



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 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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Death and Fire

Paul Klee (1879-1940)

“I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already  
blazing! There is a baptism with  
which I must be baptized, and how  
great is my anguish until it is  
accomplished!”

~ Luke 12:49-50

**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays**

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~

• **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. DON!**

Fr. Don Farnan will be celebrating his birthday on August 17, 2022. You may send him birthday greeting cards by dropping them in baskets by the entrances of the church.

• **ST. THERESE LITTLE FLOWER PROJECT**

The deadline for donations of shoes for St. Therese will be on Sunday, August 14.

• **SUNDAYS OF AUGUST 2022 MASS CELEBRANTS**

August 7—Fr. Gerry Waris

August 21—Fr. Don Farnan

August 14—Fr. William Smith, CSSp

August 28—Fr. Mark Miller, C.PP.S

• **MISSION APPEAL**

As part of the Diocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan, Fr. William Smith, CSSp, will visit St. James on Sunday, August 14 to speak about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Spiritans (Congregation of the Holy Spirit). To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit: [www.spiritans.org](http://www.spiritans.org). There will be a second collection this Sunday to support this mission appeal.

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Peppers, tomatoes, and eggplant are slow setting on this year. Keep your eyes open as you walk by the East Garden for a prize. The following produce is ready this week to be harvested:

South Garden

Bed 1: Ground Cherries

Beds 8 and 9: Kale

Bed 4 and 5: Kohlrabi

Bed 20: Collards

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East Garden

Plastic Tubs: Basil

Tomatoes, Peppers, and Eggplant

West Side: Raspberries

<p><b>Office of Child and Youth Protection</b></p> <p>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 <i>observe or suspect</i> sexual abuse:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and</li> <li>2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and</li> <li>3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected <i>sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult</i> to the <b>Independent Ombudsman, Joe Crayon</b>, at 816-812-2500, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.</li> </ol> <p>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 <b>Victim Assistance Coordinator</b> at 816.392.0011 or <a href="mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org">true.francis@diocesekcsj.org</a> for more information.</p>	<p align="center"><b>SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES</b></p> <p>1st Sunday - TROOST39 OPEN W/ HOSPITALITY</p> <p>2nd Sunday - HOSPITALITY &amp; NAME TAG SUNDAY</p> <p>3rd Sunday - FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY</p> <p>4th Sunday - PANTRY SUNDAY</p> <p>5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY CELEBRATION</p>
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## Reflection from Deacon Ross Beaudoin

### “You are my help, O God!”

I don't know what your reactions are to the events and “news” of recent weeks. My overall reactions have tended to be “Here we go again...” and “What's this *really* about...?” Also, I must confess I spend far too much time pursuing “news” stories of all sorts. There just might be something brewing that I wouldn't want to miss. Sure....

In each of our three readings this Sunday we encounter people who dealt with the realities of their own day. They couldn't consult news stories, they were the news stories, though they wouldn't have recognized it.

In the reading from the Prophet Jeremiah, we find that Jeremiah has angered the ruling powers by predicting the destruction of Jerusalem – because of the sins of the people. Those in power didn't want to hear that, so they decided to throw Jeremiah down a cistern to get rid of him.

In the Letter to the Hebrews we hear of early believers who were growing weary of the struggle to live lives of integrity in line with the teachings of Jesus. The author of Hebrews reminds those believers that their ancestors (“a great cloud of witnesses”) withstood multiple trials and lived their lives according to their faith. Those early believers were also reminded that even Jesus endured trials and opposition – “to the point of shedding his blood.”

Finally, in the gospel we have a disturbing picture of families divided by their differences over accepting the message of Jesus. When one became a Christian at that time, it meant separating from the “civil religion” of the emperor – who had become “divine” in the culture. That caused a disruption in many families.

These three readings serve as a *reality therapy* for me. Since the earliest ages good people have dealt with conflict and suffering while trying to live out their faith in God. There have also been times of great enlightenment and joy. It seems to me only realistic to expect both as part of our human life.

So, back to the unrelenting “news” that we are provided every day. The stories may interest us or not; some may really rivet our attention. And while we are curious about all the drama that may be presented, the realities and relationships of our own lives are where we live. Is there something in these news stories that resonates with our personal lives – by comparison or contrast? What do we see unfolding that might help us see our own life in a clearer light? Is someone struggling to align their experiences with their faith? Is someone possibly leaving their belief on the side of the road to pursue a different course? And we?

The readings today highlight the need to be able to accept struggle and opposition in order to remain faithful to our calling. Can we accept that, or are we hoping we can achieve peace of mind and union with God and each other without any effort or struggle?

Today's Psalm 40 summarizes for us.

*Lord, come to my aid! I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me.*

*The Lord heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction.... The Lord put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.*

*Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the Lord thinks of me.*

*You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back!*

*Peace,  
Deacon Ross*

~ Around Kansas City ~

**Who Controls Our Police Department?**

Do you know:

- ◆ The KCPD is the only large metro police department in the country to be controlled by the state?
- ◆ Why the voters of Kansas City don't have say in police finances, policies, or hiring?
- ◆ What would make it more democratic, equitable, and financially accountable?



Please join us after Mass on August 21 for a short presentation to learn why local control of the KC police could make it better for all the city's residents. Leaders from the Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity (MORE2) will share their ideas for bringing our police governance more in line with Catholic Social teachings of the common good, democracy, and human dignity. [More2.org](http://More2.org).

~ Readings ~

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 IS 66:18-21  
 HEB 12:5-7, 11-13  
 LK 13:22-30

~ Stewardship ~

Week 8/01—8/07: \$4,029  
 Needed each week: TBD  
 Percent of Weekly Budget: TBD  
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$24,596  
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: TBD  
 Percent of Budget to Date: TBD

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
8/07, 19th Sunday in OT	118
Livestream Attendance	
8/07, 19th Sunday in OT	10