



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 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

Happy feast day to all! Although this year, we are reading the Gospel of Luke, may I point out that the Holy Family has sort of a zigzagged history in Matthew's account of those early days in their family life. Do you remember the near divorce on Joseph's part? How about them fleeing from Bethlehem after Jesus' birth? Then, they were heading back to Bethlehem when they discovered that Herod's son was as bad as his father, so they changed plans to go north to Nazareth.

Our families have a zigzagged history like the Holy Family. The extended families are included in this. "The way of true love never did go smooth." – Shakespeare

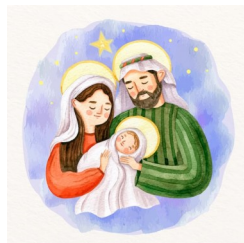
On this Holy Family Sunday, we remember that Jesus was a part of an extended family. May we realize that Jesus experienced all that goes with this – the give and take, the imperfect relationships, and the need for patience, acceptance, and kindness.

Our second reading on the Feast of the Holy Family puts it very well: "Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love."

Thus, here is our challenge today: Let us make our families especially our St. James family a confessional rather than a courtroom. May we refrain from arguing like attorneys in our attempt to justify our behavior. Instead, may we be ready to admit our faults and try to correct them.

Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of our parish family, especially the McCarty family as Patty passed away Christmas morning. May she rest in peace.

May God bless all our families in the New Year!



~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **PATTY McCARTY**

Patty passed away Christmas morning. Her funeral services will be at St. James on January 4, 2025, Saturday. The Visitation is at 10AM. The Funeral Mass is at 11AM.

- **PANTRY SUNDAY**

January 5, 2025 will be Pantry Sunday at St. James. Requested items are: peanut butter, bar soap, rice, and hand warmers. Thank you for your continued generosity.

- **ST. JAMES CALENDAR**

December 29—FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION

January 5—PANTRY SUNDAY

January 12—HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

January 19—PARISH-WIDE MEETING

- **CHURCH INSIDE WALLS AND NARTHEX CEILING TILES**

The Narthex acoustic ceiling tiles that fell have been replaced while the inside walls of the Livestreaming Room and Children's Liturgy of the Word/Cry Room were re-painted.

- **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

St. James continues to be an agent of change in our community every day. **Thank you for your work on behalf of the Kingdom of God.**

We have 73 returned commitment cards for our **Annual Stewardship Appeal**. This is about 33% of our total 220 parish households. After the first of the year, we will be sending reminder letters to those who have not responded. Our goal is to have 100% of our parish households return a card, even if you can't make a financial commitment at this time. This will tell us you have prayed about and considered our request for a 2025 financial commitment to St. James. **We ask that parishioners start to make their new contributions after January 1 so your contributions can be included in the 2025 totals.** If you have already contributed to your 2025 Stewardship Appeal, please contact Martha Belker at 913-515-5789.

- **TOGO STUDENT**

Please be informed that EVODA KODJOVI YAYRA EMMANUEL who was suffering from sickle cell anemia passed away last August 9, 2024. Thank you to all the St. James parishioners who supported his education. Let us keep Evoda and his family in our prayers.





Blood Drive

Get loud.
**Donors
needed.**



Join us and get a Chiefs shirt!

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

Monday, January 20th
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Seton Hall (Church Basement)
14 West 75th Street

Park in the lot behind the church, access from 74th Terrace.

Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit savealifenow.org/eligibility.



Sign up at savealifenow.org/group and use group code **JN**. For additional information and scheduling, contact David Brown at dbrown@swdarchitects.com.

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~ Next Sunday's Readings ~

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

~ Stewardship ~

Week 12/16—12/22: **\$16,356**

Needed each week: **\$4,646**

Percent of Weekly Budget: **352%**

Actual this Fiscal YTD: **\$122,745**

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: **\$116,150**

Percent of Budget to Date: **106%**

~ Mass Attendance ~

In-person Attendance

12/22, 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT **122**

12/24, CHRISTMAS EVE MASS **259**

Livestream Attendance

12/22, 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT **11**

12/24, CHRISTMAS EVE MASS **9**

~ We Hold in Prayer ~

- Ed Pailer
- Amie Miller
- Sarita Cann
- Carole Gary
- Paul DeMerchant
- Ross Beaudoin
- George Sitterly
- Wanda Decker
- Clare Duffy Laramie
- Kate Miller
- Helen McDonald
- Andy Bylinowski
- Jermonica Cann
- Pat Marrin
- Oscar Shelby
- Beverly Johnson
- Jeronn Cann
- Punch Tuggle
- Mark Cann, Sr.
- Sr. Carole Eschen
- Judith Reed
- Hartleen Fredrick
- Susie Roling
- Theresa Maly
- Charles Carney
- Lisa Looy
- Pat Durkin
- Nancy Moylan
- Bill Moylan

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.