



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 17, 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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"There is need of only one thing."

~ Luke 10:42

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION

The next 5th Sunday Celebration is July 31st. Please join us after Mass for lunch in Marian Hall.

• BETWEEN THE CRACKS FUND

Eight households were helped with rent, utilities, transportation and medication during the second quarter of this year's calendar.

Four single parent families with a total of eight children received help. Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity.

• ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN

If you see brownish dried places on kale, collards, or kohlrabi leaves, you will know that Harlequin bugs have been there. The best way to get rid of them is to pick them off by hand and put them in soaping water or squish them. The following produce is ready this week to be harvested:

South Garden

Bed 1: Swiss Chard

Beds 8 and 9: Kale

Bed 4 and 5: Kohlrabi

Trellis on Bed 15: Long beans

Bed 20: Collards

Troost39

Plastic Tubs: Basil



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.

SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES

1st Sunday - TROOST39
OPEN W/ HOSPITALITY

2nd Sunday - HOSPITALITY
SUNDAY

3rd Sunday - FAITH
FORMATION SUNDAY

4th Sunday - PANTRY
SUNDAY

5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY
CELEBRATION



Message from Joan DeMerchant

“We welcome you, welcome you....”

Despite our epic Statue of Liberty, hospitality/welcoming has never been a strong American virtue. You can ask any “different” group that ever came here—in chains, over a desert, through a river, or on ships—whether they were welcomed. You know the answer. The problem is an old human one, and it’s addressed in today’s familiar readings. We are called to welcome strangers, to extend hospitality, to both listen to them and to act as needed.

This isn’t unfamiliar at St. James: it’s a hallmark of who we are. We’re proud of it and good at it. I was thinking about this last week, when we welcomed our new Pastor. While Fr. Don was delivering his first homily, a man laboriously made his way in from the south entrance, up the middle aisle and into an upper left side pew. He had short black hair with a swath of unusual white hair flowing down his back, aviator glasses, and bangles on his arms. He prayed a while, genuflected and left.

I was struck by the juxtaposition of these two newcomers to our community. Both were clearly unique. We were welcoming Fr. Don; and I suspect that if our other guest had stayed, we would have welcomed him, too. Today’s readings tell us that God appears in our midst in the form of strangers. I do wonder: Would we recognize God more clearly in one of these two men, or would we embrace them both equally?

Welcoming presents risks. It’s really just a beginning. Others may irritate the heck out of us, take advantage of us, be less than we had hoped for. They may saddle us with urine-soaked sidewalks or nasty graffiti; ongoing personal or mental health issues; or more time, work or expense than we expected. The initial welcome can be exciting. The ongoing relationship can be something else.

People erect gated communities, lock their car doors and windows, and promote open carry to protect themselves from those they haven’t vetted. When we go home from the wonderful vibes of this community, it’s not always so easy to be hospitable to those who show up. But the Word keeps telling us the same thing: When God comes into our lives, it’s going to be in human form. We’re lucky we have this community to remind us how to respond. May we together become better and better at it.

*Peace,
Joan*

~ Around Kansas City ~

CHANCE FOR ENGAGEMENT ABOUT RACISM

Saturday, July 23, will provide an opportunity to engage in discussion of racism and racial justice. The organization *It's Time 4 Justice* is sponsoring a chance to ask, learn and engage with people who don't look like you. It's from 4:00 to 6:30 at Community Christian Church at 4601 Main St (across from Mill Creek Park).

Follow this link to learn more: <https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article263094818.html>

~ Readings ~

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
GN 18:20-32
COL 2:12-14
LK 11:1-13

~ Stewardship ~

Week 7/04—7/10: \$4,651

Needed each week: TBD

Percent of Weekly Budget: TBD

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$8,527

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: TBD

Percent of Budget to Date: TBD

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Chuck Dyer
- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- Oscar Shelby
- Patricia Cann
- Beverly Johnson
- Mary Koch
- Leonard Caan

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
7/10, 15th Sunday in OT	127
Livestream Attendance	
7/10, 15th Sunday in OT	11