



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 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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The Sermon on the Mount

Jan Brueghel the Elder (1568–1625)

“So be perfect, just as your heavenly
Father is perfect.”

~Matthew 5:48

**Bulletin Deadline:
Mondays**

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• LENTEN SCHEDULE

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. There will be a Communion Service with distribution of ashes at noon at St. James. The Mass with the distribution of ashes will be at 7pm.

The parish Penance Service will be on Wednesday, March 15th, at 6:30pm.

• PAINTINGS

Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi was born to non-Christian parents in September 1903 at Aguleri, Anambra State Nigeria and named Iwene. He was sent to live with his Christian uncle at the age of seven who sent him to school. He was baptized at the age of 10 by Irish missionaries and named Michael. He was a diligent student, had a precocious personality and deeply pious. He worked as a catechist, schoolteacher and headmaster in Aguleri.

In 1925, against the wishes of his family, he entered St. Paul's Seminary Igbariam. He was ordained a priest at Holy Trinity Cathedral Onitsha on 19 December 1937.

Tansi worked tirelessly as a Priest in the parishes of Nnewi, Dunukofia, Akpu, Ajali, Aguleri before discerning his vocation to be a Cistercian monk.

He lived his Priestly ministry and vocation at the Catholic Archdiocese of Onitsha for 13 years. In 1950, he joined the Monastery of Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicester, England and took the name Cyprian at his profession. He lived his monastic vocation at the abbey for 14 years and had plans to start a Cistercian Monastery in Nigeria.

Father Tansi said: "If you are going to be a Christian at all, you might as well live entirely for God". The following are other quotes from Blessed Tansi:

- "Count no one saved, until he is found in heaven."
- "Do not be imitating the whites in everything, strive hard to gain the Kingdom of God. The whites are already in heaven in this world, but you are suffering every want."
- "God will give you double for what you give Him."

He died on 20th January 1964 and was beatified on 22nd March 1998 at Oba near Onitsha by Pope Saint John Paul 11 in Nigeria.

*More on Bl. Tansi - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyprian_Michael_Iwene_Tansi

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 Deacon Candidate Andre Fontcha

When we read the Bible, we discover a God who has seen the misery of his people and wants to save them. He constantly takes the first step towards us. In today's readings, he shows us the answer he expects of us: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." We are all called to holiness. This means that we must cast off all thoughts of pride and hatred. In God, there is no place for revenge or rancor. Our God is love. This is what we are all called to. We can clearly see that we are far from the mark. We find it difficult to make peace with the one who hurt us. Yet, the Lord is there to lift us up and help us move forward. Pope Francis tells us that God never tires of forgiving us.

In the second reading, Saint Paul addresses Christians who had not understood. If we look closely, we find that his letter is very controversial: there were many divisions in the Corinthian community. It is to answer these problems that he writes them this letter. He reminds them and us today that we are "the temple of God". And since God is love, we can say that we are the "temple of love". If we are inhabited by this presence of God, it changes everything in our life. This is how we will be recognized as disciples of Christ. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus reminding the disciples: "You have heard that it was said: An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth..." God wanted to teach his people to limit revenge: a single tooth and not the whole jaw. We live in a world that suffers from escalating violence and hatred. How can we love those who persecute us and make us suffer?

Jesus invites us to go a step further. If we really want to resemble our Heavenly Father, we must forbid ourselves any riposte, any revenge and any hatred. We have to allow God to transform us by his love.

This Gospel joins us in a difficult world: to love our enemies, to pray for those who persecute us, this is what is asked of us; it is on this path that Christ has embarked; there are many who followed him to the end: they forgave, they prayed for those who persecuted them; they have been artisans of peace and reconciliation. On this day, we take the time for prayer to draw from the source of Him who is Love.

The Eucharist shows us all about Christ's love for us. May it help us remain in His love and live it every day.

*Peace,
Andre*

~ Around Kansas City ~



Link: <https://ifamilykc.com/blog/guide/kansas-city-fish-fry-places/>



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent which continues until Holy Thursday. Lent is a time of penance observed with fasting and abstinence.

Persons 14 years of age or older abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash

Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Persons between the age of 18 and 59 (beginning of 60th year) fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- Oscar Shelby
- Beverly Johnson
- Leonard Cann
- Nancy Moylan
- Bill Moylan
- Artice Cann
- Matthew Cann, Jr.
- Mae Ransom
- Ross Beaudoin
- John Cole
- Punch Tuggle

~ Readings ~

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 ROM 5:12-19 OR 5:12, 17-19
 MT 4:1-11

~ Stewardship ~

Week 02/06—02/12: \$3,834
 Needed each week: \$4,308
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 89%
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$131,292
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$137,856
 Percent of Budget to Date: 95%

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 02/12, 6th Sunday in OT 128
 Livestream Attendance
 02/12, 6th Sunday in OT 11