



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 15, 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 Jill Clements

Sometimes it's confusing combing through the "messiness" of faith especially when we have "leaders" that have contradictory definitions of truth. Two weeks ago during the homily, I really appreciated Fr. Garry's analogy of the hand pointing to the moon in religious art. He mentioned that oftentimes people focus too much on the details of the hand (gender, race, religion, etc), when we really should be focusing on the moon (God). I jokingly whispered to my husband, "That's not what that other priest said a few weeks ago." The St. James community welcomes all "hands" in such a beautiful way to lead them to the "moon".

We have had a similar contradictory situation in the gospel for the past two Sundays. Jesus tells His disciples today in Mark 8 to not tell anyone about Him, yet just a few chapters earlier (Mark 5), he told the man who had been possessed by demons to tell everyone . Why would this be? Why does Jesus tell some to tell everyone about Him and others to be silent? Maybe Jesus knew that the disciples at that moment still didn't "get it". By commanding them to be quiet, maybe what he was actually doing was preventing the spread of misinformation. How often do we speak before we know the whole story? What if we truly listened to understand before we spoke? What if our leaders (of our families, our workplaces, our communities, our cities, our churches, our countries, our world) did the same? I believe we'd have more compassion and understanding for each other and less division. Let's try to take a step back this week and be better listeners - suspend our own agendas; take genuine interest in what other people are saying; and avoid judgment and instead focus on understanding the other's perspective.

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **FAITH FORMATION**

Please attend our Faith Formation Sunday on Sept. 22. We will meet Rev. Darryl Jones and Susie Roling who will present the Miracle of Innocence Foundation. We will learn about mass incarceration, wrongful convictions and the death penalty. Darryl's story is a call to justice. Invite your friends and neighbors. Refreshments will be offered after Mass, before the presentation begins.

We are beginning a catechesis/religious education program for our families.

We will meet after Mass THIS Sunday, September 15 by the section of pews near the north entrance to the church (39th Street) and we'll share materials as we talk about the program.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

Eggplant are really setting one. Join us this Saturday at 9:30 am to help water, weed and pick yourself an eggplant. In addition, this Sunday will be the last time potatoes and onions will be in the back of the church. Grab some before they are gone. Produce ready to be picked:

East Garden

Kale

Wire Cages - Long Beans

South Garden

Bed 9 - Arugula Beds 14 and 15 - Peppers Bed 17 - Eggplant

Wire Cages - Tomatoes Trellises - Beans

- **KNITTING AND CROCHETING**

The Knitting and Crocheting group will meet on Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 in the rectory.

- **JOIN A VIGIL AND PRAYER**

Join a vigil and pray that the execution of Marcellus Williams be overturned. Meet at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, Sept 24 on the corners of 39th and Troost. In the meantime call Governor Parsons (573) 751 3222 demanding that he commute Williams' death sentence.

- **BUS STOP ITEMS BLESSING**

Bus Stop items will be blessed on September 22 during the 10AM Mass.

- **SEPTEMBER SOCIAL JUSTICE REFLECTION**

Unite with workers to build an economy that puts people, not profit, at the center.

We unite with workers to build an economy where each person can find a job that provides for her or his family. No worker should have to choose between losing a job and caring for a sick child, and all workers should be afforded rest so that they can contribute to family and community life. We support the strengthening of unions since they allow people to advocate for work environments that recognize their essential human dignity.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

September 14—CELE BREEN’S MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE, 10AM
 September 22—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY - The Miracle of Innocence Foundation
 September 29—5th SUNDAY CELEBRATION
 September 29—GOLDENBERG DUO CONCERT, 7PM
 October 6—PANTRY SUNDAY
 October 13—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
 October 13—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY - Human Trafficking

- **FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

Join us after Mass on September 29 in the Marian Hall for our traditional 5th Sunday celebration.

- **VOTING INFORMATION**

- ◆ **Kansas Voting Registration Information**
 Oct. 15: Kansas voter registration deadline for general election
- ◆ **Missouri Voting Information**
 Oct. 9: Voter registration deadline.
- ◆ **More information next week.**

~ Stewardship ~

Week 9/2—9/8: **\$4,274**
 Needed each week: **\$4,646**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **92%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$39,011**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$46,460**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **84%**

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 9/8, 23rd Sunday in OT **172**
Livestream Attendance
 9/8, 23rd Sunday in OT **11**

~ Next Sunday’s Readings ~

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN OT
 Wis 2:12, 17-20
 Jas 3:16—4:3
 Mk 9:30-37

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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

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 on the pamphlet rack in the church narthex. 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.