



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2021

# St. James Catholic Church

3909 Harrison \* Kansas City, Missouri 64110

## Our Mission

We, the people of the St. James community in faith, commit ourselves to building the Reign of God for all people, serving especially our neighbors in Midtown, Kansas City.

## Our Vision

St. James Parish will be a vital Catholic Christian presence at the crossroads of Kansas City, meeting the spiritual needs of our members and impacting both the midtown neighborhood and the larger community. We will be a growing and diverse community where worship and sacramental life are joyful and vibrant; where people are empowered to live the Gospel; and where, especially, the needs of the poor and disenfranchised are lovingly and humbly addressed.

## Mass Schedule

Sunday **10:00 am**

## Confessions

By appointment only

## Parish Office

**(816) 561-8512**

Office Hours: 9:00 --3:00, Monday-Friday

Email parish@stjkc.org

Website stjkc.org

## Parish Staff

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## Parish Leadership Team

	LT@stjkc.org
Toni Pennisi Wurth	Bob Anderson
Connie Anderson	Mary Vincent
Chris Zaroor	Chuck Wurth
Fr. Mike	Ben Babaran

## Parish Finance Council

	Finance@stjkc.org
Fr. Mike	Chuck Wurth
Ben Babaran	Michael Waldeck
Andrew Shepard	Pam Waters
Anne Carlson	



He approached, grasped her hand,  
and helped her up.

~ Mark 1:31

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

## *~ Ministry Updates ~*

### • **YOUTH GROUP**

St. James has not had Pantry Sunday for a long time. In the Spirit of Pantry Sunday, the Youth Group is asking us to drop off hygiene items (toothpastes, toothbrushes, toilet paper and the like) to Bishop Sullivan Center. Please NO food stuff! Hygiene items are to be dropped off at BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER DOCK. The drop off hours are: MONDAYS through THURSDAYS, from 9 AM to 4 AM; FRIDAYS, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Thank you for all your help!

### • **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

- ◆ If you live in the 64109 zip code you can get food assistance by going to Central Presbyterian Church, 3501 Campbell, on Wednesday from 8:30-12:00. Make sure to bring your drivers license and/or a utility bill with your address on it.
- ◆ If you are an undocumented immigrant or know of someone who is undocumented, you may be able to get help in obtaining a green card. Call, text, or email Connie Anderson. 913-515-3650, canders71@yahoo.com.
- ◆ Money for heating oil for the elderly in Anapra, Mexico – if you would like to still send in money please mail it to the P.O. Box address shown below as soon as possible. If you have already sent in money, please check with your bank to make sure that the check has cleared. If it has not cleared, cancel the check sent and please reissue a check to St. James with ANAPRA in the memo line.

### • **PARISH OFFICE**

- ◆ St. James Post Office Box Address:  
St. James Catholic Church  
P.O. Box 30388  
Kansas City, MO 64112
- ◆ Please send us your prayer intentions. Email them to parish@stjkc.org or call 816-561-8512.
- ◆ If you have an address, phone, or email change, please contact the parish office so our records can be updated.
- ◆ If you know of parishioners who have NO access to internet/email/Facebook, please contact the parish office, so that the weekly bulletin will be mailed to them.





## *Reflection from Fr. Garry*

When people come to me for counseling, they often describe the pain they are in, and are searching for a way out of it. It may be the pain of marital problems, divorce, addiction of some kind, loss of a loved one, etc. As a novice counselor, I saw my job primarily as helping the person find ways out of the pain. So in counseling I would very quickly move to problem solving with them. I soon found out that people were open to solutions I might suggest only after they were convinced that I really understood the pain they were going through. I had to rethink my whole approach to counseling. I began to simply sit with a new client as they described their pain, sometimes over and over, till they were satisfied that I really understood. This would involve, among other things, my describing their pain in my own words, which helped them know I understood. I learned that only then will people consider anything I might have to offer in the way of problem solving.

We have many problems in our society which are causing much collective pain. We tend to address this with problem solving, especially with telling those "other people" what they need to do to shape up and not cause problems. The fact that we are so polarized as a society and as a world should be evidence enough that this strategy does not work. Yet we seem to be stuck in this way of approaching each other, apparently thinking it might eventually work. As the saying goes, insanity is doing the same thing over and over again while expecting different results.

If we want to solve our problems as a society, we first have to spend time listening to and understanding the depth of pain that people are experiencing. Jesus did this when he would get to know people labeled sinners, often at dinner, before he would say anything about how they might solve the problem of sinning. Just think what could happen if lawmakers and elected officials spent time hearing and really understanding the pain of a single mother on WIC trying to work two jobs for example, or a refugee fleeing their country to save the lives of their children. Not only would this create mutual trust, but it would help everyone find more effective solutions to the problems that create pain for individuals and for society.

Of course we change society by each of us doing what we want society to do. Maybe the next time we feel the need to tell someone what the solution to their problem is, we can first take a little time to listen and understand more fully. Then both people can more easily find a solution.

*~ Peace,*

*Fr. Garry*

~ Around Kansas City ~

• **A TIME FOR TRUTH TELLING**

Contemporary Spirituality invites you to join us for “White History Month: A Time for Truth Telling.” February has traditionally been Black History Month, often a time of recognizing a handful of noteworthy Blacks. It has been said that “history is the lie agreed upon,” and this February seems like the time to tell the truth about our country’s history of white supremacy and racism.

We will gather via Zoom at 6 PM on:

February 10th, 2021: White History Month: Lynchings and Massacres

February 16th, 2021: White History Month: Voting Rights/Voter Suppression

February 24th, 2021: White History Month: Housing Discrimination/Racial Wealth Gap

to view videos which will leave us far better informed about the often untold truths of American history.

Sign up for these free offerings on our website: <https://www.contemporaryspirituality.net/upcoming-events>

• **COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABILITY**

Jackson County has created a site with good information about COVID-19 vaccinations. It also gives you the opportunity to sign up to be notified when you are able to get vaccinated based on the priority phased-in vaccination program and vaccine availability.

The survey is easy to do. Follow this link for information and to complete the brief survey: [Jackson County Health Department Covid-19 Vaccine Availability](#)

~ Readings ~

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

LV 13:1-2, 44-46

1 COR 10:31—11:1

MK 1:40-45

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

**PLEASE SEND US YOUR PRAYER  
INTENTIONS**

~ Stewardship ~

Week 1/25—1/31: \$3,794

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 98%

Fiscal YTD: \$89,160

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$117,600

Percent of Budget to Date: 76%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

1/31, 4th Sunday, OT      45

Livestream Attendance

1/31, 4th Sunday, OT      38 devices