



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024

St. James Catholic Church

*3909 Harrison * Kansas City, Missouri 64110*

"Small enough to know your name, big enough to make a difference."

Reflections from Rockhill Parishioners, submitted by Sally Dux

On the sweeping hillside overlooking Gillham Park, the backside of Rockhill Manor can be seen. For over 40 years, St. James Church has been a Eucharistic presence for Catholic residents at Rockhill, initiated by the St. James Altar Society prior to 1984. Before Covid restricted access, Sunday Communion services were held at Rockhill, with Fr. Garry offering on site Mass at Christmas and Easter. At the present time, we are fortunate to have 5 residents joining us each week for Sunday Mass, and I have seen first hand their commitment to their Catholic faith and their appreciation of St. James.

At the suggestion of Deacon Ross Beaudoin, I asked my Rockhill friends to each share a short reflection. In the spirit of Christmas, in which the Advent season encourages us to live our faith, the following individual comments briefly reflect the deep faith of our fellow Rockhill parishioners:

***I am a resident at Rockhill Manor here in Midtown. I've been asked to share a bit about my experience at St. James. From the first time I walked into the building, I was enveloped into a welcoming community. Something I had not experienced before, is people coming out of their pew to offer me the sign of Peace with a warm handshake. I have also been blessed by parishioners who have shared gifts on the holidays. To me, these individuals are Christ in the flesh. Jesus came to us at Christmas to show us the way to Him. I feel grateful for the people I have met at St. James and the love they have shown me. Christ is born, and He is Emmanuel.

***I feel that the Church has made my whole life better. I don't know what I would be without the Catholic church. I feel so Blessed being Catholic. Thank you everyone.

***I don't know what this world is coming to, but I do know Jesus is coming back some day, and that is the best news I ever had. I have much faith in Jesus.

***I am not able to contribute money to St. James but here is a token for free coffee to give to someone in need.

***What is the question? How do we increase our Faith. What is the answer?

Believe in the One who God sent. Jesus is the Christ I love.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."