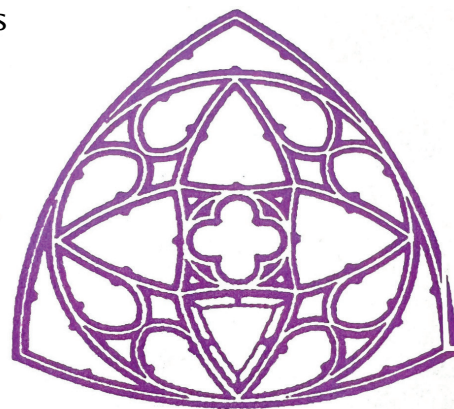


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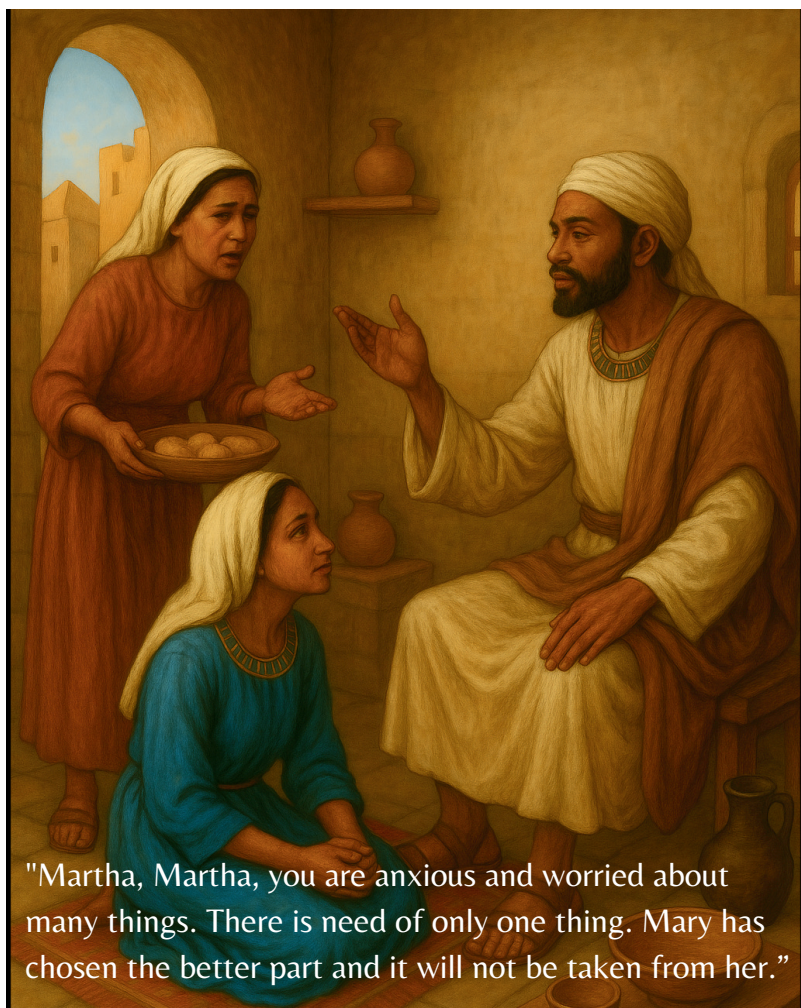
ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Join Us for Mass

Every Sunday at 10 AM

Sacraments

Sacramental Minister:

Fr. Garry Richmeier C.P.P.S.
garrycpps@gmail.com

Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation:

Contact Bonnie Haghirian,
Faith Formation Coordinator
faithformation@stjkc.org

Rite of Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church:

(Adult Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation) takes place as needed.
Contact Bonnie Haghirian at
faithformation@stjkc.org.

Marriage:

Contact Phyllis McCarty,
Marriage Coordinator
phyllisamccarty@gmail.com
(at least 9 months prior to wedding date)

Confession: Upon request

Email Fr. Don Farnan - FrDon@stjkc.org
OR Fr. Garry Richmeier -
garrycpps@gmail.com

Bulletin Deadline: 10 pm on Mondays

Email: Bulletin@StJkc.org

For information to be posted on the St. James website, email:
website@StJkc.org.

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025, THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



First Reading - Genesis 18:20-32: God speaks to Abraham about Sodom and Gomorrah's sin. Abraham, asks God to spare the innocent.

Reflection Question: Consider how God has shown mercy to us time and time again. When we plead with God (not understanding the whole situation), does he not show us great patience and compassion like he shows Abraham here?

Second Reading - Colossians 2:12-14: Paul writes to the Colossians about God's faithfulness in removing all transgression from His people.

Reflection Question: Can you see in your own life how the true freedom of God's forgiveness allows you to live as Christ lived, loving others?

Gospel - Luke 11:1-13: Jesus teaches his disciples about prayer, generosity, kindness, and the Father's love for those in His kingdom.

Reflection Question: How do the words of the Lord's Prayer encourage you to rejoice in the forgiveness and the good gifts of God? How can we give good gifts that honor Christ to those around us, even if it may be an inconvenience?

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PARISH PICNIC!

