



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 21, 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 Mike Art

In reflecting on today's Gospel I find myself asking what has really changed from 2000 years ago. Would Jesus looking out on the masses today still find his heart moved with pity for we still appear like sheep without a shepherd? One danger in modern society is we are without truly prophetic leadership; we are easily taken in by those who would manipulate the masses with messages of fear and hate. We certainly appear polarized and unable to see any clear path of understanding how we are all connected.

In the second reading, Paul is speaking to the Ephesians and proclaims, "For he is our peace, he who made us one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity". Breaking down enmity is about overcoming hostility. Further Paul proclaims. "In abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims he created in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace." Peace comes from reaching out to in faith to one another and transcending out differences. In the early Christian community, both Jews and Gentiles found a way to set aside their differences and become a single community. They had to move beyond the legal letter of the law and act out of the law of love which Jesus showed them in his teachings as well giving his life which was the ultimate act of love. In living out the Gospel, we are called to love one another and seek the path of unity and true peace. Christ did not come to be a king seeking power and control with messages of fear and hate. Christ comes even now as a humble shepherd who loves us takes pity on us and continues to love us without judgment or condemnation. We are called to love in the same way setting aside our differences and realizing we are all part of the body of Christ.

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **FAITH FORMATION**

The Faith Formation field trip to the Nelson Art Museum is all set for next 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**

Potato digging and weeding continues...Join us at 9:30 am Saturday, July 20th. Veggies ready to be picked include:

East Garden

Kale

South Garden

Beds 8 - 11 - Potatoes

Bed 13 - Cherry Tomatoes

Beds 14 and 15 - Peppers

- **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 passed away Thursday, July 18, at 4:30 in the morning. We will send out more details as we get them. Please keep Sr. Cele, her community, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, and her family in your prayers.

- **ROBERT J. BASOLO**

Robert "Bob" J. Basolo, the father of our Music Director, Robert Basolo, passed away this week. Let us keep the Basolo family in our prayers.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

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 THIS 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 ~

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT
 2 Kgs 4:42-44
 Eph 4:1-6
 Jn 6:1-15

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
7/14, 15th Sunday in OT	139
Livestream Attendance	
7/14, 15th 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

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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.