



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 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

Website stjkc.org

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Kansas City, MO 64110

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Kansas City, MO 64112

## Parish Staff

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Ben Babaran Michael Waldeck

Andrew Shepard Anne Carlson

Fr. Don Farnan Peter Hughes



Christ cleansing a leper

Jean-Marie Melchior Doze, 1864

Moved with pity,  
he stretched out his hand,  
touched him, and said to him,  
“I do will it. Be made clean.”

~ Mark 1:41

**Bulletin Deadline:  
Mondays**

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

## ~ St. James Parish Updates ~

### • **ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday. Distribution of Ashes will be during Mass at 7 pm.

Lenten Penance Service is on March 6, Wednesday, at 7 pm.

### • **CONFIRMATION**

This Monday, February 12, the St. James Confirmation candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 7PM Mass led by Bishop Johnston in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Let us support our candidates by joining them at St. Francis on Monday.

### • **HARVESTERS SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

The Harvesters Souper Bowl of Caring is this Saturday, February 10.

We will have fun and get a little workout while supporting a good cause.

Harvesters is located at 3801 Topping Ave.

Volunteers must be 8 years old or older. All volunteers are required to wear closed-toed shoes, long pants. Consider bringing 1 canned or other non-perishable food item.

Please email/text Barbara Schepers at bschep@aol.com or 816-810-8809 if you plan to attend.

### • **FEBRUARY FUN**

Sunday, February 11, it's the Chiefs and the Superbowl. Saturday, February 24, it's the Chefs and Chili Daze!

Festivities begin at 6 pm with the chili contest. We get to eat and vote! There will be chili, cornbread and brownies. Drinks are available for purchase. The fun continues as we play St. James's favorite game-JIMBO with its fabulous prizes! All of this for \$5.00 adults and \$3.00 children. Raffle tickets are also available. One ticket \$3.00; 2 tickets \$5.00.

We look forward to seeing you on the 24th for delicious food, fabulous prizes and fun, fun, fun.

### ~ Stewardship ~

Week 1/29—2/4: **\$5,567**

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

Percent of Weekly Budget: **124%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$144,746**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$138,911**

Percent of Budget to Date: **104%**

### ~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

### ~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

### ~ Mass Attendance ~

**In-person Attendance**

2/4, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time **180**

**Livestream Attendance**

2/4, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time **18**



## *Reflection from Albertine Kangni-Soukpe*

Albertine is a parishioner from Togo, West Africa. The following is her reflection:

The scripture readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time go over the plight of those who are sick, how they should deal with it, and how reaching out to God for help through prayer and other means will help them overcome their sickness.

The first reading (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46) says that those who have leprosy or are sick should let people around them know that they are sick and should not hide that fact. My interpretation of this is that God is telling us not to put our comfort over the safety of those around us. This reading also makes me think of the 8th commandment; “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”, or in other words do not lie, even if it comes at your expense.

The second reading (1st Corinthians 10:31—11:1) embodies both the idea of selflessness and praise. The line that holds the most meaning in the sense of selflessness is as follows: “not seeking my benefit but that of the many”. Secondly, praise through everything you do is how you truly become one with God; “Whether you eat, drink, or whatever you do, do everything in the glory of God,”.

In the Gospel (Mark 1:40-45) after a Leper came to Jesus and begged to be clean, Jesus granted his wish and told him to not tell anyone how he was clean, but the man didn’t listen and made the matter public knowledge.

My reflection of this gospel is that God wants us to be truthful with our neighbors even if it's at our expense. He wants everything we do in our day-to-day life to be for God's glory and if we praise Him all of our sicknesses will be healed.

*Peace,*  
*Albertine*

## Neighborhood Justice Center

Neighborhood Justice Center is a non-profit legal clinic of volunteer attorneys, who represent, in civil matters, persons who cannot afford to pay an attorney. The clinic offices at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Its services are available regardless of the person's religious affiliation, so long as the person's annual income does not exceed 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. If you, or someone you know, needs such services, contact can be made through:

Tom Bradshaw, Neighborhood Justice Center,  
1001 E.52ndSt.,KC,MO64110  
Email:tbradshaw@neighborhoodjusticecenter.com  
816-381-9170

## The Gospel of Peace A Commentary on Matthew, Mark, and Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence

An upcoming event with Fr. John Dear on March 2, 2024 at St. Therese Little Flower Parish in Kansas City.

DATE/TIME	Saturday, March 2nd at 10:00am
LOCATION	St. Therese Little Flower Parish 5814 Euclid Ave, Kansas City, MO
CONTACT	Mike Matteuzzi at mmatteuzzi@ma2zlaw.com or 913-253-2510
ADMISSION	Free to attend, but please register at: <a href="http://www.contemporaryspirituality.net">www.contemporaryspirituality.net</a>

### 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