

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 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

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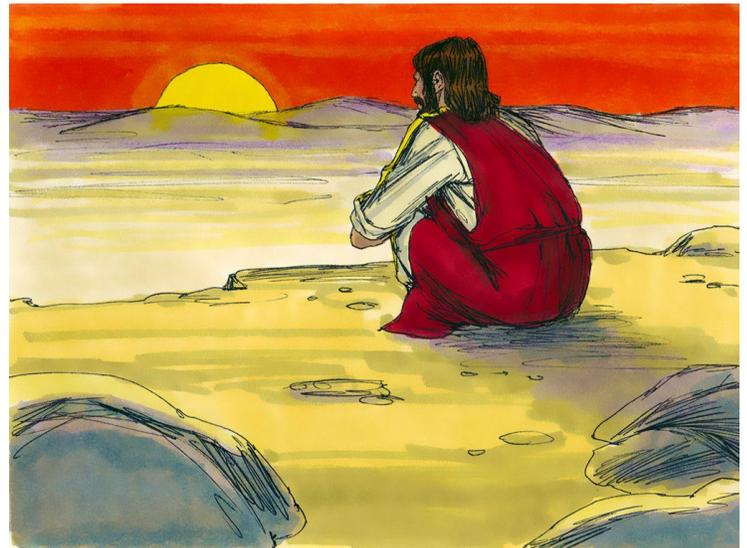
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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the
desert...

~ Mark 1:12

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **LENT AT ST. JAMES**

RICE BOWLS—To help us put our faith in action through almsgiving this Lent, Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls are available at the back of the church or in the rectory for pick up.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross at St. James Church every Friday of Lent at 12 noon.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE— The obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

ST. JAMES WEBSITE—Lenten resources are available on the website:

<https://stjkc.org/lenten-offerings>

• **YOUTH GROUP**

Thanks to those who supported the Youth Group initiative by delivering hygiene items to Bishop Sullivan Center.

The next Youth Group Zoom meeting is on Sunday, February 28th at 11:30 am. Please email Chris at chdewbe@gmail.com for the zoom link. The youth group is for young people in 6th through 12th grades.

• **FIRST SACRAMENTS**

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

• **PARISH OFFICE**

- ◆ 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 Fr. Mike

On the first Sunday of Lent, we reflect on how the past year may have been a “Lent” for many individuals and families.

So, how do we begin this Lenten season, already anxious, tired of isolation, sad from the loss of loved ones or struggling financially?

The readings of this Sunday’s Mass speak to us of God’s faithfulness. Noah and his descendants entered into a covenant with God in which God promised never to destroy the earth by water again. The covenant God has made with us is the promise to always be with us.

As God is faithful to that covenant, we are asked to do our part: to be aware of God’s love even in the midst of tragedy, division and unrest.

The journey of the past year can be compared to how Jesus felt being abandoned in the desert. We are reminded by Mark’s words in the Gospel: Jesus was among wild beasts and the angels ministered to Him.”

What are the barriers in my life preventing me from trusting and proclaiming the goodness of God’s faithfulness and Love?

This Lent calls us to let go of what is not important and once again reflect on how God continues to lead us to New Life.

God is always patiently waiting for us to return.

*~ Peace,
Fr. Mike*

~ Around Kansas City ~

• **KC TENANTS**

As we watch the redevelopment in our immediate neighborhood in Hyde Park on Armour between Main and Troost, Trinity's Justice Task Force has become increasingly concerned about gentrification and displacement of residents needing affordable housing, so we're collaborating with others to learn and act.

Housing Timeline Exercise and Intro to KC Tenants

KC Community Huddle with KC Tenants

February 25, 6:30-8:30pm, via Zoom

This training will introduce you to the work of KC Tenants, prompt you to reflect on and share about your own personal housing history, and introduce you to the housing histories of others.

As a follow-up to this training, you will be encouraged to engage in a "lit drop." This lit drop will involve handing out or dropping off literature that includes housing resources (like KC Tenants' hotline) and other information related to the work of KC Tenants, in addition to information about Trinity UMC's programs. The purpose of a lit drop is to connect people with vital information.

- Zoom registration: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0kf--opzMvGtQPZMQ8Nk1BbshL1eHy6T3T>
- Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/245PakJT8>

Office of Child and Youth Protection

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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 **Independent Ombudsman, Joe Crayon**, at 816-812-2500, 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** at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

~ Readings ~

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
GN 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18
ROM 8:31B-34
MK 9:2-10

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

- Jeanne Huebner
- Ketson Ladore
- Jason Petosa
- Meltes Martin

~ Stewardship ~

Week 2/08—2/14: \$4,535
Needed each week: \$3,877
Percent of Weekly Budget: 117%
Fiscal YTD: \$97,262
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$125,677
Percent of Budget to Date: 77%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
2/14, NO MASS

Livestream Attendance
2/14, NO MASS