



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 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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Jesus Casts Out the Unclean Spirit
Meister Konrad von Friesach (year 1458 A.D.)

Jesus rebuked him and said,
“Quiet! Come out of him!” The
unclean spirit convulsed him and
with a loud cry came out of him.

~ Mark 1:25

Bulletin Deadline:
Mondays

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

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Next Sunday, February 4, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered during Mass for all who wish to receive it.

- **CONFIRMATION**

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

- **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.

- **CHILI DAZE FUNDRAISING**

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW! Tickets are 1 ticket for \$3.00 or 2 tickets for \$5.00. Take a chance to win \$100 Price Chopper or Costco card. Drawing happens at Chili Daze February 24. SIGN UP TO BE A CHILI CHEF! Enter your chili in the contest today! .

- **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

The statements are now available in the folders in the back of the church. If you have questions or would rather have your statement sent electronically, please contact the parish office.



~ Stewardship ~

Week 1/15—1/21: **\$3,337**
Needed each week: **\$4,481**
Percent of Weekly Budget: **74%**
Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$121,644**
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$129,949**
Percent of Budget to Date: **94%**

~ 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 | |

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
1/21, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	150
Livestream Attendance	
1/21, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	18



Reflection from Ben Babaran

The three Scripture readings assigned for this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time speak about being attentive and listening to the prophet whom God will send.

In St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus entered the synagogue and he taught and everybody is saying, "I wonder what he said." But, Mark won't tell us. Mark is not telling us what he said for some strange reason, but later on we begin to understand.

You see the Kingdom of God is not a book. It is not a series of lectures. It is not a place. The Kingdom of God is a person! And what do people do when they communicate the great truths of God? They teach it. And they live it!

So in Mark, right from the very beginning, he's telling us not so much what Jesus says. Mark asks us to watch what he does. Then, we will understand that the Kingdom of God is among us.

Thus, be attentive and listen!!!

In this trip to the Philippines, that challenge has been echoed in the people I have met each day. Each has something to say to me in what they do in life –service, hosting, preparing food, cleaning—in humility, kindness, generosity, and simplicity.

It is not just people who communicate the great truths of God. Nature does! The Philippine scenes I have taken for granted growing up have communicated to me the beauty, majesty, and power of God. The planet we live in is beautiful, bucolic, dazzling, and captivating. Earth is asking me to change, clean up my mess, promote conservation means, and live in reciprocity to Earth. God continually blesses each day through His creation. And for Earth to stay in balance, and for the God's gifts to continue to flow, I must give back in equal measure for what I enjoy and what is given me each day.

Gratitude is my offering back to the love I have received from people I have met and from God's creation.

Peace - Ben

~ 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

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3736 S LEE'S SUMMIT ROAD
INDEPENDENCE, MO 64055

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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

2nd Sunday - FAITH
FORMATION SUNDAY

3rd Sunday - HOSPITALITY
SUNDAY

4th Sunday - PANTRY
SUNDAY

5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY
CELEBRATION