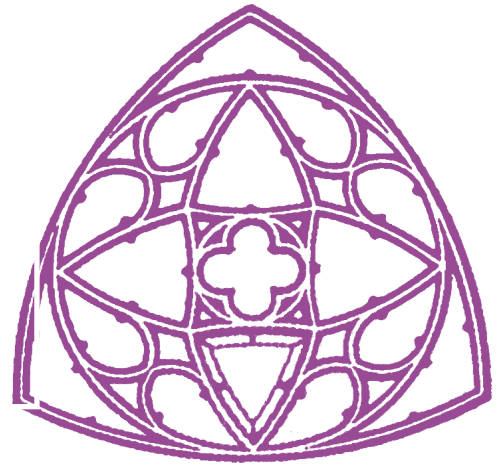


Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025

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

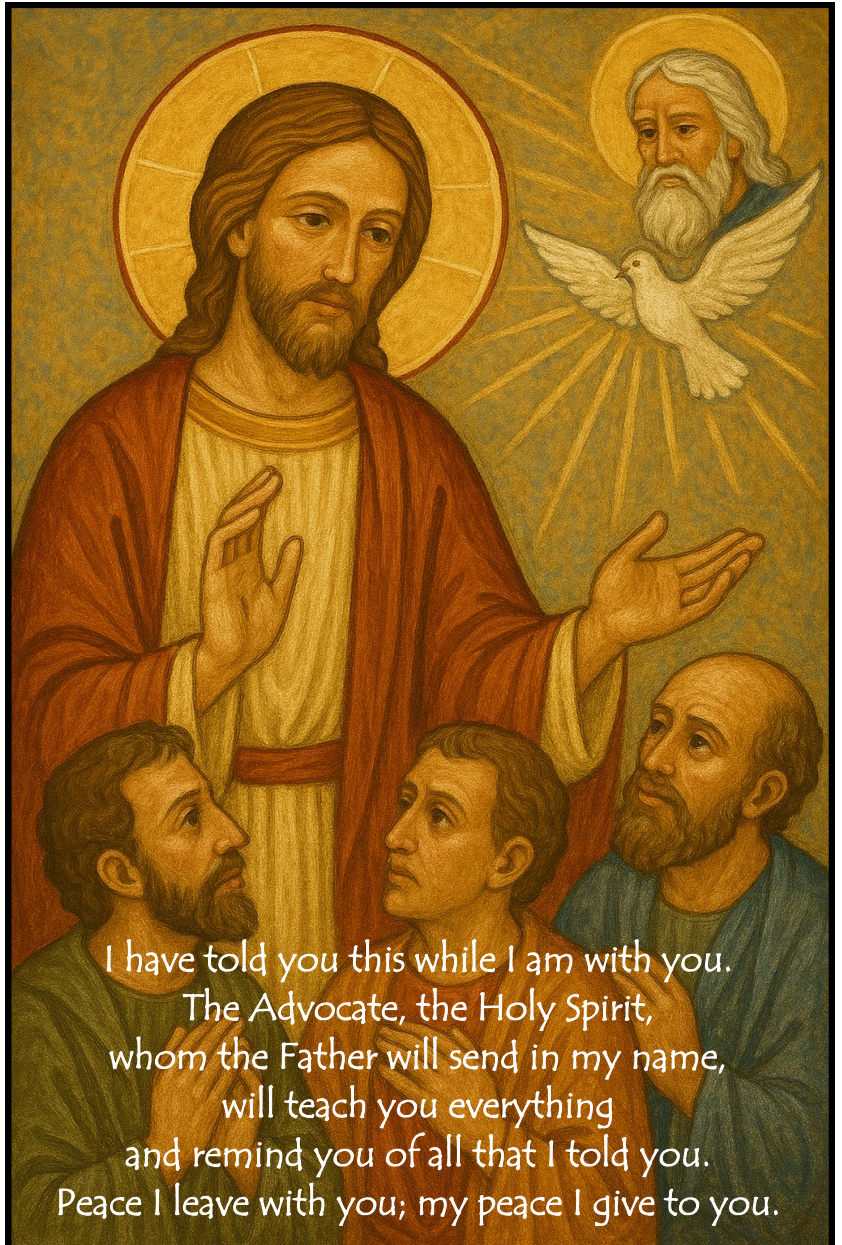
For information on preparation for the Sacraments of **Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation**, please contact Bonnie Haghirian, our Faith Formation Coordinator at FaithFormation@StJKC.org.

