

St. James Catholic Church

3909 Harrison, Kansas City, MO 64110

Office Hours: Monday - Friday — 9:00am - 4:00pm

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Sunday Mass ~ 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession ~ Sunday 9:30
and by appointment

Parish Staff

Deacon Ross Beaudoin
Pastoral Administrator

Fr. Garry Richmeier, CPPS
Sacramental Minister

Gina Buice
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Sr. Donna Ryan, RSM
Facilitator of Mission & Ministries

Tess Hart
Justice & Social Service Ministries

Chris Dewberry
Youth Minister

Robert Basolo
Music Minister

Parish Leadership Team

Cecelia Dillon, *Chair*
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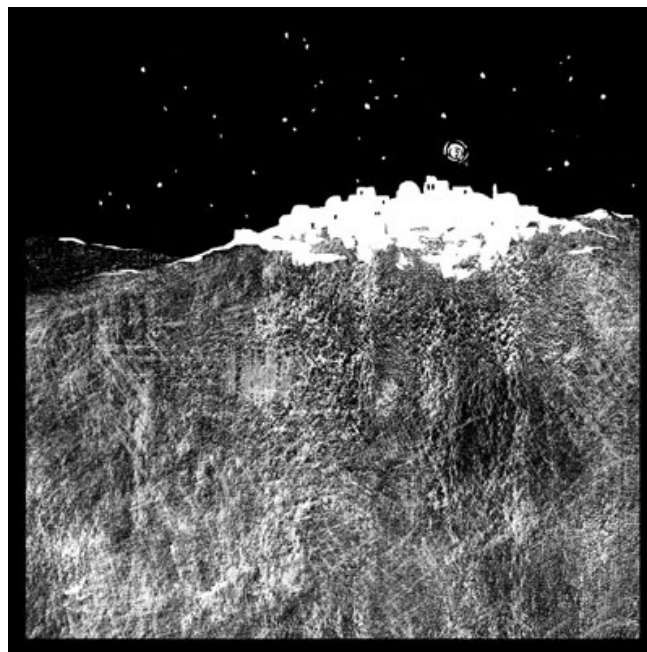
Our Mission

We, the people of the St. James community of faith, commit ourselves to building the Reign of God for all people, serving especially our neighbors in Midtown, Kansas City.

Our Vision

St. James Parish will be a vital Catholic Christian presence at the cross-roads of Kansas City, meeting the spiritual needs of our members and impacting both the midtown neighborhood and the larger community. We will be a growing and diverse community where worship and sacramental life are joyful and vibrant; where people are empowered to live the Gospel; and where, especially, the needs of the poor and disenfranchised are lovingly and humbly addressed.

Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2012



And you, Bethlehem,
land of Judah,
are by no means
least among
the rulers of Judah.

- Matthew 2:6

Artwork by Parishioner Mark Bartholomew

January 8, 2012



From the Sacramental Minister

Quote of the day:

"The Roman philosopher Tacitus rightly observed that 'the desire for safety stands against every great and noble enterprise.' If uncertainty is unacceptable to you, it turns into fear. If it is perfectly acceptable, it turns into increased aliveness, alertness and creativity."

- Eckhart Tolle

We live our lives in the illusion of certainty. We are certain the sun will come up tomorrow, that we will go to work as normal, that we will draw our next breath, etc. We work hard to take the uncertainty out of life, with our insurance policies, our IRA's, our alarm systems and so on. Of course, nothing is for certain, but living the illusion keeps fear at bay. But the illusion burdens us with a nagging uneasiness that lies just below the surface, as we wait for reality and the unexpected to throw a wrench into our nice, safe, certain world. Then we suffer.

The alternative is to face our fear and make friends with uncertainty, partnering with it instead of fighting it. If we lived as if everything could change in an instant, we would probably cherish more what is happening right now. We would probably take advantage of more opportunities because we would know they may not come around again. We wouldn't suffer as much when things change -- we would simply see it as normal. And the energy we now waste on trying to rid ourselves of uncertainty could be used for more productive endeavors.

As we enter this uncertain new year, we can live in fear and allow it to dictate our actions. Or we can live in expectation that the unexpected will happen, and trust that it is all part of God's plan.

- Fr. Garry

Liturgy

Home Missions Collection—Sunday, January 15

Next Sunday, January 15, we will have a second collection benefitting Catholic Home Missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Youth

Youth Group Meeting—Sunday, January 8

Be sure to stay after Mass today for the youth group meeting. We will meet in the rectory youth room.

Confirmation Class—Wednesday, January 11

Don't forget that Confirmation classes start this week. Be sure to be at St. Peter's Parish (815 Meyer Blvd KCMO) **Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at 7pm.**

Christian Formation

Christian Formation—Sunday, January 15

Next Sunday, January 15, immediately following Mass, we will hold the monthly Christian Formation gathering. Teresa Torres, UMKC faculty member, theologian and St. James parishioner, will facilitate as we continue to explore questions that Jesus presented to us: "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Remember, we begin with a light meal and a children's program is offered at the same time.

Planning for the Baptism of a Child?

St. James Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for children Sunday, February 12, 2012, during the 10am Mass. The preparation class for parents and godparents will be **Wednesday, February 1**, at 7pm. To register your child for Baptism call Sr. Donna at 816-561-8512.

