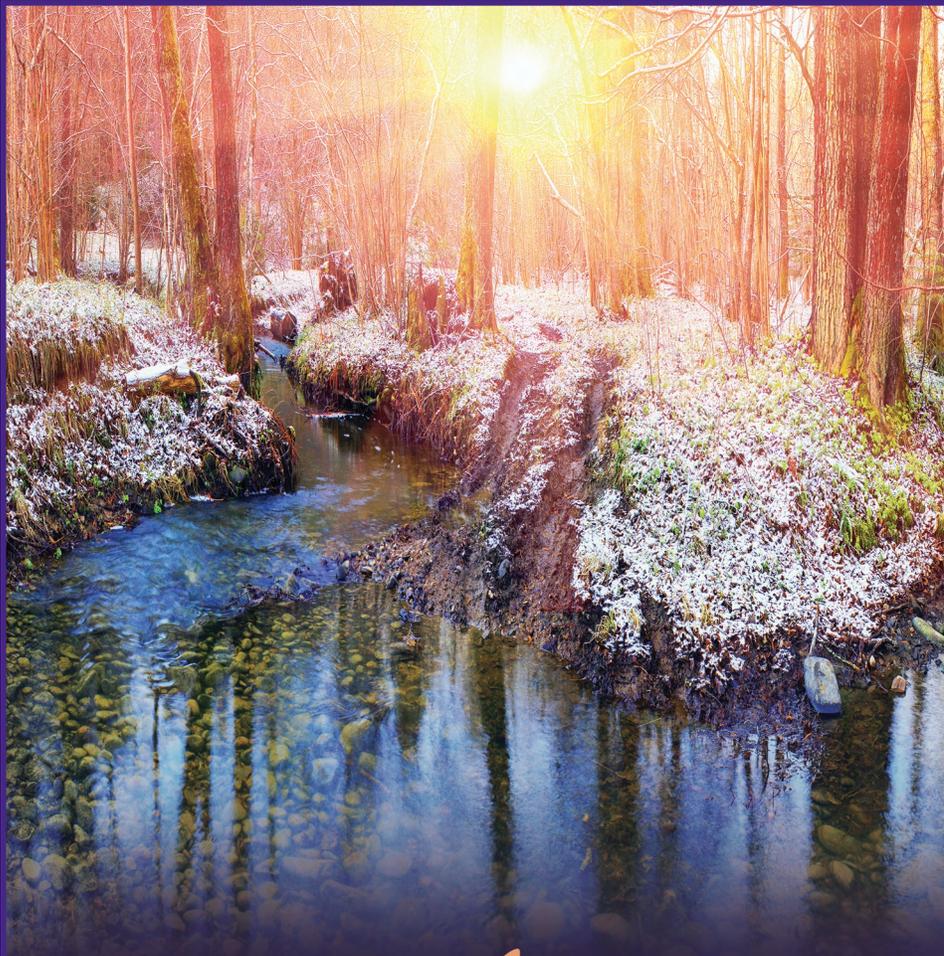


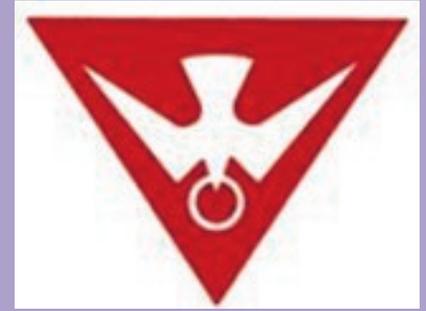
SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



2nd Sunday **OF LENT**

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun
and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:2



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

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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MARCH 12, 2017 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



I was struck by something the Deacon said in his homily last Sunday. "Before I tell God how great my problems are, I tell my problems how great God is." As I reflected on that thought it struck me that we resist temptation when we understand the true nature of God. Adam and Eve did not. They imagined that God was somehow or other holding out on them, keeping them from getting what they wanted. They thought God was stingy. Because they did not understand that God always wanted what was best for them, they succumbed to the lies of the serpent and ate the apple. By contrast, Jesus was able to resist temptation because he knew his Loving Father. Jesus knew that the will of God for us is the true way to happiness. Jesus did not need to grasp after the apples of physical satisfaction, public recognition, or ultimate control. He trusted in the plan of God even when it required living within the human limitations of life. He knew that God is good, all the time.

Our Lenten practice, therefore, should have as its final goal coming to a better understand of the nature of God. Once we know, as Jesus knew, that God's desire for us is happiness in this life and eternal life in the age to come we are empowered to follow the way of God wherever it leads us. Jesus taught us that at times God's will for us requires taking up our cross. But once we accept the reality of a good and gracious God, then "the burden is light." Our problems pale to nothing in the face of divine blessings which are ours for the asking.

Jesus suggested one particular method we can use to understand the true nature of God – seek His face in others, particularly in the faces of those who are in need. If we imagine God sitting on some lofty throne far removed from the stuff of life, we might suppose that we're on our own to cope as best we can with the rough and tumble of life. But once we see the presence of God in the hungry and thirsty, the naked and homeless, the sick and imprisoned, the immigrant and the exile, the used, abused and utterly messed up, then we understand how close God is. God isn't out there, God is in our midst.

All of which says that a successful season of Lent will not be measured by how well you did in avoiding chocolate or beer or Brussel sprouts (if that's what you gave up.) All of those activities are meant to create a space in our hearts to meet God. We've had a good Lent when we feel that love of God from the top of our heads to the bottom of our feet. We've had a good Lent when we can ourselves as made in the image and likeness of God, full of grace. We've had a good Lent when we look around and see in everyone we meet the family resemblance to Jesus.

