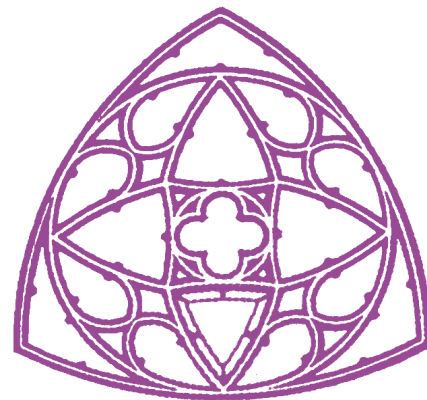


March 30, 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
**St. James Synodal Catholic
Community in Midtown**

Small enough to know your name
Big enough to make a difference



Join us for Mass every Sunday at 10:00 am

St. James Synodal 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.

Pastor: Fr. Don Farnan, FrDon@StJKC.org
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St James Facebook Public Page: Only St James admin team can post to- <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmidtown>

Bulletin Deadline: 10 pm Mondays



Email items to
Bulletin@StJKC.org.
For information to be posted on the St. James website, email your items to:
website@StJKC.org.

Sacramental Preparation Information

For information on preparation for the Sacraments of **Baptism**, **First Reconciliation**, and **First Eucharist**, please contact Bonnie Haghirian, our Faith Formation Coordinator, at FaithFormation@StJKC.org.

Confirmation preparation will start this fall.

Rite of Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church (Adult Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) will take place as needed. Contact Bonnie Haghirian at FaithFormation@StJKC.org.

Considering **Marriage**? Contact Phyllis McCarty, wedding coordinator, at @gmail.com at least 9 months prior to the wedding date.

Confessions arranged upon request. Email FrDon@StJKC.org or call the parish, 816-561-8512.

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, March 30: This is our parish 5th Sunday lunch. Families using the "**Seeking God**" series are invited to have a "working lunch" with Bonnie downstairs in Marian Hall. Please bring the whole family. RSVP to Bonnie or email her at FaithFormation@StJKC.org.

Sunday, April 6: Families preparing to celebrate **First Reconciliation/First Communion** will meet following the 10 a.m. Mass upstairs by the front of church. Fr. Garry will lead us in our celebration of First Reconciliation then stay upstairs for Eucharist practice.

Sunday, April 27: First Communion Sunday!

Sunday, May 4: "Seeking God" families meet downstairs in Marian Hall.

MARCH 30TH COMMUNITY LUNCHEON AFTER MASS



Every 5th Sunday, following Mass, we have lunch together. Sunday, March 30 is a 5th Sunday. On March 30th, our neighbors living at the Oglesby Hotel (between Troost39 and Bishop Sullivan Center) will be our guests. **Sign up in the back of church to help with set up, food prep,**

serving or clean up. Volunteers will set up before Mass at 9 am.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS –ALL ARE WELCOME

April 13th - Palm Sunday Procession. Gather at Gleed Park (Harrison Parkway & Charlotte St.) at 10 am. (weather permitting) to bless Palms with several other local churches.

April 13th - Palm Sunday Mass begins about 10:20 am. or so when the procession returns from Gleed Park.

April 17th - Holy Thursday Mass at 7 pm. Our ceremony includes washing feet and hands and the Eucharistic procession at the end of mass. Adoration will follow until 9 pm.

April 18th - Good Friday Stations of the Cross on Troost, more info to follow. It starts at noon.

April 18th - Good Friday Service begins at 7 pm.

On Holy Saturday, April 19th, at 10 a.m., decorating the church and setting up the font will begin. All are invited to come and help transform our worship space for Easter.

April 19th - Holy Saturday Vigil Mass begins at 8 pm with the lighting of the Easter candle.

