



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 2024

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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Calling of Saints Peter and Andrew

Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1573-1610)

He said to them,
"Come, and you will see."

~ John 1:39

**Bulletin Deadline:
Mondays**

For information/events to be posted on the website:
Martha Belker at website@stjkc.org

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

• CONFIRMATION

Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled on February 12, 7PM at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. The rehearsal will be on February 4 at Noon in St. Francis Xavier.

• CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

After Mass next Sunday, (Jan. 21), we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Please stay and help.

• LITURGY COMMITTEE

Liturgy Committee is meeting on January 23rd.

• PARISH GROWTH COMMITTEE

The Parish Growth Committee would like to invite you to our next meeting to discern your interest in its membership. We are meeting at Denise Simeone's house on Thursday, Feb 1, 2024 at 6PM. Her address is 28 West 58th St, KCMO. We will provide the dinner; no need to bring anything. Please RSVP to Martha Belker by text, 913-515-5789.

• KNITTING AND CROCHETING

There will be a knitting and crocheting session on January 16, Tuesday, at 6PM in the rectory.

• SAVE-THE-DATE

The next fundraising event is CHILI DAZE. It is scheduled on February 24, Saturday, at 6PM. We will have Chili, Raffle, Jimbo with fabulous prizes.



~ Stewardship ~

Week 1/01—1/07: **\$8,620**

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

Percent of Weekly Budget: **192%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$116,511**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$120,987**

Percent of Budget to Date: **96%**

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Carole Gary |
| • Amie Miller | • Paul DeMerchant |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | • Ross Beaudoin |
| • Sarita Cann | • Helen Toney Cann |
| • Bill Pickett | • Peter Doyle |

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

1/07, The Epiphany of the Lord **176**

Livestream Attendance

1/07, The Epiphany of the Lord **10**



Reflection from Deacon Ross Beaudoin

It has been a long time since I have written a Bulletin Column. It has also been a long time since I have been present with the community of St. James for Mass. Some health issues have changed my life and I am hoping that I am “coming through them...” as this new year moves forward.

This week Ben asked me if I was going to write the Bulletin Column for this second Sunday or invite another person to write it. I considered the readings and figured that perhaps the Lord was challenging me to write... so here I am.

The first reading, from the Book of Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 speaks to me. The young Samuel, perhaps 12 years old, was sleeping in the temple. Perhaps not a good look. Nevertheless, Samuel was awakened by the voice of God calling to him. Samuel thought it was the priest of Shiloh, Eli, who was calling. It wasn't Eli. Samuel went back to sleep two more times after hearing calls. Finally, Eli told Samuel to respond “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

Samuel returned to sleep, evidently trusting that he would awaken if the Lord called him. And the Lord did call him again.

Now, Samuel was not a person of status or authority. He was young, from an obscure family. Samuel's mother, Hannah, had begged God to give her a child when she was barren. When that child finally arrived, Hannah named him Samuel and dedicated him to the service of God.

When the Lord called again, Samuel responded. The message that he heard was more than he would have imagined: the Lord was going to reduce the influence of esteemed Eli and re-arrange the leadership of Israel. Samuel was to keep all this to himself. Trusting in the Lord, Samuel went back to sleep – again! [I doubt I would have been able to sleep....]

It wasn't long before Samuel had to make decisions about messages he heard from the Lord. Samuel spoke the words of the Lord even though he knew that there were those who would take offense. That was the beginning of Samuel's ministry of prophecy – which he stuck to for the rest of his life.

One reason this reading speaks to me is that both Hannah and Samuel took risks. Hannah first risked asking God for a child. Then she risked dedicating her child to service in the temple. Samuel, for his part, risked taking to heart God's word to him and acting on it: not just once but throughout life.

AND all of this was put in motion when Hannah and Samuel put their lives on the line by truly listening to the promptings of God in their hearts.

Truly listening to God requires us to set aside our preconceptions and our estimates of the cost-to-me. If God is calling, God will provide the grace for us to respond to the call if our hearts are open.

Peace,

Dcn. Ross

~ Around Kansas City ~

HEALING THE HURT: A NIGHT OF PRAYER AND SOLIDARITY

JOIN US AS WE GATHER TO OFFER
SUPPORT, PROMOTE HEALING,
AND SEEK JUSTICE FOR THOSE
WHOM THE CHURCH HAS HURT,
EXCLUDED, OR ABANDONED.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

2024

7:00PM - 8:00PM

SPONSORED BY CATHOLICS
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AND JUSTICE

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH
3736 S LEE'S SUMMIT ROAD
INDEPENDENCE, MO 64055

For further information, email kccssj2023@gmail.com

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