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.



I have told you this while I am with you.
The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I told you.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

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

5/25 1st Communion/Reconciliation Class after Mass

6/1 Ascension Sunday

6/1 Pantry Sunday for Bishop Sullivan Center

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

6/1 One Baptism celebrated at Mass

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

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 Communion class and banner making

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 First Reconciliation after Mass

6/15 First Communion Class (Change of date)

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.



Photo by Chris Dewberry

Donna Legate (right), a 1956 graduate of St. James school, returned to visit for Mass at St. James parish with her 2 nieces from Reno.

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**, and has partnered with KC Welcome Alliance over the last few years. Come and hear what we can do to help our neighbors.

Fall Field Trips

Field trips are in the works for **The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception** and the **United Methodist Church of the Resurrection** in September and/or October. More information to follow.

Sacramental Programs: If you or your children are seeking Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, 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! **SIGN UP AT THE BACK OF CHURCH TO HELP US PLAN!**



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

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.

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!

READINGS FOR JUNE 1, 2025 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING — Acts 7:55-60: Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed up to behold a radiant vision of Jesus at God's right hand, proclaimed this heavenly revelation, and as an enraged mob—whose cloaks were laid at Saul's feet—stoned him, he prayed for his attackers' forgiveness before peacefully surrendering his spirit.

Reflection Question: How does Stephen's unwavering faith and his act of forgiveness in the face of extreme persecution challenge you to respond with compassion and grace when confronted with hostility or injustice?

SECOND READING — Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20: John hears a divine declaration announcing that Jesus, the eternal Alpha and Omega, will soon return to reward each person according to their deeds and invites all who have cleansed themselves to partake in eternal life—with the tree of life and life-giving water symbolizing that promise—an invitation echoed by the Spirit and the bride.

Reflection Question: In what ways does the promise of eternal life and the call to receive spiritual renewal inspire you to examine and transform your own journey of faith?

GOSPEL — John 17:20-26: Jesus prays that all believers, both now and in the future, may be united in the same intimate and perfected relationship with the Father and the Son, so that God's glory and love may be evident in their lives, affirming that He was sent by the Father.

Reflection Question: How can you cultivate and embody the unity and love that Jesus prays for, so that your relationships and community reflect the divine partnership between the Father and the Son?

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.



Teachers of
Children's
Liturgy of the
Word

Sarah Forgey
(left) and
Vivian
Nwachukwu
(right)

Photo by Dewberry

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 the 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.

YOUR HEART, TIME, AND TALENTS ARE NEEDED AT BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER!

Did you know that many of the services Bishop Sullivan Center (BSC) (three doors south of our church) provides originated in St. James' Marian Hall? St. James ran a kitchen that served meals to the hungry, along with a pantry and a free clothing distribution service. The program grew so large that it was relocated to the building where BSC is currently located. In 2002, BSC took over the services. Now, BSC needs volunteers for One City Café, serving meals, lunch or dinner, as well as lunch preparation. They also need a mastermind organizer for their clothing closet at their Truman location and welcoming smiles at both their Troost and Truman Road food pantry locations.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kate Bergmann at kate.bergmann@bishopsullivan.org or call (816) 231-0984 ext. 304. Thank you!

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.

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.

WAKE UP AND SMELL THE ROLLS!



The cinnamon roll extravaganza is back. Pre-order is a must! Last date to order is Sunday June 1. 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.**