



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 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.



**Le Bon Pasteur/The Good Shepherd**  
Philippe de Champaigne (1602–1674)

### Mass Schedule

Sunday **10:00 am**

### Confessions

By appointment only

### Parish Office

**(816) 561-8512**

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

Amen, amen, I say to you,  
I am the gate for the sheep.

~ John 10:7

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~

• **ST. JAMES HARVESTERS OPPORTUNITY**

The regular Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, May 2, 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. Consider bringing 1 canned or other non-perishable food item. Please contact/text Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 if you plan to attend.

• **ST. JAMES FAITH FORMATION SESSION**

Please join us next Sunday, May 7, after Mass for the Faith Formation session. The topic: LGBTQ+ and the Church. Our presenter will be Pastor Donna Simon, from St. Mark Hope & Peace Lutheran Church.

• **TROOST39 THRIFT STORE**

Troost39 Thrift Store will NOT be open next Sunday because of the Faith Formation session.

• **FR. GARRY RICHMEIER**

The Diocese will be honoring religious and diocesan priests celebrating their jubilee anniversaries from 25 to 60 years in the priestly ministry on May 4. St. James will be honoring Fr. Garry on June 18, which is his ordination date and Father's Day. Please congratulate Fr. Garry when you see him.



<p><b>Office of Child and Youth Protection</b></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"> <li>1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and</li> <li>2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and</li> <li>3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected <i>sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult</i> to the <b>Independent Ombudsman, Joe Crayon</b>, at 816-812-2500, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.</li> </ol> <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 <b>Victim Assistance Coordinator</b> at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.</p>	<p align="center"><b>SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES</b></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 Sr. Cele Breen*

### SYNODALITY

“A word for which we need another word.”

Recently, I participated in a two-day session on synodality. To tell the truth, it doesn't seem exciting. But, since one of our sisters was giving it, I knew Susan would not waste our time.

When Pope Francis inaugurated the worldwide synod, I thought of an incident many years ago when we re-introduced the catechumenate in the diocese. We put together a little booklet to explain the whole process. We decided to include a glossary at the end to explain terms easily and quickly. Fr. Bill Bowman (RIP), when he came to the word “mystagogia”, the period from Easter to Pentecost, he wrote “a word for which we need another word.” Synodality is one of these words.

The meaning of the word is not that difficult. It comes from the Greek phrase *sun-odos*: journeying together – as walking together and listening to the spirit. It is very close to the meaning of reconciliation – to walk together again.

Synodality is a process, communal, personal, and participative. We are trying to listen to one another, our neighbor, even those we disagree with often. We are trying to speak the truth intentionally. We are trying to participate, walk with others, be involved. If it feels like you are trying to juggle three objects and eat a sandwich as well, you got the idea. It is what Pope Francis calls getting out of our comfort zone.

We don't really need another word for synodality here at St. James. We just need to keep this communal, personal process going.

*Peace,*  
*Sr. Cele*

~ *Around Kansas City* ~

**Pope allows women to vote at upcoming bishops' meeting**

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has decided to give women the right to vote at an upcoming meeting of bishops, an historic reform that reflects his hopes to give women greater decision-making responsibilities and laypeople more say in the life of the Catholic Church.

Francis approved changes to the norms governing the Synod of Bishops, a Vatican body that gathers the world's bishops together for periodic meetings, following years of demands by women to have the right to vote.

The Vatican on Wednesday published the modifications he approved, which emphasize his vision for the lay faithful taking on a greater role in church affairs that have long been left to clerics, bishops and cardinals.

Catholic women's groups that have long criticized the Vatican for treating women as second-class citizens immediately praised the move as historic in the 2,000-year life of the church.

"This is a significant crack in the stained glass ceiling, and the result of sustained advocacy, activism and the witness" of a campaign of Catholic women's groups demanding the right to vote, said Kate McElwee of the Women's Ordination Conference, which advocates for women priests.

Ever since the Second Vatican Council, the 1960s meetings that modernized the church, popes have summoned the world's bishops to Rome for a few weeks at a time to debate particular topics. At the end of the meetings, the bishops vote on specific proposals and put them to the pope, who then produces a document taking their views into account.

~ *We Hold in Prayer* ~

- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- Oscar Shelby
- Beverly Johnson
- Leonard Cann
- Artice Cann
- Matthew Cann, Jr.
- Mae Ransom
- Ross Beaudoin
- Punch Tuggle
- Carmen Shelby
- TaJuan Cann
- Jermonica Cann
- Jermont Cann, Sr.
- Patricia Cann
- Steven Cann, Sr.
- Mark Cann
- Dwayne Cann
- Regina Cann
- Daniel Cann
- Madelyn Shackelford
- Jerisha Cann
- Mary Therese Eggen Schepers

~ *Stewardship* ~

Week 04/17—04/23: \$3,577  
 Needed each week: \$4,308  
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 83%  
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$166,146  
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$176,628  
 Percent of Budget to Date: 94%

~ *Readings* ~

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 Acts 6:1-7  
 1 Pt 2:4-9  
 Jn 14:1-12

~ *Mass Attendance* ~

In-person Attendance  
 04/23, 3rd Sunday of Easter 121

Livestream Attendance  
 04/23, 3rd Sunday of Easter 12