



ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 12, 2024

St. James Catholic Church

*3909 Harrison * Kansas City, Missouri 64110*

Reflection from Patty McCarty

One thing about Jesus – he was ready. He was always ready. Ready for his passion. Ready for his pain-filled death. Ready for his joyous resurrection. And now, 40 days after that, after visiting and reassuring his faithful friends, he was again ready. Ready to say goodbye to his always dear friends and relatives, to the land and people he knew and loved so well. They had been there when he needed them, as he had been for them. Well, this was different. There wouldn't be any coming back for a long time, and Jesus knew it.

And so, he looked at the people he loved. And loved them. He looked at Mary, his mama, and loved her as she had always loved him, even when he was so little he didn't know what loving meant. Like most mamas, she was there because she wanted to make sure everything was going right. And because she loved him, there was no place she would rather be.

He thought of all the people he had loved – how important they were to him – and he loved them now, in this moment, good and hard, just for the delight of loving them. And he looked at the world that he had loved. Looked at it and enjoyed it, knowing it was his – every bit of it. He thanked God for it and all it had given him and all it had meant to him.

Thank you, God, for every moment. Every friend, every foe. For every good time. Every bad time. For every moment well-used. For every minute wasted. For all the days and all the nights. For this wonderful world. I couldn't have made it better myself. In fact, I think I did.

"My spirit empowers you," he said. "Let people know." And a cloud took him from their sight.



~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **FAITH FORMATION**

Our next Faith Formation Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, May 19. The Parish Ministry Fair for all to learn what our parish is doing, and to invite all to find a place in this wonderful community. Plan on staying after Mass next Sunday, sharing snacks and sharing your gifts and talents to help our parish thrive!

On Pentecost, we invite our newly confirmed youth to attend Mass for a special presentation and gift. We hope to see you there!.

- **NEW PARISHIONER OUTREACH**

If you are new to St James and would like to join our parish, please complete a registration form on the St James website, <http://www.stjkc.org>. You may also complete a paper copy found on the bulletin board in a folder in the back of church. Either scan the paper copy and email it to parish@stjkc.org, or put it in the collection basket during Mass. If you have any questions, please call the parish office, 816-561-8512.

- **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

We would encourage all our members to wear red or other fire colored clothing to help us celebrate.

- **PIANO**

Free piano in the back of church behind white banquet tables. A white key in one of the lower octaves needs repair. You will need to transport the piano to its destination. Please call the Parish Office at 816-561-8512 or email the office at parish@stjkc.org.

- **KNITTING AND CROCHETING**

There will be Knitting and Crocheting on Tuesday, May 21, at 6PM in the rectory.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

Tomato, pepper, and eggplant plants are tucked in the beds and protected from the heat and potential drought by a layer of straw. This Saturday, May 11th, at 9:30 am the Garden Gang will be planting squash, corn, beans, and sweet potatoes. The following are ready for picking:

East Garden

Kale - Pick leaves from bottom

South Garden

Bed 2 - Lettuce - Cut plant off leave a couple leaves at the bottom

Bed 7 - Radishes - Pull. Leaves and root bulb are edible.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

May 12—ASCENSION SUNDAY & MOTHER'S DAY

May 19— PENTECOST SUNDAY and MINISTRY FAIR

June 2—PANTRY SUNDAY

June 9—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

June 16—FATHER'S DAY

SENIOR REFLECTIONS



-with Joanne Collins and Alvin Brooks



MAY 13TH

6:00PM

Doors open at 5:30pm

Truman Forum Auditorium in the Plaza Library
4801 Main St. Kansas City, MO 64112

This will be the first of what we hope will become an Annual event held during Older Americans Month! Each year we will feature one or more older adults in a Fireside-Type chat with our Executive Director, Janet Baker.

This year our guests are Joanne Collins, 89 and Alvin Brooks, 93, who have been in public service while breaking barriers for decades. Join us to hear them reflect on their own life experiences.

Please RSVP to terri@kcshepherdscenter.org

www.kcshepherdscenter.org

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

~ Stewardship ~

Week 4/29—5/05: **\$4,122**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **92%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$201,336**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$197,164**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **102%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

PENTECOST SUNDAY
 Acts 2:1-11
 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
 Jn 20:19-23

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| • Ed Pailer | • Clare Duffy Laramie |
| • Amie Miller | • Jarron Cann |
| • Sarita Cann | • Beverly Johnson |
| • Carole Gary | • Oscar Sherlby, Sr. |
| • Paul DeMerchant | • Kate Miller |
| • Ross Beaudoin | • Matthew Cann, Jr. |
| • Bernadette Kangni-Soukpe | • Brenda Chapman |
| • George Sitterly | • Helen McDonald |
| • Wanda Decker | • Punch Tuggle |
| • Cele Breen | • Wilson Olter |

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 5/05, 6th Sunday of Easter **141**

Livestream Attendance
 5/05, 6th Sunday of Easter **16**

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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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.