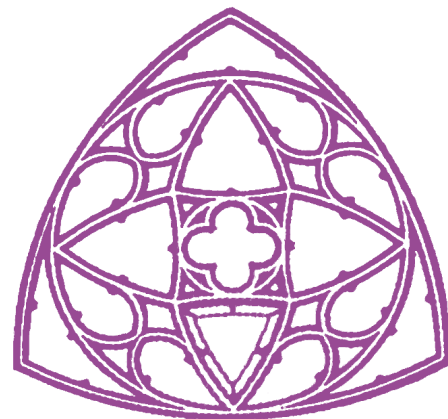


Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025
**St. James Synodal Catholic
Community in Midtown**

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

Join us for Mass every Sunday at 10:00 am



St. James 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.

**Memorial Mass
for Pope Francis**

with Bishop Johnston

6:30 p.m. April 28, 2025

The Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception,
Kansas City



The Vatican announced the morning of April 21 that Pope Francis has died. Please join us in prayer for the repose of his soul and in gratitude for all he has done in his service to the global Church.

Bishop Johnston writes: *"With sadness and surprise, the Catholic Church and the world learned of the unexpected death of Pope Francis early this morning. Having just celebrated the victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death at Easter, I urge Catholics and others to remember Pope Francis in prayer as he completes his journey of faith in the risen Lord. Let us remember with gratitude Pope Francis' consistent admonition that no person be forgotten or written off, that God's mercy is extended to all, and that the Church must continually go to the world's peripheries to be near all God's children. May Pope Francis, an apostle of God's mercy, rest in that same mercy and God's everlasting peace."*

Masses and memorials: Pope Francis' funeral Mass was on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 3:00 AM KC time in St. Peter's Square. For a live stream and updates, tune into Vatican News, www.vaticannews.va.



Sacramental Preparation Information

Sacramental Minister: Fr. Garry Richmeier C.P.P.S: GarryCPPS@gmail.com

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

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

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

Confessions arranged upon request. Email Fr. Don Farnan FrDon@StJKC.org or Fr. Garry Richmeier GarryCPPS@gmail.com.

ST. JAMES CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Don Farnan, FrDon@StJKC.org

Parish Office Phone: 816-561-8512

Office Hours: 10:00A-3:00P, Monday, Wednesday & Friday (Staffed by volunteers. Call for an appointment.)

Email: Parish@StJKC.org

Website: www.StJKC.org

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 30388, Kansas City, MO 64112

St James Facebook Public Page: Only St James admin team can post to- <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesmidtown>

PARISH SYNOD HAS BEEN MOVED TO SUNDAY, MAY 4TH.

The date has been changed because of scheduling overlaps. Everyone is encouraged to stay after Mass for our one-hour monthly parish synod. Topics include a review of the budget, an update on our search for our Parish Synodal Director, and concerns about St. James' security.

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 4/27 St. James' 1st Communion Sunday Mass!
- 5/1 Missouri March for Life—Jefferson City
- 5/4 **Parish Synod Meeting after Mass**
- 5/4 Celebration of Baptism with 3 newest members
- 5/4 Class for new candidates for First Communion
- 5/4 Pantry Sunday for Bishop Sullivan Center
- 5/6 SJ volunteers help at Harvesters 6:30-8 pm
- 5/15 Celebration of First Reconciliation after Mass
- 6/15 Short session to practice receiving Eucharist
- 6/22 1st Communion, reception following Mass
- 8/10 Sunday Funday. More to be announced.
- 8/17 Sign-ups for family-based "Seeking God"
- 9/14 First session for "Seeking God" families

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. Our members represent all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds, and many members 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 called 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.

You believe in me, Thomas, because
you have seen me, says the Lord;
blessed are those who have not seen
me, but still believe!

John 20:29

FAITH FORMATION

Sacramental Programs: If you or your children are seeking Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, contact Bonnie Haghirian at FaithFormation@StJKC.org.

