



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 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.

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:00 am

Confessions

By appointment only

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Christ Calling the First Disciples

Freestanding sculpture in the church of Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria, San Pedro Bautista, Candelaria, Philippines

“Come after me, and I will make you
fishers of men.”

~Matthew 4:19

**Bulletin Deadline:
Mondays**

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **THANK YOU!**

A big "Thank You!" goes to all those who stayed and helped take down the Christmas decorations and put them away last Sunday.

- **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER GREETERS**

The Parish Growth Committee is looking for volunteers who will greet people as they arrive for Sunday Mass, help them find their name tags, and if not a member, welcome them to St James, ask if they have been to St James previously, have any questions, are interested in joining our parish, etc. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please see one of the greeters before Mass or email or call/ text: Denise Simeone (denisesimeone@hotmail.com OR 816-686-3612).

- **GIRL SCOUT COOKIES**

Jaylynn Coffman will be in the back of the church to sell Girl Scout cookies this Sunday.



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

I recall six years ago, around this time, my seminary classmates and I had the surprise of a lifetime. On January 10, 2017, the Batch of 1983 from the Central Seminary of the Pontifical University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines was the happiest group of men because one of us was elevated to the fullness of the priesthood being ordained Bishop of Baguio. Our dear brother, Victor B. Bendico, by way of his episcopal ordination became one of the successors of the apostles.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus chooses two sets of brothers to be his first apostles: Peter and his brother Andrew; James and his brother John. The two sets of brothers were fishermen when Jesus chose them to be fishers of men. These men must have had the biggest surprise of their lives. How can fishermen now catch men rather than fish?

In a similar manner, my classmate Bishop Victor kept on saying that day: "I am very surprised!" How could he not be surprised? He came from a region in the southern Philippines while being named bishop of a diocese in the northern Philippines. He definitely needed to learn a new language to be effective in his ministry of shepherding the faithful of the Diocese of Baguio. Thus, he promised in his acceptance speech, just before his episcopal ordination, that he would learn the language of the people of Baguio. Unfortunately, I, his classmate from the northern Philippines and who speaks the language, now reside in the US of A.

Bishop Carlito Cenzon, the bishop emeritus of Baguio and the homilist at the ordination, emphasized to the new bishop – "You did not choose me, I chose you!" (John 15:16) We may have plans and expectations, but God has plans for us! He is in control! So much so that when our plans do not concur with God's plan for us, we are greatly surprised. Our God is full of surprises!

God gave me a personal surprise during the episcopal ordination. Before Jo and I left the States that year, I asked then Bishop-elect Bendico how can Jo and I be inside the cathedral to witness the ordination? This was my biggest concern because he mentioned that there will be 300+ priests and 40+ bishops who would concelebrate in a cathedral that seats only 800. He assured me of two personal invitations for me and Jo. However, when the time came to enter the cathedral, Jo and I experienced what baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph experienced looking for an inn. We hopped from one door to the other without success because either we are not clergy or civil officials of the city. Finally, we were able to enter through the front door and ushered to the "Bishop's Family" section. Fifteen minutes before the entrance procession, the Master of Ceremonies came to our section to look for the family member who would read the first reading. All of Bishop Bendico's relatives declined to do the reading while a couple of them pointed at me since I was his classmate. Thus, God's surprise – I was given the honor to be a lector for my classmate's ordination! So, I joined the entrance procession to the amazement of my classmate-priests who were already in the pews as they were not part of the procession!

May God surprise you each day and may you share the surprise to others.

*Peace,
Ben*

~ Around Kansas City ~



HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!

Lunar New Year is the beginning of a lunar calendar or lunisolar calendar year, whose months are moon cycles. The event as a celebration is observed by numerous cultures

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- 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.
- John Cole
- Jermonica Cann
- Ta’Juan Cann
- Punch Puggle
- Daniel Cann

~ Stewardship ~

Week 01/09—01/15: \$4,018
 Needed each week: \$4,308
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 93%
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$116,448
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$120,624
 Percent of Budget to Date: 97%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 01/15, 2nd Sunday in OT 146
 Livestream Attendance
 01/15, 2nd Sunday in OT 8

~ Readings ~

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
 1 Cor 1:26-31
 Mt 5:1-12a