



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24, 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

Email parish@stjkc.org

Website stjkc.org

Address 3909 Harrison St.
Kansas City, MO 64110

P.O. Box Number P.O. Box 30388
Kansas City, MO 64112

Parish Staff

Fr. Don Farnan, Pastor frdon@stjkc.org

Fr. Garry Richmeier, Sacramental Minister garrycpps@gmail.com

Ben Babaran, Parish Administrator bbabaran@stjkc.org

Robert Basolo, Music Minister rbasolo@shb.com

Beaurina Olter, Bookkeeper beauolter@gmail.com

Fiona Odu Schulte, Youth Minister fiona.odu@gmail.com

Joe Crayon, Ombudsman 816-812-2500

Victim Advocate victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org

Parish Leadership Team LT@stjkc.org

Sr. Francis Voivedich Dan Nash

Reba Burgess Presly Silbanuz

Philomena Odu Bob Anderson

Fr. Don Farnan Ben Babaran

Parish Finance Council Finance@stjkc.org

Ben Babaran Michael Waldeck

Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes



Parable of the Labours in the Vineyard
Rembrandt (1606–1669)

“The last will be first, and the first will be last.”

~ Matthew 20:16a

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.

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

There are a few weeks left before frost gets our summer produce. Make sure that you get out to enjoy its fresh produce.

South Garden

Beds 4 - 7: Sweet Potato Greens Beds 8 and 9: Peppers
 Bed 10: Eggplant Beds 11 - 13: Tomatoes 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.

• **SAVE-THE-DATE**

October 29 - Fifth Sunday Celebration right after Mass.

• **ST. JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY TRUNK OR TREAT**

The Youth Ministry would like to invite adults and parents to join our trunk or treat celebration by decorating car trunks and passing out candies to our youth parishioners. The trunk or treat will take place on October 29th this year in the parking lot of St. James Parish after Mass. We are inviting all those who might be interested to sign up to decorate their vehicles and hand out candies.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the back of the church after Mass.

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| • 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—09/17: **\$6,901**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **154%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$49,585**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$53,772**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **92%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN OT
 Ez 18:25-28
 Phil 2:1-11
 Mt 21:28-32

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
09/17, 24th Sunday in OT	122
Livestream Attendance	
09/17, 24th Sunday in OT	12



Reflection from Ben Babaran

As of September 20, there have been 278 labor actions in 425 locations across the U.S. in 2023. The major strikes happening right now in the U.S. are: United Auto Workers (UAW), Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA), Writers Guild of America (WGA), Unite Here Local 11, and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. In all these strikes, the workers want higher pay or compensation, better benefits and improved working conditions.

The Gospel given to us for our meditation this weekend describes for us in the form of a parable how God goes above and beyond the welfare of the workers. In the parable, the landowner's concern seems to have been the welfare of those who had no work and would probably therefore not have enough for their families at the end of the day. The landowner was being very faithful to the Deuteronomic code which enjoined on all Israelites the obligation of providing for the indigent in their midst. His concern was not the amount of profit but rather the wellbeing of those who had not been hired.

The parable then, gives us an insight into the mind and heart of God. Surely, God is just; but He is also outrageously generous and merciful at the same time. We do not get what we deserve. Rather, God gives us more than we deserve. Today, He calls each one of us to be a generous people. We are called to have that all-encompassing non discriminating love if we are to be members of the Kingdom.

This reminds me of the story:

There was a guy who died and was being given a tour of heaven, and he saw a friend of his drive by in a beautiful Mercedes. He said, "Boy, this is great!"

"Oh, yes," St. Peter said, "your friend was really generous on earth; we had a lot to work with. Your transportation up here depends on your generosity down there." Then St. Peter gave him his transportation: a Honda motor scooter. He said, "Wait a minute, he gets a Mercedes, and I get a scooter?"

"That's right, it's all we had to work with." So, the guy drove off in a huff.

A week later Peter saw this guy all smiles and said, "You are feeling better now?"

The guy said, "Yea, I have ever since I saw my preacher go by on a skateboard!"

Peace,

Ben

~ Around Kansas City ~



Charity
CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT

Sunday, October 1, 2023

1st Place: \$500
2nd Place: \$150

Check-in: 12:30 pm
Bags Fly: 1:00 pm
\$40/team
Maximum 64 teams
Bring your partner

Sign up on the ScoreHolio App
or Scan this code:

GUARDIAN ANGELS

FALL Festival

All Day Music
Dancing
Mexican Food
Drinks
Auction
Games

SUPPORTING:
GUARDIAN ANGELS
Food Pantry
1310 Westport Road
Kansas City, Missouri

Register now!

CREATE MORE JOY
IN LIFE!
PLAY CORN HOLE

Contact: Diana Henry
816-768-6575

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