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

3/29 St. James Community Garden 10am-12pm
3/30 5th Sunday Parish Luncheon after Mass
3/30 “Seeking God” families lunch after Mass
4/4 Stations of the Cross at St. James Noon
4/5 Clean the church for Easter 9:30 am
4/5 St. James Garden 10am-12pm
4/5 Hanging folders in back of church are removed
4/6 Pantry Sunday Collection for Bishop Sullivan
4/6 1st Reconciliation Service for 1st Communicants
4/8 Lenten Penance Service—St. Francis X 6:30pm
4/11 Stations of the Cross at St. James Noon
4/12 St. James Community Garden 10am-12pm
4/13 **Palm Sunday procession**, meet @ Gleed Park 10a
4/13 **Palm Sunday Mass** starts approximately 10:20am
4/13 Easter Bunny stuff Easter eggs after Mass.
4/17 **Holy Thursday Mass** 7pm
4/18 **Stations of the Cross along Troost** 12pm to 1pm
4/18 **Good Friday Service** 7pm
4/19 St. James Community Garden 10am-12pm
4/19 Saturday, Prepare the Church for Easter 10am
4/19 **Easter Vigil Mass**, Saturday 8pm
4/20 Jr & Sr high students help hide eggs at 9:20 am.
4/20 **EASTER Mass 10 am**
4/20 Children’s Easter Egg Hunt after Mass
4/27 St. James Celebrate 1st Communion Sunday Mass!
4/27 **Parish Community/Synod Meeting after Mass**

ST. JAMES IS LOOKING FOR A FULL-TIME SYNODAL PARISH DIRECTOR

St. James is a parish with a rich history of living the Catholic Social Teachings at the corner of 39th and Troost in Kansas City, MO. We have a very active community comprising approximately 200 families spread over 72 zip codes in the metro area. Many of our members are older and have years of experience volunteering or working for the Catholic Church.

St. James is looking for a leader to take us into the next phase of our parish life. This is a bold move since no Catholic Church in our diocese uses this leadership model. We want to make Pope Francis’ call to be a “*Synodal Church*” a reality at St. James. He calls the way of synodality “*what God expects of the church in the third millennium,*” stressing that “*the synodal process should be not an occasional experience, but one of structural change, ‘where all can feel at home and participate.’*”

A qualified person must be Catholic and able to:

1. Be passionate about leading the parish from a lay-led parish to a community-led, synodal parish.
2. Identify gifts in each parishioner and invite them to use their gifts to fulfill the parish mission.
3. Engage all parishioners in the decision-making process on major parish topics.
4. Provide training and support to parishioners at all levels of the parish ministry.
5. Represent the interest of the parish to the diocese and broader community.

For more information or a complete job description, contact Bill Cordaro at bulletin@StJKC.org or call the parish at 816-561-8512.

PREPARING OUR CHURCH HOME FOR EASTER



We want to clean our church house for all the visitors that join us on Easter morning.

***Date: Saturday, April 5, 9:30 AM**

***Juice, coffee, and snacks at 9:15 AM**

***Dusting, mopping, wiping down pews, wiping marble surfaces, carpet cleaning,**

etc. Supplies will be provided.

***Volunteer Sign up sheets are at the back of church or email Bulletin@StJKC.org with your name and**

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



Ross Beaudoin
Paul DeMerchant
Theresa Maly
Caroline Martin
Amie Miller
Nancy Moylan
Bill Moylan
Steve Wallace

If you or someone you know needs prayers, please send their names to Bulletin@StJKC.org.

If you had the name of a family member or friend on the previous list and want it to continue to be on the list, please resubmit it.

APRIL 6 IS PANTRY SUNDAY

Pantry Sunday helps replenish Bishop Sullivan Center's (BSC) Community Pantry three doors south of St. James. Many of the services BSC provides were started here at St. James such as the pantry and the evening meals. This month, they are requesting granola bars, fruit snacks, grape jelly, toothpaste, soap, toothpaste and pancake syrup.

Bring your contributions to the back of church before Mass and they will be brought to the altar at the offertory. Thank you St. James for the years you have supported the ministry of the BSC.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

LENTEN FRIDAYS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Parishioners will be leading the Stations **every Friday in Lent at noon**. The Stations are a Lenten tradition at St. James where we recall the torture, death and resurrection of Jesus. This year, we are inviting parishioners to lead the Stations. Instructions and prayers will be provided. Email Bulletin@StJKC.org if you would like to lead the Stations on one of the Fridays.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Another St. James tradition is to conduct the Stations of The Cross along Troost recalling how those in Kansas City suffer abuse and/or death every day and organizations along Troost who try to put a stop to the suffering. The Stations start at noon. The starting location to be determined.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

A penance service will be held for St. Francis Xavier, St. James and St. Therese Little Flower at St. Francis Xavier Church, 52nd & Troost, on **April 8 at 6:30pm**.

