



## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 31, 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 Leadership Team

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Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes



**The Young Jesus**

Gerard (Gerrit) van Honthorst 1590 – 1656

“The child grew and became strong,  
filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon  
him.”

~ Luke 2:40

**Bulletin Deadline:  
Mondays**

For information/events to be posted on the website:  
Martha Belker at [bulletin@stjkc.org](mailto:bulletin@stjkc.org)

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

### • SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY

Last Wednesday, December 27, a number of Confirmation candidates made 70 sandwiches and offered these sandwiches at the Bus Stop while One City Café is closed until January 1. From this group of candidates, four big boys helped recycle the used candle bottles from the north sacristy of the church. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE SERVICE YOU PROVIDED.

### • COME HAVE LUNCH

This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the month. Please join us in the Marian Hall for our traditional lunch after Mass.

### • MLK DAY OBSERVANCE & PRAYER SERVICE

Please join the Community of St. Therese Little Flower for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance with a Prayer Service and Day of Caring, January 15, 2024. The Prayer Service will be at 10 am followed by Spreading Hope with Care Bags to homeless citizens in need. Please prepare "care bags" with items that will help the homeless or bring some of the suggested items shown on the list and we will prepare the bags after the Prayer Service. Please see attached or insert "MLK DAY OBSERVANCE FLYER".



## ~ We Hold in Prayer ~

### ~ Stewardship ~

Week 12/17—12/14: **\$4,714**  
Needed each week: **\$4,481**  
Percent of Weekly Budget: **105%**  
Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$101,331**  
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$112,025**  
Percent of Budget to Date: **91%**

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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     | • Charles Shelby  |
| • Beverly Johnson   | • Ross Beaudoin   |
| • Bill Pickett      |                   |

### ~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

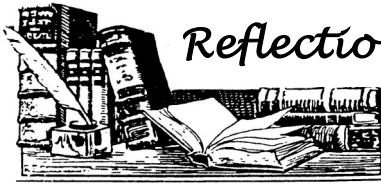
### ~ Mass Attendance ~

#### In-person Attendance

12/24, Fourth Sunday of Advent **186**

#### Livestream Attendance

12/24, Fourth Sunday of Advent **13**



## *Reflection from Ben Babaran*

As we gather to celebrate this Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we are invited to “fear not” and we also are invited to put on “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”

The readings of this Sunday speak to us about promises - promises that have been fulfilled! There are two choices for the First Reading – from the Book of Genesis or from the Book of Sirach. Genesis tells how God fulfilled his promise, giving Sarah and Abraham a child. While in the Gospel, God fulfilled his promise to Simeon and prophetess Anna - Simeon did not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

Promises are also made in our families. Sometimes they are fulfilled, sometimes not. Our families might not be perfect. But God assures us “Fear not...I am your shield.” In addition, the list of virtues St. Paul asks us to put on should help us through our imperfections and personal difficulties.

Then, there is this passage from the Gospel: “When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.” Putting this together with the Book of Sirach which stresses the honor and respect for others especially our parents and elders, we get another message – that we need to invest more of our time in our family life.

I have been dwelling on the latter message for a couple of months now. For Filipinos, or Asians and Pacific Islanders, family life is very important. Our families are closely knit. However, the message is more pronounced when you lose a family member. In October, Jo lost her brother to lung cancer. Last week, I lost a cousin from breast cancer, and I am writing this reflection while in Chicago attending her funeral services.

As we close the year and start making new year’s resolutions, may God who is Emmanuel (God-is-with-us) help us prioritize spending time with our loved ones. May the Feast of the Holy Family open our eyes to see the poor families of our day. They are family to us, too!

Here’s to 2024 blessed with peace, joy, and good health.

*Peace,*

*Ben*

~ Around Kansas City ~



<p><b>Office of Child and Youth Protection</b></p> <p>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 <i>observe or suspect</i> sexual abuse:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and</li><li>2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and</li><li>3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected <i>sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult</i> to the <b>Independent Ombudsman, Joe Crayon</b>, at 816-812-2500, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.</li></ol> <p>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 <b>Victim Assistance Coordinator</b> at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.</p>	<p><b>SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES</b></p> <p>1st Sunday - TROOST39 OPEN W/ HOSPITALITY</p> <p>2nd Sunday - FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY</p> <p>3rd Sunday - HOSPITALITY SUNDAY</p> <p>4th Sunday - PANTRY SUNDAY</p> <p>5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY CELEBRATION</p>
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