



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 18, 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

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world."*

The above passage is why we go to St. James each Sunday. We go for the Bread, the Bread of Life.

Whenever I read this passage, I recall the time I woke up from my open-heart surgery in December 2020. I remember my beloved Jo's hands holding mine. I felt her presence, the presence of someone who cared for me and loved me. At that time, I wondered how long has she been holding my hands?

From that experience, I realized that it is not a matter of learning about the doctrine of the Eucharist. It is not a matter of understanding transubstantiation. It's a matter of knowing that "When you take this bread, you take me, and you take an appreciation for the fact that I have poured out my blood for you."

We call it "Real Presence." Real presence is incomparable! It cannot compare to any relationship because only the Son of God could allow us to experience, not the divinity of God, but the humanity of the Son of God, that we might know that he is one with us in every way. One with us, not only in love, but one with us in the lives we live.

We call it "Holy Communion." It means a total communion with God Himself through Jesus. A communion by feeling God's presence through Jesus and letting God feel our humble presence. It is, in addition, a communion, each of us with each other. A communion that is to last for all eternity - the gift that Jesus gives.

We go to Holy Communion all the time, but many times, we do not realize that we are supposed to be in communion with each other and forgive each other. Above all, we are called at every Mass to extend that communion with the people outside St. James, especially the hungry. Being in communion with them is to feed them, because Jesus is with us and the things that he did, we must do now.

May we walk in the grace of God. That way, we may grace others with God's presence.

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **FAITH FORMATION**

FAITH FORMATION DATES:

August 18

September 22

October 13

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Begins on September 8

FAMILY BASED CATECHESIS

Sign ups on August 11th, August 18th, and August 25th

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

The reduced temperatures and rain have blessed the kale, arugula, and beets that were planted last Saturday. On top of watering and weed eating this Saturday starting at 9:30 am, we will be planting beans, kohlrabi, turnips, and mustard greens. Produce ready to pick include:

East Garden

Kale

Wire Cages - Long Beans

South Garden

Beds 14 and 15 - Peppers

Wire Cages - Tomatoes

Trellises - Beans

Raspberries

- **KNITTING AND CROCHETING**

The Knitting and Crocheting group will meet on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30pm in the rectory.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

August 18—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY PRESENTATION - Pacific Islanders' Traditions

August 24—118TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES CHURCH

September 1—PANTRY SUNDAY

September 8—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY; CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD STARTS

September 8—ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT MASS

September 22—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY - Justice Project

September 29—GOLDENBERG DUO CONCERT, 7PM



• **118TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC**

The Anniversary Celebration begins at 5:30PM with The Garden of Games, karaoke, line dancing, raffle, dinner, drinks, a Parade of Cookies for dessert!

Admission is \$1.18. Moveable decimal point! \$1.18 or \$11.80 or \$118.0. Move the decimal for St. James! If you are not available to attend, please consider making a donation. THANK YOU!

PLEASE sign up to HELP at the 118th Anniversary Picnic.



~ Stewardship ~

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FISCAL REPORT AND BUDGET

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN OT
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
Jn 6:60-69

Join us for our anniversary picnic

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

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~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Kate Miller |
| • Amie Miller | • Helen McDonald |
| • Sarita Cann | • Andy Bylinowski |
| • Carole Gary | • Jermonica Cann |
| • Paul DeMerchant | • Pat Marrin |
| • Ross Beaudoin | • Oscar Shelby |
| • Bernadette Kangni-Soukpe | • Beverly Johnson |
| • George Sitterly | • Jeronn Cann |
| • Wanda Decker | • Punch Tuggle |
| • Clare Duffy Laramie | • Mark Cann, Sr. |
| | • Sharon Wallace |

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
8/11, 19th Sunday in OT **133**

Livestream Attendance
8/11, 19th Sunday in OT **13**

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.