



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024

St. James Catholic Church
*3909 Harrison * Kansas City, Missouri 64110*

Reflection from Sally Delwiche Dux

We have reached the Third Sunday of Easter. Christ has died, Christ has Risen, and Christ has Come Again. The Risen Christ appeared to His disciples in last Sunday's Gospel. They were overwhelmed with both joy and disbelief. The Easter story continues in Luke 24: 35-48 with two disciples trying to make sense about what they have witnessed: the brutal crucifixion of their Lord, their Rabbi. Could they have stopped the brutality? Why did it have to happen? Did He truly rise from the dead? How confusing and overwhelming it must have been for His followers!

In today's Gospel, the Risen Christ once again appears in bodily form, greeting His disciples with the comforting words "Peace be with you." The disciples are shaken; they are afraid. They feel a sense of shame and guilt. But with His presence, Jesus "opens their minds to understand the Scriptures." He reassures them. They do not have to be afraid. They do not have to carry the burden of guilt. Christ paid for their sins, and ours, on the cross. It was the fulfilment of God's plan. It had to happen for the good of God's people. Christ opened the hearts and minds of His disciples to the message that reaches us today: put aside our doubts and fears, reflect on our sins, seek forgiveness from the Lord, and go forth in Peace to share our faith in the glory of the Easter story. Christ is with us. He has Risen from the Cross. Alleluia!



~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **KNITTING AND CROCHETING**

The Knitting and Crocheting group will meet on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm in the rectory. Spring is here! It is time for warm weather, flowers and spring cleaning. We will gladly accept yarn, hooks and needles that you would like to donate. Leave your donation in the back of church or drop off items at the rectory. Thank you. .

- **BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS BOOK**

Copies of “**Blessed Carlo Acutis: A Saint in Sneakers**” are available in the back of the church to the newly Confirmed youth and all the youth of the parish.

- **FAITH FORMATION**

Please make plans to attend our Faith Formation next Sunday, April 21, after Mass. Joy Eke and friends will present "Nigerian Life Traditions with Music and Dance."

- **FUNDRAISING**

What do Beatles, brats, blues have in common?

Karaoke on the Corner—includes karaoke and line dancing

Saturday, April 13th, 5-8 pm in Marian Hall

Entrance: \$10.00 - includes food, drinks, and dessert

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

Early Spring planting is complete. This week we are going to catch our breath. Plants and seeds need mulching, watering, and a raised bed needs mending. See you Saturday at 10:00 am.

- **39TH AND TROOST BUS STOP ADOPTION**

Last fall, St. James adopted the bus stop at the corner. Bill Cordaro, Anne Bode Rodriguez and the bus stop ministers have picked up litter and kept the corner looking better since then. If you would like to help once a week or month or whenever your schedule allows, please talk to me or call the church office 816 561 8512. I'll find a time for you. Thanks - Mary Pickett Vincent.



• **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

- April 13, 11:30AM—Funeral Mass of MARIA RINGLEN, mother-in-law of Presly Silbanuz
- April 14, after Mass—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
- April 21, after Mass—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY (Nigerian Life Traditions with Music and Dance)
- April 26, 1:00PM—Funeral Mass of ANN LILLIS
- April 28, 10AM—SOLEIL RUSCA will receive her First Holy Communion.
- May 4, 4—9:30PM, BEHOLD KC (Please see details below)
- May 5—PANTRY SUNDAY
- May 12—MOTHER’S DAY

BEHOLD KC
EVENT DETAILS

Register for the event here!

WHEN: MAY 4 | 4-9:30 PM

WHERE: NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL, NORTH LAWN

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

- PRAISE & WORSHIP
- CONFESSION
- ROSARY
- CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS
- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

VISIT
BEHOLDKC.ORG
OR USE THE
QR CODE ABOVE
TO REGISTER
FOR THE EVENT!

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Bernadette Kangni-Soukpe |
| • Amie Miller | • George Sitterly |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | • Phoebe Moore & her parents |
| • Sarita Cann | • Wanda Decker |
| • Carole Gary | • Cele Breen |
| • Paul DeMerchant | • Clare Duffy Laramie |
| • Ross Beaudoin | |

~ Stewardship ~

Week 4/01—4/07: **\$3,898**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **87%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$186,418**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$179,240**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **104%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Acts 4:8-12
 1 Jn 3:1-2
 Jn 10:11-18

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 4/07, 2nd Sunday of Easter **155**
Livestream Attendance
 4/07, 2nd Sunday of Easter **6**

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

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.