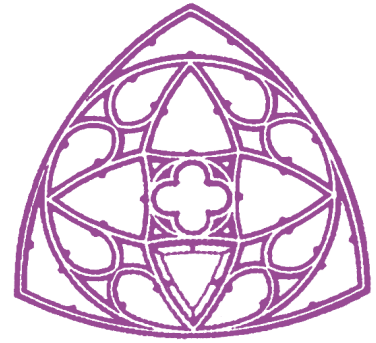


April 6, 2025
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
**St. James Synodal Catholic
Community in Midtown**

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

Join us for Mass every Sunday at 10:00 am



The parish logo is a drawing of
the colored window above the main
west entrance to the church.

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
Parish Office Phone: 816-561-8512
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Street Address: 3909 Harrison St. Kansas City, MO 64110
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

Sacramental Minister: Fr. Garry Richmeier CPPS: GarryCPPS@gmail.com

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

Confirmation preparation will start this fall.

Rite of Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church (Adult Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation) will take place as needed. Contact Bonnie Haghirian at FaihtFormation@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 at FrDon@StJKC.org or Fr. Garry Richmeier GarryCPPS@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION

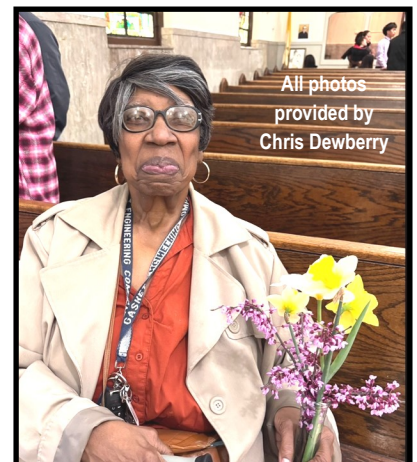
Sunday, April 6: Families preparing to celebrate **First Reconciliation/First Communion** will meet following the 10 a.m. Mass upstairs by the front of church. Fr. Garry will lead us in our celebration of First Reconciliation then stay upstairs for Eucharist practice.

Sunday, April 27: First Communion Sunday!

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



Kastor Family carries the cross at the start of Mass. L to R: Amos, Enoch and Dad, Patrick.



Happy 80th Birthday
Laverne Johnson!

All photos
provided by
Chris Dewberry

PANTRY SUNDAY-APRIL 6

Sunday, April 6 is Pantry Sunday, when we help replenish Bishop Sullivan'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. They're requesting granola bars, fruit snacks, grape jelly, toothpaste, soap, and pancake syrup. The Pantry is grateful for our continued support.



"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die." John 11:25-26

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 4/5 Clean the church for Easter 9:30 am**
 4/5 St. James Garden 10am-12pm
 4/6 Pantry Sunday Collection for Bishop Sullivan
 4/6 1st Reconciliation Service after Mass
 4/6 Baptism Sunday
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 Volunteers stuffs 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 Volunteers 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 Celebrates 1st Communion Sunday Mass!
4/27 Parish Community/Synod Meeting after Mass
 5/1 Missouri March for Life—Jefferson City
 5/4 Baptism Sunday
 5/4 Class for new candidates for First Communion
 5/4 First Reconciliation for new candidates

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.

Palm Sunday is Next Sunday!

Palm Sunday begins with a procession starting at Gleed Park (Harrison Parkway & Charlotte St.) at 10 am. (**weather permitting**—we will notify you by email and FaceBook) to bless Palms with other local churches. Following the blessing, St. James members will process to St. James for Mass.

Mass will start around 10:20 am.

Everyone is asked to wear **RED**.



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER



Ross Beaudoin
Paul DeMerchant
Michael Heringer
Theresa Maly
Caroline Martin
Amie Miller
Nancy Moylan

Bill Moylan
Eric Sitterley
Steve Wallace
**If you or someone you
know needs prayers,
please send their names
to Bulletin@StJKC.org.**

ASSISTED LISTENING

Assisted listening devices are available for those who need them at the back of church. Ask one of the greeters for help. We are missing a headset to two devices. Please return the devices to the back of church at the end of Mass.

