



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

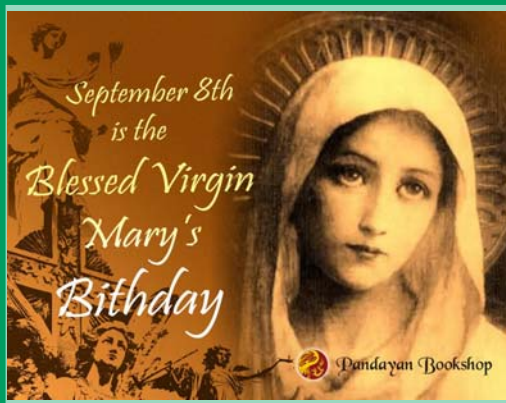
OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
By appointment only
Saturday & Sunday
Closed



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phone's barcode scanner app and it will
direct you to the parish webpage.



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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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WHAT TO DO AND WHEN?

Today's gospel, Mark 7:31-37, is a good example of what the scripture scholars call "the Messianic secret." The phrase refers to the odd fact that Jesus performs some pretty public and pretty spectacular miracles and, at the same time, tries to get all the witnesses to keep it quiet. So today he cures a deaf mute and then tells everyone to say nothing about it. And as is also typical with this kind of story, nobody keeps it quiet, but everybody broadcasts the event. So what is going on here?

One way of entering into this begins with the concern of Jesus in Mark's gospel that people not misunderstand him, and of course everyone (especially his disciples) is going to misunderstand him until his death and resurrection. It is only in the light of the paschal mystery that the life and work of Jesus can be truly seen and appreciated. So Jesus' wanting that everyone maintain silence for the moment is his way of pointing forward and asking people to hold off until they can see the whole picture. One only and truly understands Jesus' words and works once he is revealed as the crucified and risen Lord.

All of this may sound reasonable, but nobody obeys it. Are they wrong to do so? Maybe not. For if we are going to wait until we can see the whole picture, we will never say anything. For even though the resurrection helps us to understand Jesus better than we would if all we had were the miracles, it still does not take us to the end of the story. The risen Lord will return in glory, when he will restore all things and when God will be all in all, and until that comes our knowledge is imperfect and God's plan is incomplete. Yet we do not keep silent about Jesus in this time before his coming in glory – we cannot do so, indeed, he tells us to proclaim his gospel to the ends of the earth.

So the people in today's gospel, who literally are disobeying the command of Jesus to maintain silence, are in some ways representative of us. They don't know the full truth of Jesus, but they say what they do know. Even as they do not, cannot yet, know him through his death and resurrection as do we who are reading the gospel, they tell what they do know, they tell of the wonders and the good he works. With us, it is the same only different. We do not yet know the glorious coming of the Son of God at the end of time, but we say what we know: we speak of his life and his teaching and their climax, his death and resurrection. We say what we know; we proclaim the gospel we have.

We do it as individuals and we do it as a community. We do it as a parish. We don't know the whole story of St. James. We don't know our far-off future, what it will be or even whether it will be. There's so much we don't know just now. We don't know what's going on with the Michigan Avenue property, we don't know whether the Archdiocese will build a new church for the parish. We have no idea where we are going to get the money for any of our possible futures.

So what do we do? Just wait? No, of course not, we know better than that. We have the gift of our mission from the Lord himself, and it is to share the joy of the gospel every day for however many days we have. It isn't the whole of it, but it makes a good starting point.

Peace,
Fr. Bob Sprott, O.F.M.

AT ST. JAMES

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
 Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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.

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 in the Rectory. Registration forms are at the back of the hall.



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 16, 2015 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Envelopes	\$899.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$ 1,269.73
Electronic Giving	\$250.00
Collection Total	\$ 2,418.73

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

Mass Attendance

August 23, 2015: 118(9:30 a.m.)/27(11:30 a.m.)
August 30, 2015: 137 (9:30 a.m.)/ 45(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

September 13, 2015

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Patrick Reichard & Michael McLaughlin

11:30 a.m. Marian Jones & Michael Deandre

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman (Bread),
Melby Phillips, Abigail Searles,
Cynthia Cooper, Barbara Sutton

11:30 a.m. Clarissa Aljentera

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Barbara Sherman

11:30 a.m. To Be Announced

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 Sundays at 4 p.m.

Next Sunday the I.I.T. 4 p.m. Mass will move to Carr Chapel (aka the "God Box"). This will be its normal venue form now on.

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 9/06	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection - Sharing Parish St. Agatha	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall) † <i>Elizabeth Graham request by Eileen Coffey</i> † <i>Kay Nachel request by Liz & Dave Bowman</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:30 a.m.	Ladies of Peter Claver Meeting (Office)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall) † <i>Lucille Woods request by Alice Morgan</i>
	4:00 p.m.	Mass (Hermann Hall on IIT Campus)
Mon 9/07	Office & Food Pantry Closed - Observance of Labor Day	
	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Tue 9/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Wed 9/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Thur 9/10	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Fri 9/11	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Office open by appointment only
Sat 9/12	8:00 a.m.	Second Saturday Produce Pantry (Hall Parking Lot)
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 (Hermann Hall on IIT Campus)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Fr. Bob Facilitates Class

Western Mysticism: St. Francis Assisi

Monday, September 14 - 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 - 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Hall Grounds)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Blessings in a Bag Help Families who are Food Insecure!



Dear St. James Parishioners,

Over 1500 families who are food insecure received help from your St. James Food Pantry last month. Thank you for your donations. Please continue to help our neighborhood families with toiletry donations this September.

September is back to school time. Children need a healthy breakfast to start the school day. We need breakfast items!

St. James Food Pantry is also low on all hygiene items in both travel size and family size. Families can not purchase toiletries with their food assistance cards. The need is great! All toiletry items will be appreciated.

Today, **September 6, 2015**, I am asking that you take a shopping bag with the donation list attached to it from the back of the hall after Mass. Please fill your donation bag with the following items:

Razors, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Tissue, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Oatmeal, Cold Cereal, and Dry Milk

Bring your donations back to Mass, next **Sunday, September 13 2015**.

Thank you in advance for blessing those who need services at St. James Food Pantry.

Cathy

CONGRATULATIONS to Avis Fatima Coleman on



her successful completion of the certification process for Coordinators of Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Chicago. As the letter of notification states, this places her "among a select group of individuals who set the standard for other Catechetical Leaders as they continue their own journey in ministry." The certification is effective as of August 1 of this year, and the certificate will be formally presented at the Catechetical Ministries Graduation and Certification ceremony in June of next year. St. James is richly blessed in having her and her husband, Deacon Coleman, as a new part of our parish family and ministry. CONGRATULATIONS, AVIS!