



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 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.



Light for Others

Stained glass in St. Mary's Melton Mowbray
Great Britainca. 1900

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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Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

“Your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father.”

~Matthew 5:16

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

● **HARVESTERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

There are two February Harvesters volunteer opportunities this month.

The first is our regular volunteer day on Tuesday, February 7, from 6-8 pm. But we can also celebrate the Kansas City Chiefs trip to the Super Bowl by helping out at Harvesters annual Souper Bowl on Saturday, February 11 (the day before the game). Our shift is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Harvesters is located at 3801 Topping Ave. Volunteers must be 8 years old or older. All volunteers are required to wear closed-toed shoes, long pants, and masks. Consider bringing 1 canned or other non-perishable food item.

Please contact/text Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 if you plan to attend one or both of these events.

● **PAINTINGS**

Father John Augustine Tolton is the first black man ordained a Roman Catholic priest in the United States. Augustus was born to Catholic parents in 1854 in Ralls County, Missouri, a slave state during the Civil War. His father escaped into Illinois, a free state and joined the Union Army. He later died in battle.

Eight years later in 1862, Augustus and the rest of the family crossed the Mississippi River into Quincy, Illinois. The parishioners of the Catholic school in Quincy objected to having a black child in the predominantly white school. So, the pastor instructed Augustus at school and tutored him for entrance to the seminary.

Every seminary in the United States rejected Tolton’s entrance. With great faith and perseverance, he learned Italian and was admitted to the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome and was ordained priest in 1886.

His first assignment was to return to Quincy to serve the black community. Soon afterwards, Fr. Augustus was sent to Chicago where he developed the “national parish” of Black American Catholics, St. Monica’s Church, on Chicago’s South Side. In 1891, the church had over 600 parishioners. Fr. Augustus died in 1897 in Quincy. In 2019, Pope Francis granted him the title of “Venerable.” The next step in his canonization would be beatification, which would grant him the title of “Blessed.”

*Full biography - <https://tolton.archchicago.org> OR <https://toltoncatholic.org>

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| <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 - HOSPITALITY & 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. Garry Richmeier

In the gospel today, Jesus tells his followers "You are the light of the world." During the day, the sun shines and sheds its light on our world. At night, the moon shines and shares its light. But the moon's light is really the sun's light bouncing off it and coming to earth. The moon really has no light of its own. But as the sun's light bounces off it, the moon adds its own shades and hues to the light, making it its own. That's why we call it "moonlight" and not "sunlight bouncing off the moon."

Our sun is the source of light and life for us, just as God's love is the source of life for us. That idea has prompted some to suggest that we are called to be like the moon, reflecting God's light/love to others. Like the moon, our light (who we are) does not originate from us -- it comes from God, and is in fact, God's light/love in us. As we realize where the light comes from, and how it brings life, we reflect it on to others, adding our own shades, hues, and flavors to that light/love.

Sometimes we mistakenly assume we are the sun, that we are the center of the solar system, and that we are the source of everything. That egocentric illusion is the source of much pain and suffering in our world.

It is the light that unites the sun, the moon, and us into one system which maintains life. It is the light of God's love that unites God, me, and everyone else in the dance of life.

*Peace,
Fr. Garry*

~ Around Kansas City ~

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JUSTICE FOR RAHEEM

MADP - www.madpmo.org - @madpmo - info@madpmo.org

CALL Gov. Parson at 573-751-3222 to ask him to commute the death sentence of inmate, RAHEEM TAYLOR.

Join the vigil on Tuesday, February 7 from 4—5PM at the corner of 39th Street and Troost Avenue.

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Matthew Cann, Jr. |
| • Amie Miller | • Sr. Theresa Maly |
| • Oscar Shelby | • Sr. Cele Breen |
| • Beverly Johnson | • Mae Ransom |
| • Leonard Cann | • Ross Beaudoin |
| • Nancy Moylan | • John Cole |
| • Bill Moylan | • Punch Tuggle |
| • Artice Cann | |

~ Readings ~

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37

~ Stewardship ~

Week 01/23—01/29: \$3,576

Needed each week: \$4,308

Percent of Weekly Budget: 83%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$123,384

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$129,240

Percent of Budget to Date: 95%

~ Mass Attendance ~

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| In-person Attendance | |
| 01/29, 4rd Sunday in OT | 124 |
| Livestream Attendance | |
| 01/29, 4rd Sunday in OT | 14 |