



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 20, 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.

## 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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## Parish Staff

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## Parish Leadership Team

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Toni Pennisi Wurth Bob Anderson

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## Parish Finance Council

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Fr. Mike Roach Ben Babaran

Michael Waldeck Andrew Shepard

Anne Carlson

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

For three years now I have come in  
search of fruit on this fig tree  
but have found none.

~Luke 13:7

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **GEORGIA WALKER**

The Celebration of Life will be tomorrow, March 19th with visitation at 10am followed by the service at 11. All are welcome to attend. It will be live streamed.

- **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

If the weather forecast holds true for tomorrow, March 19th, all are invited to join the Garden Gang in kicking off the 2022 Gardening Season at 10:00 am by planting potatoes. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Hirsch 816-728-6115.

- **CRS RICE BOWLS**

CRS Rice Bowls “For Lent, For Life” are available for pick up at the entrances of the church. Please consider going to this link: [CRS.ORG](https://www.crs.org) to help Ukrainian Families.

- **SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

St. James has baptisms scheduled for the Sundays of Easter. There are twelve children being prepared for First Eucharist & First Reconciliation. There are three RCIA and four RCIC candidates who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Let us keep them in our prayers. If you or you know somebody who has a child or children needing any of the Sacraments of Initiation, please call or email the parish office. Refer to the front cover of the bulletin for contact information.

### **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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



## *Reflection from Fr. Mike Roach*

On our journey through the season of Lent, we certainly pray for the gift of peace in our world. As we witness what is happening in Ukraine, we realize war cannot be the answer. The devastation of a nation, lives uprooted and people becoming refugees leads us to pray that the U.S., as well as the western nations and NATO can stand strong to support Ukraine and stand up to Russia, so as to put an end to the violence and destruction.

This weekend we celebrate a number of things. As we remember the life of Georgia Walker and celebrate her life, we are grateful for her model of justice and commitment to the poor and to this community. We pray in gratitude for her and Sr. Rose. The work of Journey to New Life makes difference in so many women's lives by supporting them and giving them a new chance in life. May the good work that has begun there continue among us.

We also celebrate St. Patrick's Day, as well as St. Joseph's Day. We call upon the intercession of these Saints, who lived out the faith in some tough times, and the devotions around them to be life-giving for us.

We celebrate the beginning of Spring, and the new life that is budding around us. May this Lenten season help us to hold onto what is important--being life-giving and loving in all that we do, so that the work of God might be made known among us.

*~ Peace,  
Fr. Mike*

~ Around Kansas City ~



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## Celebrating its 50th Anniversary:

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR is Taking the Kauffman Center Stage March 29 - April 3, 2022.



Throughout March, the Kansas City Library commemorates **Women's History Month** by spotlighting and celebrating stories, achievements, and experiences past and present. Explore book recommendations, watch online events, and discover how local women helped shape Kansas City's history.

### ~ Readings ~

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
JOS 5:9a, 10-12  
2 COR 5:17-21  
LK 15:1-3, 11-32

### ~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

### ~ Stewardship ~

Week 3/07—3/13: \$3,528  
Needed each week: \$3,877  
Percent of Weekly Budget: 91%  
Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$141,235  
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$143,992  
Percent of Budget to Date: 98%

### ~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
3/13, 2nd Sunday of Lent	104
Livestream Attendance	
3/13, 2nd Sunday of Lent	15