



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 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

(816) 561-8512

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

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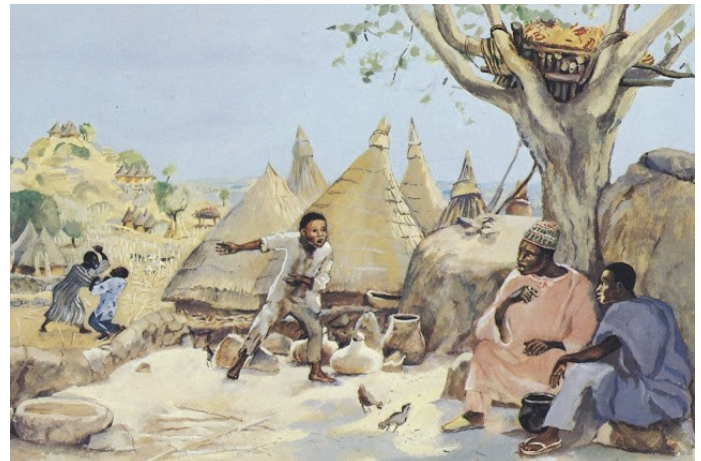
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Ben Babaran Michael Waldeck

Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes



The Unforgiving Servant

JESUS MAFA

“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?”
Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

~ Matthew 18:21-22

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION**

If you have age appropriate children as candidates to receive First Communion and First Reconciliation, sign up forms will be available in the back of church starting this Sunday.

- **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

- **GOLDENBERG DUO CONCERT**

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

- **FRENCH CLASS**

French class has been moved to Wednesdays at 4:30pm in the rectory.

- **KNITTING AND CROCHETING**

There will be a knitting and crocheting session on Tuesday, September 19 at 6 pm in the rectory.

- **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, September 24, is Pantry Sunday. Bishop Sullivan Center needs canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, canned beans (not green), bath soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes.

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Stewardship ~

Week 09/04—09/10: **\$4,457**

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

Percent of Weekly Budget: **99%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$42,684**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$49,291**

Percent of Budget to Date: **86%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN OT

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Mt 20:1-16a

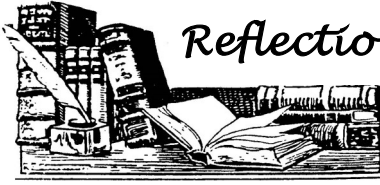
~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

09/10, 23rd Sunday in OT **115**

Livestream Attendance

09/10, 23rd Sunday in OT **12**



Reflection from Deacon candidate Andre Fontcha

FRENCH version

Nous avons lu dimanche dernier, que Jesus confiait à la communauté la tâche de reconcilier les chrétiens pêcheurs. Combien de fois? Demande Pierre qui propose un chiffre. Jesus refuse d'entrer dans ces calculs (c'est le sens de sa réponse: soixante-dix fois sept fois) et justifie un pardon sans limite par la parabole du serviteur endetté. Vis-à-vis de Dieu nous sommes tous dans la situation de ce serviteur qui doit à son Maître une somme fantastique. Par un amour incompréhensible. Dieu nous a remis notre dette. Comment dès lors pourrions-nous avoir envers un compagnon de service une rigueur extreme et mesurer notre patience à pardonner?

Savons-nous reconnaître tout ce que nous devons à Dieu et que nous ne pourrons jamais rembourser (la vie, notre personnalité, la liberté, la société des hommes...et tous les dons de sa grâce)?

A notre tour avons-nous donné sans attendre de retour?

Notre pardon est-il large, sans mesure?

Chacun de nous devra méditer sur ces questions et apporter une réponse.

Paix,

André Fontcha (Candidat au diaconat permanent)

We read last Sunday that Jesus entrusted the community with the task of reconciling Christian sinners. How many times? Asked Pierre, who proposed in figures. Jesus refuses to enter into these calculations (this is the meaning of his answer: seventy times seven times) and justifies unlimited forgiveness by the parable of the indebted servant. With regard to God, we are all in the situation of this servant who owes his Master a fantastic sum. By an incomprehensible love. God has forgiven us our debt. How then could we have extreme rigor towards a fellow servant and measure our patience in forgiving?

- Do we know how to recognize everything we owe to God and that we will never be able to repay (life, our personality, freedom, the society of men...and all the gifts of his grace)?

- In our turn did we give without expecting a return?

- Is our forgiveness broad, without measure?

Each of us will need to meditate on these questions and bring an answer.

~ Around Kansas City ~

BENEFIT CONCERT

The Goldenberg Duo, Susie (violin) and Bill (piano) will perform selections from around the world including works from Brahms, Schubert, Hubay, Taki, Coleridge-Taylor, and more.

A reception will follow the concert.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 7 pm

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADULTS \$15; SENIORS/STUDENTS \$10

Proceeds benefit the ministries of St. James



PeaceWorks KC Local Art Fair 9/23-24

PeaceWorks KC, seeking a world free from nuclear weapons and war, invites you to our one annual fundraiser, the PeaceWorks KC Local Art Fair. 70+ local artists will display their paintings and pottery, their beads and scarves, their woodwork and whimsies, with part of their proceeds funding PeaceWorks. You may know our art fair by its former name—UNplaza Art Fair. Please join us from 10am to 6pm Saturday, 9/23, and from 10am to 5pm Sunday, 9/24, at Theis Park, where Cleaver Blvd. meets Oak St. Park free at the Cherry St. Parking Garage for UMKC, entering at Oak and 50th St. For info, call Mary Hladky, 936-926-0589.

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