



PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 22, 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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And they were all filled with the
Holy Spirit.

~ Acts 2:4

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **PENTECOST AT ST. JAMES**

This Sunday is the celebration of Pentecost. As has been our tradition, please wear red or fire colored clothing when you come to Mass.

- **MARIA GARCIA**

Parishioner Maria Garcia passed away last Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Her scheduled funeral Mass at St. James will be on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 9 AM. May we keep her and her bereaved family in our prayers.

- **MEMORIAL DAY AT ST. JAMES**

Next weekend is Memorial Day. At St. James, we wish to remember all of our beloved family members and friends we have lost during the pandemic. There will be a table of remembrance in the front of church where mementos can be placed.

- **BAPTISMS**

There are five Micronesian children to be baptized on Sunday, May 30, 2021!

- **YOUTH GROUP**

The Youth Group meets this Sunday, May 23rd at 11:30 am for an outdoor service project. This event requires that the weather not be rainy. Contact Chris by email at chdewbe@gmail.com or by text at 816-931-9913 for additional details.

The St. James Youth Group gives a shout out to graduating high school seniors, class of 2021! This group includes Leo, Eli, Mac, Kyle and Hayden. Congratulations to college graduates too!

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

This week the following are ready for picking:

South Garden

Beds 2: Lettuce and Arugula

Bed 3: Lettuce

Bed 4 and 5: Radishes

East Garden

Kale and Collards

Along the edges of many of the beds in both South and East Garden: Onions.

Tip: The arugula blossoms and radish leaves make spicy additions to salads.

- **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

PENTECOST 2021

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH!

As we celebrate our birthday, let us be thankful for the past year. Through the pandemic, we remained steadfast in our faith and kept in touch with each other. We were blessed to render help to those affected by Covid-19 virus. We thank God that we are healthy and gathering in-person again for Mass. Moreover, we pray for those who are sick and those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

Today in the Gospel we read that the disciples of Jesus were hiding. They were hiding in fear behind closed and locked doors. They were shutting out the rest of the world, which was hostile, persecuting and terrifying. They felt better huddled together, in isolation and planning what to do next, and where to go. Does this sound similar to last year?

In the same manner as Jesus surprised the apostles with his presence giving them his peace, Jesus' ever-present spirit broke through our isolation, giving us hope and calling us back to the Gospel.

Pentecost Sunday is our Confirmation! Unfortunately, I don't remember that event in my life as I was confirmed when I was young. As a child, I was passive. My parents took care of me and I simply took it. I didn't have to do anything but accept it. Now as an adult, I am called to go out to proclaim the good news of LOVE. I am called to give love instead of taking it; to care for others instead of being cared for.

Pentecost challenges us to be on fire in our faith and our love. To be shepherds in search of the lost and lonely to comfort them. To show mercy and forgiveness. To bring people together. To help those in need. To give hope to those who despair. To convey Christ's peace to those who are afraid. We are now Christ's witnesses. We are the Church. What we do, the Church does. And what we fail to do, the Church fails to do.

As we congratulate our graduates and those who celebrate a milestone in their lives this year, we pray that the Holy Spirit be with them as they continue to work on their dreams and follow their passion.

*~ Peace,
Ben*



**Mark your calendars and bring your signs to the
Public Witness &
Prayer Service**

**along Troost to mark the 1-year anniversary of
George Floyd's murder.**

Tuesday, May 25, 4:30-5:45 pm

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

1001 E 52nd Street, KCMO

Park in the lot off 52nd Street.

We WON'T forget his name or his heartless murder.

We WON'T forget the 180+ Black people who have died at the hands of police since his death.

For more information, contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

~ Readings ~

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

DT 4:32-34, 39-40

ROM 8:14-17

MT 28:16-20

~ Stewardship ~

Week 5/10—5/16: \$3,722

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 96%

Fiscal YTD: \$149,758

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$176,078

Percent of Budget to Date: 85%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

Eternal rest unto them, O Lord!

- + Maria Garcia
- + Diane Marrin

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

5/16, Ascension Sunday 83

Livestream Attendance

5/16, Ascension Sunday 23 devices