



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 28, 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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Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

"This is my beloved Son.

Listen to him."

~ Mark 9:7

~ 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.

• **CHURCH ENVIRONMENT**

Many thanks to Dan and Leo Nash for their help putting up the crown of thorns for our Lenten decorations.

• **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 Ben

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." - Mark 9:7

Listening to what our readings this second Sunday of Lent are telling us is a good start in listening to the beloved Son of God.

In our first reading from Genesis, God puts Abraham to a test. He, who gave Abraham a son in Isaac, now asks Abraham to sacrifice Isaac back to Him. God did not require Abraham to do anything that He Himself would not do. God's command to Abraham to offer his only son prefigures how God would later offer His own son for our salvation. God prevented the sacrifice of Isaac because Abraham's faith was firm.

Abraham was attentive to God's word and command. Above all, he trusted God. This season of Lent, we are asked to pause: to listen to God and do what He asks of us.

This same call is demanded of us in the Gospel of Mark as he presents to us the transfiguration of Jesus. The Mt. Tabor event reflects the divinity of Jesus. It is a glimpse of the gift and glory of God. It is also where God confirms the lordship of Jesus: "This is my beloved Son." But, along with that is the demand: "Listen to him."

Listening to Christ means changing our ways and paying attention to God's word. Listening to Jesus means being aware of the poor, the marginalized, the sick, the defenseless and the old.

Are we listening to Him in the bells' tolling for half a million deaths due to Covid-19? Are we listening to those displaced by the winter storms? Are we listening to the scientists who ask us to socially distance and put on masks?

If we respond to these, rather than being indifferent, then we have listened to Jesus Christ, God's beloved son. God is ready to make sure that we get to our destination this Lenten season, because Christ is with us on our journey.

~ Peace,

Ben

~ Around Kansas City ~

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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 ~

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
EX 20:1-17
1 COR 1:22-25
JN 2:13-25

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

- Jeanne Huebner
- Ketson Ladore
- Jason Petosa
- Meltes Martin
- Mary Jo McGuire

~ Stewardship ~

Week 2/15—2/21: \$3,218
Needed each week: \$3,877
Percent of Weekly Budget: 83%
Fiscal YTD: \$100,480
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$129,554
Percent of Budget to Date: 77%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
2/21, 1st Sunday of Lent 39

Livestream Attendance
2/21, 1st Sunday of Lent 32 devices