



ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 29, 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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Christ Ascends

Stained-glass composition by J. Le Breton , 1933

"You are witnesses of these things."

~ Luke 24:48

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **5TH SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

The St. James traditional 5th Sunday Lunch is this Sunday after Mass in the Marian Hall.

- **BAPTISMS ON SUNDAY**

Please pray for these children who will be baptized this Sunday: Jermalena El’Rose Rodriquez, Peichu Fraser Fred, Caiden R’Loe Semes, Mira-Hope Martha Dohres, Alterina Primo Yaropiy.

- **ST. JAMES’ SIGN OF PEACE**

Next Sunday, 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.

- **FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Next Sunday (June 5th) is Pentecost Sunday. To help us celebrate the Holy Spirit in our lives, please wear fire colored clothing (red, orange, yellow) if you are able to do so.

- **TROOST39 THRIFT STORE**

Troost39 Thrift Store will be open next Sunday after Mass. Hospitality Sunday will be celebrated in the store.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The cooler weather and rain has blessed us with another week of luscious lettuce. I encourage you to get and pick some before the heat sets in. The following are ready this week to be harvested:

South Garden

Bed 1: Swiss Chard

Bed 15: Lettuce and Green Onions

Bed 3: Arugula

Bed 18: Lettuce

Beds 8 and 9: Kale

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 Sr. Cele Breen, SCL

It was Tuesday late afternoon. I was driving down Troost from the thrift store. I turned up the radio on KCUR; I hadn't heard any news since the morning. And there it was. Again. 14 children and a teacher had been killed in a school shooting by another student. Another child. After a while I began listing all the similar horrors since Sandy Hook: a high school, a synagogue, churches, a concert, a grocery store less than two weeks before, and more - many more.

An interesting thing happened just as I turned into the parking lot at home. It seemed as if I was back in my very first classroom as a first year teacher. That is WAAAY back. They were fifth graders. By this time of year most of them would've been 11 years old, a few still ten. I wonder if this is my mind's way of handling another unbelievable tragedy. Or maybe to make it personal in some way just as I'm sure you thought of your loved ones, friends, neighbors and maybe students. We have to make this real if we are going to take seriously our president's message: "We have to act."

Another quote came to me. "I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody." This one is from Lily Tomlin.

*Peace,
Sr. Cele*

~ Around Kansas City ~



Together, at the end of 2021, we made history in Kansas City and became only the 13th city in the USA to pass a Right to Counsel law that guarantees that any person facing eviction has the right to free legal representation. The Right to Counsel law is a big first step that can help keep our workers in their homes!

However, the city has been missing some of the key deadlines to make sure this law is fully implemented by the start date of June 1st, 2022. Low-wage workers and poor people in Kansas City can't afford to wait!

Join us and hold our elected leaders accountable to the full and timely implementation of Right to Counsel. Can you share the information and invite others to join you?

When: Wednesday, June 1st

What time: 10:00 AM

Where: KCMO City Hall (414 E. 12th St. KCMO 64106) - Gather on NORTH side of City Hall.

Why: Because in the richest country in the world, nobody should be homeless or left alone without legal representation!

Be sure to wear a Stand Up KC shirt or wear something RED in solidarity with low-wage workers!

~ Readings ~

PENTECOST SUNDAY
ACTS 2:1-11
1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13
JN 20:19-23

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Stewardship ~

Week 5/16—5/22: \$3,063

Needed each week: \$3,877

Percent of Weekly Budget: 79%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$177,578

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$182,762

Percent of Budget to Date: 97%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
5/22, 6th Sunday of Easter	133

Livestream Attendance	
5/22, 6th Sunday of Easter	12