



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2024

St. James Catholic Church

*3909 Harrison * Kansas City, Missouri 64110*

Reflection from Sr. Fran Voivedich

All three of our readings this Sunday call us to recognize that God is always calling us to live out God's everlasting love. Second Chronicles relates God's relentless call for the people to leave behind their wicked ways and return to worship the God of Israel. The people did not listen; did not hear the invitation; were eventually captured and exiled to Babylon. However, God's love and mercy were not absent. This love and mercy even inspired Cyrus, King of Persia. Eventually they were able to leave and able to worship in Jerusalem again.

For God so loved the world.

Paul reminds us that just as in Chronicles when people were dead to God's voice, we have redemption by God's great gift of love, Jesus. We belong to God by Christ's great gift of salvation; we are to live in light and love.

For God so loved the world.

In the gospel, St John states it perfectly. God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it, but to bring the whole world to perfection in Christ. In the light that Christ shines, all things are made known, all things are made clear and all are saved through the enormous gifts of Life, Death and Resurrection. All throughout the history of salvation, God has led God's people through all kinds of "No's and "Yes's" to the eternal reward of God's great love.

For God so loved the world.

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **HOLY WEEK SERVICES SIGN-UP SHEETS**

Starting this Sunday there will be sign-up sheets in the back of church for people to sign up for the ministries during our Holy Week services. Please sign up for the services you know you'll be able to attend. This week, please only sign up for one of the ministries so that all of our parishioners will have a chance to minister during the week.

- **ST. JAMES LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Fridays in Lent at noon—Way of the Cross inside St. James Church

- **FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY**

Do you ever wonder why we do what we do - especially during Holy Week?

This is your chance to learn more about the rituals of Holy Week!

March 17, after Mass, we will meet in the church as we welcome Biagio Mazza to help us appreciate our quickly approaching Holy Week.

- **ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

It's time to start helping the Easter Bunny!

Please bring plastic eggs and small, wrapped candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Baskets will be at the entrances of church, and our youth will be stuffing and hiding eggs. Youth will gather on Palm Sunday after Mass to stuff the eggs so they can be hidden before Mass on Easter Sunday.

- **FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES AND PARENTS**

This Sunday, March 10, First Communion candidates and parents are asked to meet Ben in the rectory after Mass.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

The Garden Gang has been rebuilding raised beds the last two weeks. This Saturday at 10:00 am we will be building two more raised beds. All are welcome to join us. If this Saturday doesn't work for you, come help us plant seeds next Saturday and plants and potatoes Saturday, March 30th.

- **FUNDRAISING**

Save the date for the next fundraiser to help with the expenses for plaster repair and painting the wall surrounding the Fourteenth Station. It happens April 13th, Saturday, and is entitled "Karaoke at the Corner". Please watch for more details.

- **ST. JAMES MARCH CALENDAR**

March 14, 6PM—Parish Growth Committee Meeting

March 17, after Mass—Faith Formation Sunday

March 19, 6:30PM—Knitting & Crocheting

March 24, 9:45AM—Palm Sunday, Blessing of Palms in Glead Park

March 28, 7PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper/Holy Thursday

March 29, NOON—Walking Stations of the Cross Along Troost

March 29, 7PM—Veneration of the Cross/Good Friday

March 30, 8PM—Easter Vigil

March 31, 10AM—Easter Sunday Mass

• **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 2/26—3/03: **\$5,043**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **112%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$165,120**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$156,835**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **105%**

~ 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 | |

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 Jer 31:31-34
 Heb 5:7-9
 Jn 12:20-33

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
3/03, 3rd Sunday of Lent	165
Livestream Attendance	
3/03, 3rd Sunday of Lent	13

St. James Catholic Church 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.

St. James Catholic Church 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

Weddings

Contact the Parish Office at least 9 months prior to the wedding date

Parish Office

(816) 561-8512

Office Hours: 9:00 --3:00, Monday-Friday

Email parish@stjkc.org

Website stjkc.org

Address 3909 Harrison St.

Kansas City, MO 64110

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Kansas City, MO 64112

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays

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

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