

# SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." Jn 4:9a, 10

#### **SUNDAY MASS**

9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Presentation 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, 7:30pm- 8:30pm, or by appointment

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday -Thursday** 8:00am-4:00pm

#### Friday

9:00am-12:00pm By appointment only

Saturday & Sunday

Closed

#### **LOCATION**

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#### ON THE WAY...



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

Lent is a time when we attend to our own personal conversion. Our prayers, fasting and almsgiving – all our Lenten practices – have as a goal a closer following of Jesus. However, Lent is not only about what I am doing on my faith journey. One of the most important aspects of Lent is the incorporation of new members into the community to join in the journey of faith. In fact, historically, the season of Lent developed as the time of immediate preparation for those who will receive the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Genevieve and ThiThi were enrolled in the Book of Elect and are now in the period of Purification and Enlightenment. Over the next three weeks (called "the scrutinies") we will walk with them as they take the next steps in the journey of faith and move toward baptism and incorporation in the Church. We as a community of faith should challenge ourselves to reflect better our identity as the Body of Christ as we invite the Elect to join with us.

When a community is walking with Elect during these weeks the assigned Scripture readings are changed. During this year we are doing the "Year B" readings – mostly taken from the Gospel of Mark. However, when a community prays the scrutinies with the Elect special readings are chosen (from Year A) to highlight the call to conversion. The gospel texts are from the Gospel of John and each one draws us more closely into the mystery of faith. Today, for example, we proclaim the story of Jesus and the Woman at the Well. The baptismal imagery is obvious. Jesus stops at the well because he is thirsty but it is the woman who winds up being refreshed. He becomes the source of new life for the woman and she, in turn, becomes the first evangelizer, the first one to spread the good news of the appearance of the Messiah.

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent (the second scrutiny) the gospel is taken from the passage where Jesus cures the man born blind. The contrast between darkness and light is a Lenten theme that is highlighted by this passage. God has broken into the world and Jesus challenges the cured blind man to have the faith to see him. When he professes faith in "the Son of Man" he accepts God's intervention in his life. But faith comes at a cost. It estranges him from his old support system. This gospel reminds us that our own life of faith makes us stand out from contemporary culture as well.

The third scrutiny takes place on the Fifth Sunday of Lent and the gospel tells the story of the raising of Lazarus. We hear Jesus declare: "I am the Resurrection and the Life." We are invited by that declaration into a relationship with him that assures us for our own eternal life. Jesus comforts Martha and Mary and in turn comforts us.

As we go through the Lenten season we should keep alert to the call to conversion extended to each of us.

In the Most Holy Trinity, Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

## AT ST. JAMES....

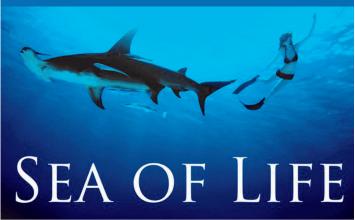


## TODAY!!! Sunday March

Sunday, March 4 1 - 3 pm

St. James Church 2907 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago

Ensure your seat! Reserve tickets at oneearthfilmfest.org



DONATE AN ITEM TO BE AUCTIONED AT THIS
YEAR'S JAZZIN' TO FEED EVENT



# ITEMS TO DONATE INCLUDE:

GIFT CERTIFICATES, EVENT/SPORTS TICKETS, SERVICES AND ART ITEMS.

PLEASE CONTACT PETER WAWIRE (312-842-1919 EXT. 213) OR TALK TO LIZ BOWMAN IF YOU WANT TO DONATE OR NEED MORE INFORMATION.

The Lenten day of Service is coming up on Saturday March 10th. There will be two ways to volunteer. You can either help the Food Pantry distribute food to those in need. You will help



give out fresh produce to over 200 of our clients. If you are interested please email Megan Clarke at volunteer@stjameswabash.org.

Or you can visit and sing with Sr. Janet at the Symphoney Bronzville home. Please meet at Presentation Hall at 10:30. You can sign up for this at the back of the church. Any question please call Sr. Janet or Erin Makowski at 312-842-1919 x206

### TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



Bible Study
"The Gospel of John"
Mondays, 1-2:30pm
or 7-8:30pm,
Feb. 26 – Mar. 12, 2018

St. James Rectory, 2942 S. Wabash Ave. Fr. John Edmunds, S.T., is offering a FREE Bible Study course on the Gospel of John. The sessions are on Mondays in the rectory. Choose the time that works best for you... and bring a snack! All are welcome!!

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT				
JANUARY 1— FEBRUARY 18				
SUNDAY	2018	<u>2017</u>	CHANGE	
ENVELOPES	\$11,618.00	\$10,086.00	\$1,532.00	
LOOSE CHECKS	\$3,179.00	\$3,387.00	(\$208.00)	
LOOSE CASH	\$1,747.92	\$1,883.45	(\$135.53)	
ON-LINE	\$8,695.00	\$7,321.00	\$1,374.00	
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$25,239.92	<u>\$22,677.45</u>	\$2,562.47	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE SHARING	\$398.00	\$252.00	\$146.00	
DONATIONS	\$1,103.84	\$524.93	\$578.91	
TOLTON				
CANONIZATION	\$369.93	\$507.34	(\$137.41)	
TOTAL OTHER	\$2,059.77	\$1,507.27	<u>\$552.50</u>	
TOTAL GIVING	\$27,299,69	\$24.184.72	\$3.114.97	





Our Home Bound:
Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Barbara Bassett
Altee Clark
Edwina Cook
Margaret Frazier
Paul & Jane
Freeman
Juanita James

James Kennard
Sr. Barbara
Rastatter
Norman Rouse
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southhall
Bette Strickland
Dina Williams
Our Sick
Aayliah Cooper

Sandra Davis
Louie Lee
Joan Noble
Barbara Radizwon
Sandra Reynolds
Philip Ricks
Kimberly Starr
Sarah & Clanton
Whitlow

#### **Mass Attendance**

February 18, 2018: 120(9:30 a.m.)/70(11:30 a.m.) February 25, 2018: 107(9:30 a.m.)/62(11:30 a.m.)

### **NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....**

Sun 03/04	Third Sunday of Lent Second Collection Aid for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe		
П	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Mass 9:40 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the World 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Mass 1:00 p.m. One Earth Fill Festival (Presentation Hall)		
Mon 03/05	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) 1:00 p.m. Bible Study (Rectory) 2:00 p.m. Photo Directory Portraits (Hall Basement) 8:00 p.m. Bible Study (Rectory)		
Tue 03/06	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) 9:00 a.m. SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)		
Wed 03/07	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)		
Thur 03/08	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)		
Fri 03/09	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)		
Sat 03/10	8:00 a.m. Mobile Produce Pantry (Hall Parking Lot) Lenten Day of Service		
Sun 03/11	Fourth Sunday of Lent Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry		
	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Mass 9:40 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the World 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Mass		



There will be a Deanery wide Penance Service to be held here at St. James on March 14





Save the Date Saturday May 26th Raffle tickets are available!! Please pick them up from Peter today!



On Monday, March 5 from 2pm to 9pm the photographer will be here to update our parish directory.

Anyone who missed having their picture taken last year should mark that date.

Please sign up at the back of the church.



Next week is
Daylight
Savings. Don't
forget to set
your clocks
ahead!