



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 27, 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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Fr. Mike Roach Ben Babaran

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Anne Carlson



“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.”

~Luke 15:18

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **SR. DONNA RYAN**

Sr. Donna Ryan is moving to a new address starting March 29. She will be at: Newport House, Room # 219, 6798 N 67th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68152.

- **BUS STOP**

Spring is here. Bus Stop Ministry has a few winter items left to distribute if necessary, but the main distribution is finished. Since last October, 1,172 hats, scarves and gloves have been given out at the corner! Thank you for your support, donations and prayers.

- **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](http://CRS.ORG) to help Ukrainian Families.

- **ST. JAMES YOUTH GROUP**

St. James is renewing our investment in our youth as the future of our beloved St. James Parish and our ministries. If you are a youth between the ages of 15 and 18 or the parent of a youth, we invite you to join us for a meeting on Sunday, April 3, immediately following Mass in the church.

At this meeting, the Youth Advisory Committee will share the purpose of this group and begin our collective work to build a structure for youth to be involved in the community, organization, and program development.

We need your help in developing our St. James contact list for our youth. If you are unable to make the meeting on April 3, please mail Lauren Parker, laurenbell426@gmail.com with your contact information. The Committee will keep the group informed through email and bulletin communication.

### **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

May I start my reflection with a joke? - **Reconciliation with a hook:** An elderly man on the beach found a magic lamp. As he picked it up and started cleaning it, a genie appeared and said: "Because you have freed me I will grant you a wish." The man responded. "I had a fight with my only brother thirty years ago. I want to be reconciled with him so that he may forgive me and start loving me." The genie said, "I am glad that you did not ask for money or riches. Your wish is granted. Are you sick and about to die?" the genie asked. "No way!" the man shouted. "But my unmarried, older brother is about to die and he's worth about \$60 million!!"

Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare Sunday* (Rejoice Sunday). Anticipating Easter joy, today's readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and the confession of our sins and by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God. Sunday's Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his "homecoming" where he discovers his bad choices and realizes his father's forgiving and overflowing love.

Let us look into the prodigal son's discovery of his bad choices. While he was enjoying the "high life," he thought he had no sins. When his own economy tanked he "came to his senses," realized the error of his ways, recognized how shallow his happiness had been and how foolish his choices. "Came to his senses" means the prodigal son made an introspective evaluation of his predicament. In a sense, he did a self-scrutiny.

The last three Sundays of Lent are the times when catechumens and candidates of R.C.I.A. (Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults) program go through a "Rite of Scrutiny." The **Scrutiny** is an opportunity for these catechumens and candidates to assess if they are ready to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Likewise, for the remaining days of Lent, we are invited to examine our ways. Most of us have a difficult time seeing ourselves for who we really are because we are so very busy and involved with many different projects and activities. I know I am. There never seems to be time for self-analysis or personal reflection. We might do well to concentrate on that time when we thought we didn't really have any real sins.

~ *Peace,*

*Ben*

~ Around Kansas City ~

**SAVE THE DATES FOR ECUMENICAL SERVICES**

**PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**

April 10, 2022, Gleed Park

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ALONG TROOST**

April 15, 2022, starting at 31st St. and Troost Ave.

**EASTER VIGIL**

April 16, 2022, St. James Church



~ Readings ~

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

EZ 37:12-14

ROM 8:8-11

JN 11:1-45

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Stewardship ~

Week 3/07—3/13: \$3,955

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 102%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$145,190

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$147,869

Percent of Budget to Date: 98%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
3/20, 3rd Sunday of Lent	124
Livestream Attendance	
3/20, 3rd Sunday of Lent	15