

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 7, 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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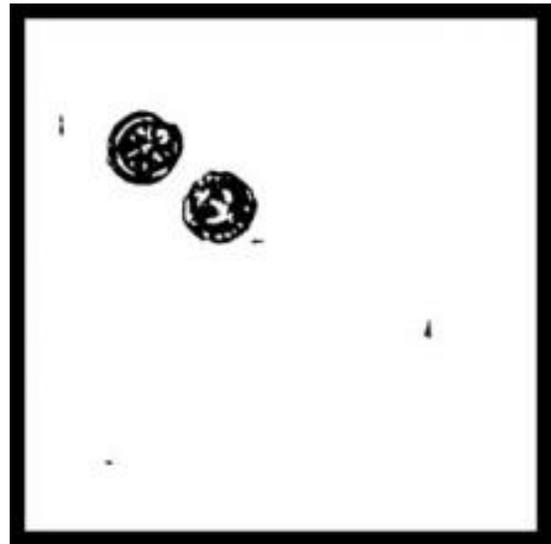
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Artwork by Mark Bartholomew

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow
put in more than all the other
contributors to the treasury."

~ Mark 12:43

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **TROOST39 THRIFT STORE**

Troost39 Thrift Store will be open this Sunday after Mass. We will again celebrate the St. James Hospitality Sunday in the store. The Thrift Store is also in the news. You can follow the story by clicking this link:

[Two Americas: When thrift stores are the best option in your neighborhood.](#)

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Thank you to all of those that helped pick the final tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, tomatillos, and beans which Bishop Sullivan Food Pantry was happy to receive. Never fear, the garden still has the following to harvest:

South Garden

- Beds 2: Arugula
- Bed 12: Kale
- Bed 13: Beets

Troost39 Backdoor

- Center Bed: Rosemary and Parsley

East Garden

- Swiss Chard and Kale

- **FIFTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**

Inspired by the theme from Mk 14: 7, Pope Francis notes that Jesus spoke the words at a meal in Bethany in the home of Simon the leper, a few days before Passover. A woman came in with an alabaster flask of precious ointment and poured it over Jesus' head.

"Jesus was reminding them that he is the first of the poor, the poorest of the poor, because he represents all of them. It was also for the sake of the poor, the lonely, the marginalized and the victims of discrimination, that the Son of God accepted the woman's gesture," Pope Francis observed.

He added that the nameless woman was meant to represent all women down the centuries "who would be silenced and suffer violence." Jesus then went on to associate her with the great mission of evangelization: "'Amen, I say to you, wherever the Gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her'" (Mk 14:9).

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 Whitney True-Francis, the **Victim Assistance Coordinator** at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



Reflection from Fr. Garry Richmeier

The last story on the 5:30 evening TV news is usually a touching, heart-warming human interest story -- someone helping a homeless person, or someone starting a "Go Fund Me" page to help a person pay their medical bills. I guess the TV networks want to leave viewers with more positive feelings after watching the bulk of the news, much of which is awful. But I recently ran across a Facebook meme that struck a chord with me. It said "Most of what gets shared as heart warming stories are usually temporary, small-scale responses to systemic failures. I wish we found it just as inspirational to make structural changes to unjust systems, but I don't know if our culture knows how to tell those stories."

This quote brilliantly points out the difference between charity and justice. This culture generally praises charity. We feel good when we are charitable, and charitable people are held up as models for others to follow. But it is different when someone questions why the social or economic system creates/perpetuates poverty, which then creates the need for charity. Such a person is often considered an unrealistic, "pie in the sky" liberal, and maybe even unpatriotic and dangerous to "our" way of life.

Charity is important and needed. But if not accompanied by efforts to change the structures that are unjust, charity becomes a quick but shallow way to feel good about ourselves as individuals and as a society. It can help us stay in denial that there are unjust dynamics in our systems of government, economics, and social order. We can point to the good we are doing being charitable, be satisfied that we've done what needed to be done, and go no farther.

We need to tell the feel-good stories of charity at work. But we also need to tell the stories of how our structures and systems do not work for all people. Only by being this brutally honest with ourselves will we be free to effectively address the structural dynamics which make charity so necessary.

~ Peace,

Fr. Garry

~ Around Kansas City ~

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 AT 2:00 AM - "Fall Back" Day - Daylight Saving Time ends.

Do not forget to turn back your clock by one hour before going to bed on Saturday. Otherwise, you'll be too early for Sunday Mass.



The OGLESBY Hotel

~ Readings ~

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN OT

DN 12:1-3

HEB 10:11-14

MK 13:24-32

~ Stewardship ~

Week 10/25—10/31: \$3,412

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 88%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$69,127

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$70,329

Percent of Budget to Date: 98%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

+ Bette Tate-Beaver

- Pat Rodemann
- Deacon Ross Beaudoin
- Connie Anderson
- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- Oscar Shelby
- Cann and Shelby Families

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

10/31, 31st Sunday in OT 147

Livestream Attendance

10/31, 31st Sunday in OT 16