



PALM SUNDAY

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

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Anne Carlson

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!"

~ Mark 11:9

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **HOLY WEEK AT ST. JAMES**

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 PM

Good Friday: Passion of the Lord – 7 PM

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil – 8 PM

Easter Sunday: Easter Mass – 10 AM

- **PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON:**

Good Friday, April 2 and Easter Monday, April 5.

- **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 to confirm your attendance.

- **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 Sr. Barbara Doak, SL

During Ordinary Time and even Lent, we heard the Gospels tell all the marvelous works of Jesus. He drove out demons, cured the sick, attended to the needs of those on society's fringes and raised his beloved Lazarus from the dead. On Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem. Crowds greeted him saying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" Later in the week, most of the people who proclaimed, "Hosanna!" began to shout, "Crucify him!"

The Liturgy and symbols of this week help us as we participate in the Passion of Christ. We will encounter Jesus scourged, carrying the cross, being crucified and dying. These painful acts are redemptive. Jesus, in Gethsemane, accepted the will of the Father by saying, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me; not what I will, but what you will."

Doing the will of the Father makes the "Hosannas" in our lives turn into jeers of "Crucify him." The death/resurrection paradigm repeats over and over in our lives. Jesus is the ultimate model for us. Other examples are Romero and the environmental activists in Honduras, Guatemala and other Central American countries. These people risked and lost their lives for justice.

There were also those who helped Jesus redeem us by carrying his Cross, wiping his face or giving witness to the Crucifixion. Modern day examples for us are Dorothy Day, teachers, healthcare workers and Laborers.

Like Veronica, Simon, Mary and the women of Jerusalem, there are organizations we can join to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick and imprisoned and work for reconciliation. In Midtown Kansas City alone we have: Operation Breakthrough, Reconciliation Services, St. Mark Hope and Peace, Al-Inshirah Islamic Center, MORE2, Journey to New Life, Bishop Sullivan Center, Jobs with Justice, Troost Alliance, Troost39 Thrift Store and St. James.

Participating in Jesus' redemptive acts is highlighted this week. But our struggle for redemption continues to challenge us throughout our daily lives.

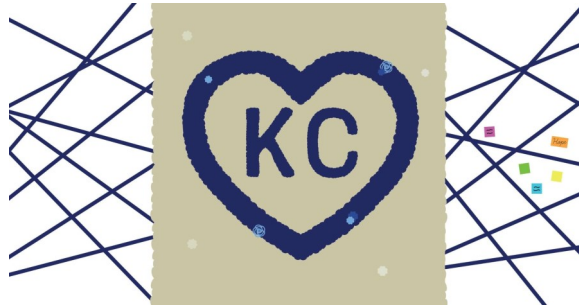
*~ Peace,
Sr. Barbara*

~ 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 for more information.

~ Readings ~

EASTER SUNDAY

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43

COL 3:1-4 OR I COR 5:6B-8

JN 20:1-9 OR MK 16:1-7 OR LK 24:13-35

~ Stewardship ~

Week 3/15—3/21: \$3,373

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 87%

Fiscal YTD: \$117,470

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$145,062

Percent of Budget to Date: 81%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Robert & Beatrice Basolo
- Diane Marrin

Eternal rest unto them, O Lord!

- + Jason Petosa
- + Meltes Martin
- + Mary Jo McGuire
- + Anna Marie Franke

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

3/21, 5th Sunday of Lent 58

Livestream Attendance

3/21, 5th Sunday of Lent 26 devices