



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2023

# 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.



**Saint John the Baptist Pointing Out Christ as the Lamb of God)**  
Master of the Saint John Altarpiece, circa 1510

## Mass Schedule

Sunday **10:00 am**

## Confessions

By appointment only

## Parish Office

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**Bulletin Deadline:**  
**Mondays**

"On whomever you see the Spirit  
come down and remain, he is  
the one who will baptize  
with the Holy Spirit."

~John 1:33

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~

• **FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY**

We have the next three months scheduled:

January 15th: Topic - NO SESSION - Instead, we are asking able-bodied parishioners to help take down the Christmas decorations after Mass this Sunday.

February 19th: Topic — LGBTQ and Christianity with Rev. Donna Simon

March 12th: Topic — PRAYER Session with Fr. Don Farnan

All sessions are in Marian Hall immediately after Mass.

• **JUSTICE FOR RAHEEM TAYLOR**

MADP has an upcoming execution of an innocent man Leonard "Raheem" Taylor - scheduled for execution on Feb. 7, 2023. To get involved in the clemency campaign of Raheem click on this link and sign the petition. Justice for Raheem ([salsalabs.org](http://salsalabs.org)).

• **A NUKE FREE WORLD**

A light meal and round-table talk, Friday, January 20, 6-8 pm at Cherith Brook, 3226 E. 12th St., KCMO. We are celebrating the 2nd anniversary of the world's first treaty TOTALLY BANNING nuclear weapons and trying to correct the great harm that nuclear weapons production and testing has done to people and Mother Earth. Please join us, and bring your vision of a nuclear-weapon-free world. Questions? contact Mary Hladky 937-926-0589.



<p><b>Office of Child and Youth Protection</b></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"> <li>1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and</li> <li>2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and</li> <li>3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected <i>sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult</i> to the <b>Independent Ombudsman, Joe Crayon</b>, at 816-812-2500, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.</li> </ol> <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 <b>Victim Assistance Coordinator</b> at 816.392.0011 or <a href="mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org">true.francis@diocesekcsj.org</a> for more information.</p>	<p align="center"><b>SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES</b></p> <p>1st Sunday - TROOST39 OPEN W/ HOSPITALITY</p> <p>2nd Sunday - HOSPITALITY &amp; 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*

When Damar Hamlin had a cardiac arrest last Monday, January 2, around 8PM Central Time, 5 minutes and 58 seconds into the Monday Night Game between the Bills and the Bengals, I witnessed something that I saw in 2001 during 9/11 – people prayed, were sympathetic, kind, and generous. All of America was ONE and pulling for Damar just like 21 years ago. It was the America that Martin Luther King Jr. was looking for. It was his vision. It was in his heart and in his dreams. As we celebrate him this week, can we see this unity, compassion, kindness, generosity, and togetherness continue?

In Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God saying "Look!". John and our Sunday liturgy are asking us to pause, gaze, and contemplate because Jesus is coming towards us in the Gospels, in the Creed, in the Consecration, in Communion, and in the people we meet each day.

John further testified "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him." What does it mean to see the Spirit come down on someone and remain? One example is when a person has to explain himself or herself and is frightened and feels totally incapable—yet in the explaining of oneself, sometimes we see the person take heart (receive the Spirit) and begin to speak with confidence. There are lots of ways in which the Spirit can come down on a person, a community or a nation. I believe that the Hamlin incident was an example when the Spirit came down upon us. It made us all stop and appreciate life, appreciate love. It also showed human potential and how we can, at times, set aside what scares us, and put our hearts into something that moves us.

I pray that this Spirit remains and change us. May we not forget this moment and how so many people, with so many differences, from all parts of the country, with different political affiliations and religious beliefs, came together.

*Peace,  
Ben*

~ Around Kansas City ~

## St. Therese Little Flower Parish

### "Called to Serve Others—Sharing a Little Hope"

January 16, 2023 - Prayer Service at 10:00 am

Followed by

### Spreading Hope with Care Bags

- All are invited and if you aren't able to make your own "care bags", then bring some of the items suggested and we will prepare bags for distribution after the prayer service in our church hall.
- We will walk forward with the prepared bags as our gifts during the liturgy. (Just bring 10-20 bags with you. The other bags can be shared with your volunteers to distribute after the service.)
- The "care bags" will be distributed throughout the city by parishioners from the participating churches. The idea is to spread them as far as possible. Some, in need will be on street corners, some in camps, others under bridges, from downtown KC, north and south, to the east and west as far as we can reach.

#### Suggested items:

- ◆ Protein (Vienna sausage, tuna, chicken, etc.)
- ◆ Vegetables (corn, beans, etc.)
- ◆ Fruit (peaches, pears, applesauce, etc.)
- ◆ Peanut butter and crackers
- ◆ Snack crackers (peanut butter, cheese, etc.)
- ◆ Raisins (individual 1 oz. packs)
- ◆ Other non-perishable food items
- ◆ Small packs of sanitizer wipes, spray or gel
- ◆ Mylar blankets
- ◆ Hand/foot blankets
- ◆ Bottled water
- ◆ Other food items
- ◆ Hygiene items (individual wrapped soap, etc.)

### ~ We Hold in Prayer ~

#### ~ Readings ~

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IS 8:23—9:3

1 COR 1:10-13, 17

MT 4:12-23 OR 4:12-17

#### ~ Stewardship ~

Week 01/02—01/08: \$3,576

Needed each week: \$4,308

Percent of Weekly Budget: 83%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$112,430

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$116,316

Percent of Budget to Date: 97%

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

### ~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

01/08, Epiphany of the Lord 149

Livestream Attendance

01/08, Epiphany of the Lord 12