

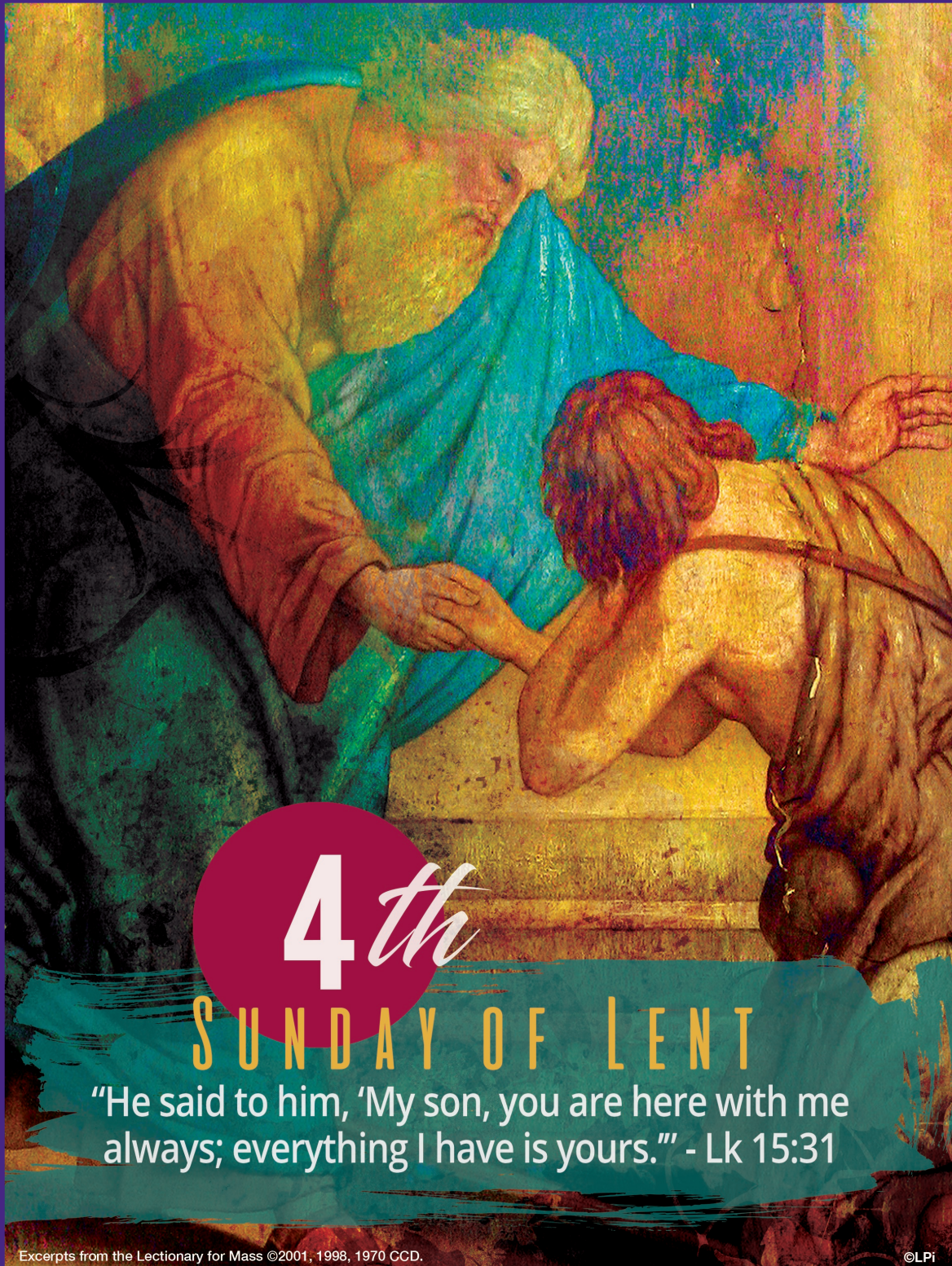
Saint James

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*



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me
always; everything I have is yours.’” - Lk 15:31

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THE MORE ONE DOES
WHAT IS GOOD, THE FREER
ONE BECOMES. | CCC 1733

SUNDAY MASS

9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Presentation Hall

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
Tolton Chapel
(Rectory, 2942 S. Wabash)

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

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MARCH 31, 2019 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

ON THE WAY.....



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

We tend to think of Lent in terms of our personal call to repentance and conversion. The prayers and practices of the season invite us to a closer walk with Jesus. The season culminates, of course, with the liturgies of the Pascal Mystery where we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. For that reason, Lent has a particular focus preparation for those who will be initiated into the Pascal Mystery through the Easter sacraments – Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation. We who are already baptized grow in our faith by doing penance and reorienting our lives to live out the message of Jesus more fully. Those preparing for the sacraments grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ by entering fully into the liturgical life of the season. Lent is, therefore, a time to reclaim our identity as the Body of Christ.

The early church considered Lent to be the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. The catechumens, that is those who were preparing for baptism, were led through a series of stages toward the Easter sacraments. Unfortunately, this year there are no adult catechumens at St. James; therefore, we did not practice what are known as the Scrutinies – special prayers and rituals that are designed to gradually introduce the catechumen to a fuller appreciation of the significance of their baptism. These rituals are centuries old, going back to the time of when the Church was experiencing persecution under the Roman Empire. *Disciplina arcani* (Latin for "The Secret Disciple") is the custom that prevailed in Early Christianity, whereby knowledge of the more intimate doctrines of the Christian religion was carefully kept from non-Christians and even from those who were undergoing instruction in the faith so that they may progressively learn the teachings of the faith and not fall into heresy due to simplistic misunderstandings. Thus, for example, the Creed was not presented to those who were going to be baptized until Palm Sunday. They were to memorize it and destroy any written copies of the Creed. That ensured that only those who were adequately formed would know the content of the Christian message and it would not be distorted.

