



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 23, 2022

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.

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:00 am

Confessions

By appointment only

Parish Office

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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.



"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

~ Luke 4:21

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

St. James Contribution Statements for the calendar year 2021 are now ready for pick up in the back of the church.

- **SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

If you have children who need the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation or Confirmation, please call the parish office at 816-561-8512 or send an email to parish@stjkc.org. Likewise, if you know of anybody who wants to join St. James, please call or email the parish office.



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

In today's readings, St. Paul tells us who we are as the body of Christ while Luke tells us of our mission as the body of Christ.

The parish of St. James, a very diverse community, is Christ's body and we are individually parts of it. We are one body, all of us members of Christ. We have different functions, but all of us are important! Thus, no one can say to another "I have no need of you" (1 Cor. 12:21). On the contrary, Paul stresses how important and indispensable the weaker parts are saying "Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary" (1 Cor. 12:22). This is our identity! We are the Body of Christ! I am proud to be a part of it!

The Gospel of Luke declares what we are to do. We hear Jesus proclaiming his mission statement by reading the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk. 4:18). This statement is Christ's program and having been anointed in Baptism, we share in this mission as the body of Christ!

The last verse of today's Gospel is our best news amidst all the problems we face these days: "Today, this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." The one line homily of Jesus gives us hope. It also gives us a very big responsibility as the Body of Christ. However, it assures us that Christ is working in and with us in our daunting task of being the sign of God's presence in the world. St. James is challenged to use her diversity to be a symbol of unity in a country where there is so much division. We are asked to lend a hand to those affected by Covid-19, provide warmth to those who are cold and help those whose utilities are turned off and are in danger of being evicted. Our work in Midtown Kansas City continues. May we all fervently work on making the Kingdom of God present here and now!

*~ Peace,
Ben*

~ Around Kansas City ~



Introducing A Frame of Mind

A new podcast taking a hard look at race in America through the lens of one art museum, hosted by Glenn North from The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Please click the image on top to access a sample podcast.

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Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests.

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Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

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~ Readings ~

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JER 1:4-5, 17-19

1 COR 12:31—13:13

LK 4:21-30

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Stewardship ~

Week 1/10—1/16: \$3,140

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 81%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$111,538

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$112,976

Percent of Budget to Date: 99%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
1/16, 2nd Sunday in OT	42

Livestream Attendance	
1/16, 2nd Sunday in OT	24