

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 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.

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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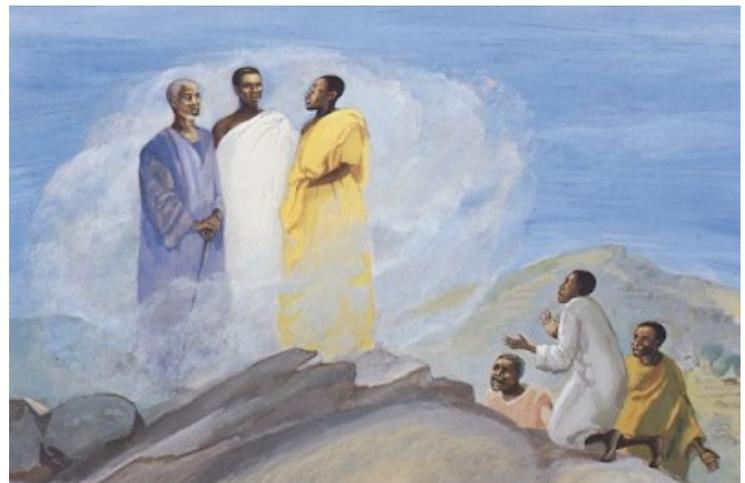
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Transfiguration

Jesus MAFA Project

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

~Matthew 17:7

**Bulletin Deadline:
Mondays**

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~

● **FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY**

Faith Formation Sunday will be held on the second Sunday of March, March 12. Fr. Don will be our speaker on PRAYER. At our last Faith Formation session, we were graced with the Holy Spirit as we learned about the faith traditions and practices from the perspective of our immigrant communities.

● **ST. JAMES HARVESTERS OPPORTUNITY**

Our regular Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, March 7, from 6-8 pm. 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.

● **JOURNEY TO NEW LIFE**

A Dedication to Georgia - Please join us for a room dedication of Georgia's Family Room at Journey House on March 7th from 10am to 12pm. We will have refreshments and a ribbon cutting at 11am. Please email Susie if you plan on attending at sroling@jtnl.org.

● **READINGS OF THE LENTEN SCRUTINY SUNDAYS**

Wednesday Evenings – March 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2023 ~ 7-9 PM

repeated Thursday Mornings – March 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2023 ~ 10 AM to Noon

The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent are called Scrutiny Sundays. These four Zoom sessions explore the Lectionary readings for the Scrutiny Sundays, which are all taken from the Gospel according to John.

All faith traditions are most welcome. The sessions will be conducted via Zoom and facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Belton, MO. For more information, or to register, please e-mail Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparish.org with your preferred time frame.

<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 Fr. Garry Richmeier

Sometimes, life gets to be too much. There's just too much of everything it seems, and it can be overwhelming and stressful. Too many meetings, too many demands at work, too many bills to pay, too much stressful news, too many family problems, too many health issues, too much food, too many drugs, too many disagreements and arguments, too much social media, etc., etc. It's enough to drive a person nuts.

Lent is an excellent opportunity to do ourselves a favor and do something about the "too much." We began Lent by hearing how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert at the beginning of his ministry. The desert is a place that is the opposite of "too much." There he could avoid distractions and focus on what was really important. We can create our own mini desert to facilitate our own mental, physical, spiritual, emotional, and relational health if we want.

Our church traditionally recommends prayer, fasting, and alms giving (charity) as ways of simplifying and emphasizing what is important. But we can adapt and tailor those suggestions to fit our unique situations. For example, we could fast from the news sometimes, or from time on social media. We could practice contemplation or meditation as a way of finding some silence in the midst of a chaotic world. Spending time in nature also has a way of slowing us down and helping us be more calm. Just being with friends and loved ones without any specific agenda or reason can restore some of the life and energy that a busy schedule takes out of us. Exercise can not only benefit our physical health, but the natural endorphins produced can raise our mood and foster positive emotions.

It would be nice if these types of things would happen automatically or magically, but they require intention and planning. If you are like me, if I don't put something on my calendar, it usually won't get done. But any way a person can make room in their lives for some of these desert practices is good.

We can't get away from all the busyness and stress of daily life. But finding time to spend in the "desert" once in a while can help us cope and manage the inevitable chaos of modern life.

*Peace,
Fr. Garry*

~ Around Kansas City ~

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Ben Bongers was an international operatic tenor and sommelier for 30 years based in San Francisco, CA, and Germany and is now a Gerontologist. He has written for trade magazines in wine, singing, and is published in eldercare textbooks. Ben is currently studying for the Permanent Diaconate in Kansas City, MO, and is a Knight of Magisterial Grace in the Order of Malta.

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

~ Stewardship ~

Week 02/20—02/26: \$4,222
 Needed each week: \$4,308
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 98%
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$139,262
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$146,472
 Percent of Budget to Date: 95%

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| • Ed Pailer | • Punch Tuggle |
| • Amie Miller | • Carmen Shelby |
| • Oscar Shelby | • TaJuan Cann |
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| • Mae Ransom | • Regina Cann |
| • Ross Beaudoin | • Daniel Cann |
| • John Cole | |

~ Mass Attendance ~

~ Readings ~
 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 EX 17:3-7
 ROM 5:1-2, 5-8
 JN 4:5-42

In-person Attendance	
02/26, 1st Sunday of Lent	141
Livestream Attendance	
02/26, 1st Sunday of Lent	9