



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 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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**an hour you do not expect**

**"Therefore, stay awake!"**

**~Matthew 24:42**

**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays**

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

We will have a Penance Service for Advent on Tuesday, Dec. 6th, at 7pm here at St. James. Several priests will be available for individual confessions then.

- **TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE**

If you brought pictures or remembrances for our Table of Remembrance, they are on the bench in the side niche in the front of church. Please pick them up.

- **PANTRY SUNDAY**

This Sunday is Pantry Sunday. Bishop Sullivan Center needs these items: toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hand soap, cereal, crackers and toilet paper.

- **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.



The liturgical year begins with Advent which always contains four Sundays. A common devotional for this season of preparation is the Advent Wreath that includes four candles. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays of Advent. Christmas decorations which appear in the church during Advent are in preparation for the coming of the Christ child.

The church year actually begins with the First Sunday of Advent. The stole and chasuble of the priest is violet or a shade of purple. Advent is seen as a time for preparation, anticipation and hope. "Prepare ye, the way of the Lord." Surprisingly, on the third Sunday of Advent, the church celebrates the half way mark and so suggests pink or rose as the color of the day. Like children, we get excited when we are half way there and pink symbolizes that joy with a color that holds onto the purple but promises the white of Christmas!

### 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](mailto: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 Denise Simeone*

*Two men will be working in the field, one will be taken, one will be left.  
Three women will be grinding flour, one will be taken, one will be left.*

These are the images of the First Sunday of Advent in the year 2022. The last time we heard these Cycle A readings featuring the Gospel of Matthew was December 2019 just as Advent began.

Little did we know when we listened to this reading three years ago on December 1, 2019, what was ahead of us. Just a few months into the calendar year of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic erupted not only in our community but worldwide and changed peoples' lives with a power that none of us could have imagined. What might we have done differently if we had known then what was ahead? Would we have listened to these Advent readings with a more diligent ear if we had even an inkling of the disruption, difficulty, pain, suffering, and death that was ahead? Will we listen now not knowing what is ahead but knowing that prophets and messengers speak with God's voice?

Advent calls us to still ourselves enough that we can pay attention. Paul tells us: "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." And again Paul says: "You know the time; it is the hour for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

"Therefore, stay awake!" Jesus tells disciples.

Over and over the messengers of God will remind us:

Wake up! Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight the path! The night is advanced, the day is at hand. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Be prepared! Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomes to you.

The prophets of Advent will speak powerful images to us:

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain, all the nations shall stream toward it. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest. The baby shall play by the cobra's den. The desert and the parched land will exult; they will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song.

Once again God is offering us the words of life. The signs of what this kind of living offers are abundant: Blind will see, deaf will hear, lame will leap, captives will be free, strangers will be protected, the hungry will be fed, the oppressed will have justice. We have much work ahead in order to make the paths for all God's people straight and open and wide!

Yet we have nothing to fear and we have been promised much. Remember Joseph, whose annunciation story is told on the last Sunday of Advent, listened, trusted and acted. We too, recognize that the Spirit of God is upon us and gives us all that we need to proclaim: "God is with us!"

*Blessings,  
Denise*

~ Around Kansas City ~



Saturday, November 26, 2022 is Small Business Saturday. It is a marketing initiative created to encourage holiday shopping on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in the United States, during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year.

~ Readings ~

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IS 11:1-10

ROM 15:4-9

MT 3:1-12

~ Stewardship ~

Week 11/14—11/20: \$3,662

Needed each week: \$4,308

Percent of Weekly Budget: 85%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$84,097

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$86,160

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	
11/20, Christ, the King	118

Livestream Attendance	
11/20, Christ, the King	10