



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

March 24, 2024

St. James Catholic Church

*3909 Harrison * Kansas City, Missouri 64110*

Reflection from Ben Babaran

Reflecting on Palm Sunday readings while having a retreat in the National Shrine of Our Lady of Snows, I recall a direct message from a very close friend and brother, who passed away last year. His message to me during a special event 40 years ago was: "Some of the 'hosannas' you hear today will turn to jeers of 'crucify him' as you live your ministry."

It is our hope and prayer that when we heard the jeers, it is because we did the will of the Father. However, if the jeers were received because we erred, may we have, with God's grace, the humility to apologize and make amends. Jesus understands this reality so much so that despite the weakness of being human, he became one like us. Jesus also allowed the help and support of diverse individuals when he carried the cross to Calvary.

In the Passion narratives, we encounter those who helped Jesus redeem us like Simon of Cyrene who helped carry the cross, Veronica who wiped Jesus' face, the women of Jerusalem, Mary, his mother, Joseph of Arimathea, the good thief and many more. Participating in Jesus' redemptive acts during the Holy Week is good. Doing those acts all year round is imperative!

Like Veronica, Simon, Mary, Joseph and the women of Jerusalem, there are charitable organizations all over that we can join and help feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick and imprisoned, educate children in poverty and work for reconciliation. Here in Midtown Kansas City, we have along Troost Avenue Journey to New Life, Operation Breakthrough, Reconciliation Services, St. Mark Hope and Peace, Al-Inshirah Islamic Center, Bishop Sullivan Center and my favorites: St. James Catholic Church and Troost39 Thrift Store.

May this Holy Week give us the courage and strength to continue Jesus' salvific act in Midtown Kansas City and wherever we may be.



~ St. James Parish Updates ~

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

There are 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.

- **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.

- **PALM SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

The Ecumenical Blessing of Palms will be at the East Lawn of Central Presbyterian Church (3501 Campbell St, Kansas City, MO 64109) NOT at Glead Park. Due to the distance, the Rite of Blessing will start at 9:30am. After the blessing, St. James parishioners will process to St. James Church. If you think you cannot walk the full distance, please drive or ride with somebody. St. James parishioners are invited to join St. Mark Hope and Peace Lutheran Church and Central Presbyterian Church parishioners who will celebrate an Ecumenical Service for Palm Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

- **BUS STOP MINISTRY**

This month Bus Stop Ministry begins its 18th year. In the last 12 months, over 1,500 drinks and snacks were given travelers at one of the city's busiest bus stops. During the Winter months nearly 1,000 gloves, hats and scarves were distributed to help keep our neighbors warm. The ministry appreciates your help, support, donations and prayers. THANK YOU!

- **FUNDRAISING**

What do bags of chips, Beyonce, and Bus Stop have in common? To find out, come to Marian Hall on April 13, Saturday, at 5 PM.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

March 24, 9:30AM—Palm Sunday, Blessing of Palms in Central Presbyterian Church

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

March 29, NOON—Walking Stations of the Cross Along Troost starting at the Kansas City Board of Education (2901 Troost Ave.)

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

March 30, 8PM—Easter Vigil — Vicky Amor will receive Confirmation.

March 31, 10AM—Easter Sunday Mass—Easter Egg Hunt (NO 5th Sunday Celebration Lunch)

April 7, 10AM—Ellyana Yates will be baptized. Ella Michalski will receive her First Holy Communion.

April 14, after Mass—Hospitality Sunday

April 21, after Mass—Faith Formation Sunday

April 28, 10AM—Soleil Rusca will receive her First Holy Communion.

• **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

A Garden Invitation

Who: Anybody, 1 – 99+ years old

What: To help pick, plant, water, play with worms, and share favorite recipes.

When: Any Saturday at 10:00 am from March through November.

Where: St. James Communal Garden

Why: To feed the hungry, care for the earth, and soak up some Vitamin D while swapping tales with neighbors and fellow parishioners.

Questions: Ask Sarah Hirsch



~ Stewardship ~

Week 3/11—3/17: **\$3,848**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **86%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$175,046**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$165,797**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **106%**

~ 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 | • Wanda Decker |
| • Carole Gary | |
| • Paul DeMerchant | |

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

EASTER SUNDAY
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 Col 3:1-4
 Jn 20:1-9

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
3/17, 5th Sunday of Lent	145
Livestream Attendance	
3/17, 5th Sunday of Lent	12

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

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St James on Facebook

Public, only St James admin team can post - <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmidtown>

Private, must request to join, members can post - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/157616239340>

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays—Email to parish@stjkc.org

For information/events to be posted on the website: Email to 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.