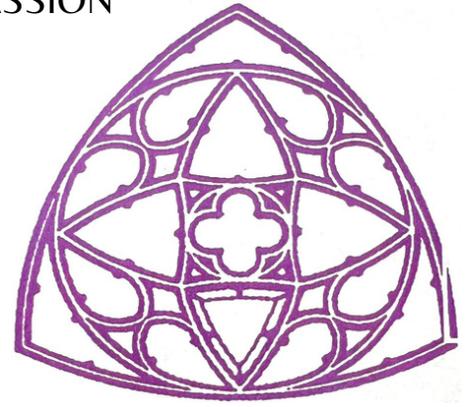


PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN



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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

Walking Stations of the Cross on Troost

The Good Friday Stations of the Cross will start at noon on April 3, 2026, at 2901 Troost, KCMO. The walk will end in St. James's parking lot.

Parking is available at St. James, 31st and Troost, or closer to 29th and Troost. If parking at St. James, take the Troost bus north to 29th Street before the walk. If parking closer to 29th and Troost, take the bus north after the walk to retrieve your car.

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 kesjccatholic.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, or head to www.StJKC.org to fill out a registration form. We can't wait to walk this faith journey with you!



St. James' Kids prepared adorable banners last week for their First Eucharist on April 12th.

Zoe, Dassana, Laura, EmilyAnn, and Ava (left-right)

Pantry Sunday Needs

Pantry Sunday is next week. Bring items to Mass next week for those in need. Bishop Sullivan has requested the following items:

- Bar soap,
- Grape jelly,
- Toilet paper,
- Pasta
- Feminine Hygiene Products



Easter Decorating

On Saturday, April 4th, we will be decorating the church for Easter. Please come by about 10am to help. It should not take long.

Holy Week Masses

Holy Thursday Mass is at St. Therese Little Flower at 7pm. (58th & Euclid)

Good Friday Mass is at St. James at 7pm.

Holy Saturday Vigil of Easter is at St. Francis Xavier at 8pm. (52nd & Troost)

Easter Sunday Mass is at St. James at 10am.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026, EASTER SUNDAY



Acts 10:34a, 37–43 Peter proclaims that God shows no partiality and that Jesus, anointed by God, was crucified and raised, offering forgiveness to all who believe in Him.

Reflection Question: How does recognizing that God shows no favoritism challenge the way you view and treat others?

Colossians 3:1–4 Believers are called to set their hearts and minds on heavenly things, since their true life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Reflection Question: What practical changes can you make to focus more on “things above” rather than earthly distractions?

John 20:1–9 Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb, and the disciples begin to realize that Jesus has risen from the dead.

Reflection Question: What does the empty tomb invite you to believe or reconsider about Jesus?

Knitting Ministry

Knitters and crocheters at St. James work year round making items for the Bus Stop Ministry. Those hats and scarves are blessed at Mass in September and distributed October through March. This year we were able to give out 1,023 items which helped keep our Mid-town neighbors warm in the cold. We thank all of our donors for their generosity.

One crocheter was a new donor, Judi Roling. She is Susie's mom and Luci's grandmother. Last summer, Judi decided to work on a new project by making a few scarves for Bus Stop. She ended up creating 78! The knitting and crocheting group meets at the parish office the third Tuesday every month. Come join us to create community and a scarf or two!

We are looking forward to your company. Next meeting is April 23 at 6:30 pm. We will see you then.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH/APRIL

- 3/29 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
- 3/29 St. Carlo Acutis exhibit at Sion Lower School
- 4/3 Good Friday
- 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

APRIL/MAY

- 4/12 Hospitality Sunday
- 4/19 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass
- 4/26 Faith Formation after Mass - The Life of a Benedictine Oblate, Renee' Russo
- 5/3 Pantry Sunday
- 5/5 Harvesters Volunteer Tuesday
- 5/17 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass
- 5/24 Pentecost Sunday



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

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

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



Next Sunday is Easter! The St. James Easter Egg Hunt will be immediately after our 10:00 Mass. Bring a sack or basket for your kids. Teens will be hiding eggs at 9am.

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.



3/22/26 Attendance:
111 In-Person
17 Online

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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 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 for more information.

A Message from John Kraus, Director of Operations for our Tri-Parishes

St. James Synodal Catholic Parishioners,

Thank you for welcoming me so graciously into your parish community, a community known for radical hospitality, shared leadership, and a determined drive for justice. My role as Director of Operations supports our pastor, our staff, and our councils across all aspects of parish life, operations, finances, facilities, staffing, funding, outreach, strategic and tactical planning, Diocesan and exterior relationships, and community development. That sounds like a lot, but my role is mostly to be your helper.

My career has been in church leadership, directing Catholic social service agencies, Catholic schools, and Catholic parishes. I have three grown children, two young granddaughters and a grandson due in May. I enjoy tacos and playing guitar. Books I've been reading during Lent include: Stranger God (Richard Beck), Evicted (Matthew Desmond), Nobody's Girl (Virginia Giuffre), and The Power and the Glory (Graham Greene). I'm looking forward to meeting each one of you.

In Service,

John Kraus

Director of Operations

Congrats Ben!

Congratulations to Ben Bautista, confirmed at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception by Bishop Johnston on Saturday, March 28. Ben chose St. Sebastian as his patroon



Garden Gang (above) cultivating food and friendship in our parish



The Garden Gang is Back

All are invited to join the Garden Gang Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm to plant, tend, and harvest veggies in the St. James Communal Garden. Follow the garden progress this year on St. James Catholic Church (Midtown) on Facebook or St. James News at stjkc.org.



Join us after Mass today, Palm Sunday
as we attend the Exhibit by Saint Carlo Acutis
at Sion Lower School
NDS Gym, 3823 Locust St., KCMO

The Event is FREE!

WHAT IS A EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE? These miracles consist of unexplainable phenomena occurring after transubstantiation, such as a host visibly transforming into human tissue, a host surviving fire, a host bleeding or the Eucharist alone providing sustenance to a human being for a prolonged period. The panels which number around 157 panels captured the miracles of Eucharistic throughout the world and were the creation of Saint Carlo Acutis.



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