



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 16, 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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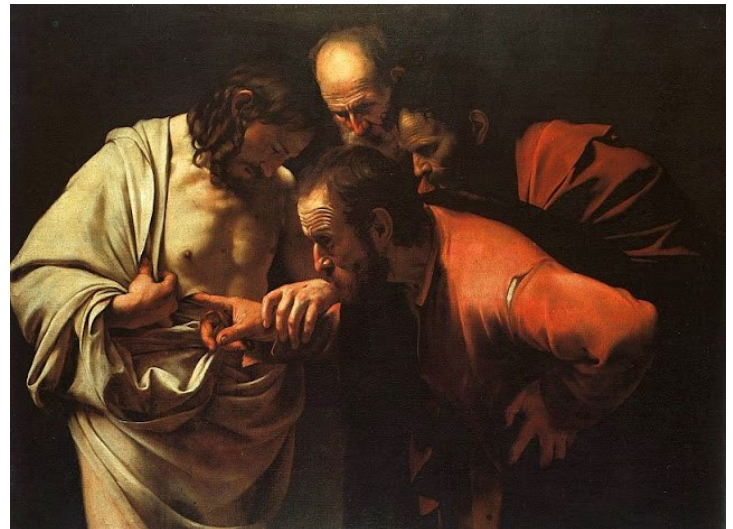
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The Incredulity of Saint Thomas

Caravaggio (1571–1610)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

~ John 20:27

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ *St. James Parish Updates* ~

● **PANEL OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES AT ST. JAMES**

Next Sunday, April 23rd, immediately after Mass in church, there will be an opportunity to learn about the lay involvement with religious congregations to spirituality and ministry through partnership of associates/etc.

There will be a panel and plenty of opportunities for questions and answers. It will last no more than one hour.

● **BRO. LOUIS RODEMANN**

This weekend, Brother Louis received a Lifetime Achievement Award from De La Salle High School. Please take a moment to congratulate him.

● **BUS STOP MINISTRY**

Last Winter, we distributed 987 pairs of gloves, hats and scarves. Thank you for your donations which helped keep our neighbors warm during the cold weather. Our supply of items now consists of 8 pairs of gloves, 30 hats and 6 scarves.

Monthly sessions of Knitting and Crocheting begin this Tuesday, April 18. Please join us in the rectory at 6:30pm to work on a scarf or hat. For more information, please call the parish office.

● **ST. JAMES FAITH FORMATION**

We will resume on May 7. The topic: LGBTQ+ and the Church. Our presenter will be Pastor Donna Simon, from St. Mark Hope & Peace Lutheran Church.

● **FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

The traditional celebration of 5th Sunday will be on April 30, 2023.

● **WANT TO LEARN FRENCH?**

Parishioner, Andre Maurice Fontcha, deacon candidate, is organizing sessions of free French lessons for all those who want to learn this foreign language. For more information and registration, please contact the parish office at 816 561 8512 or parish@stjkc.org. The beginning of the courses, time and place will be communicated to you later.

<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 Ben Babaran

This year's Easter Triduum and Easter weekend were very special to me. I cannot capture all the experiences in this reflection. So, I will share what I can following the flow of John's Gospel as it is proclaimed this Sunday, the Feast of Divine Mercy.

In Sunday's Gospel, we read the last section of Chapter 20 of the Gospel of John. I see three parts in the section:

1. John 20: 19-23 – Here we read the appearance of the Risen Christ to his apostles. Jesus greeted his disciples, "Peace be with you." It was more of a reassurance to calm their fearful hearts, change their doubting minds and evoke the faith of the disciples in the reality of the Resurrection. This was a communitarian experience of the Resurrection. As part of that encounter, the disciples were commissioned - sent out to be Good News bearers of forgiveness. However, they were not alone in the mission. The Risen Lord breathed on them the Holy Spirit. In a similar way, three of Jo's classmates, Necy, Tess and Nanette, had a communitarian experience of the resurrection at the Easter Vigil through the Community of St. James. Like most Filipinos, these three had not experienced Easter Vigil. Their experience at St. James deepened their faith in the Risen Christ.
2. John 20:20-29 - This is about how Thomas had a personal experience of the Risen Lord. Thomas did not want a secondhand experience. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." We do prefer firsthand experiences! However, there is nothing wrong with secondhand experiences. Trust me – as a co-founder of Troost39 Thrift Store, I encounter Christ daily in my co-founders: Chuck, Toni, and my beloved, Jo. I feel the love of Christ through the hard-working employees, the excitement of the volunteers, and the care of donors as well as the smiles of customers. First of all, any firsthand, personal experience of the Risen Lord is in the context of the community. Last Holy Thursday, I had a personal experience of Jesus - the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I had a vehicular accident where the impact caused the air bags to deploy, my car spinning 360 degrees, and my rear, left wheel disengaged from my car and rolled in front of me. After getting my bearings and with the help of the Holy Spirit, I went to the other driver (who had an expired driver's license and NO insurance), gave him a hug and asking if he was fine – as I was commissioned to give forgiveness. Christ is risen! Jesus is alive! So am I because of His Divine Mercy! And, I did not miss a beat of the Easter Triduum and Easter Vigil at St. James.
3. John 20:30-31 – Here, John tells us of the purpose of our faith in Jesus. "...that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name." Our faith in the Risen Lord gives us LIFE.

We believe... because we do know it is in faith in Jesus that we have LIFE. "Like the apostle Thomas, let us accept mercy, the salvation of the world. And let us show mercy to those who are most vulnerable; for only in this way will we build a new world." (Pope Francis)

*Peace,
Ben*

~ Around Kansas City ~

Spiritual Yearning for a Healed World: Interfaith Art, Music, Poetry and Stories

It may be that part of being human is to feel a connection with nature. For Jews, Christians and Muslims, God’s Creation can inspire reflection, reverence and stewardship; for Buddhists, Hindus and Taoists, followers embrace an invisible spiritual link between nature and humans beings; and for indigenous peoples, the Earth, and all life, is sacred and can impart spiritual wisdom.

This online Zoom program, organized by the the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council, will present examples of art, music, poetry and stories from Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Native American, Catholic, Sukyo Mahikari, Sufi and other faith traditions reflecting how each faith finds reverence, care, wisdom and hope from a relationship and engagement with Creation. Our hope is that these offerings will echo and help deepen the reverence and care already present in your heart.

Thursday, April 20, 7:00 to 8:30PM

Online Zoom event

Event: <https://climategkc.org/.../spiritual-yearning-for-a.../>

Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/.../reg.../WN_FT2u-nzmQ2ieUII7vXTzRw



~ Stewardship ~

Week 04/03—04/09: \$4,051
 Needed each week: \$4,308
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 94%
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$158,586
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$168,012
 Percent of Budget to Date: 94%

~ 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
- 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
- Rachel Mudong

~ Readings ~

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Acts 2:14, 22-33
 1 Pt 1:17-21
 Lk 24:13-35

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
04/09, Easter Sunday	253
Livestream Attendance	
04/09, Easter Sunday	11