



PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 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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Pentecost

JesusMAFA Project

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

~ John 20:22-23

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• 2023 GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS to all St. James graduates! Felicitations to Gina Coffman, Kate Nash, Marialuna Schreiner Cintron, Christopher Harman, Desire Hededzi, Lucille Meniffee, Katherine Harman, Mary Harman, and Leah Babaran.

• MEMORIAL DAY

This Memorial Day, we remember all our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We remember Louis Cefolia, brother of Kate Miller, Jim Sheridan, husband to St. Francis Xavier's administrator, Anne Sheridan, and our beloved Mae Ransom.

• PENTECOST CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

There are 7 cloth flames hung in the church to remind us of the tongues of flame which came upon the believers on the first Pentecost. They also remind us of the 7 gifts of the Spirit: Wisdom, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Counsel, Understanding, and Fear of the Lord.

• ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN

Don't forget to swing by the garden this week to pick a fresh spring salad. Here are a couple of picking tips. Cut the mustard and turnip greens and the lettuce off above the ground. Pick the lowest leaves from the kale plants.

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	

• ST. JAMES YOUTH

The youth of St. James is invited to watch the movie "Are you there God, it's me Margaret?" on Saturday, June 3. If interested, please email or call the parish office.

• RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

St. James is searching for a Religious Education Coordinator to facilitate the parish Children Formation Program. The coordinator is in-charge of the Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word and the Sacramental Preparation of the children of the parish. If you are or you know somebody interested in the position, please email or contact the parish office.

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 Fr. Don Farnan

When we were baptized, our parents or godparents were handed a little candle lit from the church's massive paschal candle. The minister of baptism said these or similar words, "Receive the light of Christ. This light is entrusted to you to burn brightly—for this child of yours has been enlightened by Christ and is to live always as a child of the light. Keep the flame of faith alive in the heart of this child so that s/he can go forth into that wondrous light..."

On Pentecost Sunday, a fire will be lit in Saint Therese Little Flower sanctuary. This liturgical fire links us to earlier flames of annual feasts: the palms from last year's Passion Sunday that burn to create soot to mark our humanity for Ash Wednesday, the Easter Vigil that begins by calling us from darkness into the wondrous life of Christ who is forever the Light of the World, and, of course, the tongues of fire that alighted upon the Disciples in the Holy Land on that first Christian Pentecost celebration fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. The flames of faith guide us from humanity and death to share in divinity and eternal life.

We know the story of Pentecost well. The Disciples were afraid for their own lives after their rabbi had been murdered by religious and civic leaders. Even after He rose from the dead and appeared to them and many others, they proceeded in trepidation; even after He ascended into heaven before their very eyes, they were timid and confused; even after He promised that He would not abandon them, they cowered. But on the fiftieth day, they were given an experience that changed everything. It, too, caused tremendous confusion and chaos of diverse natures. But in that chaos, they discovered grace.

The promise of Christ was manifest that day in various languages that unified them, in strong and driving winds, and in tongues of fire that displayed the gift of love, reminding them that they did not have to live in fear any longer. In those flames, they found courage and humble strength to realize that they had, in fact, not been abandoned but that Christ would be with them until the end of time. Like Native American prayer, song, dance, and stories of ancestral faith that circles a tribe together around fire in pivotal times, from rites of passage to war, suffering, victory, or celebration, Jesus essentially asks the question: *"Can you stand in the fire with me through it all and bring hope to the hopeless, courage to the frightened, strength to the weak, grace to the forgotten, and not shrink back from the mission?"*

Since prehistoric times, people have been mesmerized by fire. Not only does it give light and protection, but it also gives promise to our imperfections. Like gold that is tested in fire, we are challenged on Pentecost to renew our trust in God who treasures us, even when we need fiery cleansing or purgation. If our community is on fire with the passion of Christ's love, we will burn brightly, and others will also be mesmerized and want to share in it. Let us be graced by the sacramental presence of God in the flames of faith which attract us, unite us, and direct us.

Peace,
Fr. Don

~ Around Kansas City ~



Violence in Our City Retreat

Saturday, June 3, 2023

9:00 am – 12:00 Noon

St. Francis Xavier Church

1001 E 52nd Street, KCMO

In preparation for our retreat, please consider the following questions:

- ❖ What do I think is the root cause of gun violence in our city?
- ❖ How can I make a difference in the reduction of gun violence where I live?
- ❖ What is my response as a Christian to the present situation?
- ❖ Metropolitan areas such as St. Louis and Kansas City are hindered by state law in having reasonable gun control measures. How can this be corrected?

8:30-9:00 Registration and refreshments

9:00 Panel of Speakers with breakouts:

- ❖ Rosilyn Temple, Founder & Program Director of KC Mothers in Charge
- ❖ Rev. Jacqueline McCall, Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Ministries for St. James United Methodist Church
- ❖ Johnny Waller, Clear My Record Expungement Project Manager, UMKC School of Law

11:15 am Prayer Service

Sign-ups are always helpful for planning purposes, but not necessary. Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CA5AF2EA6FF2-violence> to sign up. Contact Steve Bruns (sbruns51@gmail.com) or Sue Robb (srobb@sfx-kc.org) for more information.

National Gun Violence

Awareness Day

A disproportionate number of people of color are affected by gun violence. Something must be done. Here is a chance to be with others affected and concerned about gun violence.

Please join to commemorate National Gun Violence Awareness Day and to honor survivors of gun violence.

Berkley Riverfront Park

1298 E RIVER FRONT Rd

Kansas City, MO 64120

Sunday, June 4, 5:00 PM

~ Stewardship ~

Week 05/15—05/21: \$3,272

Needed each week: \$4,308

Percent of Weekly Budget: 76%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$180,538

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$193,860

Percent of Budget to Date: 93%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Patricia Cann |
| • Amie Miller | • Beverly Johnson |
| • Artice Cann | |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | |
| • Marion Shaw | |
| • Sarita Cann | |

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

05/21, Ascension Sunday 186

Livestream Attendance

05/21, NO LIVESTREAMING

~ Readings ~

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18