



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 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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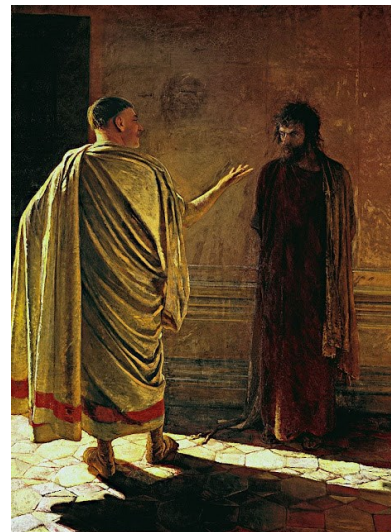
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Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes



What is Truth?

Nikolai Ge (1831–1894)

I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except
through me.

~ John 14:6

Bulletin Deadline:
Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **TROOST39 THRIFT STORE**

Troost39 Thrift Store will NOT be open this Sunday because of the Faith Formation session. Troost39 was highlighted in a local news earlier this week. Click on the link to follow the news: [THRIFTING AS COST OF LIVING RISES](#).

• **KC WELCOME ALLIANCE**

St. James supports the work of KC Welcome Alliance (KCWA) which is an all-volunteer interfaith organization committed to assisting foreign asylum seekers entering the US through a legal port of entry at El Paso, TX. KCWA has not accepted a bus of legal asylum seekers since December 2022. The drop in border crossings is mainly because of a Center for Disease Control (CDC) implemented policy called "Title 42" which, in effect, closed the border because of Covid fears. Title 42 expires on May 11, and once that happens, the southern border could be inundated with asylum seekers. KCWA may be asked to accept future buses. If you want to learn more about the work of KCWA, go to the webpage: KCWelcomeAlliance.org. By completing the "Volunteer Form", you will receive updates and an invitation to volunteer once we know the dates of future buses. You may also make a tax-exempt donation from the webpage. For more information, email KCWA Coordinator, Bill Cordaro (KCWelcomeAlliance@gmail.com). Please keep our brothers and sisters seeking asylum in your prayers. .

• **CLEMENCY FOR MICHAEL TISIUS**

On March 2nd, the Missouri Supreme Court set an execution date of June 6th, 2023, for Michael Tisius. Micheal was 19 years old when he was convicted of two counts of first-degree murder in Randolph County. With your help, we can move Governor Parson to commute Michael's sentence to Life Without Parole. For more information, go to: [CLEMENCYFORMICHAEL](#)

• **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.

<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 Fr. Garry Richmeier

When we see someone behaving in a way that doesn't make sense to us, we're often quick to call them "crazy." We might say that about someone who won't remain in the same room with a dog, or someone is walking down the middle of the street, or someone who is anorexic. Calling someone crazy is just another way of saying that we think there is something wrong with them. But most of the time, the real issue is that we don't have enough information to understand why they are behaving the way they are. Calling someone crazy is an easy way of writing them off, and relieving ourselves of any responsibility of trying to understand them and possibly being able to help them.

The experience of trauma often results in people behaving in "crazy" ways. Trauma can be a one-time, intense experience, like being bitten by a dog. Or it can be something that happens over time, like growing up in an unsafe neighborhood, or being sexually or physically abused while growing up. The resulting behavior seems crazy to others, while in reality, the behavior in some way enabled the person to survive the trauma. While the trauma may have happened in the past, the survival behavior can persist for a long time. Anyone experiencing sufficient trauma will probably exhibit what appears to be "crazy" behavior.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to walk with each other, supporting each other on the path to the Reign of God. Writing others off simply because they behave in ways we don't understand doesn't relieve us of that responsibility. A better understanding of the effects of trauma on us human beings can be helpful as we step up to the challenge of acting with compassion. If you are interested, Google TIC (Trauma Informed Care) to find out more about the effects of trauma and what can help people deal with its effects.

Peace,
Fr. Garry

~ Around Kansas City ~



~ We Hold in Prayer ~

~ Stewardship ~

Week 04/24—04/30: \$3,963
 Needed each week: \$4,308
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 92%
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$170,109
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$180,936
 Percent of Budget to Date: 94%

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| • Ed Pailer | • Jermonica Cann |
| • Amie Miller | • Jermont Cann, Sr. |
| • Oscar Shelby | • Patricia Cann |
| • Beverly Johnson | • Steven Cann, Sr. |
| • Leonard Cann | • Mark Cann |
| • Artice Cann | • Dwayne Cann |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | • Regina Cann |
| • Mae Ransom | • Daniel Cann |
| • Ross Beaudoin | • Madelyn Shackelford |
| • Punch Tuggle | • Jerisha Cann |
| • Carmen Shelby | • Marion Shaw |
| • TaJuan Cann | |

~ Readings ~

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
 1 Pt 3:15-18
 Jn 14:15-21

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
04/30, 4th Sunday of Easter	127
Livestream Attendance	
04/30, 4th Sunday of Easter	10