



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 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

(816) 561-8512

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

Email parish@stjkc.org

Website stjkc.org

## Parish Staff

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Victim Advocate	victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org

## 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	Pam Waters
Ben Babaran	Michael Waldeck
Andrew Shepard	
Anne Carlson	



"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.

~ John 12:27

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>

### • EASTER FLOWERS OFFERING

For those who do not receive the parish envelopes, you are invited to send the parish office your offerings in memory or in honor of loved ones.

### • YOUTH GROUP

The St. James Youth Group meets at 11:30 am on March 28th. We will meet at the picnic tables on the south lawn. Please be prepared to be socially distanced and to wear mask. Contact Chris Dewberry by text at 816-931-9913 or by email at [chdewbe@gmail.com](mailto:chdewbe@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance.

### • PARISH OFFICE

- ◆ Please send us your prayer intentions. Email them to [parish@stjkc.org](mailto: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. Mike*

As we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent this weekend, we are challenged to 'let go'. In the Gospel, the words of John remind us: "Unless a grain falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit'.

We are called to bear fruit by living out the message of the Gospel. in the midst of so much division and racism, especially in the current anti-Asian tragedies, we have to hold onto that message and continue to be that source and voice of God's goodness and Love.

In a Church that right now does not model that inclusivity and compassion, we pray that our community might be strong in living out the words of Jeremiah in the first reading, 'I will be their God, and they shall be my people'. In their lives, those whom we admire and are beacons of hope, of justice let others know that God is leading us and guiding us to be bearers of this message in our own, everyday lives.

The community of St. James continues to be that beacon of hope, of understanding, of inclusivity.

Blessings to you and all our households as we prepare for the celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery---in Jesus' Passion and Death, that leads to the New Life of the Resurrection.

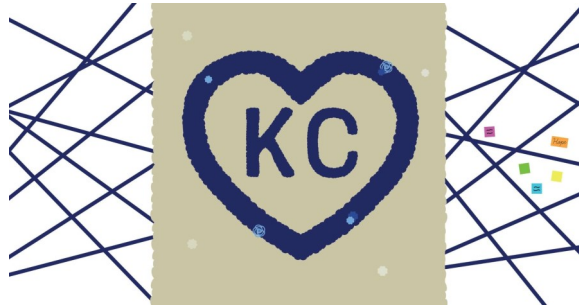
*~ Peace,  
Fr. Mike*

~ Around Kansas City ~

**JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

A year ago today marked the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in EJC. Today we're taking time to honor and remember those that we've lost.

If you have time, stop by @UnionStationKC to share a message of hope and resilience for the community on the COVID-19 wall of remembrance.



**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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

~ Readings ~

PALM SUNDAY

IS 50:4-7

PHIL 2:6-11

MK 14:1—15:47

~ Stewardship ~

Week 3/08—3/14: \$5,795

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 149%

Fiscal YTD: \$114,097

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$141,185

Percent of Budget to Date: 81%

~ 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

3/14, 4th Sunday of Lent 60

Livestream Attendance

3/14, 4th Sunday of Lent 25 devices