



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

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

Reflection from Ben Babaran

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me."

Good Shepherd Sunday is an opportunity to share again how Jo and I and the children call each other in a crowd even with cell phones in hand. It's a high-pitched whistle created by inhaling rather than blowing. It is such a unique call that the children decided to learn the whistle. To this day, when we call each other in a crowd or in a movie theater or across the Troost39 Thrift Store or just to get each other's attention or even just to say a long distance "hi!", we whistle. I myself find it endearing and many times amusing when one of our family members tries to get my attention using the whistle. It even gives me peace of mind whenever I get their respective whistle response.

In like manner, shepherds and farmers have their own distinct and unique ways of calling their sheep or farm animals. Their animals listen to them. They know their master's voice and call. In cases when the sheep do not respond to the shepherd's call, the shepherd goes in search of the stray lamb. When the sheep do not respond because they are sick, the shepherd heals them. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows us, his flock. He feeds us when we are hungry and thirsty through the Holy Eucharist, goes after us when we are lost, heals us when we are sick, and above all, protects us, even dying for us, his sheep.

In today's gospel, Jesus says "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice." Jesus' flock has NO boundaries! This statement leads me to Pope Francis' greetings to the participants meeting for the Fourth World Gathering of the Global Christian Forum from 15 to 20 April in Accra, Ghana, saying Christians are called "to embody the unity and love of the Triune God in their personal and ecclesial lives so that they bear witness to a world scarred by division and rivalry." This is our call today!

We are called to be good shepherds as everyone is entrusted with the care of others. We are parents, teachers, pastors, nurses, doctors, and government officials. We are shepherds! May we love, respect, guard, encourage, and be present with those entrusted to us.

May we give thanks to the Good Shepherd, hear his voice, follow him and rejoice in his faithful love.

HAPPY GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY TO ALL!

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **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. Carlos has been beatified, and the Cause for Canonization is in process. He died in 2013, as a teenager who succumbed to a short battle with leukemia. He used the internet to spread the Gospel, particularly the Eucharist.

We know the internet is used widely for the good, and just as widely for the bad. Carlos certainly is an example of using it to express his faith.

- **FAITH FORMATION**

You are all invited to attend our Faith Formation this Sunday, April 21, after Mass. Augustine Ogbokebe, John Udokwu, and Philomena Odu will present "Nigerian Thanksgiving with Music and Dance."

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

The Garden Gang is grateful for the rain this week. We are happy not be watering this weekend. Instead we are going to do some weeding, plant dill and parsnips, and spread more mulch. See you Saturday, April 20th, at 10:00 am.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

April 21, after Mass—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY (Nigerian Thanksgiving with Music and Dance)

April 26, 1:00PM—Funeral Mass of ANN LILLIS

April 28, 10AM—EMERY ANDERSON-BOLAND will be baptized and SOLEIL RUSCA will receive her First Holy Communion.

May 4, 4—9:30PM, BEHOLD KC (Please see details on the next page)


May 5—PANTRY SUNDAY

May 12—MOTHER’S DAY

May 19— PENTECOST SUNDAY








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 4/08—4/14: **\$3,851**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **86%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$190,269**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$183,721**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **104%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Acts 9:26-31
 1 Jn 3:18-24
 Jn 15:1-8

~ Mass Attendance ~

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| In-person Attendance | |
| 4/14, 3rd Sunday of Easter | 157 |
| Livestream Attendance | |
| 4/14, 3rd Sunday of Easter | 11 |

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

P.O. Box Number P.O. Box 30388

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.