



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 26, 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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Jesus Mafa, 1973

After three days they found him in
the temple.

~ Luke 2:46

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~



Nativity Stained Glass Window
St. James Church Kansas City

*May God bless you and your family
this very special season.*

Merry Christmas!

- with love from all of us.

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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 Ben Babaran

The family remains the natural cradle of human life. In the family, life is given, received, lived and enjoyed in love. In the family, life actualizes its true meaning. Coming to us in our nature, God also affirmed and blessed this fount of life by willing that His Eternal Son be born in a true human family of Mary and Joseph, thus the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family was truly a human family confronted by the tensions of life and with certain periods of worry and uncertainties which were recaptured in the words of Mary to Jesus “My Child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you?”

In a similar manner, we were separated from our families last year due to the pandemic. But the Babaran family placed ourselves and plans in God’s hands in the same way the Holy Family did when they escaped Herod’s cruelty. Despite missing family members especially those from the Philippines, our family’s plan to celebrate the marriage of Angela Babaran and Miguel Francisco came to fruition. Thus, Jo and I gained another son in Miguel and through Miguel, the Francisco family became a part of ours. Furthermore, those present in the wedding, in-person or virtually, friends and relatives, special mention to the one who blessed their marriage, Fr. Mike Roach and all the well-wishers are now considered members of our family. The love, forgiveness, kindness, patience and other virtues that began at home have all grown and expanded. The practice of loving each other at home trains us to love God, our neighbors and other families. We bring that love from our family to love and serve a larger family, the Body of Christ.

These days, our families are in a certain period of worry and uncertainty again with the new Covid variant, Omicron. Our disharmony in the fight against the virus makes us all vulnerable. May we look at the Holy Family where the members lived in harmony. Living in harmony means recognizing that we are different and understanding that we are human and limited and sinful and looking for a way to move forward in our moments of crisis and difficulties. It is the interpersonal acceptance of one another and exercising the virtue of tolerance that are integral parts of life in the family.

“Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.”

~ Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ben

~ Around Kansas City ~

MANOS AMIGAS THANK YOU

To everyone who supported Manos Amigas financially and spiritually this year (including Christmas) the people of Anapra send blessings and gratitude. Look at the joy you brought to this community. Meeting their needs of heat and food means so much!



~ Readings ~

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
IS 60:1-6
EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6
MT 2:1-12

~ Stewardship ~

Week 12/13—12/19: \$3,918

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 101%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$96,572

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$97,468

Percent of Budget to Date: 99%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
12/19, 4th Sunday of Advent	112
Livestream Attendance	
12/19, 4th Sunday of Advent	14