This history reminds us that Lent cannot be limited to what I "gave up" or my individual call to conversion. The Season necessarily involves us with those who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments, for their incorporation into the Body of Christ which is the Church. We can rejoice as a parish that we have children and young people who will be celebrating these sacraments during the Easter season. Anya Northern and Roman Quinones will be baptized. Alice Makowski and Anya Northern will make their First Communion. Christopher and Yasmine Simpson will be confirmed. But since these are sacraments of incorporation, of becoming a part of the Body which is the Church, then it is incumbent on each one of us to provide them with a sense of belonging. I would ask each parishioner to go out of you way to get to know these young people and to extend a warm welcome to each of them. St. James becomes a richer and deeper community with each member who shares our life.

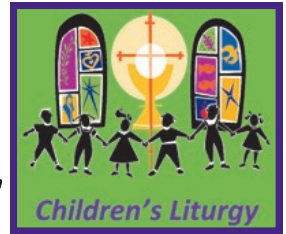
In the Most Holy Trinity,

Fr. John Edmunds,
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AT ST. JAMES....

On April 7 the 9:30 mass will be led by the children and the young adults in the parish. If your child or young adult would like to participate or if you have any questions please contact Amy.



April 12, 2019

St. James Church
21 East 29th Street

6PM–7:15PM – Simple meal – lower level
7:15PM – Stations of the Cross in Church



Easter is almost here if you would like to donate to our Easter Flower Fund please mark on your donation

that the donation will be for the Easter flowers. Also please indicate if the donation is for the memory of a loved one. Thank you for your support in making our Easter liturgy beautiful.



Eucharistic Adoration
1st Friday of Each Month

Next Adoration is on:
April 5, 2019

During the season of Lent it is a good time to go to confession.

Fr. John hears confession during adoration from 7:30pm until 8:30pm. If those times are not convenient please call the office to set up a time when you would be able to celebrate the sacrament.

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

First Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dearborn Homes

The Peace and Justice Committee is looking for financial contributions and donations of coloring books, crayons, and story books for African American children ages 3-10 years for our first ever Easter Egg Hunt at the Dearborn Homes. Donations should be dropped off in the collection box at church by April 14. Please contact Cheryl Bynum and Janet Mryan with questions. Thank you for helping to make this event a success! Please make checks out to St. James Peace and Justice. If interested please contact:



Cheryl Bynum: cherylbynum@sbcglobal.net
Janet Mryan: mbak.janet@gmail.com

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— MARCH 17

SUNDAY	2019	2018	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$16,392.75	\$17,479.00	(\$1,086.25)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$5,268.00	\$4,534.00	\$734.00
LOOSE CASH	\$3,594.37	\$2,520.60	\$1,073.77
ON-LINE	\$15,150.00	\$13,835.00	\$1,315.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$40,405.12	\$38,368.60	\$2,036.52
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$735.00	\$820.00	(\$95.00)
SHARING DONATIONS	\$1,644.62	\$1,834.53	(\$189.91)
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$315.30	\$409.93	(\$94.63)
TOTAL OTHER	\$2,694.92	\$3,074.46	(\$379.54)
TOTAL GIVING	\$40,106.58	\$37,271.90	\$1,656.98



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Barbara Bassett
Altee Clark
Edwina Cook
Paul Freeman
Juanita James
James Kennard

Sr. Barbara Rastatter
Norman Rouse
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick

Victoria Allen
Aayliah Cooper
Patsy Cunningham
Marvelean Doss
Nancy McCarthy
Barbara Radizwon
Sandra Reynolds
Donald Rogers
Kimberly Starr

Mass Attendance

March 17, 2019: 121(9:30 a.m.)/59(11:30 a.m.)
March 24, 2019: 119(9:30 a.m.)/55(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 03/31	4th Sunday of Lent	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass † <i>Jim Sherman - requested by Barbara Sherman</i>
	9:40 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World Sunday School Mass
Mon 04/01	7:30 a.m. † 1:00 p.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) <i>For Intentions of Annette Chriszt</i> Bible Study (Rectory) Bible Study (Rectory)
Tue 04/02	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) <i>For Intentions of Rosemary Sefchick</i>
Wed 04/03	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) <i>For Intentions of Marybeth Ryan Sandon</i>
Thur 04/04	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Fri 04/05	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Presentation Hall)
Sun 04/07	5th Sunday of Lent Children's Liturgy	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass - Children's Liturgy † <i>Jim Sherman - requested by Barbara Sherman</i>
	9:40 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World Sunday School Mass

Evangelization Committee News

At our last meeting on March 14, the Evangelization Committee agreed to introduce Alpha in our St. James community and begin by offering a modified pilot of this program. As Fr. John explained in last Sunday's bulletin, Alpha is a world-wide movement in parishes and faith groups to gather in "radical hospitality" to share a meal and conversation around our Christian faith and beliefs. It provides an opportunity to explore what it means to be a disciple in the context of our daily life experiences. It is typically run over eleven weekly sessions, but we will be doing a six-session program on select Sundays in May and June from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Specific dates and topics will be announced soon. To learn more about Alpha, you can take a look at their website (www.alphausa.org) or speak to a member of the Evangelization Committee.



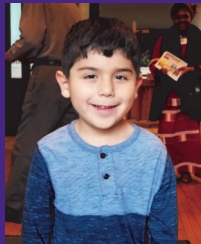
Parishioners receiving Sacraments during the Easter Season!!
Please keep them in your prayers!



Alice Makowski- 1st Communion



Anja Northern - Baptism and 1st Communion



Roman Quinones - Baptism



Yasmine Simpson - Confirmation



Christopher Simpson
Confirmation