

PALM SUNDAY

April 10, 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 Leadership Team

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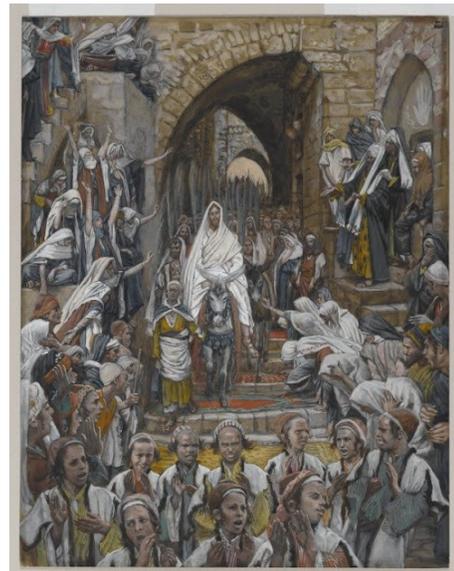
## Parish Finance Council

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Jesus proceeded on his journey up  
to Jerusalem.

~ Luke 19:28

**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays**

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

### • PANTRY SUNDAY

This 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.

### • EASTER VIGIL SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Please pray for the following: **Elects** - Bermanis, Bernhill H; Bermanis, Brenthill D; **Candidates** - Worthy, Michelangelo; Bermanis, Bernice; Cantero, JomBennet; Primo, Thomas; Silbanuz, Omar; Soukon, Kady; Hadley, Mary Bella; Hadley, Setty; Hadley, Wainer; Joseph, Altero; Ladore, Christina; Leopold, Luke; Mauricio, Billy; Olter, Kysen; Raynor, Johnny; Robert, Jermaleen; Robert, Jermeleen; Robert, Jesse; Rodriquez, Michael; Rodriquez, Rayon.

### • ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN

**Save the Date...**The Garden Gang and Kansas City Community Gardens are planting berries and cherries Saturday, April 23rd, at 10:00 am and followed by a Planting Potluck. Contact Sarah Hirsch, 816-728-6115, to RSVP for the fun.

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 for further information.

### • ST. JAMES YOUTH GROUP

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.

### 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 Deacon Ross Beaudoin*

Today, Palm Sunday, signals that our Lenten journey is coming to a close. Our arrival at our destination of Easter is just one week away. We have only the days of this Holy Week remaining to finish preparing for the great resurrection feast. The last three days, the Holy Week Triduum, are important for our community and personal preparation.

When I was a kid (in the 1940s) the special services for Holy Week - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday - were not easy for ordinary people to participate in. They were scheduled in the mornings. Most people were at work or school. These greatest days of the Church's liturgical year had thus been given over to the clergy. The wags would say of Holy Thursday, for example, "The Lord's Supper has become a clerical breakfast." That's kinda what had happened.

When people arrived at Easter they were not as prepared as they could have been or wanted to be. Individually and as a community they had gone from the celebration of Palm Sunday directly to Easter Resurrection. They had not participated in the sacred triduum of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Passion of the Lord and the lighting of the new fire at the Easter Vigil. This unfortunate situation had developed over centuries and was just "taken for granted." Fortunately, Pope Pius XII was attune to the need for the people to take part in the Holy Week Triduum. He made changes that allowed for the services to be celebrated in the evenings...as had been the custom in the early Church.

I do not know the story of how Pius XII became convinced of the need to make this change for the benefit of the Faithful. But some way he did come to realize that the Faithful were being left out and they needed to be included.

What a blessing this revision of the liturgy has brought us: we all can participate in the sacred triduum (or as much of it as our lives allow). Then we will be more prepared to sing alleluias on Easter Sunday and going forward carry these celebrations in our hearts and lives.

This Palm Sunday there is still time for us to do our best to prepare for Easter. At St. James the Holy Week Triduum services are at 7 pm on Holy Thursday and Good Friday and at 8 pm on Holy Saturday. Participation in one, two or three of these services will yield good results for personal lives and our celebration of Easter.

I'd like to add a post-script. I do not know how it was that Pope Pius XII came to the decision to change Holy Week and make it more accessible to the Faithful. But some way he must have had input from people about the importance of all being able to fully participate in these significant moments of our life in Christ.

In our day Pope Francis has set up a way for all people to make their experience of Church and their needs known to him and our bishops. The word used is "synodality" – a way of sharing from the grass roots up. This exercise of synodality has the potential for making the Church a better faith-home, but only if we do our part and share our feelings and needs. Please go to <https://www.synodresources.org/> for more information. If nothing else, knowing what is happening in the Church and being aware that all are encouraged to share their thoughts and needs can be a liberating feeling! Easter resurrection and joy come in many forms!

If we'd had a SYNODAL approach decades ago, we may have had less liturgies as "clergy breakfasts" and more communal liturgies and enlightened Church governance a long time before these things have even begun to happen.

See you in church. Happy Holy Week....

*Deacon Ross*

~ 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 ~

EASTER SUNDAY  
ACTS 10:34A, 37-43  
COL 3:1-4  
JN 20:1-9

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Stewardship ~

Week 3/28—4/03: \$4,109

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 106%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$153,060

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$155,623

Percent of Budget to Date: 98%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance  
4/03, 5th Sunday of Lent 150

Livestream Attendance  
4/03, 5th Sunday of Lent 9