UPDATE ON MARCH 30 ALTERCATION IN THE PARKING LOT

Last Sunday morning our parish parking attendant, Rodney Clay, was harassed by a pedestrian on our property, resulting in an altercation. The Rodney was treated at an emergency room for a broken finger and a deep wound to his hand and sent home. The perpetrator was arrested and banned from trespassing on parish property. If you have questions you can direct them to Bill Cordaro at Bulletin@StJKC.org or call him at 816-797-1114. Keep Rodney and all the sick of St. James in your prayers.

"O my people!
I will put my spirit in you
that you may live,
and I will settle you
upon your land;
thus you shall know that
I am the LORD.
I have promised, and I will
do it, says the LORD."

Ezekiel 37:12-14

READINGS FOR APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY

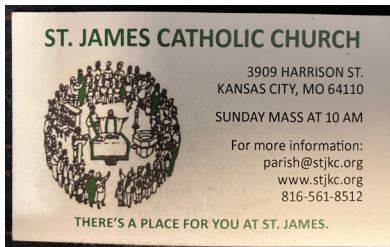
FIRST READING - IS 50:4-7 Isaiah bears witness as one who did not lose his faith despite persecution and ridicule. Can you discuss a time when your faith was put to the test?

SECOND READING - PHIL 3:8-14 Paul teaches the Philippians that Jesus was humble and obedient to God even to the point of death by crucifixion. Why do you think humility and obedience are important virtues in following Jesus?

GOSPEL - LK 22:14—23:56 OR 23:1-49 In his passion narrative, Luke is the only evangelist to highlight that both Pilate and Herod (Antipas) find Jesus innocent of the charges against him. Is there a friend or co-worker you could help this week who is being treated unfairly?



AMBASSADORS FOR ST. JAMES



We at St. James are blessed. We have a community that is committed to the parish and our faith. We live at the corner of 39th and Troost, a constant reminder that we are

called to be with, and serve the marginalized. We value inclusivity and the synodal model of being a church. We are unique in many ways but others don't know about us. Holy Week and Easter is an excellent opportunity to invite others to join us. The Parish Growth Ministry has provided St. James wallet cards to share with your friends and family. They are in baskets at the back of church and near the side exits. Take a few to pass out and be sure to write on the card "**Join me on Sunday**".

PARKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR EASTER AND FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY

On Easter, April 20, and First Communion Sunday, April 27, we anticipate several visitors at St. James. To be a more welcoming community, we want to ensure ample parking in our parking lot these two Sundays. If possible, we ask that parishioners park along Troost or Harrison. Thank you for your cooperation.

MAY 31 HOSPITAL HILL RUN

Would you 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>

Web Sites of Interest

Farnan Spirituality Center and Blog

<https://farnanspiritualitycenter.com/>

KC Contemporary Spirituality

<https://www.contemporaryspirituality.net/>

Catholic Daily Readings

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

Diocese of KC-SJ

<https://kcsj catholic.org/>

The Catholic Key Magazine

<https://catholickey.org/>

Center for Action and Contemplation

<https://cac.org/>

Vatican

<https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

National Catholic Reporter

<https://www.ncronline.org/>

NEW PARISHIONERS

All are welcome at St. James. We are an inclusive community of faith following the gospel of Jesus who never excluded anyone and who lived justly. If you want to learn more about St. James Community, please get in touch with staff (Parish@StJkc.org) or visit our website at www.StJkc.org to complete a registration form.

We are excited to have you as part of our faith journey!

Good Friday's Station on Troost

St. James is co-hosting Good Friday Troost Stations of the Cross. Participants walk south from the KC Board of Education Building at 2901 Troost to St. James, stopping along the way to pray at locations that would mirror the stations of the cross where Jesus suffered. Support cars will be with the walkers in case someone needs assistance. It takes about an hour, and everyone is welcome to join us. Carpooling is recommended. St. James has had a large representation at the stations over the years.



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO WORKED VERY HARD ON THE SUNDAY LUNCHEON

It was a great opportunity to reconnect after a long winter. Big **THANK YOU** to Mary Vincent and volunteers. If you would like to help with the next luncheon on June 29, contact Mary Vincent at: mpv3@swbell.net.



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.