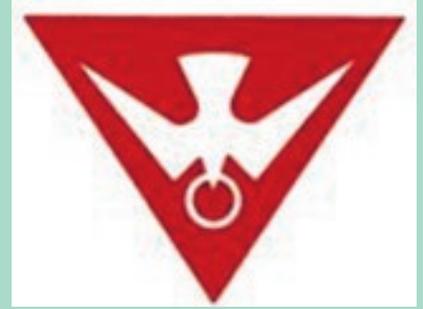


SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. James Roman Catholic Church,
a diverse community rooted in vibrant Eucharistic Liturgy,
serves those in need in partnership with others.*



*Saint James Church is staffed by
the priests and brothers of the
Missionary Servants of the Most
Holy Trinity*



8th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and
his righteousness." —Mt 6:33a*

SUNDAY MASS

9:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.

Tolton Chapel - Parish Rectory

RECONCILIATION

Confessions at St. James
on the first Friday of the month,
7:30-8:30pm, or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
By appointment only

Saturday & Sunday
Closed

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FEBRUARY 26, 2017 · 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ON THE WAY....



This Wednesday, March 1, is Ash Wednesday and begins the season of Lent. It also marks one year that I have been at St. James. Let me share some observations of my first year as your pastor. I begin by saying how happy I am to be here. St. James and I belong together. This community feels like home and I look forward to many years together. Let me add how much I appreciate the people of St. James. As a parish you have been through so much together. Through it all you have kept focused on the things that matter: growing spiritually, worshipping fervently, serving generously, sharing lovingly. I was very impressed when a new parishioner was enrolling and they were told "Don't expect to just come to spend your one hour at Mass on a Sunday. When you belong to St. James you must be involved." That is the sign of a healthy church.

A strategy that parish leadership has been using is called "appreciative inquiry." We name the aspects of our life together that we value and use them as the starting point in imaging our future. Some of the things I appreciate about St. James: the history, the ups and downs of the parish have produced a committed core of parishioners; the diversity, the presence of people from many cultures and experiences helps us reflect God's face; the commitment to life-giving liturgy, all those who participate in the ministries from choir to lector to worshipper are serious in their involvement; the college students, having young people around reminds us to face the future courageously; the social concern, the outreach through the food pantry and other ministries keeps us our attention where it should be – on making this world look more as God intends it to look. These and other aspects of our life together provide a firm foundation on which to build.

Which leads to thinking about our future as a parish. I am reminded of a play with the title "I love you. You're Perfect. Now change." As much as I, and I think all of us, appreciate St. James we must not grow complacent. If we love St. James we must work to make it better. As John Henry Newman once wrote: "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." Some suggested areas of improvement. 1) Broaden the community feeling and fellowship we possess. While St. James is justly proud of our welcoming and open spirit we grow by coming to know who the people are worshipping with us. Try to learn the name of someone you see each week. 2) Invite others into our fellowship. Having a loyal membership is not sufficient for a parish – we are called to be apostles, spreading the good news. Let's start by asking friends and family to "come and see." 3) Address the unmet need. While St. James makes a positive difference in our community we must address those structures and systems which cause the social dislocation in the first place. Let these three challenges inspire us this coming year.

Peace,

Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

AT ST. JAMES

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Readings for the Week of February 26, 2017

Sunday: Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5
Mt 6:24-34

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17
2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

BE STILL

A LENTEN RETREAT
FOR UNSETTLING TIMES

LED BY DR. C. VANESSA WHITE OF CTU
10:30AM-3:30PM, SAT, MARCH 4, 2017
GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY, \$15
(INCLUDES LUNCH)

PLEASE SIGN UP BY MARCH 1ST IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MICHAEL MAHER :
MMAHER@STJAMESWABASH.ORG OR
312-842-1919 x212



This year we will not automatically mail out tax giving statements. If you want a statement on your giving for your tax returns please e-mail Cathy Moore between January 15th thru April 15th 2017 at cmoore@stjameswabash.org. Please call Cathy if you have any questions. 312-842-1919 x211



TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 12

| SUNDAY | 2017 | 2016 | CHANGE |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| ENVELOPES | \$10,086.00 | \$12,451.00 | \$2,365.00 |
| LOOSE CHECKS | \$3,387.00 | \$4,804.00 | (\$1,417.00) |
| LOOSE CASH | \$1,883.45 | \$1,434.51 | \$448.94 |
| ON-LINE | \$6,316.00 | \$6,240.00 | (\$76.00) |
| TOTAL SUNDAY | \$21,672.45 | \$24,929.51 | (\$3,257.06) |
| BUILDING | | | |
| MAINTENANCE | \$252.00 | \$308.00 | (\$56.00) |
| SAINT AGATHA | \$524.93 | \$951.42 | (\$426.49) |
| TOLTON | | | |
| CANONIZATION | \$507.34 | \$408.85 | \$98.49 |
| TOTAL OTHER | \$1,284.27 | \$1,668.27 | (\$384.00) |
| TOTAL GIVING | \$22,956.72 | \$26,597.78 | (\$3,641.06) |

