



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 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

Email [parish@stjkc.org](mailto:parish@stjkc.org)

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### Parish Staff

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### Parish Leadership Team

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Ben Babaran Peter Hughes

Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan



**Sacrifice of Isaac**

Gerard ter Borch the Elder (1583–1662)

God put Abraham to the test.

He called to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

~ Genesis 22:1-2

## Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

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

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

### • ST. JAMES LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Fridays in Lent at noon**—Way of the Cross inside St. James Church  
**March 6, Wednesday, at 7PM**—Lenten Penitential Service

### • DEVOTIONAL CARDS OF NEW PAINTINGS

Devotional cards of the four paintings by Kansas City artist Kwanza Humphrey that hang on the north and south walls of St James Church are on the ledges by the paintings. A few also are on the guest book table. These cards are provided by our parish for all parishioners, guests and visitors who come to St James. We will have more printed as the supply runs low. Our website also has images of the paintings and the artist at:

<https://stjkc.org/our-stories>.

### • LENTEN BOOKMARKS

The Lenten bookmark printer copy is available on our website <https://stjkc.org/resources> for you to print from home, work, etc. Please note that the two-sided bookmark was created from two pieces of paper. When printing the bookmark from our website, the outcome will be two sheets, each with three bookmarks on them. Please feel free to share the bookmark with friends and family.



### ~ Stewardship ~

Week 2/12—2/18: **\$4,257**  
Needed each week: **\$4,481**  
Percent of Weekly Budget: **95%**  
Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$153,394**  
Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$147,873**  
Percent of Budget to Date: **104%**

### ~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 20:1-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

### ~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| • Ed Pailer         | • Ross Beaudoin              |
| • Amie Miller       | • Bernadette Kangni-Soukpe   |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | • George Sitterly            |
| • Sarita Cann       | • Phoebe Moore & her parents |
| • Bill Pickett      |                              |
| • Carole Gary       |                              |
| • Paul DeMerchant   |                              |

### ~ Mass Attendance ~

<b>In-person Attendance</b>	
2/18, 1st Sunday of Lent	<b>179</b>
<b>Livestream Attendance</b>	
2/18, 1st Sunday of Lent	<b>17</b>



## *Reflection from Toni Pennisi Wurth*

### **“Here I Am.”**

In the Old Testament story, God calls Abraham, Abraham answers: “Here I am,” God orders Abraham to sacrifice his only son, and Abraham takes on the task. Then when it’s clear that Abraham will proceed with the deed as demanded, he is called again (this time by an angel) and again he answers, “Here I am.” We all know the rest of the story.

When I first heard this story, I got stuck, really stuck: Why would God mess with Abraham - or with anyone - like that? Moreover, why the heck would Abraham even CONSIDER answering such an extreme request? The good nuns of my youth gave me to understand that like Abraham, all of us will have our faith tested at some time, and if we hold fast to that faith, and act according to that faith, we will be rewarded as Abraham was rewarded. Big acts of faith bring big rewards. All we have to do is be open to the ask. All we have to say is “Here I am.”

These days I’m privileged to witness almost daily how small acts of faith can also bring big rewards. At Troost39 we see people answering “Here I am” all the time. People bring in food to share with customers who might not have enough. A person next in line offers to pay the balance if someone ahead of them finds themselves short of money at checkout. Staff members working on a deadline stop everything they are doing to find clothing and a pair of shoes for someone who has walked in off the street soiled and barefoot. A customer who has a car offers a ride to a perfect stranger who has purchased something that might be too big to carry on the bus. Small acts of faith making a big impact in other people’s lives. People saying to each other, “Here I am.”

At St. James, the Parish Staff finds themselves in similar circumstances. In the middle of a hectic parish day, the doorbell rings, someone answers, (“Here I am.”) and living acts of faith are performed: someone gets money to buy expensive medicine. Someone else gets assistance with a heating bill or rent. An immigrant family gets bus fare to their final destination in the United States.

Every time we look out for each other, every time we respond to the needs of other, we are expressing our faith. At St. James and at Troost39, I’m proud to be affiliated with the people who daily express their faith by saying “Here I am.”

*Peace,*

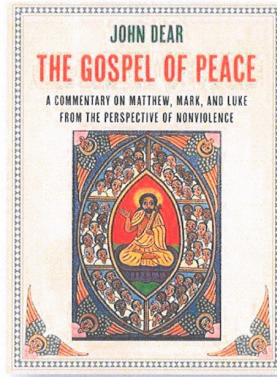
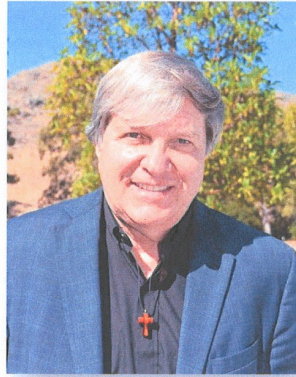
*Toni*

~ Around the Kansas City ~

## A Morning with JOHN DEAR

on his new book:

### “THE GOSPEL OF PEACE”



Peacemaker, author, and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Father John Dear, will be with us to talk about and sign copies of his new book, his life's work: *The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary on Matthew, Mark, and Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence*. It is the first ever commentary on the Synoptic Gospels from the perspective of active nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Dr. King. In this original work, Fr. John walks us through every line of the three synoptic Gospels pointing out Jesus' practice and teachings on nonviolence, peace, and universal love and invites us to follow him. Join us!

**DATE /TIME:** Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am  
**LOCATION:** St. Therese Little Flower Parish  
5814 Euclid Ave, Kansas City, MO 64130  
**CONTACT:** Mike Matteuzzi  
[mmatteuzzi@ma2zlaw.com](mailto:mmatteuzzi@ma2zlaw.com) or 913-253-2510  
**ADMISSION:** Free to attend, but please register below  
**REGISTRATION:** [www.contemporaryspirituality.net](http://www.contemporaryspirituality.net)

For further information, visit [www.johndear.org](http://www.johndear.org) and [www.beatitudescenter.org](http://www.beatitudescenter.org) where he is the executive director and offers online programs.

#### 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](mailto: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