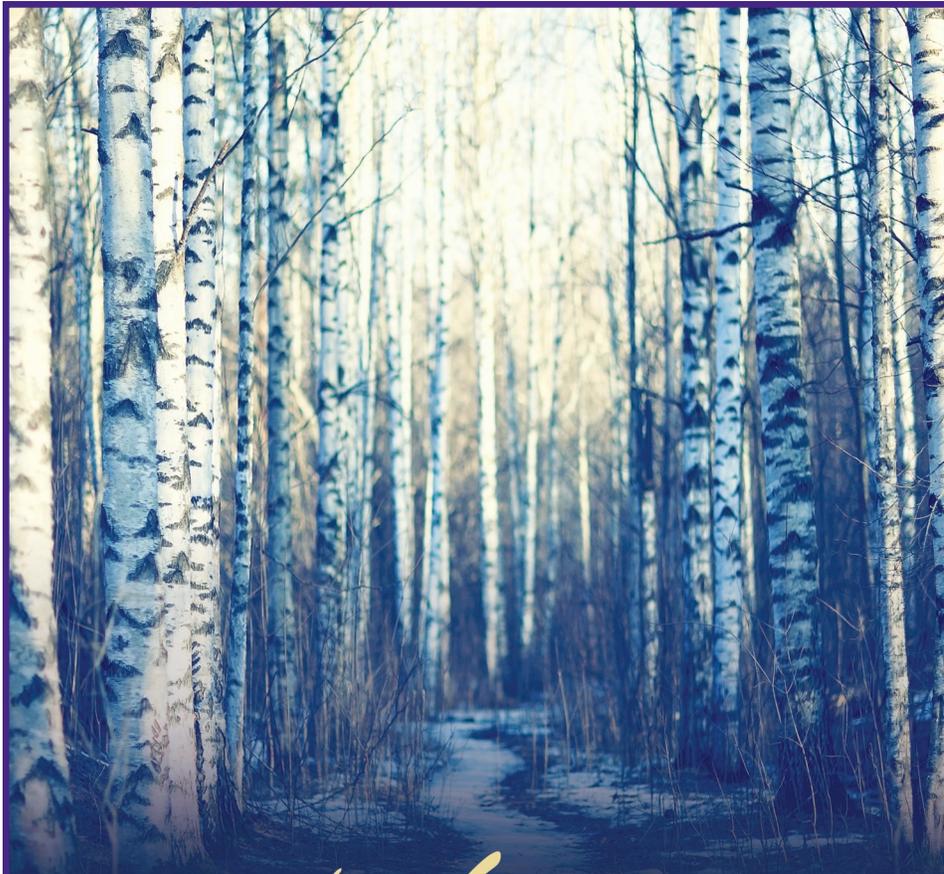


# SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

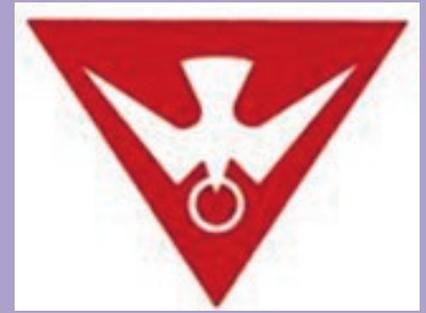
*St. James Roman Catholic Church,  
a diverse community rooted in vibrant Eucharistic Liturgy,  
serves those in need in partnership with others.*



## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF LENT

He said in reply, "It is written:  
*One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*"

—Mt 4:4



*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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direct you to the parish webpage.



**MARCH 5, 2017 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

## ON THE WAY....



My most memorable Lent was in 1963. I didn't want to give up chocolate and my mother said that giving up spinach was really not a good Lenten practice – especially since I really didn't like spinach. So my sister, JoAnn and I decided that we would give up watching our favorite TV show, *The Flintstones*. The result of that decision is that JoAnn and I spent our Friday evenings during Lent hanging out together. We played board games, cards, cooked fudge, created theatricals. What made that Lent memorable was not the "giving up" but the being together. Spending time with one another instead of staring at the boob tube was spiritually nurturing.

As I enter into my Lenten practices this year that memory is guiding my approach to the season. In a time when so much is pulling people apart, Lent provides the occasion to reverse that trend and to things which build trusting relationships. The traditional three spiritual practices which Christians inherited from our Jewish forebears – prayer, fasting, alms giving – find their fulfillment in restored unity. Our prayer is not a private, individualistic activity but the invitation to find the action and presence of God in every aspect of life. Saying "I'll be praying for you" is not a throwaway line but a commitment to human solidarity in the face of what life dishes out. Fasting is not an excuse to go on a diet but the spiritual quest to create an empty spot in ourselves. Instead of filling ourselves up, satisfying ourselves, when we fast we are living in a way that demonstrates "it's not about me." People who fast should be sensitive to those who have that empty spot in themselves not through choice but because of need. Alms giving is obviously an activity that connects us with the needs of others. But this Lent we are invited to make sure that there is a human encounter as part of our alms. Anonymous donations to the needy are certainly appreciated. But letting a person in need know that you care, that you want to be involved doubles the value of the gift.

