

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Times

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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



Fire by Indian artist Jyoti Sahi

(Oil on Canvas. Faces Series: Jesus the Fiery Prophet, 2002. Collection of the artist.)

"I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!
There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"

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

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, AUGUST 24, 2025, THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



First Reading - Isaiah 66:18-21: God will gather a global, multi-ethnic people to Himself, bring His scattered people home, and include even outsiders in His priestly service.

Reflection Question: How can you actively contribute to unity across cultural barriers?

Second Reading - Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13: God's discipline is proof of God's love, producing holiness and peace, so endure it with courage and help others keep going.

Reflection Question: What "fruit" might God be trying to grow in you now through challenges?

Gospel - Luke 13:22-30: Salvation requires earnest commitment now, because once the opportunity passes, knowing about Jesus won't be enough. Many outsiders will enter, and some who seemed closest will be left out.

Reflection Question: The "last will be first, and the first will be last" challenges worldly ideas of status. How does this truth shape the way I value people? Jesus says people will come from east, west, north, and south to God's table. How can I embrace and celebrate the diversity of God's family?

Experience Benedictine Spirituality

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST RETREATS

Join us for the transformative *Encountering Christ Retreats*, where you can immerse yourself in the practices of prayer, silence, and *lectio divina*. Both men and women have found solace and spiritual growth at Conception Abbey as they prayed alongside the Benedictine monks. Don't miss your chance to be part of the 2025 retreat experience – register now to secure your spot before they're all taken!

MEN'S	WOMEN'S
July 18-20	July 11-13
August 29-31	August 22-24
October 17-19, 2025	Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2025
November 21-23, 2025	December 12-14, 2025
December 19-21, 2025	

 **Parish groups welcome!**
Visit conceptionabbey.org/guests or scan the QR code to view all of our retreat listings.

 **CONCEPTION**
Living the Benedictine Tradition
ABBAY GUEST CENTER

**Weekly Bulletin Deadline is
Mondays by 10 PM**

Email: Bulletin@StJKC.org
Send website info to
website@StJKC.org.

Synod Meeting

After Mass on Sunday, August 24,
please join us for the Parish-Wide
Synod Meeting.

ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

8/17 Sign-ups for family-based "Seeking God" program
8/19 Knitting and Crocheting 6:30 pm in Rectory
8/24 Parish-wide Synod after Mass
8/24 Parish Cake and Ice Cream Birthday Celebration in the Nave
8/25 Parish Leadership Ministry—6:30 pm
8/31 Blessing of items for Bus Stop during Mass
8/31 Fifth Sunday Family Lunch

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

9/7 Parish Pantry Sunday
9/7 Sign ups for Confirmation after Mass
9/14 Hospitality Sunday
9/14 First session for "Seeking God" families
9/21 Celebration of Catechetical Sunday
9/21 Parish-wide Synod after Mass
10/5 Goldenberg Duo Concert and Reception 7 pm

Associate Synodal Parish Director

St. James Catholic Church is seeking to hire a part-time associate to work with the Parish Director.

We seek expertise in conducting efficient meetings on sometimes controversial issues to get consensus.

The role of synodal leadership includes the practical running of the parish, including its day-to-day operations. The Associate Synodal Parish Director will work closely with the Finance Committee, Leadership Team, and Bookkeeper to ensure the smooth operation of the business office and to help grow the parish's financial stability. The synodal associate will focus on communications, fostering and supporting volunteers, designing ways for a diverse community to engage one another and build unity.

A candidate needs a Bachelor's Degree in areas related to community organization and problem solving. A Catholic background, familiarity with Catholic Social Justice values, commitment to social

development, human dignity and the principles of diversity, equality and inclusiveness are all required. See the full job description as posted on the diocesan website.

Contact Pat Marrin
parishstaff@stjkc.org
816-561-8512

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!



Welcome to St. James

We are a warm, inviting 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 registration form. We can't wait to walk this faith journey with you!



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.



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

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

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



Traveling or Sick?

Don't forget that St. James streams Mass each Sunday on our Facebook page, St. James Midtown, KC.

Tune in!

Miracle of Innocence Fundraiser Gala

Register today for the gala fundraiser on September 6th at 6pm. Help rebuild lives and dignity for those incarcerated for crimes not committed. Help them reclaim their freedom.

Learn more at miracleofinnocence.org
Call 913-717-5080 ext. 102



Trouble Getting the Friday Email?

Don't worry, you're not alone. We have had some technical difficulties with the email but we are working on a solution that should solve the pesky little email issues. Bear with us and feel free to email the bulletin ministry with questions.

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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 a minor), 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.