



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 15, 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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## Parish Staff

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## Parish Leadership Team

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Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes



**The Wedding Feast**

Pieter Brueghel the Younger (1564–1638)

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.”

~ Matthew 22:2

**Bulletin Deadline:**

**Mondays**

*~ St. James Parish Updates ~*

● **FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

St. James will celebrate the Traditional Fifth Sunday Celebration on October 29, 2023.

● **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, October 22, is Pantry Sunday. Bishop Sullivan Center Troost needs single serve crackers, tuna pouches, cans of Vienna sausage, or fruit cocktail.

● **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The rain in late September and the cooler temperatures brought about another crop of tomatoes that are now ripening. In addition to picking tomatoes, the following are ready to be picked:

**South Garden**

Bed 1 - Lettuce      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

**East Garden**

Turnips, Mustard, and Green Beans

● **KNITTING AND CROCHETING**

There will be a Knitting and Crocheting session on Tuesday, October 17, at 6:00pm in the rectory.

● **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 ~*

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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   | ● Gloryann David  |

*~ Stewardship ~*

Week 10/1—10/8: **\$4,078**  
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**  
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **91%**  
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$61,728**  
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$67,215**  
 Percent of Budget to Date: **92%**

*~ Next Sunday's Readings ~*

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN OT  
 Is 45:1, 4-6  
 1 Thes 1:1-5b  
 Mt 22:15-21

*~ Mass Attendance ~*

**In-person Attendance**  
 10/08, 27th Sunday in OT      **120**  
**Livestream Attendance**  
 10/08, 27th Sunday in OT      **10**



## *Reflection from Ben Babaran*

Today's Gospel from St. Matthew brings us back to banquets! Now the King, God Himself, is giving a banquet and those invited don't come to the banquet. "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business." Jesus uses this image as an image of the Kingdom of God. We are all invited! Are we going to respond to the invitation of Jesus? God wants us.

The past month, especially the last two weeks, have been rough and difficult for our family. Jo's brother, Bon DeOcampo, who was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer last February, has been in and out of the ICU and the hospital. So, on September 30, Jo and I decided to go to Chicago to be with Bon and then be back the following day for the Goldenberg Duo benefit concert. But, concerned St. James parishioners conveyed the invitation to the banquet of life – suggesting that I stay longer with Bon celebrating his life! That, Jo and I accepted and had a wonderful time with our loved one. Those moments we shared with Bon were our last with him alive.

On October 10, 2023, Bon DeOcampo received the invitation to the heavenly banquet of Jesus. He did respond - leaving his LOVELY wife, a hard-working son, and a pregnant daughter about to deliver his first grandchild. The expected birthdate of the grandchild is Thanksgiving Day, November 23.

Jesus' invitation to the Kingdom of God comes in many forms. We are invited to love all without discriminating, to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of others, to be of service to others. How do we respond?

*Peace,*

*Ben*

~ Around Kansas City ~

**Welcoming the Stranger an Interfaith Conversation**

Sunday, October 22  
Noon - 1pm

*Who Is My Neighbor?*





**JOIN US FOR LUNCH**

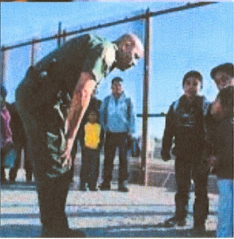


The Kansas City Welcome Alliance invites you to hear a first-hand account of what's happening right now on the border and in cities around the country. Ruben Garcia, Director of Annunciation House, works with immigrants and asylum seekers as they work their way through the immigration system - with help of family, friends and innumerable volunteers in many corners of the country.

**WHERE**

ONE CITY CAFE  
AT BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER

3936 TROOST AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI



**PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 19**

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FRIENDS AND A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE WAITING!

**About Ruben Garcia and Annunciation House**

In 1976, Ruben Garcia and small group of volunteers in El Paso, gathered to consider how to live the gospel more deeply. That launched the journey that became Annunciation House. That small group responded to the call to not only serve the poor, but also to live in solidarity with the poor. Today, that commitment to live the gospel is still their guiding light.

Please join us as we consider the call of the gospel visible in the immigrants arriving by the thousands at the border. We are in a relationship with one another and all of the children of God. How do we welcome the stranger and assist them on their way?

**11 DAY PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE HOLY LAND AMIDST WAR**

Hosted by Abrahamic Reunion

10AM CDT each day for 10-20 mins

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95189562921?pwd=anBNd1ZNncE1RExsSjB4bUdGN2cydz09#success>

**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