



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 18, 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.

## **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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## **Parish Staff**

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## **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.



**The parable of the unjust steward**

Marinus van Reymerswaele 1540

“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.”

~Luke 16:10

**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays**

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

### • FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY

There will be a listening session this Sunday, September 18, after Mass in the Marian Hall. Please see attached or insert for listening session questions.

### • PANTRY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is pantry Sunday. Hygiene items for Bishop Sullivan Center would be appreciated: toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo etc. There is also a new option for Pantry Sunday: making a donation to support the work of Kanbe's. Check out them out at [kanbesmarkets.org](http://kanbesmarkets.org). Kanbe's delivers food justice one neighborhood at a time.

### • KNITTING/CROCHETING

The Knitting/Crocheting group meets in person this Tuesday, September 20th. We begin at 6:30 in the rectory. We have yarn, needles and hooks for your use. If you have yarn to donate, we have lots of room for donations.

### • SAVE THE DATES

- ♦ October 14, Friday, at 7PM—Goldenberg Duo - Concert Music on Troost
- ♦ October 16, Sunday, at 10AM Mass—Blessing of Bus Stop Items: hats, scarves & gloves

### • ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN

The plants are liking the cooler weather. Finally the tomatoes are setting on. The fall kale is ready to be picked. In addition, check out the following produce for picking:

#### South Garden

Bed 1: Ground Cherries and Swiss Chard

Bed 15: Lettuce

Beds 8, 9, 16 & 17: Kale

#### East Garden

Tomatoes, Peppers, and Eggplant

Bed 18: Cherry Tomatoes

Bed 20: Collards

#### Troost39

West Side: Raspberries

### 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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

### SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES

1st Sunday - TROOST39  
OPEN W/ HOSPITALITY

2nd Sunday - HOSPITALITY  
& NAME TAG SUNDAY

3rd Sunday - FAITH  
FORMATION SUNDAY

4th Sunday - PANTRY  
SUNDAY

5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY  
CELEBRATION



## *Reflection from Ben Babaran*

In some ways, the world hasn't changed much since the time of prophet Amos. During that time, Israel was enjoying financial and material prosperity so much so that the Israelites lost focus on God. They resented the Sabbath and the new moon which were days of prayer and rest because they were interruptions to their money making activities. They cheated and exploited both their suppliers and customers. Worst, they did not value life!

While Amos who was a farmer spoke directly, Jesus spoke in parables. He made his audience think. The parable of the dishonest steward in today's Gospel is one of the trickiest and most puzzling of Jesus' teaching. He leaves us with many questions.

I believe the key to understanding the parable is in this verse: "And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently." Jesus is not praising the steward because he is dishonest. He praises him because he was prudent.

Prudence is the first of the four cardinal virtues. It is having the knowledge of what a person needs to do and the concrete means to accomplish it. Both the prodigal son of last Sunday's parable and today's steward acted prudently. Thus, the father of last Sunday and today's master were ready to forgive them of their failures in the same manner as our Father in heaven looks not in our weaknesses and failures but our resourcefulness, resolve and prudence.

Here at St. James, we have the knowledge of what needs to be done to "build the Reign of God here in Midtown Kansas City." More importantly, we are putting together concrete means to accomplish it. The challenge is "to walk the talk" using all our resources, including even our failures and problems and above all – prayer.

*Blessings,  
Ben*

~ Around Kansas City ~

FIFTH ANNUAL KANSAS CITY AREA-WIDE

# GREEN MASS

for all those who work in environmental sustainability  
and anyone who cares for "Our Common Home"



ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Sunday, September 25th, 2022  
10:30 AM

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St. Francis Xavier Church

1001 East 52nd St, Kansas City, MO 64110

Event Info and Livestream: [www.SFX-KC.org](http://www.SFX-KC.org)

~ Readings ~

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AM 6:1A, 4-7

1 TM 6:11-16

LK 16:19-31

~ Stewardship ~

Week 9/05—9/11: \$3,345

Needed each week: TBD

Percent of Weekly Budget: TBD

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$45,887

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: TBD

Percent of Budget to Date: TBD

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- Oscar Shelby
- Patricia Cann
- Beverly Johnson
- Jermisha Cann
- Leonard Cann

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

9/11, 24th Sunday in OT 112

Livestream Attendance

9/11, 24th Sunday in OT 12