



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 26, 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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Last Judgement

fra Angelico (ca. 1400-1455)

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

~ Matthew 25:40

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• **FUNDRAISING NEWS**

Cinnamon Rolls return! Order these from November 26th through December 10th. Delivery is after Mass on Sunday, December 17th. Cost is \$10.00 per pan. Come order the best cinnamon rolls ever and see how else you can help with this fundraiser.

• **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! .

• **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**

Bishop Sullivan Center Troost needs the following.
 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 11/13—11/19: **\$2,912**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **65%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$78,318**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$89,620**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **87%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7
 1 COR 1:3-9
 MK 13:33-37

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
11/19, 33rd Sunday in OT	164
Livestream Attendance	
11/19, 33rd Sunday in OT	11



Reflection from Ben Babaran

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we are called to work with our King, Jesus Christ. This King came as a shepherd as prophet Ezekiel spoke in the first reading. As a shepherd, he lived simply, purely, and graciously. This King is the one who died on the cross, rose from the dead, and is with his people.

And what then is expected of us?

In answer to this question and aligned with Sunday's Gospel from Matthew, may I suggest a message from Mother Teresa? A message that tells us what real authority is and what we, as followers of Jesus, should follow in the authority of love.

God is love, and unless we learn to love as Jesus loves, we will never touch God. Here is what Mother Teresa says:

"Many today are starving for ordinary bread. But there is another kind of hunger – the hunger to be wanted, the hunger to be loved, the hunger to be recognized. Nakedness too is not just the want of clothes, but also about loss of dignity, purity, and self-respect. And homelessness is not just want of a house; there is the homelessness of being rejected, of being unwanted in a throwaway society."

"The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty -- it is not only a poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God."

"Lord, warm our cold hearts with your grace, so that we your disciples may produce the fruits of love as you have taught us and with this love we shall overcome the world."

Peace,

Ben

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