



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 16, 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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Widow and Judge

Anonymous artists

"There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.'"

~Luke 18:2-3

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~

• **BETWEEN THE CRACKS FUND QUARTER REPORT**

Ten (10) households were help using the fund. Four households were from the Justice Project while three were single parent households. There were seven kids helped in those households.

• **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, October 23, is Pantry Sunday. Bishop Sullivan Center needs cereal, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, laundry soap, dish soap and toilet paper.

• **KNITTING/CROCHETING**

The Knitting/Crocheting group meets in person on Tuesday, October 25. 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 DATE**

St. James 5th Sunday Celebration will be on October 30.

• **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 narthex as we dedicate the month to Mary and the Most Holy Rosary.

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

All are invited to join the Garden Gang Saturday, October 15, at 10:00 am in digging sweet potatoes. If you are unable to make it, grab some sweet potatoes in the back of the church for weeks to come. In addition, the following produce available for picking:

South Garden

Bed 1: Swiss Chard

Bed 18: Cherry Tomatoes

Beds 8, 9, 16 & 17: Kale

Bed 20: Collards

East Garden

Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplant, Turnips, and Turnip Greens

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 Sr. Michele Morek, OSU

When I was in grade school and heard the scriptural admonition to “pray always,” it did not sound appealing at all; indeed, it sounded impossible, because I associated praying with kneeling inside a hot church--instead of running and playing outside. But in the Gospel today Jesus enjoins us to pray always, and adds “without becoming weary!”

In the first reading today, Moses gives us a little insight into how it might be done. As he prayed for Joshua’s success in the battle, he prayed until he could no longer stand, then someone pulled up a rock for him to sit on. When he could no longer hold up his arms, Aaron and Hur supported his arms for him.

We pray as a global community! In my formation as a member of a religious community I learned that the whole community is present in the ministry of each member, and in the prayer of each member. So, it has always been consoling to think that when I am not able to pray, *someone* in my community is praying and I am present in that prayer. When *someone* at Saint James is praying, we are all present, holding up their arms (or at least providing a rock for them to sit on!) We are all one body.

There is a word for the annoying prayer strategy of the widow who was seeking justice from the unjust judge in the Gospel today: “importunate!” (Definition: *persistent, especially to the point of annoyance or intrusion.*) There is another word that fits her well: “dogged!” We all know what dogs are like when they want something, don’t we? Maybe they don’t bite or howl, but who can eat a peaceful meal with those pitiful doggy eyes on us? Unblinking, for as long as it takes, until we finish eating or give them something. Dogs know how to pray!

So luckily, we now know there is more than one way to pray, and they are all good. I know that “lifting up my eyes to the mountains” is a valid way for me, the nature-lover, to pray.

I’m sure you have heard the story about the pastor who noticed an illiterate, elderly man staying in church for long hours. He asked the man what kind of prayers he liked to say, and the old man replied that when he prayed, “I jus’ look at him and he jus’ looks back at me.” Sounds like something any of us might be able to do!

*Blessings,
Sr. Michele*

~ Around Kansas City ~

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~ We Hold in Prayer ~

~ Readings ~

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SIR 35:12-14, 16-18
2 TM 4:6-8, 16-18
LK 18:9-14

~ Stewardship ~

Week 10/03—10/09: \$3,576
Needed each week: \$4,308
Percent of Weekly Budget: 83%
Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$61,376
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$60,312
Percent of Budget to Date: 102%

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| • Ed Pailer | • Regina Cann |
| • Amie Miller | • Artice Cann |
| • Oscar Shelby | • Matthew Cann, Jr. |
| • Patricia Cann | • Sr. Theresa Maly |
| • Beverly Johnson | • Sr. Cele Breen |
| • Jermisha Cann | • Carmen Shelby |
| • Leonard Cann | • Steven Cann, Sr. |
| • Nancy Moylan | |
| • Bill Moylan | |

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
10/09, 28th Sunday in OT	148
Livestream Attendance	
10/09, 28th Sunday in OT	10