



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 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

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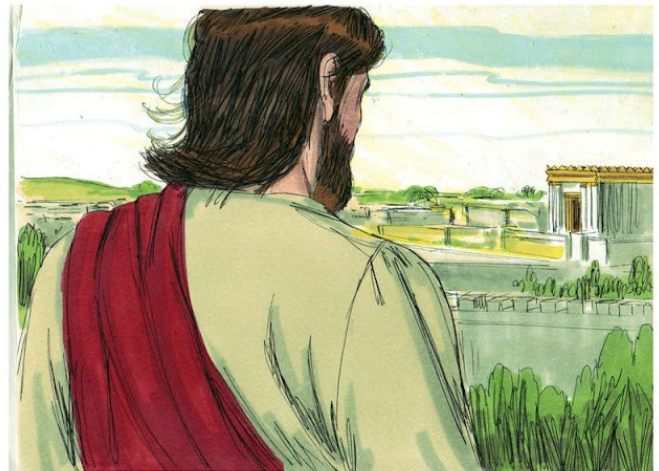
Parish Finance Council

Finance@stjkc.org

Ben Babaran Michael Waldeck

Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes



Stay awake and be ready

Biblical illustrations by Jim Padgett

**“Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will
come.**

~ Mark 13:33

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.

• **ST. JAMES LITURGY NEWS**

We will have Mass on Thursday, Dec. 7th at 7pm to celebrate the Immaculate Conception. The Parish Advent Penance Service is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14th at 7pm. Individual confessions will be available during that time. In addition, after Mass on Sunday, Dec. 17th, we will decorate the church for Christmas. Please stay after and help.

• **ST. JAMES HARVESTERS OPPORTUNITY**

Our regular Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, December 5 from 6-8 pm. Harvesters is located at 3801 Topping Ave. Volunteers must be 8 years old or older. All volunteers are required to wear closed-toed shoes, long pants. Consider bringing 1 canned or other non-perishable food item. Please contact/text Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 if you plan to attend.

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Thank you to all that helped the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to the garden to bed for this year by mulching the bushes and brambles. As the Garden Gang looks towards next year, we invite each and every one of you to join us either in tending the fruits and vegetables or in partaking of the harvest. See you in March!



~ 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 | • Ross Beaudoin |

~ Stewardship ~

Week 11/20—11/26: **\$3,230**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **72%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$81,548**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$94,101**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **87%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 IS 40:1-5, 9-11
 2 PT 3:8-14
 MK 1:1-8

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
11/26, Christ the King	84
Livestream Attendance	
11/26, Christ the King	21



Reflection from Fr. Garry Richmeier

“We can reject everything else: religion, ideology, all received wisdom. But we cannot escape the necessity of love and compassion. This, then, is my true religion, my simple faith. In this sense, there is no need for temple or church, for mosque or synagogue, no need for complicated philosophy, doctrine, or dogma. Our own heart, our own mind, is the temple. The doctrine is compassion. Love for others and respect for their rights and dignity, no matter who or what they are: ultimately these are all we need.” - Dalai Lama

Despite the best efforts of our religions, economic systems, and political platforms, we humans get lost. These things are the means by which we try to accomplish the end goals of peace, security, and providing the basic needs to everyone. But too often we get lost and confused, and we end up defending the “means,” and forgetting or sacrificing the goals we wanted to accomplish. So we defend the free enterprise economic system, while we write off those who cannot participate and must do without basic needs. Or we ignore the other political party and end up in gridlock because our party is in the majority. Or, as is happening in the Middle East, we demonize and persecute another religion or culture because ours is the “right” one.

This quote from the Dalai Lama calls us back to the roots and foundation of what we were created for in the first place. Jesus offered the same message, often placing forgiveness and compassion above the religious or civil law.

Advent is a good time to reassess and take stock of our priorities, and get back to basics. It is a time to discern whether or not our religion, economics, politics, and social institutions are in line with the primary goal of love, compassion, and respect for everyone. And if not, to take steps on a personal and communal level, to make them more effective in reaching the primary goal.

Peace,

Fr. Garry

~ Around Kansas City ~

**ST. JAMES CINNAMON ROLL
FUNDRAISER**

\$10.00/pan

Pick-up dates & times:

ST. JAMES PARISH
10AM Mass – Dec. 17

GUARDIAN ANGELS
4PM Mass – Dec. 16
8:30AM Mass – Dec. 17



ORDER ONLINE AT:

<https://stjkc.org/online-giving>

Click “Login Now” - You do not have to register

Look for “Fundraising Funds”

and click “Give Now”

CONFIGURE GIFT:

GIFT AMOUNT: \$10/pan

GIFT FREQUENCY: ONE TIME

START DATE: CURRENT DATE

NOTES: NAME/CONTACT INFO/PARISH

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