



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 2, 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

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"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

~Luke 17:6

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **UPON THIS ROCK**

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

- **OCTOBER CALENDAR**

Please see the bulletin insert for the St. James activities in the month of October.

- **MADONNA AND CHILD DISPLAY FOR OCTOBER**

For the whole month of October, multiple Madonna and Child paintings/pictures from all over the world will be displayed in the back of the church as we dedicate the month to Mary and the Most Holy Rosary.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Are you thinking about planting a garden next year? The Garden Gang was gifted with seeds to share. The free seeds at the back of church Sundays, October 2nd and 9th. The following produce available for picking:

South Garden

Bed 1: Ground Cherries and Swiss Chard

Bed 15: Lettuce

Beds 8, 9, 16 & 17: Kale

East Garden

Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplant, and Green Beans

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 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 Fr. Garry Richmeier

The story of the rich man and Lazarus is often used as a teaching against greed. It is implied that God sends the rich man to hell because he was greedy and didn't share with poor Lazarus who lay at his door everyday. Lazarus on the other hand, goes to heaven to be with Abraham. From there they have their famous conversation, which many interpret as a description of heaven and hell.

It is a story about avoiding greed, but it is probably not a description of heaven and hell as we think of it. The Jewish religion of Jesus' time didn't have a well defined theology of heaven and hell. Most descriptions of the after life were vague and undefined. Even this story doesn't support our notion of heaven and hell, since Lazarus ended up in "heaven" for no apparent reason other than he was poor.

The new testament Jewish culture/religion did have a clear sense of balance in all of creation. Just as there was night and day, summer and winter, feast and famine, etc., they believed there needed to be a balance in human affairs. An example is Mary's canticle which says "The mighty have been cast down from their thrones, and God has lifted up the lowly," meaning that God would restore the balance of power when people got it out of balance. Therefore, when Jesus tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus, those who heard it would recognize Lazarus' reward and the rich man's torment as the logical result of the restoration of balance.

In our culture we have a very difficult time finding balance. We work too much, or exercise too little, or demand too much entitlement, or buy too much stuff, or don't listen enough to each other, or do too many drugs, etc., etc. We have difficulty believing that like a see-saw, our actions have an automatic effect on others on the other end of the see-saw. We live under the illusion we are independent individuals and do not need to be concerned about how our choices or life-styles or buying habits affect anyone else.

It could be said that if the only Spiritual work that a person did was to daily work toward finding balance in everything they did, everything would fall into place. That is because balance is the natural state of the universe, and that is how God created us to work. Cooperating with that is how we find our place in God's creation.

*Blessings,
Fr. Garry*

~ Around Kansas City ~

Guardian Angels Festival

Sunday, October 2 — Noon-7:00pm

Guardian Angels Church

1310 Westport Road, KCMO



Dancers

Las Estrellas Band



DJ



Silent Auction

Raffle



Mexican Food



Hot Dogs and Italian Sausages

Desserts

Beer/Margaritas



Soft drinks

~ Readings ~

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2 KGS 5:14-17

2 TM 2:8-13

LK 17:11-19

~ Stewardship ~

Week 9/19—9/25: \$3,834

Needed each week: \$4,308

Percent of Weekly Budget: 89%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$53,901

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$51,696

Percent of Budget to Date: 104%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
9/25, 26th Sunday in OT	118
Livestream Attendance	
9/25, 26th Sunday in OT	13