



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 3, 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

[LT@stjkc.org](mailto:LT@stjkc.org)

Toni Pennisi Wurth Bob Anderson

Connie Anderson Mary Vincent

Chris Zaroor Chuck Wurth

Fr. Mike Ben Babaran

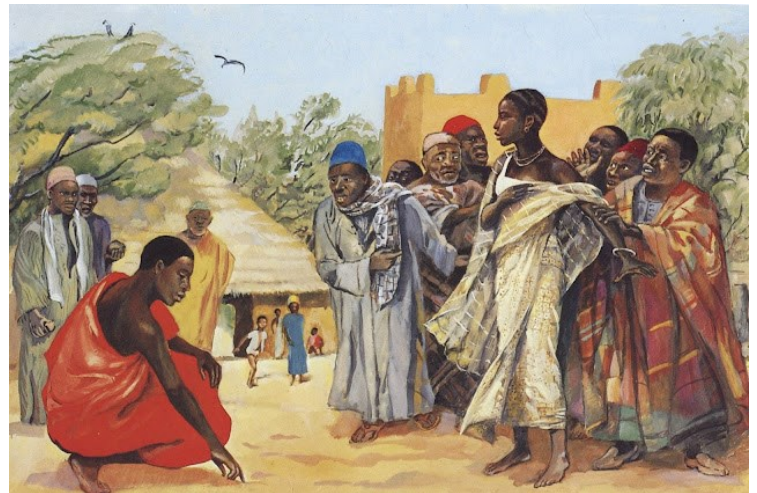
### Parish Finance Council

[Finance@stjkc.org](mailto:Finance@stjkc.org)

Fr. Mike Roach Ben Babaran

Michael Waldeck Andrew Shepard

Anne Carlson



“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her .”

~John 8:7

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

### • PANTRY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, April 10, is Pantry Sunday. The following items are needed: wipes, diapers, tooth paste, tooth brush, soap, toilet paper, feminine care products, lotion, shampoo, and deodorant.

### • ST. JAMES HARVESTERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AND COMMUNITY GARDEN

St. James April Harvesters volunteer opportunity is Tuesday, April 5th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Harvesters is located at 3801 Topping Ave. Volunteers must be 16 or older and are required to wear closed toed shoes and long pants. Unvaccinated volunteers are required to wear masks. Consider bringing 1 canned or other non-perishable food item.

Please contact Sarah Hirsch at 816-728-6115 if you plan to attend.

If your hands are longing to dig in the dirt, come join the Garden Gang on Saturdays plant, weed, water, and pick. Contact Sarah Hirsch, 816-728-6115, for further information.

### • ST. JAMES YOUTH GROUP

- 1) The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) will meet with the youth ages 15-18 this Sunday, April 3, immediately following Mass to begin building our Core Youth Group.
- 2) Youth, ages 12-18, please email Lauren Parker, laurenbell426@gmail.com if you are available to participate in the washing of feet at Holy Thursday Mass.
- 3) Immediately following April 10th Mass, the Youth Group is invited to join the Youth Advisory Committee and stuff plastic eggs. The Youth Group and the YAC will hide the eggs before Mass on Easter.
- 4) Lauren Parker has a life update. She will move back home to Arkansas to be closer to her family and the outdoor activities she loves. She will formally exit the Youth Director position in May. St. James will then need a new Youth Director. If you are interested in this position, please contact Ben.

### 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. Garry Richmeier*

Two familiar sayings have taken on new meaning for me over the last two years. One is "Life is what happens while you are making plans." The other is "If you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans."

The pandemic has thrown a major wrench into most everybody's plans. I was elected Provincial of my community shortly before Covid hit. Covid totally changed what I thought being Provincial was going to be like, including lengthening the time I would be in this role. Also during this time, the two American provinces of my community had planned on implementing a process of becoming one province. Needless to say, that plan quickly went by the wayside. A new, less satisfying and less effective process had to be adopted, much to the dislike of many community members. At times I have felt discouraged and disheartened because things have not gone the way they "should" have.

But then I stop and think "How 'should' things be? Who makes that determination?" We often think we're the ones who know best. We think things would go much better if we called the shots. But of course, that comes from our illusion that we know it all and that we are in control. That is especially when God laughs.

Life events can definitely change our plans, but our purpose and goal remains the same, regardless of what life throws at us. Whatever the situation, we are to do the best we can with what we've got, in the most loving way possible. Nothing can change that purpose, or prevent us from fulfilling that purpose. If we want, we can make that our anchor in this topsy-turvy world. We will find much more contentment and peace that way, rather than relying on all our plans panning out the way we expect.

*~ Peace,  
Fr. Garry*

~ 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, gather at 31st St. and Troost Ave.

**EASTER VIGIL**

April 16, 2022, St. James Church



~ Readings ~

PALM SUNDAY  
IS 50:4-7  
PHIL 2:6-11  
Lk 22:14—23:56

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Stewardship ~

Week 3/21—3/27: \$3,761

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 97%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$148,951

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$151,746

Percent of Budget to Date: 98%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance  
3/27, 4th Sunday of Lent 155

Livestream Attendance  
3/27, 4th Sunday of Lent 13