

# Most Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas, and Sts. Teresa and Bridget

TWENTYTHIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

*...that we may gain wisdom of heart.*

*Ezekiel 33: 7-9/Romans 13: 8-10/Matthew 18: 15-20*



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## REMAINING VULNERABLE IN GOD'S PRESENCE

The Responsorial Psalm today invites us to be open to God's voice, "harden not your hearts..." We pray often for a clear sign from God; we want to recognize the signs God sends. It is important for us to be attentive to the Holy Spirit. When we sense the silent whisper of God's voice, we want courage to hear it and respond. In that moment of grace, we may experience fear, even resistance to God's invitation.

We help one another trust God's voice by sharing stories of faith with one another. Hearing our brothers and sisters witness to their own encounters with God's Word, their own experiences of intimacy with Jesus, their own work in the spiritual life, we sense the Lord's Spirit at work in us. Together we practice the art of being open and vulnerable to God's grace. We are instruments of God's grace in the world.

St. Nicholas, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Bridget of Erin, you are with us; may the Triune God be glorified in us.

– Father Mitch



**TODAY: INSTALLATION OF FATHER MITCH DOYEN AS PASTOR** of Most Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas, and Sts. Teresa and Bridget. Father Mitch will be installed by episcopal vicar, Father Scott Jones, former pastor of Saints Teresa and Bridget. We warmly welcome Father Mitch. Our loving God graces him with wisdom, understanding, joy, and bold courage in his ministry among us.

### AND OUR NAME WILL BE ...

If you prefer to place your choice of a name for our new parish online, the papers with the QR Code are in the back of the church. You may also write your choice and the reasons why on a piece of paper and put it in the collection basket by Monday, September 18TH.

**DAILY READINGS:** Please pick up a copy of *The WORD Among Us* in the back of church. The books contain the Sunday and daily readings. These readings with reflections are also found online at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB.org readings) site.



**THE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS PODCAST** offers Catholic perspectives on faith, social issues, marriage, family, God, Church, and the spiritual life: <https://nbccongress.org/podcasts/>

Topics include:

*Catholic Talks to Get the Church Talking:*

*Hope Stories with Sister Josephine Garrett, CSFN*  
Hope stories of an OSV created to explore extraordinary stories of hope hidden with the ordinary lives we live.

*For the Voices Unheard: The Gloria Purvis Podcast*  
Discover opinions, stories and experiences of individuals who have been marginalized in the Catholic Church and in society.

*A Dose of Faith: Christ at the Center*

Father Raymond Harris, a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, shares homilies, and Bible Study presentations.

*Your Questions Answered: Ask Father Josh*

Each week Father Josh answers questions submitted about life, faith, morality and relationships.

### MASS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17 9:00AM MOST HOLY TRINITY

*First reading:* Madonna Buhr

*Second Reading:* Korky Buhr

*Eucharistic Minister:* Brenda Tillman

*Mass Intention:* Joanne George

### 11:00AM STS. TERESA AND BRIDGET

*First reading:* Alice O'Bryant

*Second Reading:* Ingrid Jackson

*Eucharistic Minister:* Korky Buhr

*Mass Intention:* Priest's intention

**COLLECTION:** 9/3/23, \$6,455 THANK YOU!

**BULLETIN OFFERINGS:** Email information to S. Janice at [sjanice@mhtstl.org](mailto:sjanice@mhtstl.org) on or before Monday of the upcoming weekly bulletin.

**UPDATING PRAYER AND BIRTHDAY LISTS:** If you wish to have names added to the list to be published in the bulletin for prayer or celebrating a birthday, please email Sister Janice at [sjanice@mhtstl.org](mailto:sjanice@mhtstl.org).



