



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 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.

Mass Schedule

Sunday **10:00 am**

Confessions

By appointment only

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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.



Saint John the Baptist in Prison
Giovanni di Paolo (1403–1482)

"Go and tell John
what you hear and see..."

~Matthew 11:4

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

This Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of the month of December. St. James will celebrate Hospitality Sunday right after Mass. Stick around, get a drink, a pastry, and engage. Thank you to Circles of 8 members for hosting our Hospitality Sundays.

- **TROOST39 THRIFT STORE OPEN HOUSE**

The Thrift Store will be open after Mass next Sunday, December 18. Troost39 is still needing volunteers. If interested, please contact Toni Pennisi Wurth.

- **GIVING TREE**

All Giving Tree donations have to be in by this Sunday, December 11.

- **CHURCH ENVIRONMENT**

After Mass next Sunday, we will decorate the church for Christmas. Please stay if you can so we can get the crib set up, the windows decorated, the altar cloths changed and the trees placed behind the altar. The poinsettias will arrive later in the week. .

- **HOLIDAY MINISTERS SIGN-UP SHEETS**

There are sign-up sheets in the back of church for the Masses on Christmas Eve and January 1st . If you are going to be at any of these Masses, please sign up for the different ministries (server, lector, intention book, gift procession or eucharistic minister).

- **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

December 24, 4:00 PM - Children's Christmas Mass

December 24, 9:00 PM - Christmas Vigil Mass

December 25 - NO Christmas Day Mass at St. James

December 25, 10:00 AM - Christmas Day Mass at St. Therese Little Flower

January 1, 10:00 AM - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God at St. James

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 Ben Babaran

“On this third Sunday of Advent, known as the Sunday “of joy”, the Word of God invites us on the one hand to joy, and on the other hand to the awareness that existence also includes moments of doubt, in which it is difficult to believe. Joy and doubt are both experiences that are part of our lives.” – Pope Francis

Our text from Isaiah drips with joy. “The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song.” (Isaiah 35:1-2) In a desert environment, images of flowing water and lush greenery are signs of good fortune, of blessing and prosperity, and, of course, of joy. But joy is meant to be shared. “Strengthen the hands that are feeble,” is a statement designed to help us be with others. It is not “strengthen your own weak hands,” but strengthen the hands of others. Notice, too, that the healing comes from the sharing of the joy. Wholeness comes from the invitation, the reaching out, the welcoming, and the inclusion.

However, the Gospel text does not seem to be dripping with joy. John the Baptist who was in prison had this moment of doubt sending his disciples to ask Jesus this question: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" But, Jesus dispelled the doubt by replying to John the Baptist's messengers: "Go and tell John what you hear and see - “The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up.” These facts are the reason for celebrating Gaudete Sunday. The Lord is near! Not only is the Lord near, He is with us here and now!

While Jesus heals our lesions, binds our wounds and gives us new life, there is another reason to be joyful these days at St. James as our church gets “re-furbished”.

Happy Gaudete Sunday! May we proclaim the joy of the presence of God.

*Blessings,
Ben*

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS UPDATE

KC Welcome Alliance (KCWA) is an interfaith organization welcoming refugees and asylum seekers from our southern border as they get ready to move on from KC to their sponsors' homes throughout the US. The bus is arriving around **5:30 am on Tuesday, December 13**. Our guests are in the US legally and are mostly from Central American countries. KCWA needs volunteers to help welcome our guests. They need help getting situated while they work to connect with their sponsors and get ready to travel to the homes of their sponsors. Spanish speakers are greatly needed. If you would like to volunteer, donate, or get more information, please go to KCWA's website: KCWelcomeAlliance.org

~ Readings ~

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

~ Stewardship ~

Week 11/28—12/04: \$4,536

Needed each week: \$4,308

Percent of Weekly Budget: 105%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$92,270

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$94,776

Percent of Budget to Date: 97%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

12/04, Second Sunday of Advent 121

Livestream Attendance

12/04, Second Sunday of Advent 8