



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 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

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Parish Staff

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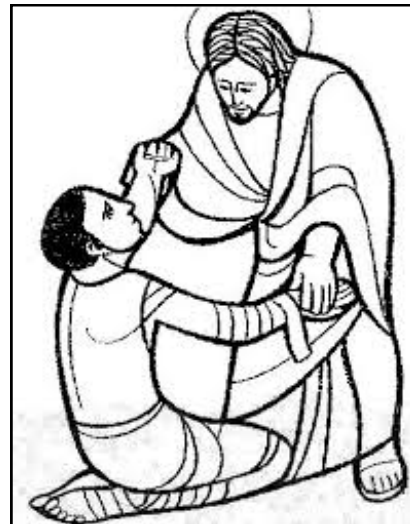
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Ben Babaran Michael Waldeck

Andrew Shepard Pam Waters

Anne Carlson



"If you wish, you can make me clean."

~ Mark 1:40

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ Ministry Updates ~

- **BETWEEN THE CRACKS FUND**

During the last quarter of 2020, Between the Cracks helped 9 families with rent, utilities and medication. Thank you for your continued support.

- **BUS STOP MINISTRY**

Bus Stop Ministry begins its 14th year this month. Due to Covid and social distancing, how we do Bus Stop has changed. But the ministry has continued. Since late October, we have given out over 1,200 hats, gloves and scarves. Thank you for your continued donations and prayers.

- **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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.

- **LITURGY COMMITTEE**

REMINDER: February 17, 2021 is ASH WEDNESDAY. The Liturgy of the Word will be livestreamed via St. James Facebook page.

- **FIRST SACRAMENTS**

If you have children of age to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion, please let the parish office know.

- **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.
- ◆ 2021 St. James calendars are still available in the rectory. Please come by the rectory to pick up your copy.





Reflection from Deacon Ross

Happy Valentines Day!

Love is in the air, we are told. (Maybe that could make the air a little warmer, too. ☀️)

“From my heart.” “Our hearts are one.” “You are close to my heart.”

Candy hearts have all the right words....

But the word of the heart is *love*. “I ♥ you.”

Jesus was all heart, all love.

In today’s gospel (Mark 1:40-45), a leper, for whom no one had a heart, asked Jesus to cure him. “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Jesus, his heart “moved with pity...stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I will do it. Be made clean.”

Jesus’ heart broke to see this man suffering. The love from Jesus’ heart overtook the man and banished his disease. The man’s heart burst with joy, and he told everyone about Jesus’ love for him.

In just three days we will begin Lent: Ash Wednesday. The first reading, from the prophet Joel (2:12-18), begins, “...return to me with all your heart....” “Rend your hearts... and return to the Lord, your God. For gracious and merciful is God.”

God is all heart. God’s love is “slow to anger, rich in kindness... and relenting in punishment” (Joel 2:13)

Are “not our hearts burning within us?” (Luke 24:32)

Happy Valentines ♥♥

~ Peace,
Deacon Ross

~ 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 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: <https://jacohd.org/COVID-VACCINES>

• **THE BLACK CHURCH: THIS IS OUR STORY; THIS IS OUR SONG**

PBS 8:00 CST Tue and Wed presents THE BLACK CHURCH: this is our story; this is our Song. The documentary reveals how Black people have worshipped and, through their spiritual journeys, improvised ways to bring their faith traditions from Africa to the New World, while translating them into a form of Christianity that was not only truly their own, but a redemptive force for a nation whose original sin was found in their ancestors’ enslavement across the Middle Passage. For more details, click on this link: [THE BLACK CHURCH](#)

~ Readings ~

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GN 9:8-15

1 PT 3:18-22

MK 1:12-15

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

- Jeanne Huebner
- Ketson Ladore

~ Stewardship ~

Week 2/01—2/07: \$3,567

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 92%

Fiscal YTD: \$92,727

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$121,800

Percent of Budget to Date: 76%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

2/07, 5th Sunday, OT 16

Livestream Attendance

2/07, 5th Sunday, OT 41 devices