



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 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

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“Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me,
so I send you.”

~ John 20:21

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **BAPTISMS THIS SUNDAY**

Leveal Martin, Johnny Theo Walsh, Kanaila Etger, Emma Martin and Civeah Immanuel

- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANT**

Maggie Vavak

- **THANK YOU**

A big THANK YOU goes to all who contributed in making the Holy Week and Easter Triduum services at St. James solemn, spiritual and reflective celebrations. A special thanks to Pat Marrin for the Holy Thursday meditation.

- **BETWEEN THE CRACKS**

St. James helped eight households during the first quarter of this year. In those households, there were fourteen children. Meanwhile, of the eight households, there were five single moms. One of the moms gave her THANKS to St. James saying, "I am happy to be able to pay bills this month."

- **P.O. BOX NUMBER**

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**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 Deacon Ross Beaudoin

We in the U.S. are beginning to see the *light at the end of the tunnel* of the Covid pandemic. Covid vaccines are being administered in amazing numbers. Sure, there are places where Covid infections are on the rise. Also, the U.K. variant is becoming dominant among new cases. Nevertheless, hope is in the air and a return to a more “normal” way of life is coming into sight.

At St. James we saw an increase of in-person attendance at Mass at the end of Lent and into Easter. This felt great, considering that we did not even have Lent and Easter services a year ago! People seem ready to return to in-person worship.

But when the Church returns to pre-pandemic ways, will everything “be the same?” In this most unusual situation, we Catholics have lived in a very different mode for more than a year. The “Mass obligation” that had governed our lives was gone. The Sunday collection was not taken. For some months there were not even parish Masses available. We made our own way. We watched Mass on TV or on our phone: *virtual* participation. Some made their own prayer and worship at home. Those people were in a way the presider and the congregation. Some faithfully sent in their contribution to the parish – it still had bills to pay. We Catholics were not used to this way of functioning! We were left to our own conscience to decide what to do; or not.

How will we feel and what can we expect when the Sunday obligation returns and we are expected to be in the pew with everybody else – and bring our gift to the altar via the collection basket – or online if that is our thing?

The readings of the Easter Season can guide us as we adapt to in-person parish life once again. The Acts of the Apostles, various epistles and the accounts of the resurrected Jesus show us an emerging church. The believers were learning as they went along what it meant to be church, to live as a community of believers in the Risen One. In the gospel today Thomas struggles to understand the meaning of Jesus died-and-risen. We perhaps face a similar struggle as well. The other disciples supported Thomas in his quest. We must include and support all who struggle with belief and expect other believers to support us in our struggles. We are returning to a Church that itself is struggling - in many different ways.

In the Acts of the Apostles we learn how the early believers upheld one another by sharing all that they had. We can make that same generosity part of our lives as we return to greater shared life and companionship – and realize that some are indeed in very great need.

Our eventual return to a more “normal” living of our life in the Church is a blessing from God. Yet we are challenged to make that a re-newed life with the Lord and with each other. Perhaps it will be an “enlightened” expression of our faith in new and diverse ways. We have experienced life and the Church differently now. What have we learned?

~ Peace,
Deacon Ross

~ Around Kansas City ~

COVID-19 UPDATES

Please continue to wear masks, wash hands and practice social distancing.

GET VACCINATED!

Please click these links to locate vaccine clinics and events in KCMO:

<https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/navigator/>

OR

<https://vaccinefinder.org/>

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 ~

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John: 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

~ Stewardship ~

Week 3/29—4/04: \$3,529

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 91%

Fiscal YTD: \$124,488

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$152,816

Percent of Budget to Date: 82%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Robert & Beatrice Basolo
- Diane Marrin

Eternal rest unto them, O Lord!

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

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

4/04, Easter Sunday 96

Livestream Attendance

4/04, Easter Sunday 29 devices