READINGS FOR APRIL 6 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING — IS 43:16-21 The prophet Isaiah teaches us that the Lord forgets our sins and offers us a new beginning so that we might praise him. What could you do today to honor and praise the Lord?

SECOND READING — PHIL 3:8-14 Paul tells the believers in Phillipi of his deep desire and hope to know Jesus and the power of his resurrection. In what ways have you drawn closer to Jesus during this season of Lent?

GOSPEL— JN 8:1-11 Jesus showed mercy toward the sinful woman when others were quick to judge her. Is there someone in your life who you could show mercy over judgment this week?

INVITE A FRIEND OR FAMILY
MEMBER TO JOIN YOU
AT EASTER MASS.

CENTRAL TO BEING A SYNODAL PARISH IS THE PRINCIPLE OF SUBSIDIARITY

Subsidiarity emphasizes the importance of handling matters at the most local level capable of addressing them effectively. It suggests that decisions should be made by the smallest or least centralized authority, whenever possible, the parish Ministry Teams. Essentially, higher authorities should only intervene when the local level cannot adequately manage the issue.

What does this look like at St. James?

When addressing a parish situation that needs attention, the leadership ministry team determines which Ministry Team is in the best position to make the decision and execute the decision. The Leadership Team then provides the Ministry Team with the support they need to be successful. Over the last couple of months, our different Ministry Teams (for example, the Finance Ministry or Liturgy Ministry) have been asked to take on more responsibilities, and each Ministry Team has stepped up. Thank you, Ministry Teams, for your commitment to our mission and the work we collectively do to build the Kingdom of God.

ST. JAMES SOUND SYSTEM AND LISTENING DEVICES

We are aware of problems with the sound system and are working to correct them. In the meantime, **Assisted Listening Devices** are available at the back of the church for anyone having trouble hearing during Mass. Ask one of the ushers for assistance. Sitting closer to the speakers in the church will also help. **Members speaking at Mass are asked to speak louder and move closer to the mic.**

WHAT IS THE CATHEDRATICUM?

Cathedraticum is a 9.25% financial tax paid to the diocese on ALL income into the parish. The money supports the diocese's administrative needs and wider mission. It is often viewed as a way for parishes to demonstrate solidarity and shared responsibility within the local Church. It exemplifies how the Church operates as a collective body, pooling resources to serve the broader community and fulfill its mission effectively. Some of the programs our Cathedraticum supports are:

- *Catholic Charities
- *Life & Justice Office
- *Restorative Justice Program
- *Ministry to the Disabled
- *Worship Office
- *Family Life Office
- *Youth Office
- *Campus Ministry Office
- *Hispanic Ministry Office

The diocese also provides human resources and building maintenance support to parishes.

HAUNTED BY GOD: THE LIFE OF DOROTHY DAY

March 30 at 3:00 pm, FREE

St. Thomas More Catholic Church,
More Hall (11822 Holmes Rd,
KCMO)

An inspiring one-woman dramatic portrait of one of the most outspoken and influential American Catholics of the 20th century. The production incorporates all the wit and prophetic grit of Dorothy's own words about war, peace, American society, compassion, and protest in the Spirit of Jesus.

For more information, contact Peggy Lucas at 816-942-2492 x210 or peggy@stmkc.com.



PUTTING OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR EASTER

At Easter and Christmas Masses, our community nearly doubles in size. This is an excellent opportunity to show potential new members the wonderful community we are and how much we love our parish. What visitors experience may influence their choice of parish in the future. **Everyone has a role to play in building this Synodal Church and growing our membership. One way to help St. James grow is by participating in our "Clean Our Church Day."**

***Date: Saturday, April 5, 9:30 AM (See page 2)**

***Volunteer sign-up sheets** are at the back of the church, or you can email Bulletin@StJKC.org with your name and phone number.

MAY 31 HOSPITAL HILL RUN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Would like to manage the aid station at the corner of Harrison and Brush Creek Blvd, mile 5 of the event. St James would be paid \$15 for each volunteer, max 15 volunteers, with a maximum of \$225 going to St James. Volunteers must arrive at 6:45 am and be at the station for 3 hours. The event provides all beverages for the station. Please email Martha Belker, parish@stjkc.org, if you are interested or would like to be the St James point person. Recruit your friends and neighbors! Make it a family event! Cheer for the runners! <https://www.sportkc.org/hospital-hill-volunteer>

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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 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
- If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.