



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 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

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Parish Staff

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Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes



Saint John the Baptist

John Linnell (1792–1882)

“I am the voice of one crying out in
the desert,

Make straight the way of the Lord.”

~ John 1:23

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **ST. JAMES CHRISTMAS MASS**

On December 24, Sunday, St. James has the following Masses:

10 AM—Fourth Sunday of Advent

4 PM—Christmas Eve Mass

- **ST. JAMES LITURGY NEWS**

After Mass on Sunday, Dec. 17th, we will decorate the church for Christmas. Please stay and help. There are lots of ways to help with the altar cloths, setting up the crib, decorations in the windows, the trees behind the altar, wreaths over the doors and a garland in the narthex.

- **CARDS/NOTES FOR SR. CELE BREEN**

There are cards in the back of the church for you to sign or write your notes to Sr. Cele Breen.

- **COME HAVE LUNCH**

December 31st is the 5th Sunday of the month. Please save the date for our traditional lunch after Sunday Mass.



~ 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 | • Judith Reed |
| • Beverly Johnson | • Charles Shelby |
| • Bill Pickett | • Ross Beaudoin |

~ Stewardship ~

Week 12/04—12/10: **\$5,683**

Needed each week: **\$4,481**

Percent of Weekly Budget: **127%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$92,409**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$103,063**

Percent of Budget to Date: **90%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38

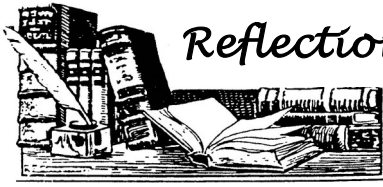
~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

12/10, Second Sunday of Advent **172**

Livestream Attendance

12/10, Second Sunday of Advent **10**



Reflection from Sally Dux

Rejoice! What a glorious word! The third Sunday in Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, Latin for Rejoice! Gaudete (gow-DET-te) represents Joy as we light the pink candle on our Advent wreath. Joy is rooted in faith and trust, bringing inner Peace through our belief in the promise of the Christ Child.

On this Joyous Sunday, as the Holy night draws near, we are called by God to put aside our daily concerns and stress. With His comfort, we light the third candle of Advent, also called the Shepherd's Candle. It serves to remind us of the Joy brought to Shepherds by the Angels, announcing the birth of Jesus. "Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace to all people on Earth." All people, you and me. God wants us to celebrate Joy in our hearts with faith that He will bring us to a better tomorrow. Rejoice!

For unto to us, a Son is born, a Child is given, and His name shall be called the Prince of Peace. Come Lord Jesus; we await your Peace. Come, fill our hearts with Joy.

Peace,

Sally

~ Around Kansas City ~



May God bless you and your family this very special season.

Merry Christmas!

- with love from all of us.

The Parish Staff

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Beaurina Olter, Bookkeeper/Secretary

Christmas Mass

December 24, Sunday

4:00 PM

December 25, Monday

NO Christmas Day Mass

January 1, 2024

NO New Year's Day Mass

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