



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 29, 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

With the national election drawing near, people are drawing lines – lines that exclude. There seems to be so much division and conflict in our world, our church, our country, our communities, our families, and if we are honest, even within ourselves. The gospel of competition is being preached. This Sunday's readings, however, give us pointers on how to address these conflicts and work toward reconciliation, resolution and harmony.

"Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!" This was Moses' response to Joshua, son of Nun, who asked Moses to stop Eldad and Medad in prophesying because they were not among those to whom the spirit was bestowed. The Spirit blows where it will. No human is able to have monopoly of the Spirit. No "side" can claim that they have the Spirit and the other does not. In the same manner, Jesus tells John in the Gospel, "Whoever is not against us, is for us!"

So, to resolve conflicts, one must first acknowledge that others, even those we disagree with, also have the Spirit of God with and in them. All have been given of the same Spirit, but not all have received the same Gifts. St. James Kansas City celebrates this variety of Gifts in our diversity. May we use these various gifts harmoniously to reach our same goal – our God!

Pope Francis during his trip to Asia acknowledged the diverse religions in the area. He said, "All religions are a path to arrive at God. They are like different languages to arrive there. But God is God for all."

We may not agree on everything and see things the same way. Each of us has specific gifts and thus, different approaches. But we can be of One Mind and One Heart on our way to One God!

I had the privilege of listening to Rev. Darryl Burton and his story last Wednesday during the Troost Alliance meeting. He challenged us to love and pray for those who hurt us. This challenge reminded me of the Eucharistic Prayer II for Reconciliation which I had the honor of praying in the past.

May I share with you this prayer: "For though the human race is divided by dissension and discord, yet we know that by testing us you change our hearts to prepare them for reconciliation. Even more, by your Spirit you move human hearts so that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries may join hands, and peoples may seek to meet together in peace. By the working of your power, it comes about, O Lord, that hatred is overcome by love, revenge gives way to forgiveness, and discord is changed to mutual respect." May our reception of the Eucharist move us to live in mutual respect!

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **PANTRY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, October 6, is Pantry Sunday. The following are the items requested:

- ◆ Pudding or fruit cups; single serving tuna or chicken salad; cheese and crackers; peanut butter and crackers; Vienna sausage or potted meat; pop top Chef Boyardee entrees; individually packaged Rice Krispies; treats or cookies; granola bars.
- ◆ All of these items are used to make emergency snack bags for the unhoused guests at Bishop Sullivan Center.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNAL GARDEN**

The Fall garden is coming into its own with last week's rain. TBH the summer veggies are happier also. All are invited to swing by the garden and pick some of the following:

East Garden

Turnip and Mustard Greens Kale Wire Cages - Long Beans

South Garden

Bed 5 Tubs - **Basil** Bed 7 - **Swiss Chard** Bed 8 - **Arugula and Beets** Bed 10 - **Radishes**
Beds 12 and 13 - **Head Lettuce** Beds 14 and 15 - **Peppers** Bed 17 - **Eggplant**
Wire Cages - **Tomatoes** Trellises - **Beans**

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

September 29—5th SUNDAY CELEBRATION

September 29—GOLDENBERG DUO CONCERT, 7PM

October 6—PANTRY SUNDAY

October 6—GUNS TO GARDENS MINUTE FOR MISSION

October 13—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

October 13—FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY - Human Trafficking

- **FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

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

- **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT**

Congratulations St. James! The 2023 ACA goal for the parish was \$7,355. There were 33 Gifts/Pledges with the total of \$10,400. That is 141% of the goal!

Kickoff for the 2024-2025 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) for the Diocese is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, October 12th-13th, 2024.

- **ST. JAMES HARVESTERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Our regular Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, October 1 from 6-8 pm.

Harvesters is located at 3801 Topping Ave. Volunteers must be 8 years old or older. All volunteers are required to wear closed-toed shoes, long pants. Consider bringing 1 canned or other non-perishable food item. Please contact/text Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 or respond to this email if you plan to attend.

- **KCUR VOTER GUIDE**

PLEASE click or go to this link—<https://www.kcur.org/kcvoterguide2024>

ST. JAMES KC presents
THE GOLDENBERG DUO

Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm
 St. James Catholic Church
 3909 Harrison KCMO



Benefit performance for the ministries of St. James
 SUGGESTED DONATION: \$15
 Reception following performance

~ Stewardship ~

Week 9/16—9/22: **\$3,926**
 Needed each week: **\$4,646**
 Percent of Weekly Budget: **85%**
 Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$46,350**
 Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$55,752**
 Percent of Budget to Date: **83%**

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance
 9/22, 25th Sunday in OT **116**
Livestream Attendance
 9/22, 25th Sunday in OT **12**

~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN OT
 Gn 2:18-24
 Heb 2:9-11
 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Jermonica Cann |
| • Amie Miller | • Pat Marrin |
| • Sarita Cann | • Oscar Shelby |
| • Carole Gary | • Beverly Johnson |
| • Paul DeMerchant | • Jeronn Cann |
| • Ross Beaudoin | • Punch Tuggle |
| • Bernadette Kangni-Soukpe | • Mark Cann, Sr. |
| • 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 |

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.