



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 21, 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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"Are you the King of the Jews?"

~ John 18:33

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **A BLESSED AND SAFE THANKSGIVING TO ALL!**

“We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord, Jesus Christ.” ~1Thes 1:2

- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING**

The Parish Office will be closed on November 25 & 26, Thursday and Friday respectively for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

- **ST. JAMES CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE AND ANAPRA HEATING OIL**

Our annual giving tree will be happening this year! We will be partnering again with Bishop Sullivan Center to provide gifts for children in need in the KCMO area this Christmas. We have 26 children this year, boys and girls, who are in need of someone to buy gifts for them. The Giving Tree will be set up in-person at church on Sunday, Nov 28th through Dec 12th, full of ornaments, each with a child's age, gender, size, and a few gift requests. Gift drop-off will be after Masses or by appointment to ensure all gifts are collected.

We are making a hard deadline of December 12th this year in time for Bishop Sullivan Center to distribute to the families for their Christmases.

For those who are hesitant to be with us in-person, gift drop off can be via non-contact appointments. Appointments will be on Sundays, Nov 28th, Dec 5th and Dec 12th.

If eager or unable to grab a name, and to set up an appointment, please call or email Marcus via (715) 456-2492 or mliddell@alumni.nd.edu.

We will also be making gifts of heating oil to Anapra, Mexico via our partnership with Manos Amigas over the holiday season. Anapra is an exurban community in the area of Juarez. Winter there can be challenging, as many residents live in poverty and have a hard time getting oil to heat their homes during the colder months. Suggested donations are \$50, but any amount is appreciated.

Please make checks to Manos Amigas, and write 'Anapra Heating Oil' in the memo line or go to Manos Amigas Website by clicking this link: <https://manosamigaskc.org/contact/> and click on DONATE.

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. Mike Roach & Ben Babaran

Americans revolted against a royal government but are fascinated by the royal qualities of power, privilege, position, and possessions. These qualities, though seemingly in conflict with the values of Christian life, are the very gifts which Jesus longs to give us if we allow him to be our king.

He gives us power – the power of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments. He gives us privilege – the privilege to be called the Body of Christ, His church. He gives us position - the position that comes with the promise of a permanent place in his kingdom. He grants us the gift of possessions - a relationship with him through which we discover what truly is worth possessing.

The aforementioned qualities give us the confidence to proclaim that the kingdom of God has already come in Jesus Christ. We are asked to be a model, a sign to the world, of the reality of the kingdom of God so that people inside and outside our community might know that God is in our midst.

In response to a Diocesan Area Planning for Deaneries 1, 2 and 11, 60+ parishioners of St. James who all share in the kingship of Jesus came together last Sunday to help shape the future of St. James Church in Midtown KC. The group's consensus is that the community of St. James is a VIBRANT parish, tasked "to build the Reign of God for all people, serving especially our neighbors in Midtown, Kansas City." Rather than using the scoring options given in the preference survey form, the attendees used a consensus process in our small groups and summary report. The Area Planning Committee representatives of St. James together with other representatives from parishes in the deanery have recommended that this process be integrated with the longer listening process of the Synod on Synodality, a two-year process formally opened by Pope Francis.

When we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "thy kingdom come," we are calling for God's power and presence right now in our daily lives and indicating our willingness to be led by Him and be part of his kingdom and to work for its establishment on earth.

Jesus Christ is the King of the Universe! He is king and He commands us to LOVE – to love God and our neighbor.

*~ Peace,
Fr. Mike & Ben*

~ Around Kansas City ~

The 92nd Annual Evergy Plaza Lighting Ceremony

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021



~ Readings ~

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JER 33:14-16

1 THES 3:12-4:2

LK 21:25-28, 34-36

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Stewardship ~

Week 11/08—11/14: \$3,955

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 102%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$76,603

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$78,083

Percent of Budget to Date: 98%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
11/14, 33rd Sunday in OT	132
Livestream Attendance	
11/14, 33rd Sunday in OT	11