Epiphany of the Lord

Stewardship

Mark Your Calendar

Parking Lot Loan Update

December 20, 2011

Mr. David A. Malanowski

Diocesan Finance Officer

Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

Dear Mr. Malanowski:

Thanks for the help of the diocese for the completion of the work on our parking lot. What a fabulous difference that has made for our Troost Avenue side. We could not have done it without that \$26,000.00 loan in the summer of 2010.

Here is a check for \$4,484.62 for the final payment on this loan. I am moved by the great generosity and sacrifices of parishioners and friends of St. James – who have made it possible for us to pay off this loan in 18 months rather than the 60 month term of the loan.

I thank you personally, Dave, on behalf of the parishioners for your working with us.

May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely yours,

(Deacon) Philip R. Beaudoin

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, January 15, 2012

1 Samuel 3:3b-10; 19~ 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1:35-42

Eucharistic Ministers

Art, Linda
Brockwell, Sr. Molly
Eke, Joy
Zaroor, Christopher

Gift Bearers

Oltter Family

Greeters

Eschen, Sr. Carole
Shackelford, Madalyne

Intention Book

Denes, Lori

Lectors

Dymer, Chuck
Eke, Nosa

Money Counters

Denes, Joe
Denes, Lori

Servers

Cozad, Sarah
deZutter, Tom
Jones, Sherlene

Ushers

Denes, Joe
Garcia, Maria
Ham, Simon
Opara, Emmanuel

Bishop Helmsing Institute

Make a New Year's resolution to learn more about your Catholic faith by registering for one of our three January courses: Apologetics, Acts of the Apostles and Crusades. Mention this ad to receive \$10 off tuition for any BHI course in the month of January. As always, you can bring a friend who is new to BHI and receive an additional \$10 off tuition and your friend comes for free! For more information call 816-714-2331 or visit us online at www.myBHI.org.

200th Anniversary of Loretto Community

The 200th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Loretto will be celebrated in Kansas City on Saturday, March 24-Monday, March 26, 2012, including Mass at St. James on Sunday, March 25. The Kansas City Loretto Community cordially invites all Loretto friends, alums, students, faculty and colleagues to contact Sr. Eleanor Craig at lorettokcjubilee@gmail.com or 816-721-8016 regarding this exciting three-day event which includes Mass, friends, picnics, kids' activities, peace and justice fair and tours of both the Roanoke and Wornall facilities. Celebrate with us!

Today's Mass Intention

For Nosa Usuanlele

We hold in prayer...

Dennis Behrens,
son of Pat & Jeanne Behrens
Mary Brockwell,
mother of Molly Brockwell
Bill Buckner,
son of the Buckners
Jeanne Byas,
mother of Lori Denes
Lorraine Gryschuk,
sister of Arlene Fisher
Evelyn Jervay,
friend of Chris Dewberry
Patty McCarty,
parishioner

Bill McDowell,
parishioner
Rita Moylan,
sister-in-law of the Moylans
Jason Petosa,
parishioner
Albert Riederer,
parishioner
Craig Szarwinski,
brother of Cecelia Dillon
Bob Vincent,
parishioner
Bill Zeller,
former parishioner

We pray for all who ask our prayers, and we especially remember those who have special needs.

Please call the parish office to ask to have someone added to the published prayer list. People will remain on the list for one month unless a request is made to continue.

Sunday Offering (Stewardship)

Received Last Week: \$2,060.88	Received YTD: \$86,833.62
Needed Each Week: \$2,995.00	Budgeted YTD: \$79,850.00
Percent of Weekly Budget: 69%	Percent of Budget to Date: 109%

The Larger Picture

Fiscal Year to date <i>total</i> income from all sources:	\$144,891.79
Fiscal Year to date expenses:	\$106,740.25
Net gain July 1—January 1, 2011	\$38,151.54

Note: Full accounting reports are available to any parishioner by request. Please contact the parish office. If you have questions regarding the information provided, please contact a member of the Finance Council (listed on the front of the bulletin).

Thank you for your faithful support of St. James Parish and the parish ministries.

Parish Growth

<u>Mass Attendance</u>	<u>Baptisms this Year</u>
01/01 130	30
12/25 68	<u>New Registrations this Year</u>
12/24 150 (10pm)	20 households
12/24 225 (4pm)	

Diocesan Contact Persons

Carrie Cooper
*Diocesan Director of
Children & Youth Protection*
816-756-1850

Leslie Guillot
Diocesan Victim Advocate
816-361-2666

Mary Fran Horton
*Diocesan Safe Environment
Coordinator*
816-756-1850

Jenifer Valenti
Diocesan Ombudsman
confidential reporting
about any concern
816-812-2500

The Weeks Ahead

Sunday, January 8, 2012

Choir Rehearsal	9:00am
Mass	10:00am
Pantry Sunday	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	
Parish Growth Meeting	11:30am
Youth Group	11:30am

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Knitting/Crocheting	6:45pm
Leadership Team Meeting	7:00pm

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Confirmation Class	7:00pm
@St. Peter's Parish	

Thursday, January 12, 2012

Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
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Sunday, January 15, 2012

Mass	10:00am
Home Missions Collection	
Christian Formation	11:30am

Monday, January 16, 2012

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
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