



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 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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Joe Crayon, Ombudsman 816-812-2500

Victim Advocate victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org

## Parish Leadership Team

LT@stjkc.org

Toni Pennisi Wurth Bob Anderson

Connie Anderson Mary Vincent

Chris Zaroor Chuck Wurth

Fr. Don Ben Babaran

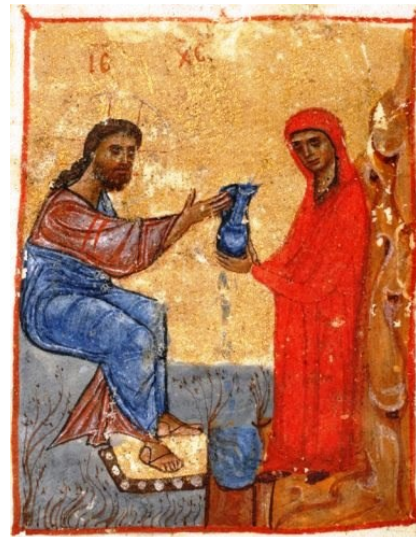
## Parish Finance Council

Finance@stjkc.org

Ben Babaran Michael Waldeck

Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman - Jruchi Gospels

Unknown, 12th century

"How can you, a Jew,  
ask me, a Samaritan woman,  
for a drink?"

~John 4:9

**Bulletin Deadline:**  
**Mondays**

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

Daylight Saving Time starts this Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 AM. Please don't forget to advance your clocks that don't advance automatically before going to bed Saturday.

- **FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY**

Faith Formation Sunday is this Sunday. Fr. Don will be our speaker on PRAYER. All are invited to join the session right after Mass in the Marian Hall.

- **PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

St. James' Penance Service is next Wednesday, March 15, at 6:30 PM.

- **GUARDIAN ANGELS ST. JOSEPH TABLE**

### St. Joseph Table and Traditional Italian Meal



Sunday, March 19, 2023  
11:00 am – 7:00 pm

**Guardian Angels Catholic Church**

Our Lady of Hope Cafeteria  
(Next door to Guardian Angels)  
4232 Mercier Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64111

Traditional Pasta Milanese (vegetarian sauce also available)  
Italian Cookies and Cannoli  
Baked Goods for Sale  
Drinks

#### 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 - FAITH  
FORMATION SUNDAY

3rd Sunday - HOSPITALITY  
SUNDAY

4th Sunday - PANTRY  
SUNDAY

5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY  
CELEBRATION



## *Reflection from Deacon Ross Beaudoin*

What a wonderful mix of events and celebrations are presented to us in this month of March. The weather may be sometimes dreary, but there are many things happening to fill our hearts and lives.

Just this past Wednesday people in many places around the world celebrated International Women's Day. I had not been aware of that celebration until a few years ago – when our own St. James women of Micronesia brought it to my attention. What a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of women in culture and society. This is a particularly important awareness for areas of the world in which women are restricted in their roles and accomplishments.

Later on in March there are celebrations honoring St. Patrick and St. Joseph. Various communities enjoy feasting and parading and sharing their special patrons with everyone who wants to join with them.

All the while, the celebration of Lent continues throughout the month. The special markers of the Sundays of Lent, especially in this “Year A”, bring reflection and joy to all who look into their lives as they prepare to celebrate the events of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

This particular Third Sunday of Lent presents us with a perfect gospel passage for this March. The story is of a woman, a woman “on the outside.” This woman is a Samaritan: in our day she would not be celebrating with many of those who are gathering – she would be looking from a distance. That’s an uncomfortable place to be.

It turns out that this Samaritan woman went to a well to get water – and a man from the “accepted” group, the Jews, was sitting at the well. This man, Jesus, spoke to the woman: “Give me a drink.”

That totally surprised the woman! “How can you ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink?” Jesus’ response was that if she knew who this man really was, she would have asked him for a drink, not just from the well but a drink of “living water” – giving life!

You and I are this Samaritan woman. If we listen, we will hear Jesus at the well ask us for a drink: he is exhausted in his efforts to reach us. We in turn can ask him for living water, giving eternal life. This is a simple exchange. The Samaritan woman acknowledged her life and faults and sins and received from Jesus living water welling up to eternal life.

This coming Wednesday we have another March event calling to us: Communal Penance/Reconciliation. This is an opportunity for us to meet Jesus at the well of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and hear him ask us for a drink of water. The drink we can give him is our sorrowful and sinful life that he wants to transform with the mercy and love of the living water of forgiveness.

Let’s plan to meet Jesus at the well on Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Living water will become ours. We will share the joy of the Samaritan woman and her people who “begged him to stay with them....”

*Peace,  
Deacon Ross*

~ *Around Kansas City* ~

**DECREE**

In accordance with the prescriptions of the *Code of Canon Law*, canons 87 §1 and 91, I hereby officially dispense those faithful domiciled or physically present in the territory of the Diocese who would ordinarily be bound to observe abstinence on the Fridays of the season of Lent from the requirement to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, who are participating in observances of the Memorial of Saint Patrick.

The reason for this dispensation is that March 17, a Lenten Friday, is also an important celebration within, at least, the Irish-American culture. Thus, a recognition of this feast day is particularly significant for our many parishes named under the patronage of Saint Patrick as well as many other persons of Irish heritage or persons appreciating the spiritual aspects and influence of the saint. With due regard for the penitential character of Lent, those who receive and exercise this dispensation are to adopt another day of abstinence in place of March 17 or substitute a suitable penitential observance, such as prayer, fasting, or almsgiving, in its place.

Given at the Chancery, Kansas City, Missouri, on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, in the Year of Our Lord 2023.

**Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr., JCL, DD**  
Bishop of Kansas City – St. Joseph



~ *We Hold in Prayer* ~

~ *Stewardship* ~

Week 02/27—03/05: \$4,437  
 Needed each week: \$4,308  
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 103%  
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$143,699  
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$150,780  
 Percent of Budget to Date: 95%

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| • Ed Pailer         | • Punch Tuggle      |
| • Amie Miller       | • Carmen Shelby     |
| • Oscar Shelby      | • TaJuan Cann       |
| • Beverly Johnson   | • Jermonica Cann    |
| • Leonard Cann      | • Jermont Cann, Sr. |
| • 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         |                     |

~ *Mass Attendance* ~

In-person Attendance	
03/05, 2nd Sunday of Lent	184
Livestream Attendance	
03/05, 2nd Sunday of Lent	8

~ *Readings* ~

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A  
 EPH 5:8-14  
 JN 9:1-41