



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 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

## Parish Office

**(816) 561-8512**

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

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## Parish Staff

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## Parish Leadership Team

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**Sermon on the Mount**

Jan Brueghel (1568-1625)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

~Matthew 5:3

**Bulletin Deadline:  
Mondays**

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~

● **FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

This Sunday, January 29, is the fifth Sunday of the month. You are invited to join us in the Marian Hall right after Mass for lunch. It is our opportunity to gather together as a family and to know more of each other.

● **CHILI DAZE FUNDRAISING**

Thank you to all who came to cheer the Chiefs and have fun with Chili Daze!

RAFFLE WINNERS:

- Diane Bach
- Sr. Carole Eschen

CHILI CONTEST WINNERS

- Lisa Bongers
- Sarah Hirsch
- Sandy McGuire

JIMBO - Everybody won!!!

● **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).

● **TROOST39 THRIFT STORE**

Troost39 Thrift Store will be open after Mass next Sunday, February 5.

● **UPON THIS ROCK**

Reminder: You can also access Fr. Don Farnan's "Upon This Rock" blog in the St. James website. Here is the link: <https://stjkc.org/fr-don-blog>

<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 true.francis@diocesekcsj.org 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 Fr. Don Farnan

This Sunday and for several weeks until Lent, we are presented with Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount*. It starts with *The Beatitudes*. They offer us an attitude for being blessed or happy in God's kingdom. The Greek word "*Makarios*," which is used here, is different from the gleeful, light-hearted notions we usually have when we think of being blessed or happy. *Makarios* has more to do with being wholesome, holy, or spiritually healthy; it has to do with extending or enlarging. Therefore, the comfort, mercy, and identity as God's children of which Jesus speaks gets expanded in abundance to His blessed ones. As we hear, again, Christ's most famous sermon, let it inspire us to carry the same attitude into our encounters.

This attitude of being holy, happy, healthy, and whole in Christ should offer us incentive as servant-leaders in our parishes. I see it in the Saint James Growth Committee and in activities around Saint Therese Little Flower. Both communities are finding ways to build up God's kingdom, both parochially and within our diocese, interiorly through personal growth and in exterior ways that benefit society. The notion of growth is key in the images Jesus used to teach: He spoke about a mustard seed, about a farmer sowing seeds, and about seeds of faith. This seedbed can help us to understand our purpose in carrying forth the Gospel mission.

Some of the growth (expansion, extension, enlargement) is simply what diocesan leaders reminded us through the planning process of recent years. Our faith-communities need to be self-sustaining: to grow in membership census, enrollment for programs, attendance at Masses, reception of sacraments, etc. While growing our numbers, we also need to grow the important impact that urban parishes provide others, e.g., leadership in addressing tough topics like racism, immigration, poverty, sexism, homelessness, and other societal injustices. We are also challenged to increase in personal spirituality, i.e., our relationship with God and one another by directing the fire of God's love within us to reach out in service of others, or by translating faith into action that creates hope for less fortunate brothers and sisters of ours.

All these things flow from the Sermon on the Mount where we are commissioned to be salt of the earth and light for our world. Let's listen again and be inspired to live a little differently because of the wisdom it brings us.

*Peace,  
Fr. Don*

~ Around Kansas City ~



We cannot go to school, church, shopping, dining, concerts, parades without the threat of gun violence destroying our lives, families and communities forever. This is our America today. We must reclaim our right to life and liberty. Ban assault weapons now and make America safe again.

Go to this link to sign the petition:

<https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/ban-assault-weapons-now-6>

~ 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 Tuggle
- Daniel Cann

~ Stewardship ~

Week 01/16—01/22: \$3,360  
 Needed each week: \$4,308  
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 78%  
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$119,808  
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$124,932  
 Percent of Budget to Date: 96%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance  
 01/22, 3rd Sunday in OT 136  
 Livestream Attendance  
 01/22, 3rd Sunday in OT 16

~ Readings ~

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 Is 58:7-10  
 1 Cor 2:1-5  
 Mt 5:13-16