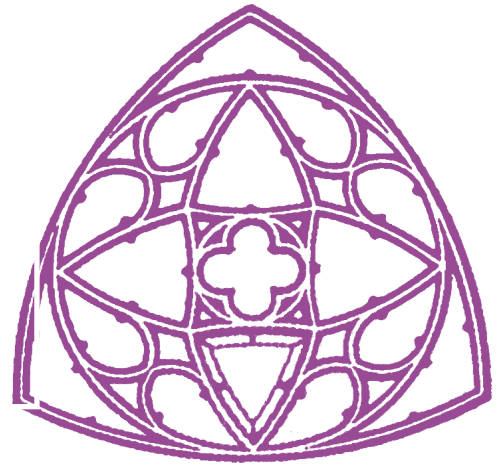


The Ascension of the Lord
June 1, 2025

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.

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.

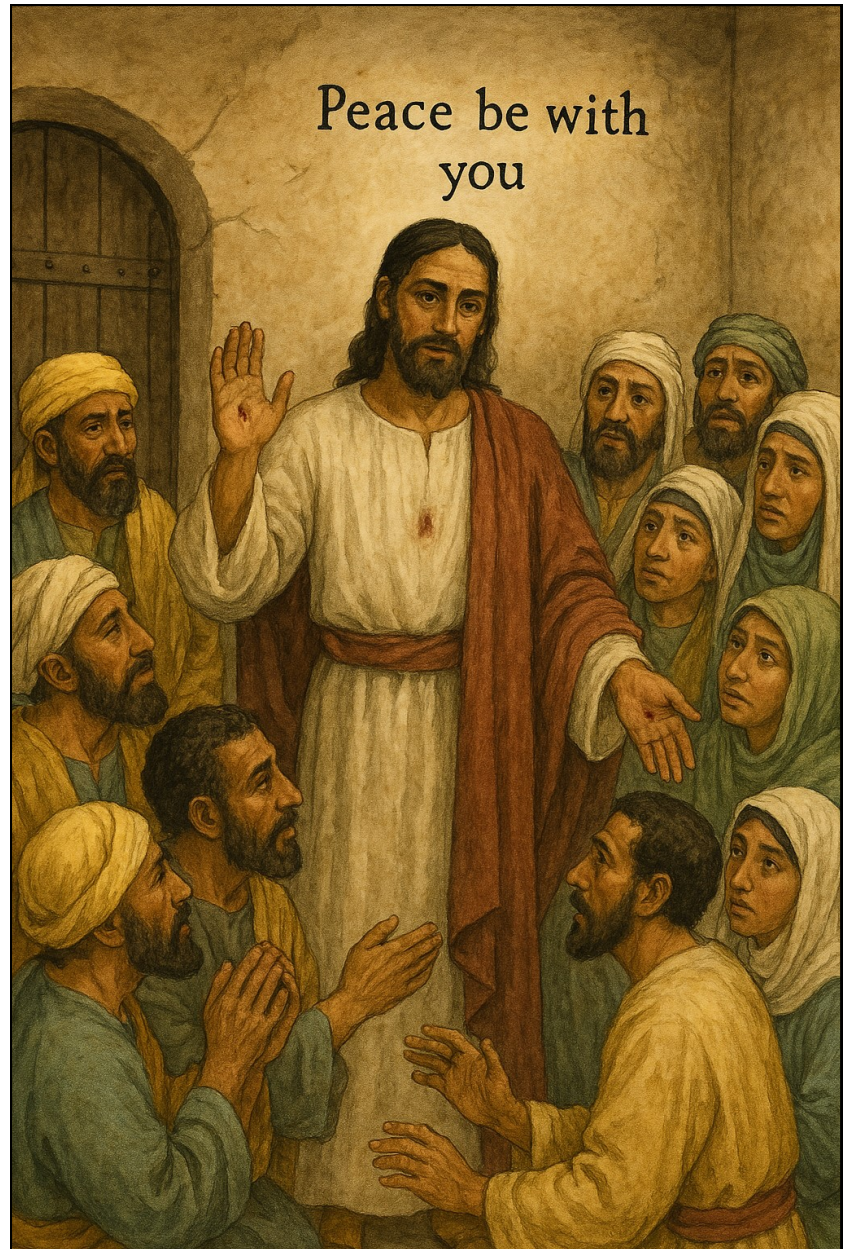
Rite of Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church (Adult Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation) will take place as needed. Contact Bonnie Haghirian at FaithFormation@StJKC.org.

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.

**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.



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: ParishStaff@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>

PANTRY SUNDAY-JUNE 1ST



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. This month they are requesting toilet paper, jelly, canned chicken, tuna and salmon. Bishop Sullivan Center is grateful for the continued generosity of St. James Parish.

