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, 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 the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH FORMATION

COMMUNION IN YOUR HOME
For those who are not attending Mass during this Covid pandemic, Eucharistic ministers are available to bring Communion to you in your home. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) if you would like to receive Communion in the home OR if you would like to be part of this ministry.

DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND OR CO-WORKER WHO IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT (AND PERHAPS JOINING) THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?
RCIA Inquiry Interviews are happening NOW. Contact Mariann McCormally mccormally@sfx-kc.org for more information about RCIA/The Catechumenate.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION PREP
For children in Grade 2 (and older) begins SOON. We’ll be offering a hybrid (some outdoor gatherings and Zoom meetings with real books-and stickers!). Contact Mariann McCormally mccormally@sfx-kc.org for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
Will meet on Friday, September 11 at 5:30 pm OUTSIDE at SFX. Wear a mask and bring a bottle of water. Consider coming early and joining the Public Witness for Racial Equity at 4:30 pm at 52nd and Troost. For more information contact youth leader Melissa Eckler mteckerl@gmail.com.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US
Join members of our SFX Marian Devotion Group “Truly Our Mother” on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and/or Saturdays at 3:30 pm to pray the rosary on Zoom. Contact Gail Fein at gafein10@gmail.com for Meeting ID and Password. All are welcome!

CREATING A HOME FOR ALL: RACIAL INJUSTICE PANEL DISCUSSION
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm on Zoom
Rockhurst University is inviting SFXers to join this Zoom event moderated by Father Tom Curran, SJ, President of Rockhurst. The panelists include: Dr. Leslie Doyle, Chief Inclusion Officer at Rockhurst University, Chief Randy Hopkins,'20 EMBA, Chief Security Officer at Rockhurst University, Carolina Cruz, '16, Bilingual News Reporter/Fill-in Anchor at WFSB TV (Hartford, CT), Sly James, '80, Former Mayor of Kansas City, MO and Rockhurst University Board of Trustees Member. To register go to https://engage.rockhurst.edu/register/homeforallpanel.

SOUP & SPIRITUALITY – COVID STYLE
“WE FIND GOD WHEN WE FIND THE POOR” with Doug Langner from One City Cafe
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
7:00-8:00 pm
Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-ks.org or 816-381-9163 for Zoom Meeting ID and Password).
We are re-imagining and rescheduling our Lenten Soup & Spirituality speaker series. Join us for this interactive workshop on Zoom with Doug Langner, site director for One City Café at 39th and Troost (part of Bishop Sullivan Center).

TRULY OUR MOTHER” MARIAN DEVOTION GROUP SHARE STORIES THAT INSPIRE THEM
BLESSED ALAN DE LA ROCHE (OF THE ROCK) by parishioner Judi Albors
Blessed Alan was a Dominican priest who lived in 15th century France. He helped to re-establish the rosary that was given to St Dominic by Our Lady. He had visions from Jesus, Our Lady, and St. Dominic urging him to restore devotion to the rosary that had been given to St Dominic two centuries earlier and was no longer being practiced. He was at first reluctant to carry out their wishes, but he was rebuked by Jesus because he had been given the knowledge and ability to carry out this Mission and he was choosing not to do so.

One day when Blessed Alan was saying Mass, Jesus spoke to him in the Sacred Host, “How can you crucify Me again so soon?” Jesus said. Blessed Alan was horrified, and he replied, “What did you say, Lord?” Jesus answered, “You crucified Me once before by your sins, and I would willingly be crucified again rather than have My Father offended by the sins you used to commit. You are crucifying Me again now because you have all the learning and the understanding that you need to preach My Mother’s Rosary, and you are not doing so. If you only did this, you could teach many souls the right path and lead them away from sin - but you are not doing it and so, you yourself are guilty of the sins that they commit.” This terrible reproach made Blessed Alan resolve to teach the rosary for the rest of his life.

Our Lady also spoke to him to inspire him to teach the Rosary, “You were a great sinner in your youth, but I obtained the grace of your conversion from my Son. Had such a thing been possible I would have liked to have gone through all kinds of suffering to save you because converted sinners are a glory to me. And I would have done this also to make you worthy of preaching my Rosary far and wide.”

She told him, “When you say the rosary, the angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, my Son finds joy in it too, and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary.”

St Dominic appeared to him and told him of the benefits he had received from teaching the rosary, “See the wonderful results I have had through preaching the Holy Rosary. You and all those who love Our Lady ought to do the same so that, by means of this holy practice of the Rosary, you may draw all people to the real science of the virtues.”
"Remember: you can now give to SFX online."
**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✧ **MOTHER TERESA FEAST DAY**
The Feast Day of St. Mother Teresa is a perfect opportunity for us to recognize her remarkable life while being reminded to live our lives with love and compassion. Mother Teresa reminds us that we can all “Do small things with Great Love”. As the Patron Saint of Catholic Charities KCSI we strive to honor her legacy by maintaining the dignity of our clients as we provide them with the most basic needs. For more information about the services we offer, please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager, at nbutters@ccharities.com or 816-659-8266.

✧ **HOLY LAND COLLECTION WILL BE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.**
The Holy Land Collection is used to carry out its mission of preserving most of the shrines connected with the life of Jesus. This collection is also used for providing pastoral care to the region’s Catholics, running schools, operating charitable institutions and training future priests and religious. “The Christian communities in the Holy Land, while exposed to the risk of contagion and often living in very trying circumstances, benefit every year from the generous solidarity of the faithful throughout the world, to be able to continue their evangelical presence, as well as to maintain schools and welfare structures open to all citizens for education, peaceful coexistence and care, especially for the smallest and poorest ones,” the Vatican said.

✧ **SECOND COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 19/20 IS FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**
The Collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs as awarded by the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechism. Funding is limited to programmatic expenses and excludes building construction except in cases of emergency.

Good and gracious God,
Who loves and delights in all people,
we stand in awe before You,
knowing that the spark of life within each person on earth is the spark of your divine life.

Differences among cultures and races are multicolored manifestations of Your Light.

May our hearts and minds be open to celebrate similarities and differences among our sisters and brothers.

We place our hopes for racial harmony in our committed action and in Your Presence in our Neighbor.

May all peoples live in Peace.
AMEN.

**CALENDAR**

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**MASS READINGS**

✧ **SEPTEMBER 7 - SEPTEMBER 13**

**MONDAY:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

**TUESDAY:** Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**WEDNESDAY:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

**THURSDAY:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38

**FRIDAY:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42

**SATURDAY:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49

**SUNDAY:** Sir 27:30—28:9/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

**MASS INTENTIONS**

✧ **MASS INTENTIONS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC**
Mass intentions for each month will be said at the KC Jesuit Community. With fewer daily Masses, our ability to say a Mass for a particular person on a specific date is not possible. However, a Mass will be said the requested intention during the specified month.

**SEPTEMBER MASS INTENTIONS**
Pierre “Pete” Guignon †
Shon Stovall †
Zoila Nicholls †
SFX Parishioners
Paul, Toni, and John Mannion †