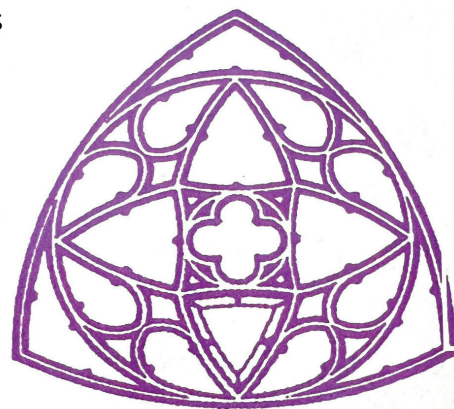


Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

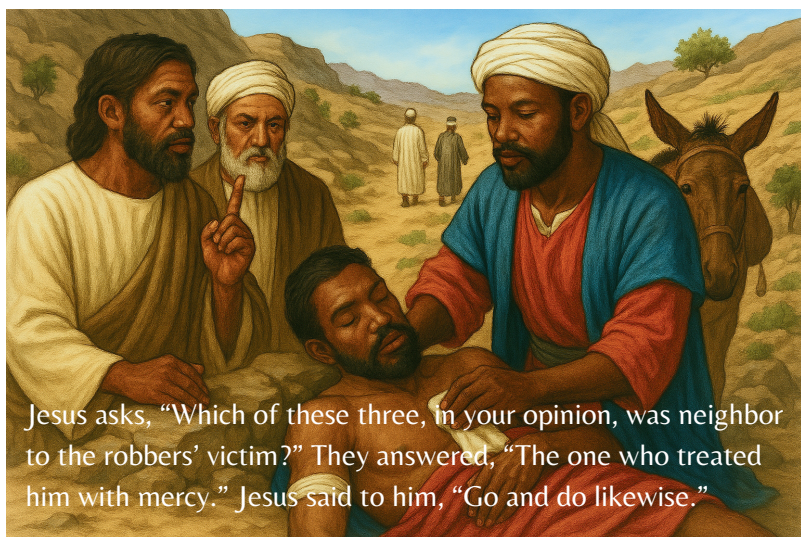
ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



Jesus asks, "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" They answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

A Blessed Gift for St. James!

We are overjoyed to share that an anonymous benefactor has entrusted our parish with a generous \$50,000 gift. Half will bolster our Rainy-Day Fund to safeguard ministry in lean times. The other half will fuel our outreach to immigrants, empowering compassionate service to those in need. The gift has been specifically designated for these purposes. Let us give thanks to God for this profound act of kindness. Pray that together we may steward these resources wisely for God's Kingdom work.

Bulletin Deadline: 10 pm on Mondays

Email: Bulletin@StJKC.org

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

Join Us for Mass

Every Sunday at 10 AM

Sacraments

Sacramental Minister:

Fr. Garry Richmeier C.PP.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

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 20, 2025, THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



First Reading - Genesis 18:1-10a: Abraham rushes to welcome three strangers under the Terebinth of Mamre, he lavishes them with generous hospitality and discovers in their visit God's promise that Sarah will bear a son.

Reflection Question: In what ways might practicing radical hospitality today prepare your heart to recognize and receive unexpected blessings or messages from God?

Second Reading - Colossians 1:24-28: Paul rejoices in his sufferings as he fulfills his calling to unveil the long-hidden mystery of Christ living within believers, offering them the hope of future glory.

Reflection Question: In what ways might embracing your own challenges deepen your participation in Christ's work and strengthen the hope you share with others?

Gospel - Luke 10:38-42: Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary where he commends Mary's choice to pause her service and sit attentively at his feet as the one truly necessary thing.

Reflection Question: When you find yourself overwhelmed by responsibilities, how might intentionally pausing to listen to Jesus reshape your priorities and bring you peace?

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Peter Hughes & Chris Zaroor for hanging the banners for Ordinary Times. They look beautiful!

All of the banners were donated by Fr. Tom Ludwig when the mission parish of St. Aloysius was closed in Maysville, Mo.



The New Sound of Worship at St. James

Anne Carlson photographed with our new St. James singing bowl that now announces the beginning of mass.

Photo Credit to Chris Dewberry

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY & AUGUST

7/14 Parish Leadership Ministry-6:30 pm
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

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

8/5 Volunteer at Harvesters 6:00-8:00 pm
8/7 Transition Team Meeting—1:00 pm
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
8/25 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.

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 (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!

DONATE TO ST. JAMES DIRECTLY THROUGH YOUR BANK

If you are a parishioner sending a check directly from your bank to St. James, please be sure to:

- Have your name included on the memo line
- Send to our secure mailbox
P.O. Box 30388
Kansas City, MO 64112
- Note on the memo line if donation is for any specific ministry or general fund

Thank you for supporting St. James with your time, talent, and treasure.

Every gift is truly appreciated!



ABOVE: Kristyn Art and her mother, Linda Art. Kristyn is home for a visit. When she leaves, she will teach at an international school in Uzbekistan.

Photo Credit to Chris Dewberry



Votive Candles

Lighting a votive candle at church extends one's prayers, expresses gratitude, and offers support for others.

At St. James, the suggested donation has increased from \$2.00 to \$5.00 due to rising costs. Envelopes now reflect this update. All are welcome to take part in this prayerful tradition.

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

Cindy McKay Basolo, Ross Beaudoin, Paul DeMerchant, Michael Heringer, Theresa Maly, Caroline Martin, Amie Miller, Eric Sitterley, Sean Shaughnessy, and Steve Wallace

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

Tech Support Volunteers Needed

Help keep St. James running smoothly!

- Assist with printer hookups
- Gmail setup
- Windows/Microsoft troubleshooting

Ready to lend a hand? Email parishstaff@stjkc.org or speak with Pat Marrin before or after Mass.



Richard & Lauren Clinton New Parishioners



Richard & Lauren Clinton (ABOVE) are new members at St. James this year. They are a newlywed couple living in the Hyde Park neighborhood. "We chose St. James because we love the friendly, welcoming parishioners here, and how the church is involved in the community" says Richard.

Recently, Lauren has been considering ways to use her talents here and she jumped at the opportunity to help with the weekly bulletin. With the great help of Bill Cordaro, Lauren will be taking over our weekly bulletin and the email. So, say hello and feel free to reach out to Lauren at Bulletin@StJKC.org

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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.