



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 28, 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

The Gospel for this Sunday is the only miracle that is included in all the four canonical gospels: Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:31-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-14. It is that important to the Christian life and mission.

There are many important lessons we can learn from the miracle on the mountain. I would like to share three of them:

The miracle was a banquet of love. Jesus said, "Have the people recline." The point is what my parents have inculcated in me growing up – the Filipino hospitality. When anybody comes to you, you sit them down, and make them feel at home, and you share with them what you have. It is in the sharing that the guest or visitor will realize that the world is full of love. The miracle made strangers, unknown to each other, share in the banquet of love.

The generosity of the boy became the motivation of a great miracle for his community. From two fish and five loaves, the community was blessed with twelve more baskets of food. God works with what we have. May this remind us that a dollar given out of love is as priceless as a million dollars.

Moved with compassion, Jesus replicated the miracle of Elisha in the first reading. He was sensitive to their needs and situation. Christ cares for our needs both physically and spiritually.

We are Eucharistic people, called to love, to be generous and to be compassionate. As Cardinal Pierre said during the National Eucharistic Congress, "When we are truly 'revived' by the Eucharist, then our encounter with Christ's real presence in the Sacrament opens us to an encounter with Him in the rest of life" – especially in the poor and marginalized. May Christ work miracles in us and through us.

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **BAPTISMS THIS SUNDAY**

Jalenster Jr and Seileen David will have their children, Shaloha, Jaysha, and Elijah, baptized this Sunday. Jmarlou, son of Altero and Morena Joseph, will be baptized along with the David children.

- **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, August 4th, is Pantry Sunday. Bishop Sullivan is asking for single serve items: fruit cups, pudding cups, Vienna sausage, tuna and crackers, granola bars, cheese and crackers, peanut butter and crackers and other items. Thank you for your continued generosity and support for Bishop Sullivan.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

With August fast approaching, tomatoes are ripening on the vine and it is time to prep beds for fall planting. Join us at 9:30 am on Saturday, July 25, to weed, water, prune, and weed eat. Produce ready to be picked include:

East Garden

Kale

South Garden

Wire Cages - Tomatoes

Trellises - Beans

Raspberries

- **CELE BREEN, SCL**

Denise Simeone heard from the SCL sisters that most likely the wake service will be August 5 in the late afternoon/evening and the funeral Mass will be August 6. Details or changes will be sent as we get them. Please keep Sr. Cele, her community, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, and her family in your prayers.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

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



Join us for our
 anniversary
 picnic



SATURDAY AUG. 24
 ADMISSION \$1.18
 DINNER, KARAOKE,
 GAMES AND MORE!!!

~ 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 ~

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT
 Ex 16:2-4, 12-15
 Eph 4:17, 20-24
 Jn 6:24-35

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance	
7/21, 16th Sunday in OT	126
Livestream Attendance	
7/21, 16th Sunday in OT	8

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

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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.