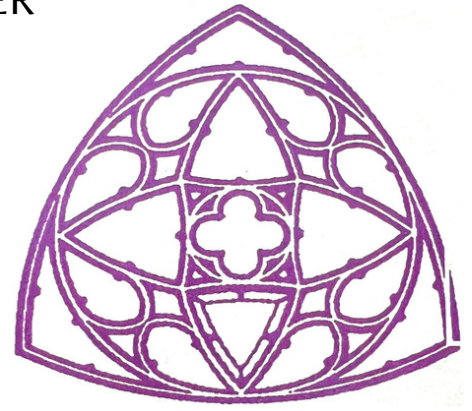


THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ST. JAMES

SYNODAL CATHOLIC

COMMUNITY MIDTOWN

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



The Canticle of Mary

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant; henceforth all generations will call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is shown from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has routed those who are arrogant in the desires of their hearts. He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of Israel his servant, ever mindful of his merciful love, according to the promises he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Luke 1:46-55

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

Family Fun Day

SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, June 7th we will have our second annual Family Fun Day for all of our families. The festivities will be out on the south lawn. Games, picnic lunch, scavenger hunt, duck pond, bubbles and so much more! Find your picnic blankets and lawn chairs for this event. Fr. Garry will be our chef! And TEENS we will have some special activities for you too!

Watch the bulletin for more information!



Flowers at the Alter

Our children who made their First Communion are with us today, Sunday, May 10th, for Mother's Day. The Church honors Mary in a special way during the month of May. We plan to bring flowers to decorate Mary's altar. Children, please see Bonnie to help bring flowers up to the altar.



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.



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!

May is Mary Month

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, our Blessed Mother. Please join Philomena Odu in the Family Room in the back of Church to pray the Rosary after Mass during the Sundays of May.

Help Needed

We have a wonderful team of teachers and assistants for our Children's Liturgy of the Word program. We would like to have a couple more people to help us. Please let Bonnie Haghirian know if you're interested in helping minister to our children.

Teacher Appreciation Week

This is Teacher Appreciation Week. We are so grateful and blessed to have wonderful people teaching our children at St. James. Take a moment to thank our Children's Liturgy of the Word teachers: Linda Art, Vivian Nwachukwu, Sarah Forgey, Jill Clements, and Patrick Kastor. We would like to invite more people to join this beautiful ministry in the Fall.

Contact Bonnie at : faithformation@stjkc.org if you have room in your heart for our young parishioners!

Fall Sacraments

We have celebrated several beautiful Baptisms at St. James this spring. If you have a child or an adult who needs to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Bonnie at faithformation@stjkc.org.

We will begin preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation in the Fall. Email Bonnie to get your name or your child's name on the list. Adults and teens, be sure that you have received these Sacraments as well. All are welcome.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, May 17, 2026, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Acts 1:1–11 Jesus appears to His disciples after His resurrection, commissions them to be His witnesses, and then ascends into heaven with the promise that He will return.

Reflection Question: How can I actively live as a witness to Jesus in my daily life while waiting for His return?

Ephesians 1:17–23 Paul prays that believers would gain spiritual wisdom to understand the greatness of God's power, revealed in Christ's resurrection and authority over all things.

Reflection Question: In what areas of my life do I need a deeper understanding of God's power and authority?

Matthew 28:16–20 Jesus gives the Great Commission, commanding His followers to make disciples of all nations, baptize them, and teach them, with the assurance of His continual presence.

Reflection Question: What specific step can I take to participate in making disciples where I am right now?

Sympathy Cards for the Arnone Family

Please pray for the family and friends of Donna Arnone, our beloved bookkeeper, who died unexpectedly on April 17.

Those wishing to send condolences to the Arnone family can send cards to the address below.

Joe Arnone and Family
2617 SW Kristin Dr.
Lees Summit, MO 64082

Mental Health First Aid Training

We will have Mental Health First Aid Training on Friday, May 22 from 8:30 am - 5 pm in Wyandotte County. Let Diane know if you want to sign up or email her at dianeew72@gmail.com with any questions.

Peace Prayer

Join us for Wednesday evening Peace Prayer on Zoom at 6:30 pm. We take turns leading prayers and reflection. A link will be provided via email from parishstaff@stjkc.org.



ST. JAMES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

5/10 Hospitality Sunday
5/10 Mother's Day
5/13 Peace Prayer on Zoom
5/17 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass
5/22 Mental Health First Aid Training
5/24 Pentecost Sunday
5/31 Fifth Sunday Parish Luncheon

JUNE

6/2 Harvesters Volunteer Day
6/7 Pantry Sunday
6/7 Family Fun Day
6/14 Hospitality Sunday
6/21 Parish Wide Synod Meeting after Mass
~Every Saturday at 10 AM: Communal Garden Gang

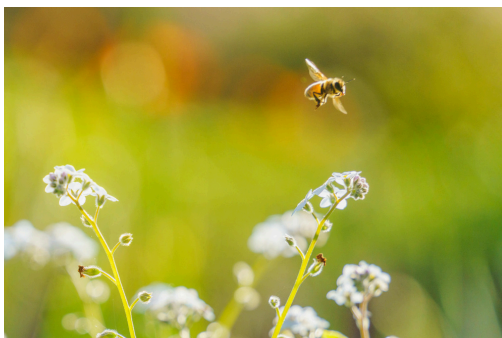
MEETING

PARISH-WIDE SYNOD MEETING NEXT SUNDAY AFTER MASS

Please join us Sunday, May 17th after Mass for our monthly Synod Meeting. All parishioners are welcome. This month we will look at Christ's call to serve, our individual talents, and ways to serve in our parish and community.

No Mow May Update

Early rain and warm weather have made our grounds very overgrown. We have decided to mow the general areas and leave a large portion of the South Lawn un-mown for May. This practice is great for nature (especially our pollinators) and helps our eco system flourish. More information is available at beecityusa.org.



WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

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

The family and friends of Donna Arnone.

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



Traveling or Sick?

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

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stjkc.org

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.

Tri-Parish Triduum Appreciation Event

Friday, May 22, 2026

5pm—Prayer Service at Foyle Hall Chapel
(Avila University—11901 Wornall)

6pm—Dinner at Farnan Spirituality Center
301 Sante Fe Trail, KCMO 64145

(a short walk or drive over) - Plenty of parking on campus
and near both locations

COME CELEBRATE!

This year's Easter Triduum was a challenging (yet amazing) undertaking. Together our three parishes created holy, profound, and joyous services.

We want to offer thanks to those who helped make this possible. All who volunteered are invited to gather, give thanks for the gift of each other, and have a fun evening as well.

If you served on a committee to plan the Triduum, sang in the choir, served as lector, hospitality minister, altar server, helped decorate the church, helped with the Vigil reception, set-up/clean-up or other tasks that were needed, we want to thank you at this celebration.

Please mark your calendars and submit your RSVP by signing up on Sign Up Genius.

**The Tri-Parish Celebration Planning Team
St. Francis Xavier, St. James and St. Therese Little Flower**

**Please RSVP by May 20 using this
SignUp Genius QR Code**



**If you are unable to scan this code, look
for a sign up list at your parish.**