



TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 9, 2024

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

Reflection from Mimi Harman

In May, I went home to California to visit family and pick our son up from college. To a woman in her fifties, “home” is an interesting term which has changed and evolved throughout the years. To be honest, as a young person I was eager to leave home. My parents were divorcing and life there was tumultuous and painful. Eventually settling down here in KC, I found a great community to call home. My original family unit of five siblings, however, remains in a divided state politically and emotionally. There’s a lot of hurt feelings and blaming still going on. It reminds me of the first reading in Genesis. Instead of admitting their own fault and need for God, Adam and Eve immediately blame another, throwing humanity into a vicious cycle of scapegoating. This act of not taking responsibility for their own feelings and actions, separates them from God and others. They “hide” and cover themselves, creating a division that takes centuries to heal.

When we think of “home” it may bring up warm, safe feelings or it may evoke the opposite. In any case, for many of us it’s complicated. In the Gospel today, Jesus returned home to crowds that welcomed him. His biological family, however, did not! I imagine that even for Jesus, that was difficult to endure, but of course he leaves us with the way to find peace and true family. “For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” (Mk 3:35) And what is the “will of God”? That we all may be one, as he prayed for in the Gospel of John. An end to the blaming and scapegoating that separates us. Sounds simple right...unity through love? The wars in the Middle east, Ukraine and Africa as well as the divisions in our own families tell us otherwise.

Sometimes I wonder if the first human had been honest and said, “Listen God, when the serpent began comparing me to you and telling me that you lied, I started to doubt my own value and I was afraid that you had kept something from me because I was unworthy so I became mad and envious and wanted to protect myself so I disobeyed you”. Would we be in a different place if that was the first response? Yet the painful truth is that it takes hard work to admit our true feelings and real nothingness without God. It takes a humbling tragedy or years of therapy to learn that we are not in control and in fact we have created much of our own unhappiness. In the second reading, St Paul helps us find truth by reminding us to look not to what is seen (division and separation) but to what is unseen (human and divine connection); for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal (love) (2Cor5:1). When we finally stop hiding and uncover our true self we fall into the hands of God and realize that we have never been separated from God’s Love, we have always been one!

When we meet God in this place, we see Jesus as our true brother and know, too, that although political, racial, and religious differences exist, every human being is our brother and sister and mother.

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **FREE PIANO—UPDATE**

Update on the free Baldwin piano in back of church. All the piano keys are working. You will need to transport the piano to its destination. Please contact 816-561-8512 or parish@stjkc.org.

- **FAITH FORMATION**

July 28, Faith Formation will sponsor a trip to the Nelson Art Museum to see their collection of Religious Art from a variety of faith traditions. We are in the planning stages of this, but we need to collect names and contact information as we move forward. The Museum will offer us docents for one or two groups - and they need to plan for this as well.

Please let Bonnie Haghirian know if you're interested. We will have a sign up sheet in the center aisle of Church this Sunday (June 9), and on following Sundays. The museum needs a "head count" by SATURDAY, July 6. You can also text Bonnie at: 816-294-1952.

Email: bhaghirian@yahoo.com

We could do just the tour, or meet in Rozelle Court before the tour, for lunch.

Indicate your preference, please.

- **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

This Sunday, June 9, is Hospitality Sunday. Plan on staying right after Mass for some hospitality treats. It is also the Sunday our pastor Fr. Don Farnan celebrates the Eucharist with us.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

With the arrival of June, we have moved to the picking and maintaining of the garden. Part of the Garden Gang's ministry is sharing extra produce. This week we delivered 16 1/2 lb. of greens to Bishop Sullivan. In addition on Saturday, June 8th, at 9:30 am, we will be weeding, watering, trellising, and weed eating. The following is available for picking:

East Garden

Kale

Onions

South Garden

Bed 2 - Lettuce

Bed 6 - Swiss Chard, Mustard and Turnip Greens

Beds 12 and 13 - Garlic

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

June 9—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

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

June 25—Glory Ann David Funeral; Visitation: 1pm; Mass: 2pm

June 30—FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION

July 7—PANTRY SUNDAY

July 14—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

• **YOU ARE INVITED**

Father Don Farnan is offering a few mini-retreats in June. Each will last 2½ hours and will cover topics such as: the value of retreat in modern times, the church’s commitment to KC’s urban core, the role of St. Therese, St. James, and St. Francis Xavier to each other and the wider community, connections to universities and social agencies, faith that does justice, and linking urban and suburban Catholics in our common mission. These are the dates/times for the mini-retreats:

- 1) Tuesday, June 11, 9-11:30AM
- 2) Thursday, June 13, 1-3:30PM
- 3) Tuesday, June 18, 5-7:30PM
- 4) Friday, June 21, 9-11:30AM.

Each session will be limited to ten retreatants. Please RSVP by contacting Fr. Don directly at frdon@stjkc.org. Once he receives your RSVP and confirms the reservation, he will give you the location (near Avila), parking instructions, etc.

• **SAVE THE DATE**

Tuesday, June 18th - Annual Summer Solstice gathering for knitting and crocheting. We will gather outside the rectory (weather permitting) to celebrate Summer. More details next week.



~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

~ Stewardship ~

Week 5/27—6/2: **\$4,315**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **96%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$215,031**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$215,088**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **100%**

~ Next Sunday’s Readings ~

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN OT
 Ez 17:22-24
 2 Cor 5:6-10
 Mk 4:26-34

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
6/2, Corpus Christi Sunday	153
Livestream Attendance	
6/2, Corpus Christi Sunday	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

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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.