You're invited to a Prayer Service for:

Racial Healing

Presider: Fr. Steve Robeson, Pastor St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Music: Internationally recognized music educator and composer Dr. Philip A Woodmore will join us with members of his national touring group: The Phil Woodmore Singers.

Where: St. Cletus Catholic Parish

2705 Zumbehl Road St. Charles, MO 63301

When: Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

St. Cletus Peace & Justice Ministry Jim LaVictoire 314-308-8462 Bill Weisrock 636-284-0451

Gratitude is a spiritual practice of seeing and celebrating the good in the world around you. This is easier said than done.

Modern life often forces you to focus on what is bad – what needs to be fixed immediately, what crisis must be prevented, what new thing you need now to make your life better.

Learning to notice the good takes practice. Thankfully, every time you flex your gratitude muscle you get stronger. You get positive feedback – it feels good to be grateful. And you connect with God who is the source of all goodness.

You don't need to look for big miraculous things to be grateful for. Jesus showed that gratitude can begin with very little. On a day when it seemed like he and his friends wouldn't have enough to eat, Jesus looked up to heaven and thanked God for the food they had (<u>Mark</u> <u>6:37-44</u>). When Jesus did this, the little they had turned into an abundance.

- excerpt from Practicing Gratitude Produced by TOW Project



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We exist to glorify God by serving as a conduit for the grace of God whereby faith the Love, Life, Lordship and Leadership of the Kingdom of Heaven is revealed and expanded to all nations.

Mission Statement:

We desire to be a multi-cultural, multi-generational conduit of the grace of God to be used to fulfill our purpose, for the glory of God.

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Weekly Corporate Gatherings: Sunday Worship Service- 10:00 AM Discipleship Groups (times vary)

Staff:

Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr. - President & Senior Pastor Rose Hammond- Receptionist

Order of Worship Sunday, November 20, 2022

Christ the King

Congregation responses spoken together appear in **bold** print.

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Psalm 95:1-6 (extemporaneous prayer)

Worship in Song (click on the song title for a YouTube track)

He Reigns Again I Say Rejoice My God is Awesome

Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives, through our Lord Jesus Christ. In Jesus name we pray, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:13-18 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word (reflection)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thank You Lord for your Holy Word (reflection)

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

<u>I'd Rather Have Jesus</u> | View the lyrics <u>here</u>

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:13-20 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word (reflection)

Sermon (10:30 a.m.) https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl

Confession & Prayer of Repentance

Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Personal quiet confession)

Father, you have heard our confessions. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. And we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Words of Comfort & Affirmation

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 KJV)

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. All: Glory be to God! Amen

Prayers of the People: (liturgy on screen)

The Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you always.

People: And, with you (Passing of the Peace)

Communion: (liturgy on screen)

Sending

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

MO US House of Rep District 1- Allen Andrews MO State House of Rep District 70- Paula Brown 11th Judicial Court Assoc. Circuit Judge Div. 14- Brittney Smith St. Peters Board of Alderman Ward 1- Joyce Townsend

Reminders from the Crucifixion Story		20 Nov 2022
Luke 23:26-43	Pastor Michael Hammond	

The Forgiveness of God

By Oswald Chambers

In Him we have...the forgiveness of sins... — Ephesians 1:7

Beware of the pleasant view of the fatherhood of God: God is so kind and loving that of course He will forgive us. That thought, based solely on emotion, cannot be found anywhere in the New Testament. The only basis on which God can forgive us is the tremendous tragedy of the Cross of Christ. To base our forgiveness on any other ground is unconscious blasphemy. The only ground on which God can forgive our sin and reinstate us to His favor is through the Cross of Christ. There is no other way! Forgiveness, which is so easy for us to accept, cost the agony at Calvary. We should never take the forgiveness of sin, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and our sanctification in simple faith, and then forget the enormous cost to God that made all of this ours.

Forgiveness is the divine miracle of grace. The cost to God was the Cross of Christ. To forgive sin, while remaining a holy God, this price had to be paid. Never accept a view of the fatherhood of God if it blots out the atonement. The revealed truth of God is that without the atonement He cannot forgive— He would contradict His nature if He did. The only way we can be forgiven is by being brought back to God through the atonement of the Cross. God's forgiveness is possible only in the supernatural realm.

Compared with the miracle of the forgiveness of sin, the experience of sanctification is small. Sanctification is simply the wonderful expression or evidence of the forgiveness of sins in a human life. But the thing that awakens the deepest fountain of gratitude in a human being is that God has forgiven his sin. Paul never got away from this. Once you realize all that it cost God to forgive you, you will be held as in a vise, constrained by the love of God.