Come celebrate 119 years of St. James! The Parish Anniversary Picnic will be on **Saturday, August 23** on the south lawn of St. James.



Stay tuned for more information on food, activities, and how you can help make this milestone celebration extra special.

Mark your calendar for this fun-filled family event.

We can't wait to share this joyful evening with you!



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY & AUGUST

7/20 Parish-wide Synod Meeting after Mass
7/24 Transition Team Meeting—1:00 pm
7/28 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30 pm
8/3 Parish Pantry Sunday
8/3 Children's Liturgy of the Word restarts
8/5 Volunteer at Harvesters 6:00-8:00 pm
8/7 Transition Team Meeting—1:00 pm

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

8/11 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30 pm
8/17 Sign-ups for family-based "Seeking God" program
8/17 Parish-wide Synod after Mass
8/23 Parish Anniversary Picnic
8/25 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30 pm
9/14 First session for "Seeking God" families

PHILOMENA ODU WILL LEAD THE ROSARY AFTER MASS TODAY IN THE FAMILY ROOM.

Welcome to St. James

We are a warm, welcoming community rooted in the inclusive love of Jesus—who broke down barriers, showed compassion, and invited everyone to the table. Here, you'll find open hearts, meaningful worship, and opportunities to live out justice & kindness.

Reach out to our friendly staff at ParishStaff@StJKC.org, or head to www.StJKC.org to fill out a quick registration form. We can't wait to walk this faith journey with you!

Help With Hospitality Sundays



Would you like to help with one of our monthly Hospitality Sundays? We could use additional help during the Fall dates:
Oct 12, Nov 9 or Dec 14.

- Provide a snack for the table: Donuts, cookies, fruit/nut breads, muffins, pretzels, bag of fruit, snacks, gluten free items, etc. (homemade/store bought)
- Help set up and serve on Sunday

Contact Denise Simeone for more information:
denisesimeone@hotmail.com or call/text 816-686-3612.
Thanks for considering being a part of this ministry for our parishioners and guests!

Responses to: "Why Do We Come Here Sunday After Sunday If Not To Encounter God?"

"In so many strictly diocesan churches, I encounter dogma and intolerance. At St. James, I feel a community that is intentional about welcoming all members of society. Fr. Garry preaches God's only message for humankind, which is to love and to support each other as brothers and sisters bound up in a common existence. We are equal as humans and deserve equal dignity and equitable treatment."

"I started at St. James after I completed a Civil Rights Pilgrimage in the South last May 2024. I was looking for a diverse community and heard about St. James from several friends who attended: Chuck Wurth, Joe Nessel, and Lewis Diuguid. I had been absent from the Catholic Church since 1972. From the first Sunday I attended, I experienced inclusiveness and a warm, loving welcome, including name tags, greetings, and the kiss of peace. I was struck by the genuine spirit of loving energy shared Sunday after Sunday; a renewed sense of God's grace and presence moving in my life in this community."

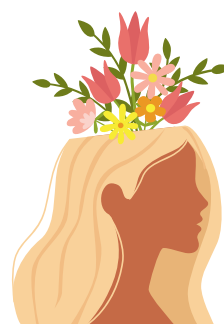
"At St James, I get the sense that people do care about everybody, and that makes for a good community. The Liturgy is good, always enhanced by Fr. Garry's homily and the music. It is a gift to be able to come to St James and join in with family. The parishioners get involved, and when people do that, the spirit is enhanced and we are healed."

INTERESTED IN LAUNCHING A MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES?

Bring healing, hope, and community to our parish family by helping us launch a Mental Health Ministry in partnership with Catholic Charities.

- Create a safe, welcoming space for conversation, prayer, and peer support
- Equip volunteers with practical tools to walk alongside those facing anxiety, depression, and other challenges
- Foster spiritual and emotional well-being as integral parts of our faith life
- Connect St. James with a network of diocesan resources and expert training

Ready to make a difference?
Visit the Catholic Charities page to learn more & sign up!
<https://catholiccharities-kcsj.org/mentalhealthministry>





WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Ross Beaudoin, Cindy McKay Basolo, Paul DeMerchant, Barb Doak, Michael Heringer, Theresa Maly, Caroline Martin, Amie Miller, Judith Reed, Edward Earl Scott, Eric Sitterley, Sean Shaughnessy, and Steve Wallace

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



ABOVE: Zoe plays percussion instruments to assist the choir. It is a joy to see young people living out 1 Timothy 4:12.

Photo Credit to Chris Dewberry

A Message from Pat Marrin

Each member of St James Parish is part of the foundation of our faith community. The two feedback questions you were invited to respond to these past weeks were a first step in asking the parish to show how our encounter with God and our experience of Sunday worship make us the crucified and risen Body of Christ in Midtown. Our “synodal” nature-as a walking, talking encounter with one another in the Spirit of Jesus Christ-is the basis for our collective identity at Troost & 39th.

We are the church here, and what we decide together will be our ministry to the neighborhood, to Kansas City and within the Catholic diocese we are a part of. Please join us at our synodal meeting in the front of church after Mass today to talk about our faith and what the Gospel is calling St James to do at this time.

Pat Marrin,
Synodal Parish Director

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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.