



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.*



**Bells from the tower of the former
St. James Church**

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SUNDAY MASS
9:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
4 p.m. in Carr Chapel at I.I.T.

DAILY MASS
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
Tolton Chapel - Parish Rectory

RECONCILIATION
Confessions 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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Scan this QR code with your smart
phone's barcode scanner app and it will
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First Communion & Confirmation Preparation

Preparation for the Sacraments for
Children is through our Sunday
School Program. Each of these Sacra-
ments is celebrated every two years.
For adults wishing to receive these
Sacraments, we provide preparation
through our adult Confirmation and
R.C.I.A. class. Contact Michael
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SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 · TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WHAT DID POPE FRANCIS SAY ABOUT ABORTION?

A good general principle for every thinking person to follow: If anyone in the secular media reports that Pope Francis did or said X, don't believe a word of it until you get confirmation from a solid source in the Catholic press. Following this principle will spare you a lot of confusion. Here we'll work on untangling the confusion fomented by the American press's handling of Pope Francis' announcement last week that as a part of the upcoming Jubilee year, all priests will have the power to lift the ban of excommunication that can fall on someone who, under circumstances, commits the sin of procuring an abortion.

The facts are few and simple. By Canon Law, one who procures an abortion incurs automatic excommunication *under certain conditions* (and more on that in a bit). Excommunication means a person cannot receive any sacrament, including confession, until the excommunication has been lifted. The abortion excommunication can be lifted by the pope, of course, but also by the local bishop. So anyone who comes to a priest in confession and confessions having had an abortion, will have to wait for the priest to get permission from his bishop to lift the excommunication, and then the priest can proceed with the confession. What Pope Francis decided and announced is that during the Jubilee year every Catholic priest can lift this abortion excommunication ban without first having to check with his bishop. The pope hopes that this action will encourage women who have had abortions to seek forgiveness and return to sacramental communion in the Church.

In the United States and Canada, it has been the routine practice of just about every bishop to allow all priests working in the diocese to lift this excommunication without first coming to the bishop. It is done in confession, and most penitents confessing the sin are not even told either that they were excommunicated or that now they are not. So in North America, there is no change in the law or practice as a result of the pope's decision. All is as it was. Only now more people have been confused. And maybe, at least this is the pope's hope, now more women who have had abortions will hear in a new way the gospel of forgiveness.

How about the rest of the world? Is this a big deal for them? Well, probably not. The abortion excommunication, Canon Law says, only falls on one who procures an abortion if they are seventeen years old or older, if they are not being forced into the abortion or feeling any pressure to have it, if they knew ahead of time that this action would lead to their excommunication, and if a bunch of other conditions are satisfied. Put all this together, and it is not at all obvious that most non-North American women were ever excommunicated for the sin of abortion. A lot of abortions are done on girls less than seventeen. Not many women resort to abortion without feeling at least some force and fear. And very few Catholics know the ins and outs of the excommunication penalty on this matter. So if all we're looking at are the numbers, there may not be all that many people who will find themselves in a position to benefit from this.

None of which may have been the pope's point. The Jubilee year is named a Year of Mercy, and so the point is to announce the mercy of the Lord in as many ways possible so as to reach as many ears and hearts as possible. This gesture simultaneously reminds us all of the seriousness of the sin of taking innocent human life in the womb, and of the astonishing truth that no sin places the person outside the reach of Christ's mercy as proclaimed and celebrated by the Church.

Peace,

Fr. Bob Sprott, O.F.M.

AT ST. JAMES

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-3

Pastoral Care for the Homebound



Please call 312-842-1919 ext. 201 and ask to speak to Fr. Robert Sprott, O.F.M., if any parishioners are hospitalized or homebound, so we can visit and pray for them. Hospitals do not notify us of a parishioner's admittance. Even if you do mention this at Sunday

Mass, please make allowance for poor memory and call the parish offices.

St. James Oktoberfest 2015

Willkommen! The St. James Oktoberfest is October 4, 2015 after the 11:30 am Mass, 12:45-3pm. Enjoy live music, bratwurst on the grill, sides, a beverage and desert for \$10.00. This will be the inaugural St. James Oktoberfest fundraiser, come grow with us! If you would like to volunteer for this event please contact Michael Maher at 312.842.1919, Ext. 212 or by email: mmaher@st.jameswabash.org.



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration in the Hall
September 4, 2015.

