



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 23, 2024

St. James Catholic Church

*3909 Harrison * Kansas City, Missouri 64110*

"Small enough to know your name, big enough to make a difference."

Reflection from Ben Babaran

In the readings of this Sunday, our church reminds and encourages us that, Christ is with us even in the midst of all the storms of this life. It is then a great cause for celebration and thanksgiving because we are so glad that Jesus cares for us.

As I was reading the Gospel, it put a smile in my face as I saw Jesus pulling a joke on his disciples. How can somebody sleep on a boat being tossed by a storm? Even when asleep, our Lord has the power to control and regulate all the natural, physical and spiritual forces or activities going on in this world.

During our trip to the Philippines, my family and I encountered a strong torrential storm up in the mountains where our children went up to have their tattoos from the village of the 107 years old tattoo artist, Whang-Od. The storm challenged my faith in Christ! I was afraid our family would be stranded in the mountains. The torrential rain caused landslides along the treacherous highway. In fact, the rear, right tire of our van got busted by sharp boulders that fell along our path. In addition to the storm outside, there was a storm happening inside the van – our children were quarrelling. Yet, Jesus was with us and protected us. Thank God and thanks for all your prayers.

Life is full of storms. At times, they can become so strong and strange that our human strength can no longer support us. At such moments fear and complaints might take over the central stage of our life. Even in some cases, we might lose our faith in God, thinking that he has abandoned us or that he does not exist. These storms come in different forms. However, the good news is: Christ assures us that He is with us and is aware of the storm we are battling. So, we cannot be with Him and yet sink. Another point is: no matter how experienced we think we are in navigating our storms, we cannot overcome our storms alone. Christ reminds us: "Apart from me, you can do nothing."

As the Sunday's readings ask us to trust in Christ, Jo and I continue to start our day with the psalmist prayer: "Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth" (Ps 121, 1-2).

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **FAITH FORMATION**

Thank you to all of our parishioners who indicated an interest in our Faith Formation field trip to the Nelson to tour their collection of Religious Art from Various Faith Traditions. We are FULL! I've notified almost everyone through email. I will be at St. James this Sunday with my list, so you can check with me to make sure!

Here we go: Sally D., Sarah H, John & Diane B, Mary S, Chris D., Mike & Linda A, Margo S, Sr. Rose, Gabe, Madeline, Fran, Janet, Angela & Michelle, Maria B & husband, Katie W & one, Reba, Bonnie. I have Fr. G on stand by. Those who are members, please bring your card so that you can park free in the underground lot. FF will provide a quick lunch here at church before we go. Tour begins at 12:15, and lasts about 75 minutes. We have two groups with docents.

There has been so much interest, I'd be happy to book another trip.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

We are doing another garlic test dig Saturday at 9:30 am. Most likely we will be digging and braiding garlic. If not, we are weeding and watering. Currently available for harvesting is the following:

East Garden

Kale

Onions

South Garden

Bed 6 - Swiss Chard

Beds 12 and 13 - Garlic

- **FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

Join us after Mass on June 30 for lunch in the Marian Hall.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

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

June 30—FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION

July 7—PANTRY SUNDAY

July 14—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

July 21—REDEMPTORIST MISSION APPEAL



• **IN COLLABORATION WITH ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

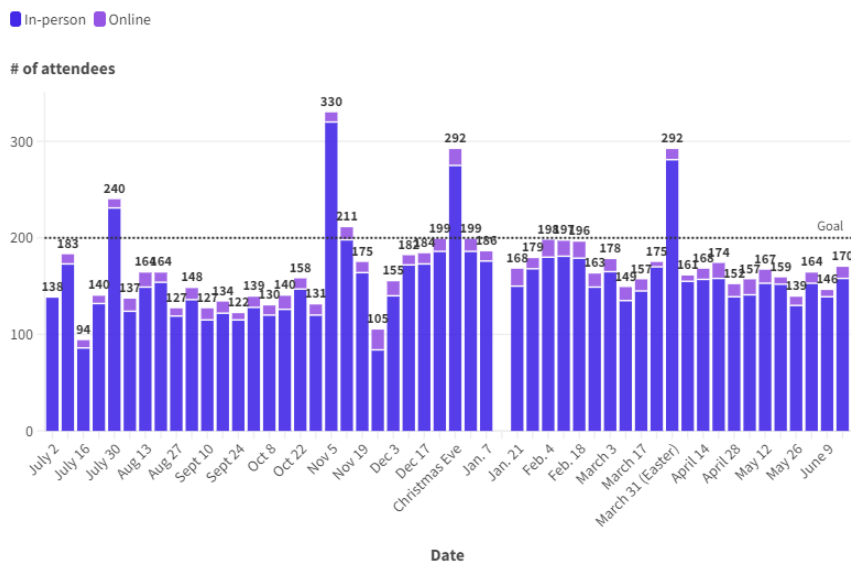
Migrant Farmworkers will arrive in late July. The peaches and apples are ripening and 500 pickers and their families will arrive to harvest acres of produce in Lafayette County. Migrant Farmworkers Fund relies on the generosity of our parishes to sustain them while they are here. They are asking for:

- ◆ Pinto beans (if you shop Walmart, you can get 20# for \$14.94)
- ◆ Socks - high top work socks

We will set up a place in church to drop off these items. You can start dropping the items off next Sunday.

• **MASS ATTENDANCE GRAPHIC**

St. James mass attendance



~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Cele Breen |
| • Amie Miller | • Clare Duffy Laramie |
| • Sarita Cann | • Kate Miller |
| • Carole Gary | • Brenda Chapman |
| • Paul DeMerchant | • Helen McDonald |
| • Ross Beaudoin | • Wilson Olter |
| • Bernadette Kangni-Soukpe | • Andy Bylinowski |
| • George Sitterly | • Jermonica Cann |
| • Wanda Decker | • Pat Marrin |

~ Stewardship ~

Week 6/10—6/16: **\$5,215**
 Needed each week: **\$4,481**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **116%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$224,234**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$224,050**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **100%**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT
 Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24
 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15
 Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 6/16, 11th Sunday in OT **136**
Livestream Attendance
 6/16, 11th Sunday in OT **9**

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

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

If you would like to register as a parishioner, registration forms are in a folder tacked to the bulletin board by the live-stream window in the back of church. Please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket during Mass. The form is also on our website STJKC.ORG under Contact Us.

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.