



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 20, 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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Christ and the Good Thief

Titian (1490–1576)

"Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal."

~Luke 23:40-41

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **THANKSGIVING 2022**

Happy Thanksgiving to all! The Parish Office will be CLOSED starting on Wednesday, November 23, at noon through Friday, November 25.

• **THANKSGIVING MASS AT ST. THERESE LITTLE FLOWER**

Please join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Therese Little Flower Church, 5814 Euclid Ave. KCMO, Thursday, November 24, 2022 at 10 am. We look forward to the fellowship of worshipping together and giving thanks for the blessings that God has given us.

• **TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE**

If you brought pictures or mementos for the Table of Remembrance in the front of church, please take them home after Mass this Sunday. The table will be taken down as we start Advent next week.

• **FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY**

This Sunday, November 20, you are invited to stay after Mass for Faith Formation Sunday Session in the Marian Hall. Jo and Ben Babaran will be our speakers.

• **GIVING TREE**

There are 22 names this year from Bishop Sullivan Center. We will also ask donations for heating oil for Anapra. The Giving Tree will be up the first week of Advent.

• **MIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS UPDATE**

Thank you to so many who have offered help with welcoming Buses from the Border. Our group, "KC WELCOME ALLIANCE" now has a venue for the Immigrants – Christ the King Independent Catholic Church, 700 W. Pennway – on the West Side. Sleeping, showers, etc., are available! We are uniting with various churches plus KC REFUGEES, a Muslim ministry, and others... for a TRULY COMMUNITY OUTREACH. A meeting of ALL who have offered help will be right after Thanksgiving. We'll keep you posted. In the meantime, if you have items to donate, they can be brought to St. James church or rectory. THANK YOU!

<p>Office of Child and Youth Protection</p> <p>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 <i>observe or suspect</i> sexual abuse:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <i>sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult</i> 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. <p>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.</p>	<p align="center">SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES</p> <p>1st Sunday - TROOST39 OPEN W/ HOSPITALITY</p> <p>2nd Sunday - HOSPITALITY & NAME TAG SUNDAY</p> <p>3rd Sunday - FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY</p> <p>4th Sunday - PANTRY SUNDAY</p> <p>5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY CELEBRATION</p>
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Reflection from Ben Babaran

Today's Gospel describes Jesus' kingship amidst the sneers and mockery of the Jews as "remembering." The unlikely king, Jesus, is recognized by an unlikely individual, the "other criminal." The criminal said, "Jesus, *remember* me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Amen, I say to you, today you will *be with me* in Paradise."

This was a very profound and powerful prayer from the criminal! In the last moments of his life, he recognized Jesus as a King! The man known as a thief saw Jesus' kingdom with the eyes of his heart and wanted to be part of it. He stole heaven in his last breath! He didn't ask for much... He simply asked to be remembered. It was an act of belonging. While Jesus' response: "Amen, I say to you, today you will *be with me* in Paradise" speaks of inclusion.

I look at the cross as the sign of unconditional, sacrificial love, forgiveness and unity. Jesus, our King, hangs from a wooden cross, wears a crown of thorns and his body shows the marks of his torture and of the passion. This is the King we follow... and this King invites us with open arms to embrace him and in embracing him, to embrace all creation with our minds and our hearts.

In our St. James mission statement, we commit as a community to building the reign of God for all people. Our today's solemnity is asking us to revisit this commitment. May we say to the criminal, the alienated, the disenfranchised, homeless and the marginalized: "Today, I am with you and you are with me!"

Let us ask the Lord to remember us as we remember Him until he comes again.

*Blessings,
Ben*

~ Around Kansas City ~



This year's Evergy Plaza Lighting Ceremony takes place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving, Nov. 24. Negro Leagues Baseball Museum President Bob Kendrick will flip the switch, followed by a fireworks display. Attendees can expect to enjoy performances by Quixotic and KC-based Celtic-rock band, The Elders. The evening's exact schedule includes the following:

- 5 to 6 p.m.: Pre-lighting performances and giveaways from the main stage
- 6 to 7 p.m.: 93rd Annual Evergy Plaza Lighting Ceremony
- 6:52 p.m.: Ceremonial flip of the switch featuring Negro Leagues Baseball Museum President Bob Kendrick
- 7 to 8 p.m.: Post-ceremony concert with The Elders

~ Readings ~

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
IS 2:1-5
ROM 13:11-14
MT 24:37-44

~ Stewardship ~

Week 11/07—11/13: \$3,489
 Needed each week: \$4,308
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 81%
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$80,435
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$81,852
 Percent of Budget to Date: 98%

~ 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	
11/13, 33rd Sunday in OT	122
Livestream Attendance	
11/13, 33rd Sunday in OT	10