



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 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.



**The Baptism of the Eunuch**

Carried out by Philip, preaching in Samaria (by Rembrandt)

## 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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Ben Babaran Michael Waldeck

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**Bulletin Deadline:**

**Mondays**

Philip went down  
to the city of Samaria  
and proclaimed the Christ to them.

~ Acts 8:5

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **MOTHER'S DAY**

To all mothers and mother figures: You are all blessings to your families, to St. James family, and to the world. Thank you and have a blessed day!

- **KNITTING AND CROCHETING**

Knitting and crocheting is this Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 PM in the parish rectory.

- **T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER**

To help defray the cost of the painting of the church, new St. James T-shirts are ready for order. To order, fill out the order form attached with this bulletin or get an order form in the back of church after Sunday Mass. Send your order to parish@stjkc.org or hand the form to volunteers. You can pre-pay for your order by sending the total amount of your order using Venmo to @StJamesKC or pay by CASH, CARD or CHECK with the help of volunteers. T-shirts are \$25.00 each. They come in three different designs, four different colors and are shown at the top of the order form.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The heat and now the rain have the greens and radishes taking off enough so that the Garden Gang had plenty to share with Bishop Sullivan this week. The mustard greens have already started to bolt (flower); this may be their last week for picking. This week the garden has the following ready for picking.

**South Garden**

Bed 4: Mustard Greens

Beds 5: Turnip Greens

Beds 7: Radishes

Bed 9: Lettuce

Beds 14 and 15: Green Onions

Beds 17 and 18: Kale



- **HOUSING HELP NEEDED**

A 52 yr old man on disability, with smallish service dog, needs safe place to stay for several months. Contact Joan at 913-274-0789.

**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

When I was young (think 1940's and early 1950's!!) the California community where I lived found the weekends of May to be a great time for local parades and festivities.

At our local parish, Church life had its parades and processions, too - focused on Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. Those years were before the Vatican II renewals of the liturgical year. "Stand-alone" Holy Days were how we celebrated things. Like our local civic events, we had really big celebrations and then things were over. In the Church, springtime gave us three special opportunities: Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. At our parish each was a *blast*, and then it was over.

Vatican Council II changed our perception of key events in the life of the Church. Instead of seeing Easter, Ascension and Pentecost as three separate events to be celebrated by themselves, we began to see them as part of a whole: a unified *season* of Easter to Pentecost. The unifying theme was the movement from realization of Christ's resurrected life to awareness of the presence of Christ's resurrected life within all the members of the community through Christ's Spirit dwelling in them.

In this year of 2023, we are seeing a further awareness of Christ's Spirit alive and working within those who believe. Pope Francis is calling the Church to put the presence and gifts of the Spirit in each of us at the service of all. Through a process called synodality we are being called to participate in the ongoing development of the Church and its ministries.

A giant step in this process has been the recent **inclusion of all members of the Church: single and married; lay, religious and ordained; women and men.**

What is happening is not unlike pregnancy/gestation: the seed becomes viable and develops into a fully functioning being. The seed of the Spirit of Christ in believers is right now taking a giant leap into full functioning. Easter to Pentecost is developing a greater life from its Christ-potential.

It's an added blessing that we also celebrate Mother's Day at this time. Our mothers know what gestation/pregnancy and growth are all about: and *now* the Church is including them (and us) in the most important processes and developments the Faithful have witnessed since the first Easter-Pentecost Season.

My home town had a great way of celebrating special events with parades and celebrations. This week let's get on the bandwagon and celebrate Church-on-the-move as we witness and become part of the new life being given birth through the SYNOD process... with the inspiration and help of the mothers in our midst.

**(PLEASE READ the accompanying insert on SYNOD. Thank you!)**

*Peace,*  
*Deacon Ross*

*Warmest Mother's Day Wishes!*



~ Stewardship ~

Week 05/01—05/07: \$3,781  
Needed each week: \$4,308  
Percent of Weekly Budget: 88%  
Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$173,890  
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$185,244  
Percent of Budget to Date: 94%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- Artice Cann
- Matthew Cann, Jr.
- Marion Shaw

~ Readings ~

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
Acts 1:1-11  
Eph 1:17-23  
Mt 28:16-20

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
05/07, 5th Sunday of Easter	124
Livestream Attendance	
05/07, 5th Sunday of Easter	6