



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 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](mailto:parish@stjkc.org)

Website [stjkc.org](http://stjkc.org)

Address 3909 Harrison St.  
Kansas City, MO 64110

P.O. Box Number P.O. Box 30388  
Kansas City, MO 64112

## Parish Staff

Fr. Mike Roach, Pastor [fr.mike@stjkc.org](mailto:fr.mike@stjkc.org)

Fr. Garry Richmeier, Weekend Associate [garrycpps@gmail.com](mailto:garrycpps@gmail.com)

Ben Babaran, Parish Administrator [bbabaran@stjkc.org](mailto:bbabaran@stjkc.org)

Chris Dewberry, Youth Director [chdewbe@stjkc.org](mailto:chdewbe@stjkc.org)

Robert Basolo, Music Minister [rbasolo@shb.com](mailto:rbasolo@shb.com)

Beaurina Olter, Bookkeeper [beauolter@gmail.com](mailto:beauolter@gmail.com)

Joe Crayon, Ombudsman 816-812-2500

Victim Advocate [victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org)

## Parish Leadership Team

[LT@stjkc.org](mailto:LT@stjkc.org)

Toni Pennisi Wurth Bob Anderson

Connie Anderson Mary Vincent

Chris Zaroor Chuck Wurth

Fr. Mike Ben Babaran

## Parish Finance Council

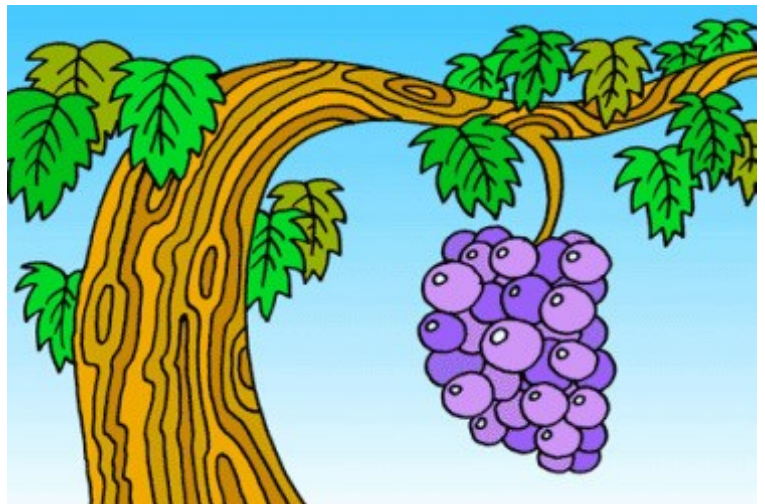
[Finance@stjkc.org](mailto:Finance@stjkc.org)

Fr. Mike Pam Waters

Ben Babaran Michael Waldeck

Andrew Shepard

Anne Carlson



"I am the vine,  
you are the branches."

~ John 15:5

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~

• **JOURNEY TO NEW LIFE**

Journey to New Life needs towels and umbrellas of all sizes. Donations will be accepted on Mother's Day, May 9 before or after Mass. Donations are also accepted in the parish office from May 10—May 14 during office hours of 9 AM to 4 PM.

• **FR. MICHAEL ROACH**

As Fr. Mike celebrated his 40th priestly anniversary last Sunday, you may read more about his journey by clicking this link:

<https://stjames-liberty.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Fr-Mike-40.pdf>

• **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](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. Garry Richmeier*

An old saying goes, "If all you have is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail." It implies that if a person has only one tool, they will try to use it for every task. We are seeing this dynamic at work with the recent killings of unarmed black men and women by police. It sometimes seems that police have only one tool at their disposal in dealing with problems: controlling people with force and violence. We can blame police, but if we are honest with ourselves, all of us have some desire to control others. We may want to make them think like we do, or we make them look bad so we look good, or we drown out their voice so ours will be heard, etc. We each have our own brand of "force and violence" as a favorite tool.

Jesus demonstrated that there are other tools that can be used in dealing with others, tools like compassion, understanding, listening, forgiveness, and acceptance. He taught that using these tools instead of force and violence would create better relationships and a better world. With today's law enforcement, this could look like employing social workers to accompany police when they answer disturbances so police wouldn't necessarily have to resort to violence each time. In the international arena, it could look like sharpening the skills of negotiation and mutual understanding so that war isn't the automatic answer to problems. Life is much better when we have options (more than one tool to use). But it takes faith to believe that the tools that Jesus recommended will really get us where we want to be -- the reign of God.

*~ Peace,*

*Fr. Garry*

~ Around Kansas City and the World ~



May is Asia & Pacific Island National Heritage Month. Asian and Pacific Islanders (APIs) are among the fastest-growing minority groups impacting American society and the Catholic Church as well. We pray for our API brothers and sisters, especially as their communities have faced increased reports of incidents of racism and xenophobia during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**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 ~

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
1 JN 4:7-10  
JN 15:9-17

~ Stewardship ~

Week 4/19—4/25: \$4,625  
Needed each week: \$3,877  
Percent of Weekly Budget: 119%  
Fiscal YTD: \$138,708  
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$164,447  
Percent of Budget to Date: 84%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

**Eternal rest unto them, O Lord!**

- + Diane Marrin
- + Dick Young

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance  
4/25, 4th Sunday Easter 66  
  
Livestream Attendance  
4/25, 4th Sunday Easter 22 devices