



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 11, 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.



**The Good Shepherd**

Jean Baptiste de Champaigne (1631–1681)

## Mass Schedule

Sunday **10:00 am**

## Confessions

By appointment only

## Parish Office **(816) 561-8512**

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

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## Parish Staff

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Fr. Don

**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays**

“What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?”

~Luke 15:4

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~

• **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

This Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of the month of September. St. James will celebrate Hospitality Sunday right after Mass.

• **UPON THIS ROCK**

Fr Don writes a blog every couple of weeks. The current one will be on the St. James website on the home page and the others will be under the menu choice: Resources for Spiritual Reflection; Excellent Reading --- don't miss one!

• **FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY**

There will be a listening session next Sunday, September 18, after Mass in the Marian Hall.

• **AFRICAN SELF DETERMINATION FOUNDATION (ASDF)**

As school is starting, we are again asking for help in providing an education for students in Togo, Africa. Please read the attached letter and fact sheet. Members of the African Self Determination Foundation will be in the back of church next Sunday to answer any questions you might have.

• **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

Beds 16 & 17: Kale

East Garden

Tomatoes, Peppers, and Eggplant

Bed 18: Cherry Tomatoes

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 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 Deacon Ross Beaudoin

### “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Many of us have heard or read reports of Texas Governor Abbott sending busloads of Refugee migrants to New York City, Washington DC and Chicago. When I heard that I thought, “What an anxious situation for those people! What do they have besides the clothes on their back? Do they know anyone where they are going? Who will welcome them? Where will they go and where will they sleep? How will they find relatives, friends or others to help them take the next step?” What an unnerving situation.

Well, there are other ways to deal with the influx of Refugees (though Governor Abbot has recently chosen to do things his way). Most border cities have religious or social service organizations that provide appropriate services for people immigrating to this country. One such border city is El Paso, Texas. A number of organizations there have processes to assist Refugees after they are admitted through ICE/Immigration and Customs Enforcement. One such organization is Annunciation House – welcoming and assisting Refugees for 40 years. Ruben Garcia is the Director of Annunciation House. Some of us from Kansas City have worked with Ruben and Annunciation House over the years. Ruben is a native of El Paso and a Rockhurst U grad. Last week Ruben sent me an email about the changing conditions at the border. He wrote...

“Thank you Ross for sharing the reflection of Chris DiStasio. [Chris, then 16 years old, was a volunteer at the border in 1988.] It's wonderful to read that the spirit of the border reality is alive and well even after all of these years. All of these experiences are formative and part of the ongoing living gospel that continues to be written by the faith of those convicted by the presence of Jesus in the lives of the poor.

“I hope that you are doing well and continuing with your ministry. I want to put an idea out for you. All of these years we have been trying to recruit volunteers to come to the border to help in the work of hospitality. Because we have had a very hard time recruiting people to come down, we want to send the refugees to cities in the interior. You've no doubt read about Governor Abbott sending charter buses to New York, D.C. and now Chicago. He's doing that without coordination and for political reasons.

“We want to send charter buses filled with refugees to faith communities in cities in the interior of the country. The idea is that in the same way that Annunciation House receives refugees here on the border, faith communities in the interior would do the same. A charter bus with 50+ refugees would arrive. The faith community would have to be ready with a venue where cots could be placed and the refugees would sleep there. Meals would have to be arranged, hygiene items, used clothing, etc., would be collected. Volunteers would have to do simple intakes and then call the refugees' family members or friends who are able to receive them and who could purchase bus or plane tickets to get them there. These refugees would stay with you from 24 to 72 hours before moving on.

“There would also be some refugees that don't have a sponsor and who would need longer term hospitality. The hospitality site would need to identify places that could offer longer term hospitality while the refugees look for work and then start looking for a place to rent on their own.

“It's a lot of work but it is also the living Gospel – “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” The stranger is standing at the door of the border. The knock on the door needs to be heard in Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake City, Portland, Seattle, Boise, Richmond, and on and on and on . . . .

“Let me know what you think, Ruben”

Well, what do *you* think, St. James? There are many different needs connected with this ministry of hospitality. I am also making contact with other organizations and churches. Where do we/you fit in? You can leave your response at [rossbeau@gmail.com](mailto:rossbeau@gmail.com). Thank you.

*Blessings,  
Deacon Ross*

~ 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 ~

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AM 8:4-7

1 TM 2:1-8

LK 16:1-13

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Stewardship ~

Week 8/29—9/04: \$5,863

Needed each week: TBD

Percent of Weekly Budget: TBD

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$42,542

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: TBD

Percent of Budget to Date: TBD

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
9/04, 23rd Sunday in OT	119
Livestream Attendance	
9/04, 23rd Sunday in OT	10