

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023

St. James Catholic Church

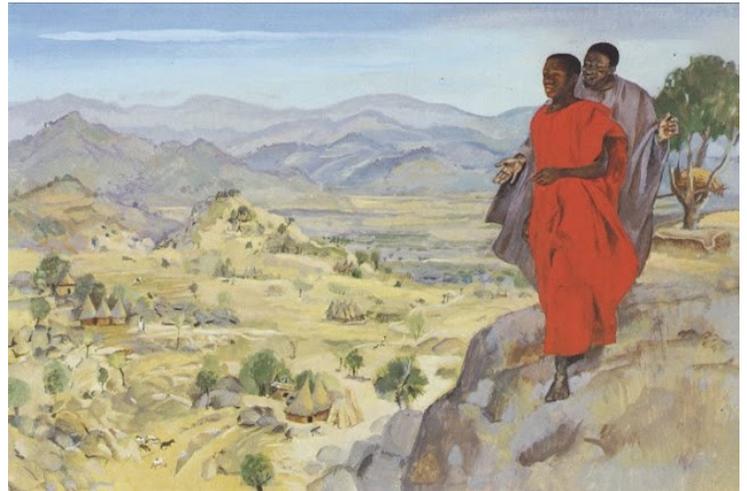
3909 Harrison * Kansas City, Missouri 64110

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.



Jesus is Tempted

Jesus MAFA Project

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:00 am

Confessions

By appointment only

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

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**Bulletin Deadline:
Mondays**

"All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this time, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!"

~Matthew 4:9-10

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **BUS STOP MINISTRY**

This February, Bus Stop Ministry celebrates its 16th anniversary. We continue welcoming bus riders and our neighbors to the corner. With your support, donations and especially your prayers, we are able to greet people at the bus stop and beyond. Thank you!

• **TROOST39 THRIFT STORE**

Troost39 Thrift Store will be open next Sunday right after Mass.

• **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Next Friday at NOON, we will pray the Stations of the Cross in memory of parishioner, Pat Behrens.

• **HOPE FAITH**

A guest of Hope Faith, Jesse Eckes, unfortunately, lost his life from a senseless and reckless incident that also killed a KCPD officer and his K9. We are deeply saddened by the loss of Jesse, a man who had so much light to give to anyone who needed it. We are praying for his friends and family.

On March 3rd at 10am, Hope Faith will be hosting his memorial service.

His family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hope Faith. You can donate by going to www.hopefaith.org/donate

• **CROWN OF THORNS**

The Crown of Thorns in church is part of our Lenten decor. The base of the crown consists of grapevines reflecting Jesus as the vine and we as the branches. The locust branches with their large thorns remind us of Jesus' suffering. The barbed wire encircling the crown represents the exclusion of many members of Christ's Body. May we accept the Lenten challenge of Christ.

<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 - FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY</p> <p>3rd Sunday - HOSPITALITY SUNDAY</p> <p>4th Sunday - PANTRY SUNDAY</p> <p>5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY CELEBRATION</p>
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Reflection from Bro. Louis Rodemann

Ever since the early Christian communities structured their gatherings, the first Sunday of Lent has one of the narrations of Jesus' temptation in the desert. The desert experience followed Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan when the Spirit of God descended in the form of a dove and a voice said: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert.

The first reading from Genesis tells of Adam and Eve in the garden being tempted by the serpent to disobey God's directive, promising them power to be like God.

The Gospel is the story from Matthew of Jesus being tempted by the devil in the desert. Each of the temptations begin with "If you are the Son of God..." then take power. Jesus answers the devil's temptations with Scripture quotes from the book of Deuteronomy.

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans contrasts the effects of the two temptations: Adam and Eve's disobedience to God in order to attain power, whereby we are all made sinners; Jesus' obedience to God in refusing power, whereby we are all made righteous. (Recall that during the Easter Vigil in singing the Exultet, the unusual phrases, "O happy fault! O necessary sin of Adam!")

Psalm 51 is a heart-felt admission and supplication to God: we are sinners; renew in us a clean heart and steadfast Spirit, and through that Spirit bring us back into salvation in God. We are constantly reminded of God's unconditional love and assured of God's abundant mercy, compassion and forgiveness.

Because we are human, we are all in relationships of power (parent, teacher, director, manager, minister, counselor, etc.). Any power is legitimate and meaningful only if it becomes a means of service, exercised for the common good. As a practice during this Lenten season, might I review the situations in my life where I am in a position of power? How do I behave in this role? Am I mindful to make it a positive relationship? Am I acting for the benefit of others, and for the common good of all?

Discipleship is the topic of Lent. To enter fully into these 40 days, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Vigil, is to take up our cross, individually and communally, and follow Jesus. How am I specifically living out my discipleship in this time of my life? What are the crosses I have to bear? How can I live more faithfully, carry my cross more honestly? During this Lenten season, how can Jesus' message and example become more real and effective in my life? And how can we as St James community live as disciples of Jesus and carry our communal cross more freely?

*Peace,
Bro. Louis*

~ Around Kansas City ~



The Air Up There
Nick Cave (Photo courtesy of Build KCI)



Fountain
Leo Villareal (Photo courtesy of Build KCI)



Cloud Gazing
SOFTlab/Michael Szivos (Photo via Build KCI)

Here are three pieces of art and sculpture in the NEW Kansas City Airport Terminal which will open on February 28.

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Punch Tuggle |
| • Amie Miller | • Carmen Shelby |
| • Oscar Shelby | • TaJuan Cann |
| • Beverly Johnson | • Jermonica Cann |
| • Leonard Cann | • Germont Cann |
| • Nancy Moylan | • Patricia Cann |
| • Bill Moylan | • Steven Cann, Sr. |
| • Artice Cann | • Mark Cann |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | • Dwayne Cann |
| • Mae Ransom | • Regina Cann |
| • Ross Beaudoin | • Daniel Cann |
| • John Cole | |

~ Stewardship ~

Week 02/13—02/19: \$3,748
 Needed each week: \$4,308
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 87%
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$135,040
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$142,164
 Percent of Budget to Date: 95%

~ Readings ~

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 GN 12:1-4A
 2 TM 1:8B-10
 MT 17:1-9

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
02/19, 7th Sunday in OT	130
Livestream Attendance	
02/19, 7th Sunday in OT	14