



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**July 14, 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 Susie Hope Roling*

At the heart of today's readings is the call to be good Samaritans in our modern world. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus challenges us to extend compassion and aid to those in need, regardless of social barriers or prejudices. This narrative resonates deeply with issues of social justice, particularly concerning the marginalized and those affected by incarceration.

In many societies, the prison system reflects deep-seated inequalities and systemic injustices. Often, those who are imprisoned come from disadvantaged backgrounds, facing economic hardships, lack of educational opportunities, and discrimination. Moreover, the experience of incarceration itself can perpetuate cycles of poverty and exclusion, affecting families and communities for generations.

As followers of Christ, we are called to confront these challenges with a spirit of solidarity and reconciliation. This means advocating for fair treatment of those incarcerated, supporting reentry programs, and addressing the root causes that lead individuals into the criminal justice system. It also means challenging ourselves to see humanity in every person, including those who have committed harmful acts against society.

The readings remind us that true discipleship requires us to go beyond mere words and embrace concrete actions of love and mercy. It challenges us to advocate for a society where justice is tempered with compassion, where healing and restoration are prioritized over punishment alone.

On this Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, let us reflect on our role as instruments of God's peace and justice in the world. Let us pray for the strength to be like the Good Samaritan, showing mercy and solidarity with those who are marginalized or imprisoned. May our actions and prayers contribute to building a more just and compassionate society, reflecting the Kingdom of God here on earth.

## *~ St. James Parish Updates ~*

- **FAITH FORMATION**

The Faith Formation field trip to the Nelson Art Museum is all set for Sunday, JULY 28. Following Mass, we'll offer a sandwich lunch in the back of church. Tours begin at 12:15 and last for 1 hour 15 minutes.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

The St. James Gardens are really benefiting from the recent rains. Garlic and onions have been picked and are curing in the shed. Cherry tomatoes are starting to ripen so take a peek and pick them when they are pink (to stay ahead of the squirrels and other critters). The current bushes are full of berries; pick them when they start to turn a blue color (again to stay ahead of the critters) and they will darken in a dish at home. They taste pretty bitter when they are still red, so wait till they are nearly black.

Blackberries do not ripen at home so grab them when they turned dark. We really have to beat the birds on this bush. Currently available for harvesting is the following:

***East Garden***

Kale

***South Garden***

Beds 6-7 - Swiss Chard, turnip greens and mustard greens

Raised Bed along Troost39 - Clove Currants

South Raised Bed - Blackberries

- **TROOST39 THRIFT STORE**

Troost39 Thrift Store is urgently seeking donations of Women's and Men's Summer Clothing. We are way more than half-way through our inventory of Adult Summer Clothing!

Parishioners can help by bringing donations to the back of church on Sunday, or stopping by the Store during business hours, 10-4 Tuesday through Saturday.

Thank you for helping us keep our racks stacked for the rest of the summer!

- **CELE BREEN, SCL**

Sister Cele is in the Infirmary at the Motherhouse in Leavenworth. She is currently not receiving visitors. If you would like to send a note of loving support to her, please do so.

There are writing supplies in the back of church. We will get your notes to her.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

July 14—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

July 21—REDEMPTORIST MISSION APPEAL

July 28—FAITH FORMATION TRIP

August 4—PANTRY SUNDAY

August 11—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

August 18—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY PRESENTATION

August 24—118TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES CHURCH

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

Migrant Farmworkers will arrive in late July. Migrant Farmworkers Fund relies on the generosity of our parishes to sustain the pickers 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

**The last date for donations is next Sunday, July 21.**

• **SAVE THE DATE**

The celebration of the 118th year founding anniversary of St. James Kansas City will be on the 24th of August, 2024 from 5:30PM to 8:18PM.



*~ We Hold in Prayer ~*

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

*~ Stewardship ~*

THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024  
 ENDED LAST JUNE 30.  
 THE FISCAL REPORT AND THE BUDGET  
 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025  
 ARE BEING PREPARED.  
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

*~ Next Sunday's Readings ~*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT  
 Jer 23:1-6  
 Eph 2:13-18  
 Mk 6:30-34

*~ Mass Attendance ~*

<b>In-person Attendance</b>	
7/07, 14th Sunday in OT	<b>136</b>
<b>Livestream Attendance</b>	
7/07, 14th Sunday in OT	<b>19</b>

## 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](http://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.