## WE HOLD IN HEART AND PRAYER

Stephanie Adair  
Kenecia Allen  
Phyllis Allen  
Kate Baldi  
Samuel Belk  
James Bland  
John & Diana Bowman  
Philip Brown  
Anne Brown  
Candice, Burke  
Chloe Burke  
Jalen Burke  
Virginia Cavitte  
Shirley Cherry  
Angela Cherry-Carr  
Brend Cole  
Lonnell Cole  
Costello Family  
Calvin David  
Geraldine Davis  
Warren Davis  
Ed Deason  
Patricia Fleming  
Carolyn Ford  
Donald Gammon  
Addie Gill,  
Helen Gill

Tyrone Gill  
Valerie Gill  
Karen Gonnigan  
Mary Green  
Joanie Hassner  
Pearline Hawkins  
Hazel Hosea  
Mary Lee Howard  
Doris (Feeherty) Janz  
Gregory Jenkins  
Sarah Jones  
Everlyn Jones  
Reign Brown-Jones  
Queen Jones  
Virgil Kaleen  
Ethel Long  
Veronica Lotts  
Brenda Mahr  
David Mancuso  
Terry Mancuso  
Betty McCullough  
Bill McHugh  
Mary Meyer  
Ruth Mitchell  
Hannah Moll  
Sharon Morrow  
Thomas Newman

David O'Bryant  
Barbara Parker  
Den Stanley Peterson  
Elouise Reed  
Marta Reyna  
Mark Reynolds  
Bart Robbins  
Derrick Ross  
Charles Sams  
Diana Schmidt  
Janie Shockley  
James Smith  
Penny Smith  
Annette Strickland  
Doris Tobias  
Marie Tolber,  
Cathy Torrillo  
John Towles  
Tracy Family  
Brenda Ulmer  
Usanga Family  
Carol Wallace  
Mildren Washington  
Steve Washington  
Toni Weightman  
Carole Willis



**SEASON OF CREATION  
CELEBRATING WEEK 2**

**THE WISDOM OF ATTENTIVENESS:**

**EARTH:** As we walk, we become aware of the earth beneath our feet.

**AIR:** With each breath, we are conscious of the air around us.

**FIRE:** We feel the sun's energy that is captured by the plants.

**WATER:** We drink a glass of water in gratitude for this necessity for life.

– Paraphrase from Education for Justice

**Seeking THE GIFT OF WISDOM**

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my work, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
That I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
To defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit.

– St. Augustine

**WISDOM IN ROME:**

For the first time the Synod of Bishops in Rome, convenes in October for a 2-year period on the topic of synodality. The synod includes women to participate and vote.

**WISDOM OF OUR SAINTS:**

**St. Bridget of Ireland**, used the gifts of creation in healing. She arrived at the bedside of a dying man, consoled him with her words, and wove him a cross of rushes from a tree that were gathered on the floor. Today these crosses are still made.

**St. Teresa of Avila**, doctor of the church. Teresa's ascetic doctrine is the classical exposition of the contemplative life, and her spiritual writings are among the most widely read. Her recognized written masterpieces on the progress of the Christian soul toward God through prayer and contemplation are *The Way of Perfection* (1583), *The Interior Castle* (1588).

**St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra**, was a participant in the Council of Nicaea (325) the first ecumenical council of the Christian church. He contributed to the affirmation of the absolute equality of Jesus, the Christ, as the only begotten son of God.

**Most Holy Trinity**, the wisdom of God. Pope Francis describes wisdom as the Holy Spirit within us so that we see all with God's eyes.

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**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SERVICES**

**Most Holy Trinity**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food/Utility Assistance  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 9:00 – noon  
4335 Warne Ave, 63107  
314-535-9794 (during operating hours)

**St. Nicholas (Off-site)**

Food Pantry sponsored by Immacolata SVDP  
First and Second Tuesdays: 9:00 – 11:00  
Hot meal, snacks, fellowship; Dine in or carry-out  
1414 N. Taylor Ave, 63110  
314.289.6106 ext, 1171

**St. Nicholas**

Food Pantry sponsored by Ascension SVDP  
Mondays (except holidays): 10 - noon  
701 N 18th St., 63103  
314.289.6101

**Sts. Teresa & Bridget**

Food Pantry/Utility Assistance/Store Vouchers  
Tuesday, Thursday 9 – noon  
Bag Lunches for homeless  
Sts. Teresa & Bridget Hall  
2431 N. Grand Blvd., 63106  
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