkey and bury it in salty gravy and call it meat loaf, "a special recipe from Julia Child," she would say. Whenever she fixed meat loaf, it tasted like burnt turkey. She thought a memory of a good thing lingered in that way.

One Thanksgiving, Aunt Helen secretly set out to trump Aunt Dorothy's old fashioned green beans. She set out to knock them off the menu all together. She was desperate to feature the *Green Bean Casserole*. She even stored a case of *Campbell's Condensed Mushroom Soup* in her cupboard along with extra-large cans of *French's French Fried Onions* hoping Aunt Dorothy's green beans would meet their maker, and not appear on the dinner table.

That year, after weeks of planning, Aunt Helen prepared a cranberry *Pièce de Résistance*. She sent negative vibes and conjured thoughts of sabotage over Aunt Dorothy's green beans. They were going to disappear from the dinner table if it was last thing she would do. Her weapon was cranberries. She prepared what she thought would be a frozen cranberry masterpiece. It was a five-layer, jelled concoction, with vodka, cream, gelatin, ground cranberries, minced cranberries, dried cranberries, whole cranberries, and cranberry puree, all with walnuts, carrots, pineapple and maraschino cherries. She bragged to everyone as they entered her house, "I added my own 'special seasoning' too, lots of it!"

Aunt Helen and my older sister Dalana have a lot in common. What Dalana does to mashed potatoes, Aunt Helen did to cranberries, none of it good. Dalana is the Queen of dinner disasters. Aunt Helen was the Queen of culinary calamities. Dalana is cheap. She substitutes ingredients that are similar in color and texture to ingredients listed in a recipe. Aunt Helen was tighter than bark on a tree. She had only one good eye along with an impaired sense of smell. She easily confused color, texture, and good scents, especially when it came to spices listed in a recipe for which there was no substitute.

Aunt Helen must have opened the freezer door 150 times to show off her cranberry concoction that day. She even paraded all the children by the frozen delight as she shooed them outdoors, "Look, I used a copper dessert mold, just like Julia Child." Just as the hoopla died down about Aunt Helen's cranberries, Aunt Dorothy arrived. Helen slammed the freezer door and pretended to be so busy she didn't notice her. Aunt Dorothy carried in only one large Pyrex dish covered in foil. Normally she brought a large

stock pot steaming with goodness, but that year Aunt Dorothy came without her green beans; instead, she brought a cranberry Jell-O salad. "I thought I'd try something new since someone told me we were going to have '*Green Bean Casserole*' this year." Aunt Helen turned with glee, opened the pantry and discovered she had stocked everything but green beans. "Oh, NO!"

Aunt Helen flaunted the scandal to everyone, even the neighbor's dog. She wasn't fond of dogs or children but we all heard about having no green beans. "She always brings green beans. Of all the years not to bring green beans. She could have told me she wasn't bringing green beans. She must have had a green bean up her bonnet!" Aunt Helen gossiped so much about green beans, she forgot she had taken her cranberry concoction out of the freezer and placed it in a hot water bath to loosen it from the copper mold. For 37 minutes she gossiped and for 37 minutes her frozen cranberries sat in the hot water bath. The instructions called for less than one minute. When Aunt Helen realized what she had done, it was too late. Her cranberry concoction had dissolved into a mess. What was supposed to have been sliced and enjoyed with a little whipped cream on the side had turned into a runny, crunchy, cranberry chaos. Five layers of awesomeness had blended into one confused mess. Aunt Helen let out a gasp, "Oh, NO!"

Aunt Dorothy, seeing what happened, smiled, and stepped into action. Lifting her Pyrex dish high for everyone to see, "Cranberry JELLO anyone?" Aunt Helen quickly poured her chunky cranberry clutter into plastic shot glasses, "This is how Julia serves her cranberries." Aunt Helen pretended she planned it all along, "It's so festive this way. Cranberry shots for everyone." Aunt Dorothy laughed, "No, I am good with good old cranberry JELLO. I don't do shots. Even if I did, I wouldn't do that. Who tosses back a salad?" Proper guests obliged, and when every one of them had done so, they came face to face with the shock and awe of the season. What was supposed to be cinnamon and nutmeg turned out to be *Lawry's Seasoned Salt*. One by one every family member left the table and ran to the bathroom, the garage, out the front door, or ducked under the table. Like the cranberries, the napkins took a lot of abuse that day.

Aunt Dorothy said, "Helen, had I known you were going to make a frighteningly special cranberry delight, I would have for certain brought my old fashioned green beans! *Lawry's Seasoned Salt* goes good with green beans. I use it all the time. That's my 'special seasoning'." I caught a loud guffaw in mid-air, just soon as it left my mouth. Too late. I quickly buried my face in a slice of pie, the first slice I could find. It happened to be the one my older sister Dalana had made. I took a big bite and quickly realized how precious good pie really is. It's hard enough to choke back a guffaw, but it is truly impossible to choke down alien confections. Every inch of my body shivered, "OUCH! What are you doing to me?" Instantly, I realized it wasn't pumpkin. It wasn't pecan. It wasn't apple. It wasn't sweet. It wasn't savory. What it was...was awful! It tasted like cheap old potpourri. It crackled, snapped and popped. I swallowed hard, but it came back up. I realized I was in deep trouble and ran out of the house to recover. Nothing can take the smile off my face like Dalana's cranberry crumble pie. What Aunt Helen had done to cranberries, Dalana had also done to cranberries, only in a crust. It was a bad year for cranberries.

When I recovered from my near death experience, I heard Dalana exclaim, "I don't know what's wrong with all y'all guys. Aunt Helen, this is really good. I've had five shots already, and I'm going for another! You have to give me the recipe. I'm going to make this for Christmas!" I replied, "Oh...yum." I turned to Aunt Helen and handed her a slice of Dalana's pie, "Here, you're going love this. Don't make it for Christmas."

Here's wishing all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with your friends and family. Too bad Aunt Dorothy isn't with us any more, you would have loved her green beans. As for Aunt Helen, she's gone too, but I can assure you, her cranberries have not been forgotten. She would be most pleased. Happy Thanksgiving!

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers