

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.*



Bless all the women

in our lives who model for us the love
of a mother. Protect them and encourage
them to love as you have loved us.



*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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MAY 14, 2017 · 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” Those words of Jesus set out a job description for those of us who are his followers. To be true to his message, we need to be living, sharing, promoting a more abundant life. Who wouldn't want an abundant life! Yet, despite this attractive message the Catholic Church is losing members at an alarming rate. There are currently about 70 million Catholics in the US – the largest religious group. The second largest: former Catholics, numbering about 44 million. What is going on?

If ATT lost 44 million customers they would do a deep analysis of their products and their promotion and make whatever changes were necessary to get them back. If attendance at the Disney Parks dropped by 44 million they would seek to improve the experience of those who attended and would launch a major ad campaign. Such drastic drops in numbers requires making changes. And, as the example of Sears demonstrates, the changes demand more than consolidation and closing sites.

Cardinal Cupich looks at these numbers and is alarmed. His response has been the Renew My Church initiative. He uses the words “parish vitality” as the desired end of the process. St. James will begin taking part in the process in the months to come. All of us should stay involved to ensure the vitality of our parish. A vital parish is one which will attract others to join with us in the journey of faith.

In the meantime there are some things we need to do in order to demonstrate the “more abundant life” that Jesus brings to us in faith. A three-fold approach should focus our energies: matter, medium, message. The matter of faith is, in one sense, given to us. We have our creeds and beliefs as Catholics. However, as Pope Francis has proven framing the message differently can show how wonderful it means to be a believer. Emphasizing the mercy of God as the starting point for understanding the faith shifts the conversation about Catholicism into the place where it belongs, the love of God.

The medium of faith is, of course, us. The Catholic faithful are the ones who provide the human face of God. We need to ask ourselves if we do, in fact, exhibit a more abundant life. The primary place people will see that is in our worship. When we gather as a people of God do we show forth the love, joy, peace, compassion of Jesus. But being Church is not limited to our time in prayer. We also re-orient our priorities to make sure that we are including everyone in our circle of care, particularly the most vulnerable, those who are in need.

The message of a more abundant life is not about a slick media campaign. Rather, it is a one-on-one sharing of that life that each one of us are part of. In our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our neighborhood we need to live in a way that shows others the richness of the abundant life in Jesus.

Peace
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

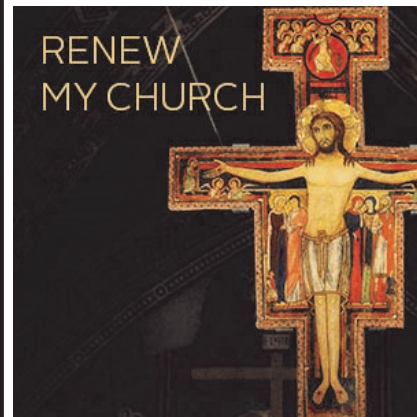
Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 14, 2017

Readings for the Week of May 14, 2017

- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20
1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



“Renew My Church 101” is a 90-minute informative presentation and discussion about what Renew My Church means for the Church in Chicago.

If you want to learn more about why we are undertaking this initiative, the vision for what is to come,

and how you can play an important role, plan to attend one of these sessions over the coming year! The next schedule presentation will be on Tuesday, May 16 from 10:00 – 11:30 am at St. Benedict the African (Chicago)



Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary will dress in unity (turn-out in white unity garb) for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th at the 9:30am

Mass. This date May 14th is one of the five "turn-out" days required by the by-laws of this 105 year old, Lay-Catholic service organization. The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary invite all to join us.

TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1—APRIL 30

SUNDAY	2017	2016	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$24,797.00	\$26,319.00	(\$1,522.00)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$7,656.00	\$10,541.00	(\$2,885.00)
LOOSE CASH	\$4,108.13	\$3,963.09	\$145.04
ON-LINE	\$15,772.00	\$14,450.00	\$1,322.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$52,333.13	\$55,273.09	(\$2,939.96)
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$694.00	\$879.00	(\$185.00)
SAINT AGATHA	\$1,339.25	\$1,935.17	(\$595.92)
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$745.34	\$849.60	(\$104.26)
TOTAL OTHER	\$2,778.59	\$3,663.77	(\$885.18)
TOTAL GIVING	\$55,111.72	\$58,936.86	(\$3,825.14)

Movement is the Language of the Brain!

Does your mind make promises your body can't keep? Is a rising from a chair an ongoing challenge? Are pain and stiffness spoiling your joy of living?

Our quality of life is directly related to and dependent upon our ability to move comfortably through our daily activities.

Transformational Movement Lessons (TML's) for Vitality and Anti-aging™ could be your ticket to increased energy, mental clarity and a renewed sense of well-being!

Through gentle directed NeuroMovement® lessons you will learn to move with more freedom as your brain chooses actions that are the most effortless and pain free.

You will reverse the signs of aging and enhance mental clarity, concentration and creativity.

Movement Strategies is offering a series of 6 lessons for \$65 (in advance) or \$15 @ lesson

March 16 thru April 20. at Mercy Hospital, 2525 S. Michigan Ave

To register, contact Virginia Picken (312)-933-8860

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



Mass Attendance

April 30th, 2017: 121(9:30 a.m.)/38(11:30 a.m.)

May 7th, 2017: 129(9:30 a.m.)/59(11:30 a.m.)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

May 21, 2017

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Cynthia Cooper & Diana Makowski

11:30 a.m. Eva Leonard & Augustine Atangana

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Abegal Searles, Christopher Buck, Deborah Cooper, & Josie Bertucci

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

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Liz Bowman

11:30 a.m. Fran Williams

Altar Servers

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



The St. James Parish Council is happy to announce the extended date of June 21st as the new deadline for candidate applications. It is imperative that parishioners are aware of

St. James Parish Council and the important work of Time, Talents, and Treasures done; therefore an additional month has been added for queries, inquiries and considerations for applying to join this group. We hope you will consider completing an application.



**Catholic Charities
Mothers Day
Collection**

**Weekend of May 13/14
Thank you for your
generosity!!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Barbara Bassett
Altee Clark
Edwina Cook
James Fonder

Paul & Jane
Freeman
Juanita James
James Kennard
Sr. Barbara
Rastatter
Norman Rouse
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southhall

Bette Strickland
Dina Williams
Our Sick:
Sandra Davis
James Fonder
James Martin
Carol Mullikin
Philip Ricks
Ben Tchaou

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 5/14	Fifth Sunday of Easter Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry & Catholic Charities	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
	12:30 p.m.	Chinese Bible Study (Hall Basement)
Mon 5/15	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † For the Intention of Br. Ramon - requested by Josie Bertucci
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Rectory)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Rectory)
Tue 5/16	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9am - 11:30am	SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)
Wed 5/17	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Thur 5/18	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Irene Kalina - requested by Judy Bulgajewski
	6:00 p.m.	Social Care Board (Rectory)
Fri 5/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Sun 5/21	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass † Tom Frayne - requested by The People of St. James
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	11:00 a.m.	Sharing Parishes Food Delivery (Pantry)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
	12:30 p.m.	Chinese Bible Study (Hall Basement)

**JOIN FR. JOHN EDMUNDS, S.T.
ON A JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON &
THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN
HISTORY & CULTURE**

\$1,000 includes:

- Airfare roundtrip Chicago-Washington DC, Saturday 5 August to Tuesday 8 August
- Shared rooms at a 4-star hotel near the Washington Mall
- Visit to the National Museum of African-American History and Culture 3pm-5:30pm on Mon 7 Aug 2017
- Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, followed by a tour
- Evening walk to the Lincoln Memorial and reflection pond (weather permitting)
- Free time to explore the many free museums of Washington

Deadline is July 1. There are ONLY 16 spots available.

To register, contact:
**MMAHER@SAINTCHRISTOPHERJOURNEYS.COM,
773-678-7935**

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

Events This April



Palm Sunday



Bike Pilgrimage



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Ladies of Peter Claver



Easter Egg Hunt

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