



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 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

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Office Hours: 9:00 --3:00, Monday-Friday

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"Peace I leave with you; my peace I
give to you."

~ John 14:27

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **5TH SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed during the month of May. To celebrate this at St. James, the Asian Americans and Micronesians will host the traditional 5th Sunday Lunch next Sunday after Mass in the Marian Hall.

- **ST. JAMES' SIGN OF PEACE**

Like many other communities, St. James is waiting for a return to a time before. We have always embraced the opportunity to greet one another. For many, that time was the sign of peace at Mass. For over two years, we have been unable to exchange peace in our customary way. As we slowly return to our liturgical rituals, many of us are still uncertain, worried or anxious about touching others.

On Pentecost, the community is invited to continue expressing peace allowing each person to do that in a comfortable way. Perhaps that could be a handshake, a hug, a bow or a peace sign. Each of us need to be respectful of the way we approach one another.

- **LOCAL BUSINESSES NEAR ST. JAMES**

Here are some ideas of where to shop and eat close to St James. Monthly, we will list places to try. If you have any suggestions, please email restaurantsuggestions3909@gmail.com.

Anchor Island Coffee, coffee shop - 4101 Troost Ave

Ruby Jeans Juices, juicer (2 locations) - 3000 Troost Ave, (closed Sundays)
301 E 51st St (inside whole foods)

Full-Circle Yoga Studio, prenatal/mama and baby focused - 4327 Troost Ave

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 Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples the main teaching of his ministry - LOVE. The important idea he wants them to remember about love is that it involves sacrifice, sacrificing one's will to the will of the Father. At times, this is easy to do. Most of the times, however, it is very difficult. But doing so brings the blessing of God's presence in one's life. "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

The Holy Spirit is the second blessing Jesus gives anyone who loves him. As our guide, the Holy Spirit will help us understand Jesus' love for us. Just as the Holy Spirit influenced the apostles in their dilemma at the Council of Jerusalem in the first reading, the Holy Spirit is our "Advocate" now as we go through the complexities of today's life.

As we enter the implementation period of the deanery pastoral plan, we need our "Advocate" now more than ever to guide the family of parishes in Midtown KC in developing collaborative programs to insure the vitality of each parish. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that, with all its blessings and resources, the Church will still face practical problems in carrying out its mission – problems that must be patiently resolved, in a fraternal spirit open to the guidance that is promised from on high.

We mourn the death of the ten black people in Buffalo, NY. The hatred and racism fomented by the xenophobic philosophy known as the "great replacement" theory are the direct causes of mass shootings which we all despise. We need the gift of the Holy Spirit in our efforts to eradicate such racial intolerance.

On a positive note, our "Advocate" has done another awesome job with this year's class of graduates. Congratulations to St. James' graduates on all levels of education! May you continue to love Jesus and the Father and to rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the decisions you make each day.

Peace,

Ben

~ Around Kansas City ~



By Kansas City Irish Center

Date and time:

Fri, 27 May 2022, 6:00 PM

Location:

Drexel Hall

3301 Baltimore Avenue

Kansas City, MO 64111

About this event

The Kansas City Irish Center is partnering with returned Peace Corps volunteers Paige Barrows and Amber King to celebrate Ukrainian culture and raise funds for the victims of the tragic attacks in Ukraine.

There will be live music and dance performances, art, raffle prizes, a silent auction, and a cash bar. Paige Barrows and Amber King have raised over \$17,500 for Ukraine since the attacks began. These funds have helped purchase two tons of food, medicine, toiletries, and other supplies. Money raised at this event will go directly to Ukrainians in need. Some of the projects that will receive funds from this event include strengthening the structure and improving conditions of an ICU and maternity ward currently located in a hospital basement; providing support to individuals collecting food and supplies and delivering them to soldiers on the front lines; aiding in evacuation of families to safer areas or across the border; and helping internally displaced Ukrainians purchase food, medicine, and other essentials.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

~ Readings ~

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ACTS 1:1-11

EPH 1:17-23

LK 24:46-53

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Bill Moylan
- Chuck Dwyer
- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- Oscar Shelby
- Patricia Cann

~ Stewardship ~

Week 5/09—5/15: \$3,243

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 84%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$174,515

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$178,885

Percent of Budget to Date: 98%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
5/15, 5th Sunday of Easter	123
Livestream Attendance	
5/15, 5th Sunday of Easter	12

~ *St. James Parish Updates (continued)* ~

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The Garden is off to a good start. The spring greens are ready to be picked and tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant are planted. The following are ready for picking:

South Garden

Bed 3: Arugula

Bed 15: Lettuce, Green Onions, and Radishes

Beds 8 and 9: Kale

Bed 18: Lettuce

• **ANIMATED ART ON ST. JAMES**

Please click on the link or the photo to obtain an animated version of St. James. Wait for it to load and then hover your mouse over the picture.

Click on this link to see the animated photograph:

<https://wordart.com/84i4x6ve6acs/good-revised-st-james-may-12-2022>



GEORGE FLOYD

PUBLIC WITNESS AND PRAYER SERVICE

May 25, Wednesday

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

101 E. 52nd Street

Kansas City, MO 64110

WITNESS 4:30—5:30 pm

PRAYER SERVICE 5:30—5:45 pm

- Remember George Floyd and show support for Black lives

“All Are Welcome”

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, y no habla Ingles.

We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or, like many of us, who can't carry a tune in a bucket.

We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.

We welcome soccer moms, KC Chiefs Dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or are still addicted.

We welcome you if you're having problems, or you're down in the dumps, or you don't like “organized religion.” We've been there too.

If you blew all your offertory money on the Kentucky Derby's wrong horse, you're welcome here.

We offer a special welcome for those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or came because Grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome the flexible, the inflexible, tolerant & intolerant, those who laughed as well as those who gasped at this welcome card. We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts, and most importantly YOU!

And finally, we welcome all our current parishioners and their friends and families from the 25 different nations represented by the flags in the back of our church: Palau, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Jamaica, Germany, Spain, Grenada, Italy, Mexico, Micronesia, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Holland, Vietnam, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Togo, Trinidad & Tobago, Tanzania, Malaysia, Ireland and USA.

Credit: Melannie Svoboda, Sunflower Seeds, May 8, 2022, This and That (adapted)

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