Of course Lenten practices this year will not be as simple as giving up watching a TV show. There aren't automatic occasions where we connect with another. In a digital world, in a time when reality can be virtual, having real, human connections takes an intentional decision. I am taking this season as the opportunity to come to know the other people who are woven into my life in a more personal way. I resolve every day to learn the name of another person that I see frequently but have not yet had that connection that comes from speaking another's name. And I intend to get to know the individuals that I do already greet in a casual way with a more depth. Sharing another's joys and hopes, griefs and anguish will deepen the bonds of genuine community more than swapping ball scores. My prayer is that at the end of the Lenten season the effort to connect in a more profound way with others will ripple out in circles of love and fellowship into the wider world.

Peace,

*Fr. John Edmunds, S.T*

## AT ST. JAMES

# Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2017

Readings for the Week of March 5, 2017

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

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19  
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8  
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22  
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

## Parish Directory

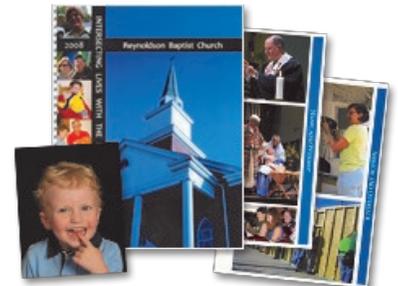
This spring, St James Catholic Church will be producing a new church family album and we need your help to make our book complete! We will have professional photographers at the church on the following dates.

**Wednesday**      **March 22nd : 1 pm - 8 pm**  
**Thursday**        **March 23rd : 1 pm - 8 pm**  
**Friday**            **March 24th : 1 pm - 8 pm**  
**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 19

SUNDAY	2017	2016	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$11,205.00	\$13,691.00	(\$2,486.00)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$3,592.00	\$5,359.00	(\$1,767.00)
LOOSE CASH	\$2,064.89	\$1,647.82	\$417.07
ON-LINE	\$7,321.00	\$7,375.00	(\$54.00)
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY</b>	<b><u>\$24,182.89</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,072.82</u></b>	<b><u>(\$3,889.93)</u></b>
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$297.00	\$333.00	(\$36.00)
SAINT AGATHA	\$524.93	\$976.42	(\$451.49)
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$507.34	\$408.85	\$98.49
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b><u>\$1,329.27</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,718.27</u></b>	<b><u>(\$389.00)</u></b>
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b><u>\$25,512.16</u></b>	<b><u>\$29,791.09</u></b>	<b><u>(\$4,278.93)</u></b>

### 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
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### Mass Attendance

February 19th, 2017: 131(9:30 a.m.)/61(11:30 a.m.)  
 February 26th, 2017: 139(9:30 a.m.)/50(11:30 a.m.)

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**For Sunday**

**March 12, 2017**

### Lectors

**9:30 a.m.** Daren Haley & Diana Makowski

**11:30 a.m.** Marian Jones & Thomas Raclaw

### Communion Ministers

**9:30 a.m.** Deacon Alfred Coleman, Josie Bertucci,  
 Deborah Cooper, Leona Martin & Orean Perry

**11:30 a.m.** Eva J. Leonard & Veronica Pye

### Greeters

**9:30 a.m.** Barbara Sherman

**11:30 a.m.** Irma Fonder

### Altar Servers

**9:30 a.m.** Maya, Kevin & Anna



There will be a viewing 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.oneearthfilmfest.org](http://www.oneearthfilmfest.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)**



## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 3/05	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> 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 Ladies of Peter Claver (Hall Basement) Campus Ministry Meeting (Hall Basement)
Mon 3/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Tue 3/07	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Ann Ryan Gaggiano - requested by Bob Gaggiano</i>
	9am - 11:30am	SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)
Wed 3/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Thur 3/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Fri 3/10	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Presentation Hall)
Sat 03/11	8:00 a.m.	Parish Lenten Day of Service & Second Saturday Produce Pantry (Hall Parking Lot)
Sun 3/12	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 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)



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Parish Lenten Day of Service**

*March 11 8:00 am* (Hall Parking Lot)

**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*

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### African American Heritage Mass

