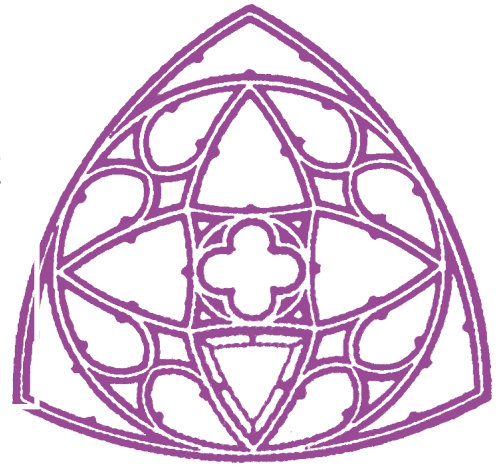


Forth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025

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.



HABEMUS
PAPAM
(We Have A Pope!)

Pope Leo XIV,
the first American-born
Pope in history!

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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 Hagharian, 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 Hagharian 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 FOR MAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Since we had our last Synod meeting on May 4, the Transition Team has decided not to have another meeting on the third Sunday of May. We will resume our meetings in June.

PARISH NEEDS A PROJECTOR



We have many classes and meetings throughout the year, and having a projector that we can connect to our computer for presentations would be very helpful. If you have one laying

around or know of someone who may have a projector they can donate to the parish, please send information to Bulletin@StJKC.org. Thank you.

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

5/18 First Communion preparation class in Marian Hall

5/20 Knitting and crocheting 6:30 pm Rectory

6/1 Sunday Funday after Mass for families

6/8 Immigrant Rapid Response Training After Mass

6/8 First Communion class and banner making

6/15 Celebration of First Reconciliation after Mass

6/15 Brief practice and review for First Communion

6/22 First Communion Sunday, reception following Mass

8/17 Sign-ups for family-based "Seeking God" program

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.

KNITTING AND CROCHETING GROUP

The knitting and crocheting group will meet in the rectory at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 20th. Contact Mary Vincent at mpv3@swbell.net for more information.



We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.

FAITH FORMATION

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

SUNDAY FUNDAY PLANNED—June 1

Sunday Funday is for all of our families with children in faith formation classes or who have recently been baptized or received First Reconciliation and Eucharist. You are invited to a big family picnic with games and hot dogs! More information later.

IMMIGRANT RAPID RESPONSE TRAINING

On **June 8**, Trinidad Raj Molina will be with us to explain his work and ministry with AIRR: Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation. Trinidad will offer an abbreviated training and provide information on being part of a rapid response network to assist immigrants.

Happy Mother's Day

Mothers: A Divine Gift

In every gentle smile and warm embrace,
A mother's love shines with God's own
grace. She is the soft whisper in a stormy
night, a tender beacon, a guiding light.
Each hug and prayer, a heavenly art— A
cherished gift from God's own heart.

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.

SUMMARY OF MAY 4 SYNOD MEETING

We had over 45 parishioners attend the May 4 synod meeting after Mass. Here is a brief summary.

The search for our new Synodal Parish Director (Parish Leader) continues. Our most promising candidate backed out of the process. We continue advertising on the diocesan website and in the National Catholic Reporter.

The need for better security has increased over the last couple of months. St. James, Troost39, Bishop Sullivan Center, and the Olgelsby Apartments (the building between BSC and Troost39) have all agreed to hire a security company to patrol our four properties as a short-term effort while we explore a more long-term solution.

Dan Nash, the head of the Finance Committee, reported on our finances as we approach the end of our fiscal year at the end of June. The bottom line is that the parish is in better financial condition because of parishioners' increased financial support and the fact that we haven't had to pay for our parish leader since January 1. We are not out of the woods, but we are in a much better position heading into the next fiscal year. **THANK YOU, ST. JAMES!**

READINGS FOR MAY 18, 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING — Acts 13:14, 43-52: Paul and Barnabas boldly proclaim God's grace in the synagogue—encountering violent opposition from some Jews, which leads them to turn to the Gentiles who joyfully embrace the message—while the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, continue their ministry despite persecution. How does the example of Paul and Barnabas inspire you to adapt and persevere in sharing your message or values, even when faced with resistance or rejection?

SECOND READING — Revelation 7:9, 14b-17: John's vision portrays an endless, diverse multitude of redeemed believers—clad in purified white robes and holding palm branches—worshiping before God's throne, where they are tenderly sheltered, nourished, and guided by the Lamb, ensuring a future free from sorrow, hunger, and distress. How does this promise of divine shelter and eternal comfort challenge you to view your own struggles and hopes in the midst of life's trials?

GOSPEL— John 10:27-30: After drawing enthusiastic crowds with the message of God's grace in the synagogue, Paul and Barnabas boldly declare that, despite Jewish rejection and ensuing persecution, the gospel must now reach the Gentiles, leading to widespread joy among new believers filled with the Holy Spirit. How can you remain committed to sharing a message of grace and hope when you encounter resistance or rejection in your own life?

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall
never perish. No one can take them
out of my hand. My Father, who has
given them to me, is greater than all,
and no one can take them out of the
Father's hand.

The Father and I are one."

John 10:27-30

REDEMPTORIST- PRESENTATION ON BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

On Monday, June 9 at 7:00 pm, Redemptorist will host Fr. Don Wolf, a priest from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, who will speak about Blessed Stanley Rother. Fr. Rother was martyred in 1981 in Guatemala where he was serving as a missionary in Santiago Atitlan. In 2015, the Vatican formally recognized him as a martyr. He was beatified in 2017 in Oklahoma City. Blessed Stanley Rother is the first martyr from the United States and the first U.S.-born priest to be beatified. Fr. Wolf is a cousin to Blessed Stanley Rother and will speak in the Garden Room at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 3333 Broadway Blvd., Kansas City, MO.

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.

MISSOURIANS TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY (MADP)

MADP is the only statewide organization whose sole purpose is working to repeal the death penalty. Much of the focus is on education and informing citizens and legislators about the costs and consequences of the death penalty in our state. To learn more about the organization and to volunteer, please go to <https://www.madpmo.org/>.

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.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER TO HOST INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

On Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7:00 pmll , all are invited to join the Prayer Service of Solidarity to support our non-citizen brothers and sisters as they struggle to navigate our immigration system. We want them to know we stand in solidarity with them and will do whatever we can to ensure they are treated humanely and morally. We cannot remain silent in the face of shameful scapegoating and the use of illegal and unconstitutional tactics to remove them from their adopted home. Dan Margolies will speak following the prayer service. Dan started his career as a print journalist for the Kansas City Business Journal and The Kansas City Star, eventually making the switch to broadcast media. Before retiring, Margolies was the senior editor/ reporter for KCUR (NPR affiliate). If you have questions regarding this event, contact Tom Bradshaw at (816) 381-9170.

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!**