



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 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.



Two or Three are Gathered in my Name  
James Tissot (1836–1902)

## Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:00 am

## Confessions

By appointment only

## Parish Office (816) 561-8512

Office Hours: 9:00 --3:00, Monday-Friday

Email parish@stjkc.org

Website stjkc.org

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Kansas City, MO 64110

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## Parish Staff

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Ben Babaran Michael Waldeck

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Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes

**Bulletin Deadline:**

**Mondays**

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

~ Matthew 18:20

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **ST. JAMES CHOIR**

Choir practice will begin on Thursday evening at 7pm. Anyone wishing to join the choir, please see Robert after Mass.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The garden currently has pole beans of many shapes and colors growing on the trellises. Check out them in addition to the following in the South Garden ready to be picked:

**South Garden**

Beds 4 - 7: Sweet Potato Greens

At the end of Bed 5: Basil

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 and green beans

Raspberries

- **SAVE THE DATE**

The Goldenberg Duo returns to St. James on Sunday, October 1, 2023 in the church at 7 p m.

- **FRENCH CLASS**

French class will resume on Tuesday, September 12, at 4:30pm in the rectory.



## ~ We Hold in Prayer ~

### ~ Stewardship ~

Week 08/28—09/03: **\$5,033**

Needed each week: **\$4,481**

Percent of Weekly Budget: **112%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$38,227**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$44,810**

Percent of Budget to Date: **85%**

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| • Ed Pailer         | • Beverly Johnson |
| • Amie Miller       | • Bill Pickett    |
| • Artice Cann       | • Bonita Shelby   |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | • Pat Marrin      |
| • Steven Cann, Sr.  | • Carole Gary     |
| • Sarita Cann       | • Carman Shelby   |
| • Patricia Cann     | • Punch Tuggle    |

### ~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN OT

Sir 27:30—28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

### ~ Mass Attendance ~

#### In-person Attendance

09/03, 22nd Sunday in OT **136**

#### Livestream Attendance

09/03, 22nd Sunday in OT **12**



## *Reflection from Sr. Janet Cashman*

In today's readings, we are called to deal with difficult issues and difficult individuals. Scripture contains various teachings of how to approach such moments. Before Jesus started his ministry, he spent many long hours, 40 days in prayer. In exodus Moses entered the tent where he also spent many long hours alone in prayer/ conversation with his God when the Israelites started complaining about the difficulties of tramping through the desert on the way to the promised land. It is during these long times of prayer alone in the presence of God, that everyone comes to understand how very much God loves you and each one.


Each one of us is also called to these times of conversation with God, coming to know how very much God loves you, each person. Maybe it would be a better way to approach a brother that does something wrong. Maybe the better approach would be to invite that brother to a time of prayer each of you in your own space so that he can feel the love of God for himself. This might lead to fewer times that you need to go to the next stage which Scripture says is to bring along a few friends, and there will be even fewer times will you have to involve the whole community. And through it all each one finds peace from knowing the love of God.

The scripture passage of Romans mentions that the only debt you should incur is that of the debt of mutual love. Romans talks about the sins of the commandments, and we know mankind has created much more hideous ways of sinning against others. Romans also agrees that love is the one thing that can not hurt your neighbor. And it is the time of quiet each day when you sit still and allow your God to fill you with divine love.

*Peace,*  
*Sr. Janet*

~ Around Kansas City ~

KANSAS CITY CATHOLICS  
ADDRESSING RACISM




Continuing the Conversation about  
**RACISM AND OUR FAITH**



The *Kansas City Catholics Addressing Racism* (KCCAR) will update us on conversations with Bishop James V. Johnston and report on the National Black Catholic Congress XIII, followed by table discussions.

**Thursday September 14, 2023**  
Visitation Catholic Community  
5141 Main, KCMO 64112, Tighe Hall

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.  
Program begins at 7:00 p.m.



R.S.V.P.  
(requested)

Hosted by:  
 

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**Annual Kansas City 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony**

**Monday, September 11, 2023 , 5:30pm-7:00pm**  
**Mt. Olivet Cemetery, First Responder Memorial**  
**7601 Blue Ridge Blvd**  
**Kansas City, MO**

The American Legion District 5, VFW District 5, Muehlebach Funeral Care, Passantino Bros. Funeral Home, and the Catholic Cemeteries of Kansas City – St. Joseph announce the Annual Kansas City Remembrance Ceremony in honor of the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

**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