



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13, 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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Jesus Walks on Water

Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib - adapted from a folio dated 1684

At once Jesus spoke to them,
"Take courage, it is I; do not be
afraid."

~ Matthew 14:27

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

There will be NO Mass at St. James for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

• **ANOINTING OF THE SICK ON AUGUST 20**

Next Sunday we will offer the Anointing of the Sick Sacrament during our Mass. If you suffer from a chronic illness or other health concerns, please avail yourself of this opportunity. After the homily, you will be invited to come forward to receive the sacrament.

• **KNITTING AND CROCHETING**

Knitting and crocheting session will be on Tuesday, August 15, at 6:30pm in the rectory. It will be the last session of the Summer stitching challenge.

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Rejoice! We had enough rain this week that we don't have to water. Come Saturday at 9:30 am ready to plant kale, lettuce, arugula, beets, mustard, and turnips. Meanwhile come pick the following:

South Garden

Beds 8 and 9: Peppers Bed 10: Eggplant Beds 11 - 13: Tomatoes Bed 12: Tomatillos
 Bed 16: Swiss Chard Beds 17 and 18: Kale Raspberries

• **117th ANNIVERSARY**

Planning for the 117th Anniversary of St. James is well under way. In 2 weeks we will gather on the South lawn Saturday, August 26th 6-8 pm. Admission is \$1.17, but we always welcome donations of other amounts-\$17.10 or \$117.00 for example! Food from our parish ethnic groups and cookies from the Amazing St. James Bakers are included in the admission. Drinks are also available. Music, dancing and children's activities and other surprises are included in the festivities. Everyone is invited!

This is the first fund raiser of the fiscal year. 2 raffles will be held: one for merchant gift cards, and another for hand crafted items, a \$!00 dance and more surprises. If you are not able to attend, please consider purchasing a raffle ticket or making a small donation. See you on August 26th!

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 Linda Art

Have you ever heard the phrase “too good to be true”? To most people this phrase means that something is so good that it is difficult to believe that it is real or was so good that it could not possibly have been true.

For example, when advertisers of cell phone plans or gadgets or skin cream profess “no hidden fees”, or “it works every time” or “your skin will look younger.” Many of us have purchased a product based on advertising only to discover that the ad’s promises were “too good to be true.”

God promised that he would always be with us and always love us. This promise seems too good to be true, especially when we are overwhelmed with problems in our lives. It is natural for us to experience doubts regarding the presence and power of God when we are faced with difficult challenges.

In this Sunday’s gospel, we hear about Peter experiencing fear and doubt. In the reading, it is nighttime and the disciples are alone in a boat a few miles offshore. The boat is being tossed about by the waves due to strong winds. Jesus came toward them walking on the sea and when the disciples saw him, they were terrified and thought he was a ghost. Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid.” Peter said to him in reply, “Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” Jesus said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

In the gospel, Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. Peter seeks proof that the person walking on the sea is indeed Jesus and he asks Jesus to call him out into the water. Jesus grants his request. Peter’s fear and doubt overtake him once he is walking on the water. When Peter began to sink, he may have thought, “this is too good to be true.” But Jesus kept his promise and reached out to take Peter’s hand and he saved him.

In this coming week, pay attention to the times when you feel like you are sinking-when you are frustrated with your job or struggle with personal relationships or a lingering illness or addiction. Remember you have the ability to experience God’s presence, reaching out his hand to lift you up, bringing people into your life to support you during the rough times, giving you strength to overcome your obstacles. Have faith and trust that you will make it through. Know that God will always be with you and he loves you no matter what.

*Peace,
Linda*

~ Around Kansas City ~

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44th ANNUAL ETHNIC ENRICHMENT Festival

AUGUST 18 - 20 | SWOPE PARK, KANSAS CITY, MO

Adults: \$5 | 12 & Under: Free with adult | Free Parking

Ethnic Foods, Music, Dance, Crafts, Fashions and Fun!
 "Kids' World" - Playground and activities just for children!
 Sorry, No Pets Allowed (Must show certificate for service/comfort animals.)

More information: 816-513-7553 or www.eekc.org

FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2023	SATURDAY AUGUST 19, 2023	SUNDAY AUGUST 20, 2023
6 p.m. BANGLADESH 7:30 p.m. ZAMBIA 7:30 p.m. GERMANY 7:30 p.m. PHILIPPINES 8 p.m. CZECH SLOVAK REPS. 8:30 p.m. ROC TAIWAN 9 p.m. COLOMBIA	12:30 p.m. INDONESIA 1 p.m. AMERICAN INDIANS 1:30 p.m. SERBIA 2 p.m. ZIMBABWE 2:30 p.m. CHINA 3 p.m. HAITI 3:30 p.m. PERU 4 p.m. PARADE OF FLAGS 5 p.m. SCOTLAND 5:30 p.m. MEXICO 6 p.m. SAMOA 6:30 p.m. IRAN 7 p.m. HAWAII 7:30 p.m. UKRAINE 8 p.m. INDIA 8:30 p.m. THAILAND 9 p.m. LEBANON 9:30 p.m. SOUTH KOREA	11:00 a.m. VIETNAM 12:30 p.m. IRELAND 1 p.m. ITALY 1:30 p.m. SWEDEN 2 p.m. FASHION SHOW 2:30 p.m. ISRAEL 3 p.m. MALAYSIA 3:30 p.m. BRAZIL 4 p.m. JAPAN 5 p.m. GREECE

Gamelan Genta Kasturi
 Elexa Dawson
 St. George Serbian Orthodox Choir
 International Dance Crew
 Lily Taylor Dancers
 L M C
 Sabor A Peru
 St. Andrew Pipes and Drums
 Rose Marie's Fiesta Mexicana
 TIFA O la Moana
 Persian Community Dancers
 Hale O Kikaha
 Mavka Ukrainian Dancers
 India Association of KC
 Thai Dance Group
 H of A Middle Eastern Dance
 K-POP
 Holy Martyrs Church Lion Dance
 O'Riada-Manning Irish Dancers
 Best of Italy
 Scandinavian Folk Dancers of KC
 Tikvah Dancers
 Malaysian Fusion Dancers
 Grupo Asa Capoeira
 Aikijuku Dojo
 Ximeromata



~ Stewardship ~

Week 07/31—08/06: \$3,948
 Needed each week: \$4,481
 Percent of Weekly Budget: 88%
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$23,708
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$26,886
 Percent of Budget to Date: 88%

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Beverly Johnson |
| • Amie Miller | • Bill Pickett |
| • Artice Cann | • Michael Becker |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | • Joni Dugan |
| • Steven Cann, Sr. | • Ross Beaudoin |
| • Sarita Cann | • Pat Marrin |
| • Patricia Cann | |

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN OT
 Is 56:1, 6-7
 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
 Mt 15:21-28 89

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 08/06, Transfiguration Sunday 124

Livestream Attendance
 08/06, Transfiguration Sunday 13