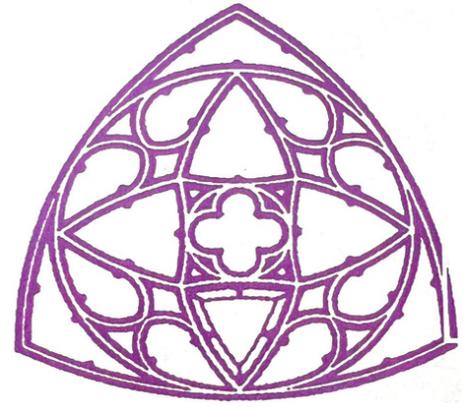


THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# ST. JAMES

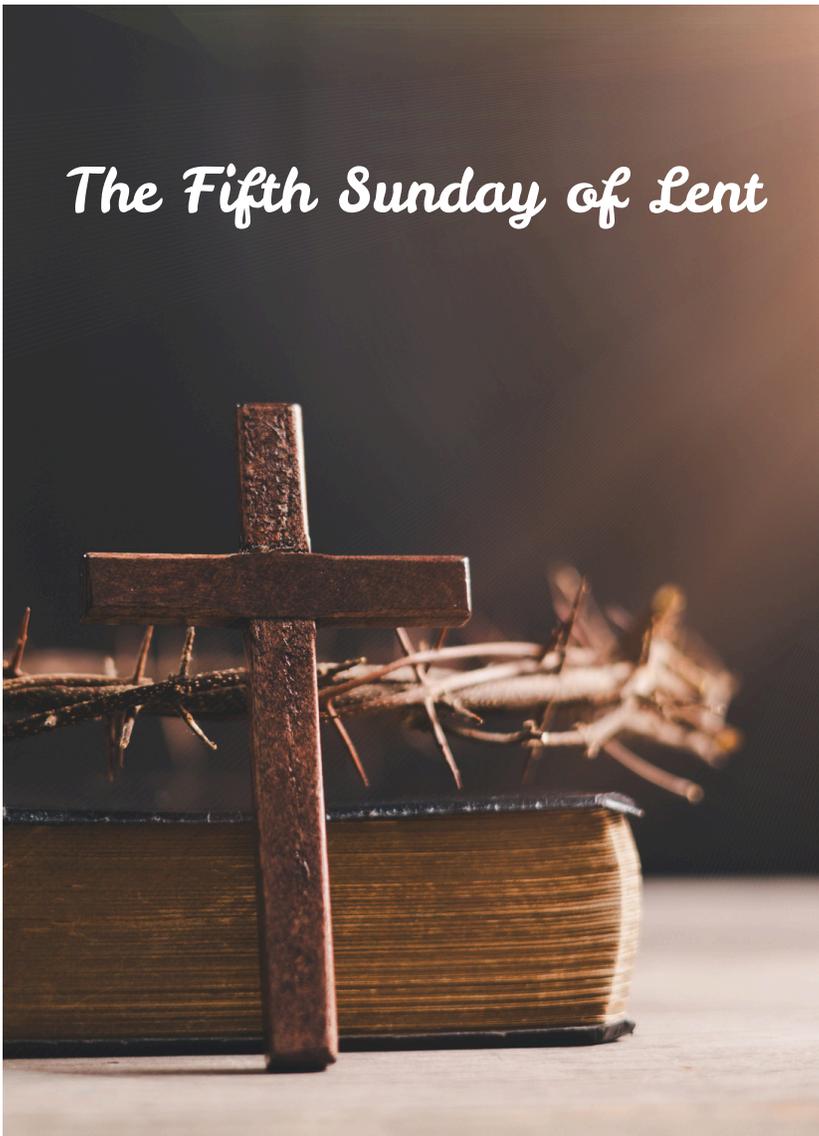
## SYNODAL CATHOLIC

### COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*



#### 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,  
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

“We are a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming, like this [St. Peter's] Square with its open arms, all those who are in need of our charity, our presence, our readiness to dialogue and our love.” - Pope Leo XIV



## Easter Sunday Needs

Please help our Easter Egg hunt be successful! Today, March 22, is the LAST SUNDAY and we are still in need of eggs and candy. We will be stuffing eggs on Sunday, March 22 after Mass. Thank you to those who have already helped fill our baskets. (We can't stuff eggs on Palm Sunday.) Baskets for egg and candy donations are at the church doors.

## Clerk-Bookkeeper Needed for Tri-Parish

St. James-Midtown, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Therese Little Flower are seeking one full-time Accounting Clerk/Bookkeeper to serve our parish communities. Duties include budget management, general ledger, AP/AR, deposits, reconciliations, and financial reporting for all three parishes.

