

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 30, 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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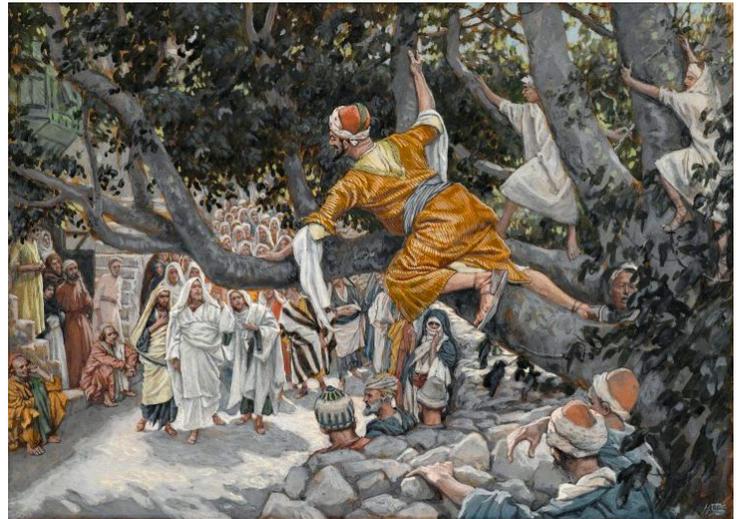
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"Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

~Luke 19:9

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~

• **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE & ALL SAINTS' DAY**

This Sunday we begin our remembrance of All Saints & All Souls, especially those who we knew and loved. You are invited to list their names in the Book of Remembrance at the front of church and to put mementos on the table there. This collection will be up until Thanksgiving weekend when we ask that you pick up your mementos.

We will have Mass for **All Saints' Day** here at St. James at 7pm on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

• **IMMIGRANT HOSPITALITY**

A big THANKS to those who filled out sheets indicating an interest in helping with this ministry. Those doing planning had a ZOOM call Friday with the coordinator of this ministry in Albuquerque. We learned much.

If you wish to fill out an interest form, there are some at the Front and South doors. THANK YOU!

• **TROOST39 THRIFT STORE**

The Thrift Store will be open after Mass next Sunday, November 6. Troost39 is also needing holiday volunteers. If interested, please contact Toni Pennisi Wurth.

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The 2022 Gardening Season is coming to an end. The remaining produce in the garden will slowly die off as it becomes colder and colder until all that's left is the hardy kale. Please continue to harvest the following produce as long as they last or as long as it is warm enough for you to pick:

South Garden

Bed 1: Swiss Chard

Bed 15: Lettuce

Bed 20: Collards

Bed 3 and 8: Arugula

Beds 8, 9, 16 & 17: Kale

East Garden

Turnips, and Turnip Greens

T39 Raised Beds

Swiss Chard and Kohlrabi

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 Joan DeMerchant

God regards offenders a lot more favorably than we do.

Today's reading from the Book of Wisdom is pretty startling. God has mercy on all, overlooks sins, loves and spares all things, loathes nothing, gives people a chance to abandon their ways.

That seems like a lot of people, presumably including those who have irritated/harassed us, lied to us, cheated us, accused us unjustly, hurt us in any way. And what about grifters, outrageous politicians, abusers, religious manipulators, untrustworthy influencers...even military invaders and murderers? I don't see any exceptions to God's love and mercy in this reading.

Then Paul reminds us that Jesus came to save what was lost, which is a pretty broad, generic statement. And today's gospel dramatically illustrates this in Jesus' loving gaze up into that sycamore tree to recognize the cheating little tax collector, Zacchaeus—even going home with him. He recognizes that Zacchaeus is more than his shady reputation.

This message of mercy is great news for all of us who have been offenders in multiple ways. But--there's usually a challenging question in the Good News and it's often: What does this require of us...of me? In this case, what's required of us regarding anyone considered offensive—or worse? Our legal system is clearly retributive, not restorative, designed to deliver what the perpetrator “deserves”—not what's needed to restore his/her humanity. Our national psyche is far more attuned to punishment/revenge than mercy. It would seem that there are unforgiveable people, unforgiveable actions, unforgiveable evil—AKA: not eligible for mercy.

The questions are hard to digest and harder to answer. So that leaves this for you and me: Who irritates, infuriates or has hurt us so much that we would never forgive them? Never even trust them if they asked for forgiveness, appeared to have changed or wanted to change? What criteria would push us from being totally judgmental into the human respect or mercy column?

Wisdom of a secular nature tells us that the first step is awareness—the ability to push through our pride and stubborn self-defenses to admit our biases. This is distasteful, especially when we're committed to standing up for what is true and good. In addition, all the loud voices we hear, in the media and in our heads, keep pointing out the negative in these others. It takes serious soul-searching to silence those voices. It takes dogged, painful openness to allow new insights to emerge. Who wants to do that?

Fortunately, mercifully, God's mercy toward us makes it possible for us to consider showing mercy to “undeserving” others. In fact, God's mercy calls us to exactly that.

Regarding the thorny question of whether there is such a thing as unforgiveable evil/people: Let's just start with where we are. That's challenging enough.

*Blessings,
Joan*

~ Around Kansas City ~



~ Readings ~

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 2 MC 7:1-2, 9-14
 2 THES 2:16-3:5
 LK 20:27-38 or LK 20:27, 34-38

~ Stewardship ~

Week 10/17—10/23: \$4,480
 Needed each week: \$4,308
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 104%
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$69,647
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$68,928
 Percent of Budget to Date: 101%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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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	
10/23, 30th Sunday in OT	120
Livestream Attendance	
10/23, 30th Sunday in OT	10