



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 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

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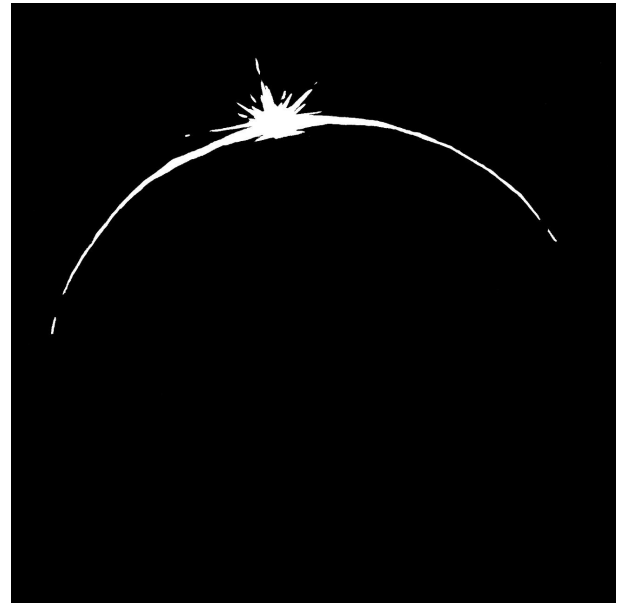
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And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

~ John 3:19

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>

• SPRING FORWARD 2021

Daylight saving time 2021 will begin at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 14.

• NEXT WEEK'S FEAST DAYS

Wednesday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 19—St. Joseph's Day

• THANK YOU FROM JOURNEY TO NEW LIFE

*Dear Parish Members,
Thank you so much for your support for Journey to New Life. It has made a difference in the lives of so many wanting a new start. May this year be filled with hope and many blessings for all.*

*As Marie Harris
Board Member*

• 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.



Reflection from Deacon Ross

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle B

March 14, 2021

Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Psalm 137:1-6 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

This past Thursday evening President Biden addressed the nation on the one-year anniversary of the declaration of the Coronavirus pandemic. The speech was headlined: "Finding light in the darkness."

For most of us this past year has indeed been a time of darkness: loss of hundreds of thousands of lives to Covid; serious health issues; loss of jobs; loss of mobility; social companionship replaced with social distancing and stay-at-home orders; and more.

We are in mid-Lent right now. The Lent that accompanied the beginning of this Covid pandemic last year seemed perhaps to have not ended at Easter. We were not able to celebrate the Paschal Mysteries of the Easter Season as we had in the years before. The deaths, sickness, restrictions and inconveniences imposed under Covid have continued in our lives for the whole year.

Perhaps we are now at point when we can really experience "finding light in the darkness." The light's always been there. It is just that the darkness of this past year has made it harder for us to see that light. John in the gospel tells us, "And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light...."

Jesus tells Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Moses provided hope and light for the struggling Hebrew people; Jesus gives life and light to all who believe in him.

John goes on, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have everlasting life." There is light in the darkness of this life, even when we aren't sure we see it. God's love is with us. The remaining weeks of Lent give us the opportunity to focus our sight on Jesus Christ aglow with the love of God. At Easter the Paschal candle at church or in our homes will bring to mind that light of God burning to guide us into the fullness of Light – that we have already received in baptism. That light will burn ever brighter and light the darkness of our lives and the darkness of a world yearning for a new start of health, companionship and peace.

~ Peace,

Deacon Ross

~ Around Kansas City ~

**Arrowhead Stadium will turn into two-day mega vaccination site,
inoculating 6,000 Missourians**

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson announced Thursday that the state has partnered with the Kansas City Chiefs and several local health officials to turn Arrowhead Stadium into a “mega” vaccination site. It will be a two-day event on Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20.

The massive clinic will vaccinate 6,000 eligible Missourians. But unlike other mass vaccination sites across the state, Arrowhead will not be open to all Missouri residents. The 6,000 people will be selected from a list of those who have previously signed up to receive the vaccine with the Jackson County Health Department and the state’s Vaccine Navigator.

The Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccine will be administered, according to Jackson County Executive Frank White.

More details are expected in the coming days about this massive event.

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.

~ Readings ~

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

JER 31:31-34

HEB 5:7-9

JN 12:20-33

~ Stewardship ~

Week 3/01—3/07: \$3,698

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 95%

Fiscal YTD: \$108,302

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$137,308

Percent of Budget to Date: 79%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Robert & Beatrice Basolo

Eternal rest unto them, O Lord!

- + Jeanne Huebner
- + Ketson Ladore
- + Jason Petosa
- + Meltes Martin
- + Mary Jo McGuire
- + Anna Marie Franke

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

3/07, 3rd Sunday of Lent 51

Livestream Attendance

3/07, 3rd Sunday of Lent 29 devices