



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 25, 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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Do Not Be Afraid

Jeff Ruane

"And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

~ Matthew 10:28

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **FR.GARRY’S THANK YOU**

I want to thank everyone for remembering me on my 40th anniversary of priesthood with well-wishes, cards, and gifts. It has been my honor to serve at St. James for many of those 40 years. This parish has truly been a blessing to me. May God bless all of you and continue to fill our parish with the Spirit of life.

• **SAVE THE DATE**

Preparations for this year’s Anniversary of St. James are being planned. Please save the date: August 26, 2023 for the celebration of the 117th Founding Anniversary.

• **JULY 2—NO MASS LIVESTREAMING**

As our family will be celebrating the 10th death anniversary of Jo’s mom, we will be out-of-town next Sunday. We apologize for any inconvenience this will have on those who attend Mass via the livestream.

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

PARTY! All are invited to a garlic and onion pulling and braiding PARTY, Sunday, June 25th, after Mass. Snacks and cold drinks will be provided. The following veggies are ready to be harvested:

South Garden

Beds 1 and 2: Garlic Beds 2, 14, and 15: Onions
 Bed 16: Swiss Chard Beds 17 and 18: Kale

• **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON JULY 3 & 4**

In observance of the Independence Day Holiday, the parish office will be CLOSED that Monday and Tuesday.

• **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, August 27, at 11:00 AM Cathedral Mass. If you are celebrating your golden wedding anniversary this year, please let the parish office know if you would like to attend the aforementioned Mass.

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 Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good Morning!

In today's Gospel (cf. Mt 10:26-33) the Lord Jesus, after having called and sent the disciples on mission, teaches them and prepares them to face the trials and persecutions they will have to endure. Going on mission is not like tourism, and Jesus cautions them: "you will find persecutions". So he exhorts them: "have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed.... What I tell you in the dark, utter in the light.... And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (vv. 26-28). They can only kill the body; they do not have the power to kill souls: do not fear this. Jesus' dispatch [of the disciples] on mission does not guarantee their success, just as it does not protect them from failure and suffering. They have to take into account both the possibility of rejection and that of persecution. This is somewhat frightening but it is the truth.

The disciple is called to conform his life to Christ who was persecuted by men, knew rejection, abandonment and death on the cross. There is no Christian mission marked by tranquility! Difficulties and tribulations are part of the work of evangelization and we are called to find in them the opportunity to test the authenticity of our faith and of our relationship with Jesus. We must consider these difficulties as the opportunity to be even more missionary and to grow in that trust toward God, our Father who does not abandon his children during the storm. Amid the difficulties of Christian witness in the world, we are not forgotten but always assisted by the attentive concern of the Father. For this reason, in today's Gospel, a good three times Jesus reassures the disciples, saying: "Do not fear!".

Even in our day, brothers and sisters, persecution against Christians is present. We pray for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted and we praise God because, in spite of this, they continue to bear witness to their faith with courage and faithfulness. Their example helps us to not hesitate in taking the position in favour of Christ, bearing witness bravely in everyday situations, even in apparently peaceful contexts. In effect, a form of trial can also be the absence of hostility and tribulation. Besides [sending us out] as "sheep in the midst of wolves", the Lord even in our times sends us out as sentinels in the midst of people who do not want to be woken from their worldly lethargy which ignores the Gospel's words of Truth, building for themselves their own ephemeral truths. And if we go to or live in these contexts, and we proclaim the Words of the Gospel, this is bothersome and they will look at us unkindly.

But in all this, the Lord continues to tell us, as he did to the disciples of his time: "Do not fear!". Let us not forget these words: always, when we experience any tribulation, any persecution, anything that causes us to suffer, let us listen to the voice of Jesus in our hearts: "Do not fear! Do not fear! Go Forth! I am with you!". Do not fear those who mock you and mistreat you and do not fear those who ignore you or respect you "to your face", but fight the Gospel "behind your back". There are so many who smile to our face, but fight the Gospel behind our backs. We all know them. Jesus does not leave us all alone, because we are precious to him. That is why he does not leave us all alone. Each one of us is precious to Jesus and he accompanies us.

May the Virgin Mary, example of humility and courageous adherence to the Word of God, help us to understand that success does not count in the witness of faith, but rather faithfulness, faithfulness to Christ, recognizing in any circumstance even the most problematic, the inestimable gift of being his missionary disciples.

Source: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20170625.html

~ *Around Kansas City* ~

BEEHIVE IN THE ST. JAMES CLOISTER GARDEN

You may have heard the buzz that we have some new bee-utiful residents at St. James! This Spring, we welcomed a hive of honeybees into the cloister garden. These bees are great as they will pollinate our flowers and vegetable plants across the neighborhood. This is especially important in the city where wild bees, and other pollinators, are less common. Global honeybee populations are decreasing rapidly due to pesticides and habitat loss, so we are making St. James a refuge for these essential insects!



Our bees are very gentle and do not want to sting unless they are in danger. Please do not move or mess with the hive as this will aggravate the bees. Our current goal is for the bees to survive the year. At this point, we are not aiming to produce honey for humans and the honey in the hive will be left for the bees to use over the winter. In the future, if there is enough honey for the bees to share with us humans, we will let you know. Thank you for your support of this addition to our church ecosystem!

~ *Stewardship* ~

Week 06/12—06/18: \$3,891
 Needed each week: \$4,308
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 90%
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$194,884
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$211,092
 Percent of Budget to Date: 92%

~ *We Hold in Prayer* ~

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

~ *Next Sunday's Readings* ~

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT
 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a
 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
 Mt 10:37-42

~ *Mass Attendance* ~

In-person Attendance	
06/18, 11th Sunday in OT	109
Livestream Attendance	
06/18, 11th Sunday in OT	14