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

6/1 Pantry Sunday for Bishop Sullivan Center

6/1 **Sunday Funday** after Mass for families

6/1 Baptism celebrated at Mass

6/1 Deadline to order cinnamon rolls at back of church

6/2 Parish Leadership Team meeting—6:30pm

6/3 Volunteering at Harvesters 6pm—8pm

6/8 Pentecost Sunday

6/8 Hospitality Sunday— enjoy refreshments after Mass

6/8 Immigrant Rapid Response Presentation after Mass

6/8 Eucharist and Reconciliation class after Mass

6/8 Pick up pre-ordered cinnamon rolls

6/15 Father's Day

6/15 Parish-wide Synod Meeting after Mass

6/15 Celebration of 1st Reconciliation in Marian Hall

6/15 First Communion Class (Change of date)

6/15 Brief practice and review for First Communion

6/16 Parish Leadership Ministry meeting—6:30pm

6/17 Knitting/Crocheting, 6:30 pm in Rectory

6/22 First Communion Sunday, reception following Mass

6/29 Fifth Sunday Luncheon after Mass—All are invited

6/29 Sign-ups for children seeking the sacraments

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.

JUNE 1 IS LAST DAY TO ORDER ROLLS!



The cinnamon roll extravaganza is back. Pre-order is a must! A pan of rolls is \$10, and they will be delivered at Mass on June 8th.

If you would like to volunteer, to make the rolls or help sell them, sign up is after Mass until June 1st. This is the last fundraiser of the 2024-2025 fiscal year. **Thanks for your continued support.**

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, June 8, following our Mass, Trinidad Raj Molina will share how he and others provide immigrants with rapid response assistance, assisting immigrants who are new arrivals to the KC area. Trinidad is from AIRR, **Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation**. Come and hear what we can do to help our neighbors.

June 8, we will have a session for all those preparing for First Communion on **June 22**. We will be learning about Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Banner making in Marian Hall after Mass. **June 15**, we will be celebrating **First Reconciliation** in Marian Hall, followed by a session on Eucharist and practice receiving Communion. We will finish the banners if needed.

June 22: First Communion Sunday - It is very important that our candidates for First Reconciliation and First Communion attend Mass on June 22 and the sessions on June 8 and 15 after Mass.

June 29: Sign-ups for parishioners who want to prepare their children for Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Communion. Classes begin in August.

For information about any of the offerings above, contact Bonnie Haghirian at FaithFormation@StJKC.org.

SUNDAY FUNDAY—JUNE 1

St. James' first Sunday Funday to celebrate our children, from little ones through the teen years! It's a picnic with fun yard games and a hot dog lunch. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair for our family celebration! Duck pond, prizes, bingo, bubbles and a pinata and more!



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER



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

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



Photo by Chris Dewberry

Philomena Odu leads the Rosary after Sunday Mass in the Family Room at the back of church each Sunday. The Rosary was popularized by the Dominican Order in the early 13th Century. The purpose of the Rosary is fulfilled by meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary while the individual recites the prayers. Over the centuries, it has opened people to profound spiritual experiences. All are welcome.

All are invited to a short Parish Synod meeting following Mass on June 15

READINGS FOR JUNE 8, 2025 PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading - Acts 2:1-11: At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit dramatically filled a gathered community with a rushing sound like a mighty wind and visible tongues of fire, gifting each believer the ability to speak in different native languages so that God's mighty works were proclaimed to a diverse international assembly.

Reflection Question: In what ways does this powerful, unifying display of the Spirit inspire you to embrace and share your unique spiritual gifts within your own community?

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13: This passage teaches that any genuine confession of "Jesus is Lord" is the work of the Holy Spirit, who endows believers with diverse gifts and forms of service that, like the many parts of one body, unite the community for a common purpose.

Reflection Question: How does recognizing that your unique spiritual gift is divinely given challenge you to actively contribute to the unity and mutual benefit of your community of faith?

Gospel - John 20:19-23: On the first day of the week, as the disciples huddled in fear behind locked doors, the risen Jesus appeared—displaying his sacred scars, offering his peace, and breathing upon them the Holy Spirit to commission them to forgive sins and carry forth his mission.

Reflection Question: In what ways can you invite the transformative peace and empowerment of Christ's presence into your own moments of fear, enabling you to extend forgiveness and hope in your daily life?

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We would like to invite parishioners to get to know our little ones by becoming a teacher leader or assistant with our Children's Liturgy of the Word program. Materials are provided for each Sunday, including a teacher's guide. This is a wonderful way to teach our children in their early years, and to help them build a community of friends. Please contact Bonnie at faithformation@stjkc.org if you are able to assist with this ministry.

HARVESTERS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Harvesters volunteer day this month is Tuesday, **June 3**. We will work 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.

PARKING LOT HOURS: 9AM-1PM

St. James's parking lot has a gate that is locked when the lot is not in use. On Sundays, the gate opens around 9 am and going forward, it will be closed and locked at 1 pm. We ask everyone to remove your cars from the lot by 1 pm Sundays. If you need the lot past 1 pm on Sundays, contact Bill Cordaro prior to the end of Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 at 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.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 Assistance Coordinator, at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS, SEPTEMBER 28

The celebration includes those couples whose 50th Wedding Anniversary falls between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

Please complete the form here by September 15: <https://forms.office.com/r/EjvxEJnux0>. Bishop Johnston will celebrate the Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11:00 a.m.



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 (ParishStaff@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!

COMMUNION TO THE HOME-BOUND

Contact the parish at ParishStaff@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.

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:50