



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 19, 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.



The Parable of The Talents

Willem de Poorter (1608–1668)

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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Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

"To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability."

~ Matthew 25:15

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE**

If you brought items for our Table of Remembrance, please take them with you after Mass next Sunday, Nov. 26. Following Mass that day, our Fall decorations will be taken down and our Advent decorations go up.

• **THANKSGIVING MASS**

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Therese Little Flower at 10am. You can bring an item that you're going to serve for your meal that day to be blessed.

• **TROOST39**

Troost39 Thrift Store will start accepting donations every Sunday at St James in the Cry Room when the church is open for Mass. A designated area will have signage where donations may be placed. Please write 'Troost39 donation' on your bag/box/container of donations. The items will be moved to the store on Tuesdays. If you have questions, please call Toni Wurth at the Thrift Store: 816-531-5485, Tuesday thru Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Thank you! .

• **KNITTING & CROCHETING**

There will be NO knitting & crocheting on Tuesday, November 21. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

• **ST. JAMES WALLET CARDS**

St James Church wallet cards are in small baskets on tables at the north and south doors of church and on tables in the back of church immediately behind the pews. We printed 1000, plenty to share with your friends. Please feel free to take several to have on hand when inviting people to join us at Mass.

• **PANTRY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

Single serve items: tuna, fruit or pudding cups, cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers.
 Pop-top items: soup, stew, chili, ravioli.
 Hygiene items: bar soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, toilet paper.

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Stewardship ~

Week 11/06—11/12: **\$3,674**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **82%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$75,406**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$85,139**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **89%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

CHIRST, THE KING
 Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
 Mt 25:31-46

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
11/12, 32nd Sunday in OT	198
Livestream Attendance	
11/12, 32nd Sunday in OT	13



Reflection from Bonnie Haghirian

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

The Camino de Santiago is “The Way of St. James” in Spain, where thousands of pilgrims gather and walk the trail to the Cathedral of St. James. Some of the trails go through parts of Portugal as well as Spain. Pilgrims from all over the world find their path, pack their backpacks, and begin their journey with prayer. Many pilgrims come with family or friends, some come on their own, finding companions along the way. They share a common goal of reaching the Cathedral where the remains of St. James are interred, and they also come with the hope of deepening their faith.

I’ve never been to the Camino, but several of my friends have walked “The Way,” each having different experiences. But, all of us here in St. James Midtown has journeyed along our paths, some of us with family and friends, and some of us alone. We are pilgrims on our faith journeys, and we bring our past with us as we live in the present and hope for the future.

I came to St. James about eighteen years ago, after I settled in Kansas City, a year after beginning my teaching days at Notre Dame de Sion. After being in the parish of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, where I was very active in youth ministry, RCIA and Liturgy, my search for a faith community was a bit like Goldilocks’ adventure with the three bears. I tried various parishes and found that parishes with schools were so focused on school families, there wasn’t much room for a single, widowed person like me. I couldn’t find a good “fit.” I didn’t feel welcomed. So, I bopped around from church to church and friends kept telling me, “Come to St. James.”

Here I found a faith community where people had so many different journeys, I felt like I was coming home. My very first Sunday here, I was greeted and welcomed by people and I immediately felt like there was a place for me. There was such a wonderful palette of diversity in ethnicities, ages, families, and life experiences, I just kept coming back every Sunday.

St. James midtown is very much like the Camino de Santiago in Spain, only we don’t have to walk a few hundred miles to be here. At this point in our journey, though, we need to invite companions to accompany us. We need to invite people who attended St. James pre-Covid, and tell them we miss them and welcome them back. We need to be aware of people who come who we do not know and greet them the way I was greeted. We need to bring families with children here and tell them their children can hear the Word of God in Children’s Liturgy. We need to invite people who play instruments and who love to sing to come to our Spirit filled Masses. We need to invite friends and family, the parents of the newly baptized, folks who have lost their spouses, people who are looking for a parish where Christ is alive in the folks in our pews. Let’s walk as pilgrims on this journey and bring others with us.

Peace,

Bonnie

LASAGNA DINNER WITH ALVIN BROOKS ST. ELIZABETH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

All are Welcome. St Elizabeth's Catholic Church is hosting a lasagna dinner with Alvin Brooks as our guest speaker. The event is on Saturday, December 2nd in Seton Hall. The gathering begins at 5:30 with appetizers and refreshments, dinner is at 6:30, and Mr. Brooks will speak at 7:00 p.m. The St. Elizabeth Dinner for Eight and the EmbRace Justice Ministry are co-hosting. Please RSVP to the St James Parish Office at 816-561-8512.

Mr. Brooks is the recipient of George HW Bush's Thousand Points of Light Award. He is one of the first black police officers in KC, a beloved civil rights activist and the founder of the Ad Hoc group against Crime. Mr. Brooks has been at the forefront of today's most pressing issues criminal justice civil rights racial disparity and local activism. He is a gifted speaker whose warmth and humor is inspirational.

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