



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 2, 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

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**Entry of Christ into Jerusalem**

Wilhelm Morgner (1891–1917)

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked,

"Who is this?"

~ Matthew 21:10

**Bulletin Deadline:  
Mondays**

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **ST. JAMES HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

- April 2 - **Passion Sunday**    **10:00 A.M.**    Please gather at 9:45am in Glead Park for the Ecumenical Blessing & Exchange of Palms - Process to church
- April 6 - **Holy Thursday**    **7:00 P.M.**    Mass of the Lord's Supper - Washing of the Feet
- April 7 - **Good Friday**    **12:00 P.M.**    Walking the Stations of the Cross on Troost
- April 7 - **Good Friday**    **7:00 P.M.**    The Lord's Passion - Veneration of the Cross
- April 8 - **Holy Saturday**    **8:00 P.M.**    Easter Vigil - Lighting of the Easter Fire
- April 9 - **Easter Sunday**    **10:00 A.M.**    Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

- **HOLY THURSDAY**

This year on Holy Thursday, congregants can choose to have either their feet or hands washed during the washing ritual. Both options are being offered to accommodate for comfort, preference, and physical ability. Whether you choose to have your feet or hands washed the liturgical significance and desire remain constant: that we become more like Jesus in the ways we minister, serve, and walk through the world.

- **ST. JAMES HARVESTERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Our regular Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, April 4, 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.

- **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Spring is here. The Garden Gang is in the Garden planting, watering, and weeding. Gardeners and "wantabe" gardeners of all ages are welcome to join us on Saturday mornings at 10:00am. Contact Sarah Hirsch at 816.728.6115 if you have any questions.

<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 style="text-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 Fr. Garry Richmeier*

Gandhi said "If it weren't for Christians, I'd be a Christian." This was after he experienced racism while trying to attend a Christian church service. He also was dismayed by seeing many Christians attempting to get all they could rather than following Jesus' example of giving of oneself. Gandhi continued to follow the teachings of Jesus, even though he, himself, was Hindu. He said he didn't follow the example of most Christians.

This Holy Week we focus on the core of Jesus' teaching: dying to self brings new life. But this message is at odds with our cultural values, philosophy, and lifestyle. Our culture values winning over losing, being first rather than last, having rather than giving, power over powerlessness, getting rather than doing without, and ease over difficulty. Gandhi's comment highlighted the conflict he saw between how many Christians lived the cultural values at the expense of the values Jesus actually taught.

Since all of us are caught in this dilemma, how do we live the true message of Jesus?

We first of all have to admit we and our society are not perfect, and will never be. Only with that humility will we have a chance to walk more closely in Jesus' footsteps. Then we consciously take stock of the many specific details of how we live to see if each aspect or behavior reflects giving of ourselves (dying), or indicates something else. The next step is to make one specific change that is more like Jesus' teaching rather than our culture's teaching. This may be where we buy groceries, how we use our free time, who we vote for, etc. After we make that one change, we look for another specific thing to change. We won't change our whole life in one fell swoop, but repeated little changes will soon make a big difference.

Lent is traditionally a time to look at our lives and see what needs to change. But following Jesus' core teaching is a year round call and requires year round attention and commitment. It is not an easy job, especially in the culture we live in. But it's our faith in the promise of New Life that can give us the strength and courage to step away from our cultural values a little more, and better follow what Jesus really taught.

*Peace,  
Fr. Garry*

# Get ready for ELECTION DAY APRIL 4, 2023

## April 4, 2023 Municipal Primary School and Special Election

Election Day: **April 4, 2023**  
Polls Open: **6:00 a.m.**  
Polls Close: **7:00 p.m.**

### ~ Stewardship ~

Week 03/20—03/26: \$3,489  
Needed each week: \$4,308  
Percent of Weekly Budget: 81%  
Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$154,535  
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$163,704  
Percent of Budget to Date: 94%

### ~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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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         |                     |

### ~ Readings ~

EASTER SUNDAY  
Acts 10:34A, 37-43  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9

### ~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
03/26, 5th Sunday of Lent	145
Livestream Attendance	
03/26, 5th Sunday of Lent	10