



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 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

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Kansas City, MO 64112

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"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me."

~ John 10:14

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **BAPTISMS THIS SUNDAY**

Kierah Kanichy, Riovameia Yaromal, Keimoni Hooker, King Kei’Ron Hooker, and Keilani Martin.

• **YOUTH GROUP**

The Youth Group meets Sunday, April 25th, at 11:30 am at the picnic tables on the south lawn for a service project. Please confirm your participation in this event with Chris Dewberry at chdewbe@gmail.com.

• **P.O. BOX NUMBER**

P.O. Box 30388

Kansas City, MO 64112

**NOTE: This information is also on the front cover of the bulletin.*

• **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 Ben Babaran

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me."

Before we had cell phones, Jo and I devised a way to call each other when we are in a crowd or in a shopping mall. It's a high-pitched whistle created by inhaling rather than blowing. It is such a unique call that when the children were born, we decided to teach them the whistle. To this day, when we call each other in a crowd or in a movie theater or across the Thrift Store or just to get each other's attention or even just to say a long distance "hi!", we whistle. I myself find it endearing and many times amusing when one of our family members tries to get my attention using the whistle. It even gives me peace of mind whenever I get their respective whistle response.

In like manner, shepherds and farmers have their own distinct and unique ways of calling their sheep or farm animals. Their animals listen to them. They know their master's voice and call. To be in Jesus' flock, one has to know, hear and follow his voice. It goes beyond registration in a religion, belonging to a special group or participating in rituals. It demands listening to him intimately. But there's the rub! Too many voices claim they are leading us to God. Jesus, however, distinguishes himself as the good shepherd from the hired man whose main concern is his personal comfort and safety.

One of the characteristics of a good shepherd is sacrificial love, the kind of love that took Jesus to the cross where he bled and died for his flock. Jesus loves his sheep to the point of giving his life for them. He knows his sheep. He knows when they are hungry and thirsty. He knows when they are weak and wounded. He knows when they are sick and having problems. To love is to know. There is no love without knowledge.

Our society is bleeding today because some of us who are church leaders, teachers, parents, doctors, nurses, lecturers, public servants, artisans, employers and employees, caregivers work NOT for the well-being of those placed under our care; rather, we work ONLY for ourselves and for our egos. Jesus as the good shepherd was humble, patient and tolerant.

St. James Catholic Church Kansas City is full of good shepherds. They know when a fellow member of the flock is ill. Many thanks and kudos to those who took care of a sick member of the flock last Sunday.

HAPPY GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY TO ALL!

~ Peace,

Ben

HERE ARE POPE FRANCIS'

TWO PRAYERS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Please click this link:

<https://time.com/3925814/pope-francis-climate-change-encyclical-prayers/#>:

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 EASTER

ACTS 9:26-31

1 JN 3:18-24

JN 15:1-8

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Bester Seemani
- Kim Shelby
- Jeff G
- Matt Cann Jr.

Eternal rest unto them, O Lord!

- + Diane Marrin
- + Dick Young
- + Jason Petosa

~ Stewardship ~

Week 4/12—4/18: \$4,830

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 125%

Fiscal YTD: \$134,083

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$160,570

Percent of Budget to Date: 84%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

4/18, 3rd Sunday Easter 63

Livestream Attendance

4/18, 3rd Sunday Easter 29 devices