PRAYER OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Almighty eternal God, behold, I come to the Sacrament of your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as one sick to the physician of life, as one unclean to the fountain of mercy, as one blind to the light of eternal brightness, as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. I ask, therefore, for the abundance of your immense generosity, that you may graciously cure my sickness, wash away my defilement, give light to my blindness, enrich my poverty, clothes my nakedness, so that I may receive the bread of Angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, such purpose and intention as are conducive to the salvation of my soul. Grant, I pray, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Lord’s Body and Blood, but also the reality and power of that Sacrament. O most gentle God, grant that I may so receive the Body of your Only Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which he took from the Virgin Mary, that I may be made worthy to be incorporated into his Mystical Body and to be counted among its members. O most loving Father, grant that I may at last gaze for ever upon the unveiled face of your beloved Son, whom I, a wayfarer, propose to receive now veiled under these species: Who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.

Mass Times
Monday: 12 noon (OF)
Tuesday: 12 noon (OF)
Wednesday: 12 noon (EF)
Thursday: 6:00 pm (EF)
Friday: 12 noon (EF)
Saturday: 5:00 pm (OF)
Sunday:
  8:00 am (OF)
  11:00 am (OF)
  5:00 pm (EF)

OF - Ordinary Form
EF - Extraordinary Form
Confessions are 30 minutes before every Mass

Outreach Agency
Food and Prescription Medication Assistance

HOURS:
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm
(816) 252-8649
(By appointment only)

*Donations of food may be brought to the Ministry Center Monday - Thursday by 12:00 noon

July 12th, 2020: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday July 11
St. Benedict, Abbot
Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Gene Stone+)

Sunday July 12
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Elizabeth Crosby+)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Bob Trusty+)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Parishioners)

Monday July 13
Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Dan Clifton)

Tuesday July 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Poor Souls in Purgatory)

Wednesday July 15
St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Andy Pontalion+)

Thursday July 16
Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Special Intention)

Friday July 17
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Peace & Healing of Our Country)

Saturday July 18
Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-2
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Parishioners)

Next Sunday July 19
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Robert Lappat+)
11:00am - Mass - (Annette Rita Conley)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (George & Bernadette Torpey)

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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 Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 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 Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011, or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Elmer Albert, David Anderson, David Barrett, Augie Cruz, Brodie Gorbet, Jeffrey Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Harold Mitchell, Annie Moran, Ke Hun Ngo, Eric Palmer, Eric Parvin, Mark & Maryann Polina, Anthony Rizzi, Michelle Rohaus, Harold Stewart
George Stone, Betty Underwood, Frank Velasquez, Peggy Vincent, Jean Wilcox

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:
SFC. Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright, Fairbanks AL. (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)
Fr. CPT. Brian Klingele - Kreech AFB & Nellis AFB, Nevada, (Nephew of Ken & Karen Klingele)
ICSN Josiah Smith - (Grandson of Mary Smith) & IC3 Christina Smith - Virginia (wife of Josiah)
CPT Eric Hoffman - US Air Force, Middle East (Nephew of Chuck & Karen Vlasin)
Airman Tommy Romano - Ariano, Italy (Nephew of Sr. Teresita)

FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH
Transgendersim: A Surgeon’s Perspective: Patrick W. Lappert, M.D., a deacon and plastic surgeon, brilliantly and compassionately enters the important and challenging conversation about transgenderism and persons who identify as transgender. Speaking from the perspectives of biology, medicine, psychology, theology and more, Dr. Lappert teaches how questions of human identity, sexuality, woundedness, and the desire for happiness must all be addressed and answered by the truth of what it means to be a human person, made in the image and likeness of God.

Please visit our CD kiosk at the front of the church. We have many great topics on CD about the Catholic faith. We ask for a nominal donation of $3 for each CD.

Rachel’s Vineyard-Kansas City
Healing hearts in the heart of the nation
Jesus said, “Whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” Anyone who is suffering from an abortion decision is invited to come and experience the True Bread from heaven and drink from the well that never runs dry. Rachel’s Vineyard retreats are all about healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. The second of three 2020 Kansas City retreats will take place on July 24-26. Please call (816) 679-4973 or send an email to rvkmo@gmail.com for confidential information and to start the healing.

PASTORAL CARE MEALS COMMITTEE!
Have you recently had a baby, been in the hospital, been ill or are dealing with grief? We would like to help you by providing you with home cooked meals. If you or someone you know in the parish has a need for dinners on a short-term basis, please contact Colleen Diamond at lourdesspring@gmail.com or 816-260-7328.
Also, if you are interested in helping to make meals on an as-needed basis we would love for you to join!

Altar Servers
5:00pm - J Collins, J Rider
8:00am - M & T Holden, A Rincon, T & T Spooner
11:00am - J Combs, M Deggendorf, E & J Diamond, T Gearke, R Howe, A Talato, L Uresti
5:00pm - N Leete, N Smith

Lectors
Mark, our summer seminarian, will be doing the readings while he is here, through July 31st. Thank you Mark!
Reading 1

**IS 55:10-11**

Thus says the LORD:

Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**PS 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14**

R. (Lk 8:8) **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God’s watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

R. **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

R. **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R. **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

R. **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Reading 2

**ROM 8:18-23**

Brothers and sisters:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

**MT 13:1-23**

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

“A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.” The disciples approached him and said, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” He said to them in reply, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.

Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

“But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. “Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”
**Weekly Contribution Income**

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(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)

**THANK YOU** for your continued support and generosity as we have navigated through these challenging times. If attending Mass, we have baskets in the vestibules for your contributions. If unable to attend, please continue to mail in your weekly contribution or send it via the church website under the Online Giving tab.

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**Pitching for Priests has been cancelled** due to Covid 19 concerns

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**Gospel Reflection by Scott Hahn**

Today’s readings, like last week’s, ask us to meditate on Israel’s response to God’s Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today’s Gospel, especially. Again we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom’s mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit. As we sing in today’s Psalm, in Jesus, God’s Word has visited our land, to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (see John 7:38; Revelation 22:1). The firstfruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today’s Epistle (see Romans 5:5; 8:15–16). In this, we are made a “new creation” (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), the firstfruits of a new heaven and a new earth (see 2 Peter 3:13). Since the first humans rejected God’s Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see Genesis 3:17–19; 5:29). But God’s Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today’s First Reading. His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God’s will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns. In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness. And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord’s Day (see Mark 4:29; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 1:10)—when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.