This past year, our parish field trips to the Nelson Atkins Museum were a big hit. We hope to plan more trips. Here are our options:

#1: A trip to the **United Methodist Church of the Resurrection** in Leawood, Ks., to view their "Resurrection Window", the largest stained glass in the US, it's the size of a football field, depicting all of Salvation History from Adam & Eve up to Pope John XXIII! There is a movie on YouTube about this window: "Holy Frit."

#2: A trip to the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**. This church is beautiful with its "story windows" of the lives of Jesus and Mary. The glass sculpture of Our Lady is one of a kind, blending ethnicities in a beautiful reflection.

Express your preference on sheets at the back of church or email FaithFormation@StJKC.org.

"Dearest lord, teach me to be
generous; teach me to serve you
as you deserve; to give and not to
count the cost."

Ignatius of Loyola (1491—1556)

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER



Ross Beaudoin, Paul DeMerchant, Michael Heringer,
Theresa Maly, Caroline Martin, Amie Miller, Nancy
Moylan, Bill Moylan, Denise Simeone, Eric Sitterley,
Sean Shaughnessy, Steve Wallace

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

BOOK STUDY WITH FR. GARRY

We will explore Richard Rohr's book "*The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*"

Tuesdays: June 17—August 5, 6:30 pm—8 pm, in person and livestream. Fr. Garry Richmeier will lead this book discussion. In his latest book, Richard Rohr finds a crucial path forward in the writings of the Jewish prophets, on living compassionately in a time of violence and despair. Go to: <https://www.pbrenewalcenter.org/> or call 816-415-3745 to register. Precious Blood Renewal Center 2120 St. Gaspar Way Liberty, MO 64068



Teegan, Rachael, and Gina Coffman

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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.



READINGS FOR MAY 4, 2025

FIRST READING — ACTS 5:27-32, 40B-41: The Apostles "rejoiced" when they suffered public dishonor for preaching that Jesus rose from the dead. Have you ever found joy amid your suffering?

SECOND READING — RV 5:11-14: John has a vision of the whole created order worshipping and praising Jesus as the slain and risen Lamb. In what ways will you praise and worship Jesus this week?

GOSPEL — JN 21:1-19: The resurrected Jesus reveals to Peter that his martyrdom will be the cost of following him and leading the disciples. How are you sometimes challenged in following Jesus?

PANTRY SUNDAY-MAY 4TH



On Pantry Sunday, St. James replenishes Bishop Sullivan Center's Pantry. Bishop Sullivan is a social outreach organization just three doors south of St. James

on Troost. Many of the services they provide were started in St. James basement. Bishop Sullivan requests summer snacks for kids. Please consider donating the following items: Fruit snacks, granola bars, pudding or fruit cups, peanut butter and crackers, cheese and crackers, Ravioli, and Spaghettios. The Pantry is grateful for our continued support.

Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you. As the
Father has sent me,
so I send you."

And when he had said
this, he breathed on them
and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit."
John:21-22

COMMUNION TO THE HOME-BOUND

Contact the parish at Parish@StJKC.org or call 816-561-8512 if you or someone you know is confined to their home and would like to receive communion. We have Eucharistic Ministers who visit the homebound.

**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), 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.



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HARVESTERS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, May 6. We will meet from 6-8 pm at Harvesters, 3801 Topping Ave. Volunteers must be 8 years old or older. All volunteers are required to wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Consider bringing one canned or other non-perishable food item. Contact Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 to volunteer.

Do you have a question or concern? Send it to Bulletin@StJKC.org. St. James is always looking for ways to better minister to our faith community.



EVERYONE NEEDS A BASKET

Hand-woven cedar baskets are on sale April 27th through May 4th. The baskets are perfect for Mother's Day, graduation, or weddings. They are displayed in the back of the church. The baskets range in price from \$10 to \$45 and offer stylish storage options for almost anything. Baskets were created by parishioner Kent Meyer's father who passed away a few years ago. Proceeds are evenly distributed to St. James' Communal Garden and the Between the Cracks Fund that assists those in need.

