



PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

St. James Catholic Church

*3909 Harrison * Kansas City, Missouri 64110*

Reflection from Ben Babaran

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday which we better call the Feast of the Holy Spirit. Actually, the meaning of the word Pentecost is 'fiftieth' and was the second of the three most important of the annual feasts of the Jewish calendar. For Christian people, Ascension occurred on the 40th day after which the 40th day anniversary of the death of a person is based. This Pentecost feast occurred seven weeks after Passover feast. For Christians especially Catholics, this feast occurs after the Resurrection of Jesus. This feast for the Jews was primarily a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest: the first fruit of the wheat crop was offered to God on that day. Later, the giving of the Law of Moses in Mt. Sinai was also commemorated on this feast day.

Pentecost Sunday is always associated with the descent and giving as a gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary. But Pentecost is the moment when God manifests Himself in a hidden way, silent and simply way.

In the Old Testament God is revealed in a burning bush or pillar of fire; in the Gospels, in a single human being, Jesus. Yet today, Acts tells us, spiritual fire descends from heaven and separates into multiple tongues of flame, one for each person's head. Each of us is individually and personally embraced by God, filled with grace, possessed by the Holy Spirit.

Which might explain why there are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit rather than one, and twelve fruits. We all need the gifts of Pentecost. We are very different people: one needs wisdom and understanding, another courage, one wants practical counsel or knowledge, another piety or reverence (Isa 11:1-2; CCC 1831 & 1845). When the spiritual gifts descend upon different heads (temperaments, histories, interests) the effects we call 'fruits' will sometimes be "love, joy or peace", at other times "patience, kindness or goodness", in one person "generosity, gentleness or fidelity", in another "modesty, chastity and self-control" (cf. Gal 5:22-23; CCC 1832). In sending us the Spirit, Christ ensures each has the means to be the distinct kind of saint that God has destined them to be.

At St. James, we are very proud of our Pentecost flags. May these flags remind us of these seven gifts and the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit. May we be bearers of forgiveness in a world torn by war, hatred, division, put-downs, and alienation.

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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

We invite everyone in the parish, from babies to wisdom keepers to stay upstairs in the church to participate in the fair! It will be like a scavenger hunt to find your spot in the various ministries of St. James. We invite everyone to **STAY IN THEIR SEATS** after Fr.Garry leaves, so that the FAIR can begin!

- **FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation is looking ahead at the summer months. We usually meet on third Sundays. Get these dates on your calendar and learn more at the Ministry Fair.

May 19: Ministry Fair in the church

June 16: Father's Day - no session scheduled

July 21: Field Trip to the Nelson Art Gallery. Docent led tour of religious art. Sign up for the tour and let us know if you prefer Christian art or art of various religions. We need to RSVP for this. Sign up at the Ministry Fair.

Aug. 18: in the planning stages

Sept.15: Faith Journeys of our community with roots in the Philippines and Micronesia.

We hope to begin a type of Sunday School for our children who are not in Catholic Schools. We are looking at a family program with a meeting one Sunday a month (probably 2nd Sundays) for parents and children together.

Our children need more than Sacramental Prep, so this is a new opportunity. Sign up at the Ministry Fair for your family.

Our newly Confirmed Youth are invited to attend our Pentecost Mass on May 19 to receive a copy of the Carlos Acutis book and a gift from the parish.

- **KNITTING AND CROCHETING**

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

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

Swing by the garden and hunt for garlic scapes. Cut them off where they come out of the stalk and use them like a garlic clove. This Saturday, starting at 9:30 am, we will be setting up trellises; planting squash, corn, beans, and sweet potatoes; weeding; and weed eating. Bring your weed eater if you have one.

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.

Bed 12 and 13 - Garlic Scapes

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

May 19— PENTECOST SUNDAY and MINISTRY FAIR

June 2—PANTRY SUNDAY

June 9—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

June 16—FATHER'S DAY - NO FAITH FORMATION SESSION

"A Fr. Bob Rost Celebration"

Come join us at St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church for a gathering of family and friends to celebrate the life of Fr. Bob Rost with prayer, scripture, testimonials, music and more. A soulful luncheon will follow our worship. Saturday, June 1, 2024 11 am - 1 pm which includes the worship celebration followed by a soulful luncheon. RSVP can be made on Eventbrite listing under title "A Fr. Bob Rost Celebration".

Memorial Day: pray, meditate, reflect.
When: Monday, 5/27, 10-11 am
Where: National Security Campus
a nuclear weapon production plant
14510 Botts Rd., KC MO



<https://peaceworkskc.org/memorial-day-pray-meditate-reflect-at-nuclear-weapon-plant/>

Contact: Henry Stoever, henrystoever@sbcglobal.net,
 913-375-0045



~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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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 |
| | • Andy Bylinowski |

~ Stewardship ~

Week 5/06—5/12: **\$2,491**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **56%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$203,827**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$201,645**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **101%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TRINITY SUNDAY
 Dt 4:32-34, 39-40
 Rom 8:14-17
 Mt 28:16-20

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
5/12, Ascension Sunday	153
Livestream Attendance	
5/12, Ascension Sunday	14

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.