Apply at [kesj catholic.org](http://kesj catholic.org) or call John Kraus, Director of Operations, for more information.

John Kraus 816-523-5115



## 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 and kindness.

Reach out to our friendly staff at [ParishStaff@StJKC.org](mailto:ParishStaff@StJKC.org), or head to [www.StJKC.org](http://www.StJKC.org) to fill out a registration form. We can't wait to walk this faith journey with you!



## Easter Decorating

On Saturday, April 4th, we will be decorating the church for Easter. Please come by about 10am to help change altar cloths, place plants around the altar and font, and change the crown of thorns to a blooming wreath for Easter.



We congratulate Ben Bautista on his upcoming Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.



## Financial Corner

### February Collection (Plate, Online, Mail)

- Offertory  
\$27,883.51
- Between the Cracks/Bus Stop  
\$528.33
- Votives  
\$35.00
- Catholic Charities  
Emergency Appeal  
\$125.00
- **Total**  
**\$28,581.84**
- Monthly Budget  
\$26,244.00

**Mass attendance on 3/15/26**  
In-person - 149, Online - 10

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026, PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



**First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7** The servant of God faithfully speaks and endures suffering with steadfast trust, confident that God will vindicate him.

**Reflection Question:** How can I remain faithful and obedient to God when facing opposition or hardship?

**Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11** Christ humbly emptied himself, taking on human form and obedience to death, and is therefore exalted by God above all.

**Reflection Question:** What does it look like for me to practice humility and selflessness in my daily life?

**Gospel - Matthew 26:14–27:66** Jesus is betrayed, tried, crucified, and buried, fulfilling his mission through suffering and sacrifice.

**Reflection Question:** How does Jesus' willingness to suffer and sacrifice shape my understanding of love and commitment?



### Big Spring Clean-up

Help clean our Church space in time for Easter! Cleaning day is scheduled for Saturday Morning, March 28 from 9-noon. Please plan to show up ready to make everything sparkle! Pastries, fruit, and coffee/tea will be ready for you!

### Email Alert from Fr. Don

Someone is sending spam email pretending to be Father Don. Do not respond to any email address other than [frdon@stjkc.org](mailto:frdon@stjkc.org), which is Fr. Don's correct email address.



### Palm Sunday Exhibit

Remember to plan on visiting the exhibit on St. Carlo Acutis. St. James is invited to take this little "pilgrimage" to Notre Dame de Sion Lower School to view the exhibit and learn about the teenager who is the first Saint canonized by Pope Leo.



## ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### MARCH

- 3/22 Youth Easter Prep Activity after Mass
- 3/22 First Reconciliation and practice for First Communion after Mass
- 3/28 Church Spring Cleaning Day at 9 AM
- 3/28 Garden Team @ 10 AM
- 3/28 No Kings Rally
- 3/28 Ben Bautista's Confirmation at the Cathedral
- 3/29 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
- 3/29 St. Carlo Acutis exhibit at Sion Lower School

### APRIL

- 4/4 Garden Team at 10 AM
- 4/5 Easter Sunday & Easter Egg hunt after Mass
- 4/5 Pantry Sunday
- 4/7 Harvesters Volunteer Tuesday
- 4/12 First Communion and Baptism Sunday; cookie reception after Mass
- 4/12 Hospitality Sunday
- 4/19 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass
- 4/26 Faith Formation after Mass with Renee' Roosa



## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

The husband and family of Martha Agnew, Cindy McKay Basolo, Barb Doak, Tom Dux, Cindy Etzel Swoboda, Fr. Don Farnan, Michael Heringer, June Johnson, Laverne Johnson, Theresa Maly, Caroline Martin, Noella McCray, Amie Miller, Judith Reed, Eric Sitterley, Sean Shaughnessy, Karen Snedden, & Steve Wallace.

Father Garry's brother, Greg, died on March 10, and Garry was able to concelebrate at his funeral Mass in Great Bend on Thursday, March 12. Please lift up Father Garry and his family in your prayers.

If you or someone you know needs prayers please send their names to [Bulletin@StJKC.org](mailto:Bulletin@StJKC.org)

Today, March 22, we have children who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation after Mass. First Communion Sunday is April 12. Please pray for them as they take these important steps.

## Easter Mass Parking

Easter Sunday is a joyful day when we welcome many friends, family members, and neighbors to celebrate with us. To help us offer the warmest hospitality possible, we invite parishioners who are able, to park on the surrounding streets. This simple act makes room in our parking lot for visitors and newcomers, and helps them feel truly welcomed on this wonderful feast.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Judith Reed is in need of a vehicle and/or transportation resources. Please call the Parish house with any leads for Judith.



## ST. JAMES CONTACT INFORMATION

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**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 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), 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 [ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org) or 816-213-6024.

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 816-714-2357 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.