Peace,

Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2017

Readings for the Week of March 12, 2017

- Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Parish Directory

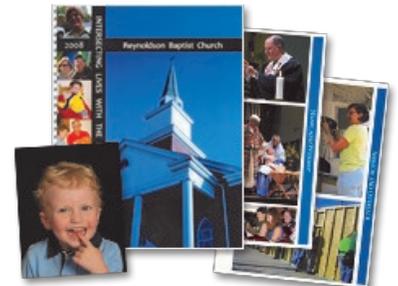
This spring, St James Catholic Church will be producing a new church family album and we need your help to make our book complete! We will have professional photographers at the church on the following dates.

- Wednesday** **March 22nd : 1 pm - 8 pm**
- Thursday** **March 23rd : 1 pm - 8 pm**
- Friday** **March 24th : 1 pm - 8pm**
- Saturday** **March 25th : 10 am - 4pm**

For your convenience you can sign up in several ways:

- Sign up online at <http://stjameswabash.org>. Look for the directory sign up button on the home page. You can sign up at our website anytime.
- Sign up after church any Sunday at a sign up table.
- Or call Cathy at the church office at 312-842-1919 Mon-Thu 10 am –3pm.

Each participating family receives a complimentary 8x10 photo and copy of the new book. Sign up this weekend and receive a \$5.00 off coupon too! You will also have the opportunity to purchase high quality professional portraits at discounted prices. Families who purchase will receive a 20% discount.



TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 26

SUNDAY	2017	2016	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$12,736.00	\$15,343.00	(\$2,607.00)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$4,539.00	\$5,389.00	(\$850.00)
LOOSE CASH	\$2,303.19	\$1,850.35	\$452.84
ON-LINE	\$8,272.00	\$7,850.00	\$422.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$27,850.19	\$30,432.35	(\$2,582.16)
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$334.00	\$464.00	(\$130.00)
SAINT AGATHA	\$554.93	\$981.42	(\$426.49)
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$507.34	\$408.85	\$98.49
TOTAL OTHER	\$1,396.27	\$1,854.27	(\$458.00)
TOTAL GIVING	\$29,246.46	\$32,286.62	(\$3,040.16)

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
Darlene Andeson
Louise Bacon
Dorothy Barnes
Margie 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
James Martin
Patrick Martin
Nancy McCarthy
Latona Merchant
Joan Noble
Margaret Page
Cynthia Peacock
Darlene Racker
Daisy Keel
Barbara Radziwon
Sr. Barbara Rastater
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 26th, 2017: 139(9:30 a.m.)/50(11:30 a.m.)

March 5th, 2017: 128(9:30 a.m.)/55(11:30 a.m.)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

March 19, 2017

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Philip Sutton & Sherri Seyfried

11:30 a.m. Augustine Atangana & Frances Lane

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Oreaan Perry, Cynthia Cooper, Christopher Buck, Barbara Sutton & Julia Hodges

11:30 a.m. Verda Abernathy & Mary Ellen Levine

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Barbara Ricks

11:30 a.m. Fran Williams

Altar Servers

9:30 a.m. Diana, Kevin & Dante

ANNOUNCING TOLTON PILGRIMAGE



The Servant of God
FATHER AUGUSTUS TOLTON
1854 - 1897

Come Join us visiting Brush Creek, Missouri, St. Peter's Church where Father Augustus Tolton was baptized and attended Mass as a child, the adjoining slave cemetery; the city of Quincy, Illinois, where he is buried at St. Peter Cemetery, the corner marker of St. Joseph Church his first pastorate, Quincy University where he attended college and St. Peter Parish where he attended grade school and made his First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1, 2017

Check-in is on Friday, 8am at The Catholic Theological Union, 5416 S. Cornell, Hyde Park. We will overnight at Quincy Inn & Suites and return Saturday to Catholic Theological Union. The cost is \$125 per person due by March 20. Pilgrimage fee covers transportation, Saturday lunch, Friday lunch and dinner, and materials. Saturday dinner is on your own

Please make checks out to Archdiocese of Chicago/ Vicariate VI Mail to: Office of Bishop Perry, 3525 S. Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60653. Reservation made upon receipt of check. For information please call 312-534-8376.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 3/12	2nd Sunday of Lent Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry	
	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
	1:00 p.m.	One Earth Festival Screening 'Nature Play & Chicago's True Nature' (Presentation Hall)
Mon 3/13	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Tue 3/14	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9am - 11:30am	SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)
Wed 3/15	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Thur 3/16	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Fri 3/17	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Presentation Hall)
Sun 3/19	3rd Sunday of Lent	
	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
	11:00 a.m.	Sharing Parishes Food Delivery
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
	12:30 p.m.	Chinses Bible Study

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



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)

Young Adult Lenten Day of Reflection
March 25 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(Garfield Park Conservatory)

Jazzin' To Feed
April 29th 2017

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NEWS YOU CAN USE



There will be a viewing **today** at
St. James of the film

'Chicago's True Nature' & 'Nature Play'
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.onearthfilmfest.org

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION
FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS
10:30AM-3:30PM, SAT, MARCH 25, 2017
GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY, COMMUNITY ROOM
\$5 (INCLUDES LUNCH)



St. Patrick's Day, March 17, falls on a Friday this year. Cardinal Cupich has given a general dispensation to Catholics from abstaining from meat on this day. Instead, Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago who choose to make use of this general dispensation are asked to substitute another form of penance for the Lenten Friday abstinence.

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