



NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 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.



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Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:00 am

Confessions

By appointment only

Parish Office (816) 561-8512

Office Hours: 9:00 --3:00, Monday-Friday

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, December 28

"And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us."

~John 1:14

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

Friday, December 23 - Parish Office is now CLOSED.
 Monday, December 26 - Parish Office is CLOSED.
 Friday, December 30 - Parish Office closes at NOON.
 Monday, January 2 - Parish Office is CLOSED.

• **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

December 24, 4:00 PM - Children’s Christmas Mass (**LIVESTREAMED MASS**)
 December 24, 9:00 PM - Christmas Vigil Mass (**CANCELED**)
 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

• **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Bishop Sullivan Center is now closed through January 2. So, for December Pantry Sunday, here are the choices:

- ◆ Monetary donations to Bishop Sullivan Center
- ◆ Children’s books (new or gently used) for a school in the Philippines

Collection of these donations will be at the 4PM Children’s Christmas Mass. Baskets will be in the back of the church.

• **KANSAS CITY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The neighborhood from 67th to 71st between Ward Parkway and Wornall Road has houses decorated with lights. The blocks have contests for decorating thus producing beautiful effects.

After Mass on Saturday evening, drive through the Valentine neighborhood (about 31st to 39th between Southwest Traffic way and State Line). They line the streets with luminaries for Christmas Eve reminding us of the journey of the Holy Family looking for a place to stay.

<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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Christmas message from Fr. Don Farnan

On Christmas Eve, a young boy with light in his eyes looked deep into Santa's, to Santa's surprise, and said as he sat on Santa's broad knee, "I want your secret. Tell it to me." He leaned up and whispered in Santa's good ear, "How do you do it, year after year? I want to know how, as you travel about, giving gifts here and there, you never run out. How is it, dear, Santa, that in your pack of toys you have plenty for all the world's girls and boys? From rooftop to rooftop, to homes large and small, from nation to nation, reaching them all?" And Santa smiled kindly and said to the boy, "Don't ask me hard questions. Don't you want a toy?" But the child shook his head and Santa could see that he needed the answer. "Now listen to me." He told that young boy with light in his eyes, "My secret will make you sadder and wise. The truth is that my sack is magic. Inside it holds millions of toys for my Christmas Eve ride. But although I do visit each girl and boy, I don't always leave them a gaily wrapped toy. Some homes are desperate, and some homes are bad. Some homes have suffering and sorrow—it's sad. Some homes are broken, and the children there grieve. Those homes I visit, but what should I leave? My sleigh is filled with the happiest stuff, but for homes where despair lives, toys aren't enough. So, I tiptoe in, kiss each girl and boy and pray with them that they'll be given the joy of the Spirit of Christmas, the spirit that lives in the hearts of the dear child who gets not but gives.

If only God hears me and answers my prayer when I visit next year, what I will find there are homes filled with peace and giving and love and boys and girls gifted with light from above. It's a very hard task, my smart little brother, to give toys to some, and to give prayers to others. But the prayers are the best gifts, the best ones, indeed; for God has a way of meeting each need. That's part of the answer. The rest, my dear youth, is that my sack is magic, and that is the truth! In my sack I carry on Christmas Eve day more love than a Santa could ever give away. The sack never empties of love or the joys 'cuz inside it are prayers and hopes, not just toys. The more that I give, the fuller it seems because giving is my way of fulfilling our dreams. And do you know something? You've got a sack, too. It's as magic as mine, and it's inside of you. It never gets empty; it's full from the start. It's the center of light and love. It's your heart! And if, on this Christmas, you want to help me, don't be so concerned with the gifts 'neath your tree. Open the sack called your heart, and share your joy, your friendship, your wealth, your care." The light in the small boy's eyes was glowing. "Thanks for your secret. I've got to be going." "Wait, little boy," said Santa, "don't go! Will you share? Will you help? Will you use what you know?" And just for a moment that small boy stood still, touched his heart with his small hand and whispered: "I will!"

*Blessings,
Fr. Don*

~ Christmas 2022 ~



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*May God bless you and your family
this very special season.
Merry Christmas!*

- with love from all of us.

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Beaurina Olter, Bookkeeper/Secretary

~ Readings ~

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

~ Stewardship ~

Week 12/12—12/18: \$3,842
Needed each week: \$4,308
Percent of Weekly Budget: 89%
Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$99,969
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$103,392
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 Rechtin |
| • Bill Moylan | • JoAnne Somerville |
| • Regina Cann | |

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
12/18, Fourth Sunday of Advent	150
Livestream Attendance	
12/18, Fourth Sunday of Advent	12