Mass Stipends

A way of helping St. James is to send offerings to celebrate Holy Mass. These offerings are called "Mass Stipends" and are offerings to the parish for the priest to celebrate Holy Mass for a particular intention. The normal offering in our Archdiocese is \$10. We never have enough stipends for each daily Mass, so we are always grateful for more.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Victoria Allen
Ashley Alvarez
Eric Alvarez
Louise Bacon
Dorothy Barnes
Margarie Bass
Barbara Bassett
James Bowman
Edwina Cook
Sandra Davis
Kathleen Foley
James Fonder
Paul & Jane
Freeman
Cathy Garcia
Mary Healy
Robert Helem

Elise James
Mel Keys
James & Linda
Kennard
Mary Madrigal
Nancy McCarthy
Latona Merchant
Joan Noble
Margaret Page
Cynthia Peacock
Darlene Racker
Daisy Keel
Barbara Radziwon
Sr. Barbara Rastatter
David Reynolds
James Reynolds
Sandra Reynolds

Philip Ricks
Norman Rouse
Mary Sanders
Christine Schatte
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southall
Catherine Spraggins
Bette Strickland
Bob Swiderski
Esther Toliver
Clayton & Sarah
Whitlow
Jennifer Warnick
Ayana Whitehead
Dina Williams
Audrey Winfrey
Ron Zivkovic

Mass Attendance

February 12th, 2017: 291(10:30 a.m.)

February 19th, 2017: 131(9:30 a.m.)/61 (11:30 a.m.)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

March 5, 2017

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Virginia Picken & Student

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Levine & Student

Communion Ministers

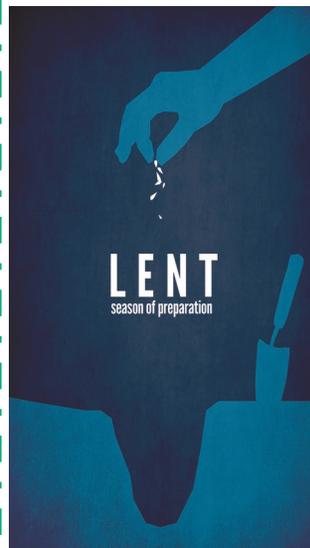
9:30 a.m. Deborah Cooper, Josie Bertucci, Student,
Br. Christopher Buck & Barbara Sutton

11:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman & Fran Williams

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Eileen Coffey

11:30 a.m. Fran Williams



Lent is the season of silence. It is a time to enter into the desert, as Jesus did for 40 days. In the February 26 issue of Chicago Catholic, please look for the article from Cardinal Blase Cupich about Lent and silence (chicagocatholic.com). In that piece, the Cardinal asks pastors to invite their communities to take extra time for silence after Communion to allow God to speak to us, for "nothing in all of creation is so like God as silence."

St. James is working on a parish cookbook. titled, *Rather, When You Give a Banquet*. The St. James Cookbook Committee is accepting ANY submissions, either written or electronic. A "camera-ready" submission (with photo if possible) would work best.



"Camera-ready" means in either PDF or JPEG format, measuring no bigger than 7 1/2 x 6 inches. If you have any other questions, please contact either Monique Germain (moniquejgermain@ameritech.net) or Joseph O'Shea (aboshea@aol.com). Happy Cooking!"

LOOKING AHEAD

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|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun 2/26 | 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:40 a.m. | Children's Liturgy of the World |
| | 10:50 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Bible Study |
| Mon 2/27 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) |
| Tue 2/28 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) |
| Wed 3/01 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) |
| | 12:50 p.m. | Ash Wednesday Mass (Godbox) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Wednesday Mass (Presentation Hall) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Ash Wednesday Mass (Godbox) |
| Thur 3/02 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) |
| Fri 3/03 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Eucharistic Adoration (Presentation Hall) |
| Sat 3/04 | 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Parish Single- Day Lenten Retreat (Garfield Park Conservatory) |
| Sun 3/05 | 1st Sunday of Lent Second Collection St. Agatha | |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:40 a.m. | Children's Liturgy of the World |
| | 10:50 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Chinses Bible Study |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Ladies of Peter Claver (Hall Basement) |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Campus Ministry Meeting (Hall Basement) |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Parish Single-Day Lenten Retreat
March 4 2017
(Garfield Park Conservatory)

Fr. John's Second Course 'The Year of Matthew'
*March 20, March 27, April 3, 2017, 1:00 p.m. &
7:00 p.m.* (Rectory)

Jazzin' To Feed
April 29th 2017

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NEWS YOU CAN USE



**Eucharistic
Adoration**
March 3, 2017
**1st Fridays of Each
Month**
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
**Confession
Available**
7:30— 8:30 p.m.
*St. James
Catholic Church
2912 S. Wabash Ave-
nue Presentation Hall
(Behind School)*



There will be a viewing at St. James of the film
'Chicago's True Nature'
Sun, March 12, 2017
1:00 PM – 3:15 PM



This event is being put on by
One Earth Film Festival
For more information go to
www.oneearthfilmfest.org

Ash Wednesday Mass Times
7:30 a.m. (Tolton Chapel)
12:50 p.m. (Godbox 3200 S. Michigan)
6:30 p.m. (Presentation Hall)
7:00 p.m. (Godbox 3200 S. Michigan)



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