



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 16, 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.



SOWER

James Jacques Joseph Tissot (1836-1902)

Mass Schedule

Sunday **10:00 am**

Confessions

By appointment only

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Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

"Some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

~ Matthew 13:8

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMMERS USING PRIEST NAMES**

People are now using PHISHING which is an email disguised as coming from a legitimate, trustworthy source to scam parishioners by using the names of priests. Please DO NOT respond to these fraudulent emails, do not open any link included in these emails, REPORT them, then DELETE them.

• **KNITTING AND CROCHETING**

There will be knitting and crocheting on Tuesday, July 18, at 6:30pm in the rectory. If you want to join, please contact the parish office.

• **SPIRITANS MISSION APPEAL**

A Congregation of the Holy Spirit priest is coming to St. James next Sunday, July 23rd, to make a mission appeal. Fr. Garry Richmeier will preside at Mass while the mission priest will preach after Communion.

• **HOLY LAND CRAFTS FOR SALE**

A Christian Group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land is coming next Sunday, July 23rd. They come to us to sell olive wood carvings and crafts that are hand made by Christians in the Holy Land. This is their main source of income. We need to support these people by buying their beautiful crafts to help Christian families in the Holy Land.

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The Garden Gang has been enjoying snacking on black berries while at the garden this week. Be sure that you grab some while you are picking the following:

South Garden

Beds 8 and 9: Peppers Bed 10: Eggplant
 Bed 16: Swiss Chard Beds 17 and 18: Kale

• **BETWEEN THE CRACKS FUND—2nd QUARTER REPORT**

Six families, seven kids, and six single parents were helped with rent, utilities, and medication.

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 Ben Babaran

The parable of the Sower, seeds and soil calls us to ponder on what happens to those who listen to the word of God. Jesus promises that the results are incalculable for those fertile recipients of the seed of His word. In Midtown, Kansas City, St. James is a beacon of hope because her parishioners are rich soil in whom Jesus' word grew and bore fruit!

In a neighborhood where thorns choke out the seeds and where rocky grounds are aplenty, St. James Catholic Church has remained an oasis for people who thirst and hunger, people needing welcome, compassion and respect. Meanwhile, Troost39 Thrift Store has been providing clothing to those in need along with St. James through its voucher program for six years now and started to partner with Kansas City G.I.F.T. to give African American artists opportunities, the Ogelsby Hotel Apartments recently opened its door to provide affordable housing to a number of clients. However, as Jesus' word grew and bore fruit in the area of Troost Ave. and 39th Street, it is not enough!

More and more families as well as single parents come to St. James seeking help from Between the Cracks Fund. The Ogelsby Hotel Apartments is the only one providing affordable housing along Troost corridor. The cries of the poor are not being heard.

It seems that for many of us, we have become used to the Word of God which we hear proclaimed to us every day. We have become cold-hearted and uncaring to the Word of God. Thus, we cannot hear Jesus in the cries of the homeless, mentally ill, and those displaced.

This Sunday's parable of Jesus tells us otherwise - to keep sowing and growing, to keep listening.

*Peace,
Ben*

~ Around Kansas City ~

Moms Demand Action

Part of Everytown for gun safety network

July Upcoming Events and Actions You Can Take to Make a Difference

Upcoming Be SMART tabling events:

July 22 | 8:00 am - 2:00 pm - Gladstone Kid Fest, Linden Square

July 28 | 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Popcorn in the Park (movie night), Liberty Community Center

Upcoming Elections Team Meeting

Join volunteers from across the state at our next virtual statewide elections team meeting. This meeting is open to any volunteers interested in getting more involved in our Missouri Elections Team's work as we look ahead to 2024.

MO-Statewide-Elections Team Meeting, Monday, July 24 | 7:00 PM

RSVP for our next statewide meeting here: [MO-Statewide-Elections Team Meeting](#)

~ Stewardship ~

Week 07/03—07/09: \$3,460

Needed each week: TBD

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023—2024

IS BEING PUT TOGETHER

~ 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 ~

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

Wis 12:13, 16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-43 OR Mt 13:24-30

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
07/09, 14th Sunday in OT	173
Livestream Attendance	
07/09, 14th Sunday in OT	10