SAVE THE DATE

JAZZIN' TO FEED 2016

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

Honoring Msgr. Michael Boland,
President and CEO of Catholic Charities of the
Archdiocese of Chicago

TREASURE

Sunday Collection Report

August 30, 2015 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Envelopes	\$1,372.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$678.85
Electronic Giving	\$1,275.00
Collection Total	\$ 3,325.85

SUNDAY COLLECTION MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

2015	Envelopes	%	Loose	%	Electronic	%	Total
Jan	\$5,553.50	50%	\$4,092.32	37%	\$1,134.00	13%	\$11,094.82
Feb	\$6,232.00	50%	\$2,224.07	18%	\$3,905.00	32%	\$12,361.07
Mar	\$9,585.00	57%	\$3,082.57	18%	\$41,64.00	25%	\$16,831.57
Apr	\$7,230.00	62%	\$3,287.02	28%	\$1,135.00	10%	\$11,652.02
May	\$6,381.00	55%	\$2,790.09	24%	\$2,330.00	20%	\$11,501.09
June	\$9,918.00	66%	\$2,694.29	18%	\$2,390.00	16%	\$15,002.29
July	\$6,692.00	50%	\$3,337.08	25%	\$3,390.00	25%	\$13,419.08
	\$51,331.50	56%	\$21,466.44	25%	\$31,754.00	21%	\$150,162.01

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Finis Abernathy Victoria Allen Ashley Alvarez Eric Alvarez Dorothy Barnes Margie Bass Barbara Bassett James Bowman Willie B. Clay Edwina Cook Kathleen Foley Paul & Jane Freeman Cathy Garcia Mary Healy Robert Helem Elise James	Benjamin Jefferson Mel Keys Candace Lane Christopher Lane Wayne Lambert Stephanie Linton Mary Madrigal Latona Merchant Paul Mesirow Mary Moore Joan Noble Margaret Page Cynthia Peacock Francis Quigley Darlene Racker Daisy Keel	Sr. Barbara Rastatter David Reynolds James Reynolds Sandra Reynolds Philip Ricks Norman Rouse Mary Sanders Christine Schatte Barbara Southall Catherine Spraggins Bette Strickland Bob Swiderski Clayton & Sarah Whitlow Dina Williams Audrey Winfrey
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Mass Attendance

August 30, 2015: 137 (9:30 a.m.)/ 45 (11:30 a.m.)

September 6, 2015: 119(9:30 a.m.)/ 43(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

September 20, 2015

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Virginia Picken & Bob Gaggiano

11:30 a.m. Mary E. Levine & Darren Haley

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Orean Perry (Bread),
 Josie Bertucci, Br. Chris Buck,
 Deborah Cooper, and Julia Hodges

11:30 a.m. Abigail Searles & Eva J. Leonard

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Julia Hodges

11:30 a.m. Irma Fonder

Altar Servers To Be Announced



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 happy to have more.

On – Campus Mass
I.I.T Carr Chapel (aka "God Box")
Sundays at 4 p.m.

The Evangelization Board is seeking new members. The Board plays a key role both in growing our parish and in deepening our discipleship. Please consider helping out, and if you are interested in finding out more about the Board or in signing up for it, please contact Fr. Bob or Michael Maher.



New Fall Class



Fr. Bob is teaching a class on Monday evenings on Western Mysticism: St. Francis of Assisi, starting Sept 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Registration forms are at the back of the hall.

Delivery Drivers Needed!

Each Thursday 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

St. James Food Pantry is in need of volunteer delivery persons and drivers for homebound seniors and disabled.

If you are interested, please contact Cathy Moore, at 312-842-1919 ext. 211 or email: cmoore@stjameswabash.org



LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 9/13	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection - Food & Toiletries Distribution
8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall) † <i>For the marriage of John Idyakunnel & Reshma Sekhar request by Reshma Sekhar</i>
9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall) † <i>Lucille Woods request by Alice Morgan</i>
4:00 p.m.	Mass (Carr Chapel on IIT Campus)
Mon 9/14	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Doris Worth request by Eileen Coffey</i>
	7:00 p.m. Fr. Bob facilitates class: Western Mysticism: St. Francis Assisi
Tue 9/15	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Wed 9/16	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Betty Noonan request by Dot Nachel</i>
Thur 9/17	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Fri 9/18	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) 9 a.m. - Office open by appointment only 12 p.m.
Sun 9/20	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection - Food & Toiletries Distribution
8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall) † <i>William Sutton</i>
9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall) † <i>Lucille Woods request by Alice Morgan</i>
12:45 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting (Offices)
4:00 p.m.	

NEWS YOU CAN USE



1:00 p.m-3:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 4
**Enjoy Food,
Music, Fellowship,
& Beer!**



**Caring
for our
Home**

A Day of
Reflection on
Ecology,
Spirituality,
and
Pope Francis'
Letter

presented by
Catholic Priest and Ecologist
Fr. Stephen Mitten, SJ

Sat, Oct 3, 9:30am-2:30pm,
IIT MTCC **FREE**

(must buy your own lunch in the Commons)

Register by Sept 30, 2015 by Email
MMaher@StJamesWabash.org

Catholic Campus Ministry at Saint James
Church

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Fr. Bob Facilitates Class

Western Mysticism: St. Francis Assisi

Monday, September 21 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(Rectory)

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, October 2 - 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
(Parish Hall)

Parish & Student Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 3 - 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(IIT Campus)

Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 4 - 12:45p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Hall Grounds)