



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 20, 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

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The Canaanite Woman asks for healing for her daughter

Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib (1684)

“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

~ Matthew 15:28

**Bulletin Deadline:**

**Mondays**

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, August 27, is Pantry Sunday. Bishop Sullivan Center needs diapers size 4 and 5, toilet paper, toothpaste, bar soap, peanut butter and jelly.

- **2023 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

Pictures will be taken September 8-9. To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter MO243 in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. For assistance in setting your appointment, please call 816-501-8652.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The tomato and tomatillo vines are loaded. Pick the tomatoes yellow and they will turn red in a day or two on your kitchen counter. As for the tomatillos, they are ripe when their husk splits but the green ones on the ground also make good salsa. Currently in the South Garden, the following is ready to pick:

**South Garden**

Beds 8 and 9: Peppers      Bed 10: Eggplant      Beds 11 - 13: Tomatoes      Bed 12: Tomatillos  
 Beds 14 and 15: Kohlrabi      Bed 16: Swiss Chard      Beds 17 and 18: Kale  
 Trellises: Long beans      Raspberries

- **117th ANNIVERSARY**

Just one more week until the 117th Anniversary party on the south lawn of church! Food, dancing, kids' activities and raffles are just some of the planned fun for the Anniversary of St. James. Yay! Cookies, yes there will be cookies too. Saturday, August 26th, 6-8 pm. Admission \$1.17 (or more).

**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](mailto: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 Gospel reading from Matthew this Sunday gives us the story of Jesus healing the demonic-possessed daughter of the Canaanite woman. To better understand the story, let us remember that Matthew was an outsider. He was a tax collector. He was forbidden to go into the temple. He was excommunicated.

So, the first thing to observe is that the woman in the Gospel was also an outcast. She was someone not welcomed among the Jewish people. But boy, she had a lot of spunk – she is the only one because of her faith who ever managed to change Jesus' mind.

The Canaanite woman began with, "Have mercy on me, Lord." The same words we say at the beginning of every Mass, "Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison."

However, Jesus did not answer her.

What do we do when Jesus does not answer our prayers?

The woman in the Gospel showed persistence in prayer. She kept asking, seeking, knocking. Faith and humility come from persevering in prayer.

But Jesus responds to her with the most shocking and harshest of all when he says, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." It is given that the Israelites used to call the Canaanites dogs. Yet, it is hard to hear this from Jesus. I firmly believe Jesus was teaching the disciples, Matthew who experienced rejection, and us that we don't throw people away or shove them away because they are not of our kind, or they do not share our faith. At St. James, we are very conscious of this teaching. We are a welcoming parish! For midtown KC parishes of the diocese to survive, it is imperative that this teaching of Jesus be practiced.

Instead of being silent and taking her daughter home, the outcast woman showed her faith in Jesus saying, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Her FAITH and her LOVE for her daughter made Jesus change his mind and granted her wish – her daughter was healed!

The two things that Jesus found in the woman were FAITH and LOVE. It is not whether you are Jew or Gentile. It is not whether you come from one group or another group. It doesn't matter what your history is. It doesn't matter where you were born. What matters is faith and love!

God does not look upon the Jews, or even the Catholics or the Christians. God looks upon everybody in the world as welcome at His table.

*Peace,  
Ben*

~ Around Kansas City ~



# St. James 117<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Saturday, August 26 at 6 PM



Celebrating our Founding Year – 117 and going strong!

**Come. Eat. Celebrate. Donate\*.**  
**at 39<sup>th</sup> & Troost**

\*Admission: \$1.17 or MORE

### ~ Stewardship ~

Week 08/07—08/13: **\$1,510**

Needed each week: \$4,481

Percent of Weekly Budget: 34%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$25,218

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$31,367

Percent of Budget to Date: 80%

### ~ 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 ~

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN OT

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

### ~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
08/13, 19th Sunday in OT	149
Livestream Attendance	
08/13, 19th Sunday in OT	15