



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

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.

Tolton Chapel - Parish Rectory

RECONCILIATION

CONFESSIONS AT ST. JAMES
Confessions Saturday in the Parish Hall
4 to 5 p.m. & 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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First Communion & Confirmation Preparation

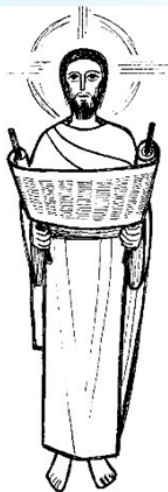
Preparation for the Sacraments for Children is through our Sunday School Program. Each of these Sacraments is celebrated every two years. For adults wishing to receive these Sacraments, we provide preparation through our adult Confirmation and R.C.I.A. class. Contact Michael Maher at 312-842-1919 ext. 212 or maher@stjameswabash.org



JANUARY 24, 2016 · THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT

The word *Christ* comes from a Greek word that means *anointed*, and the word *Messiah* is the Hebrew word with the same meaning. If we ask where in the Old Testament do we find a clear idea or practice of anointing, the traditional answer has always been that three very different offices or vocations involved some sort of anointing: priests, kings, and prophets. With the first two, it was real oil out of a real vial or jar that was poured over the head of the man as he began his work, whether it was priestly or royal. With the prophets, the situation was different, and there was no set pattern that all followed, but over time one reads more and more about a prophetic anointing, perhaps with real oil or perhaps as a way of expressing the receiving of the Holy Spirit. It was just this kind of anointing that Jesus received in the Jordan River, at the moment of his baptism, as the heavens are torn open and the Holy Spirit descends upon him like a dove. Thus is he revealed to be the Christ and the Savior, and thus he begins his work.



The mission of Jesus is like that of the prophets in that he surely speaks the word of God, but it is different from theirs in significant ways. Many prophets were raised up, sometimes more than one in a single generation, and all of them called the people back to a more lively obedience of the law given through Moses, and they also pointed forward with promises of God's salvation. The Lord had of course saved his people many times throughout their history, and the prophets insisted that his favors and blessings were not exhausted. He was still with Israel, and he would act again to save them.

In today's gospel Jesus announces that this time has come. The time for promises and the time for waiting in hope is even now yielding to the time of fulfillment. To make this point, he reads a prophecy from the book of Isaiah and clearly states that this prophecy is fulfilled in himself: the Spirit of the Lord is upon him, anointing him to bring Good News to the poor and healing to those in need of it, so that a time of God's favor and a season of grace may be proclaimed to all the people of Israel, and beyond them to the whole world. He makes this statement calmly and quietly, so calmly and so quietly that it seems that we must have heard it wrong. If the time of the fulfillment of all the promises has come, if God is now acting in Jesus to bring salvation to the world, shouldn't we notice it? Shouldn't it be obvious?

Perhaps, but even in ordinary world history it often happens that the most important events are not those that are seen by the crowds or noticed by everyone. And in the case of Jesus' gospel the effects are deep, as deep as the human heart. This does not mean that they will be invisible – they will show up in people's behavior, especially as his disciples try to live by the commandment of love – but precisely because they run so deep and are so personal, they will not be the kind of attention-grabbing headlines that we associate with huge world events. We are still at the beginning of Luke's gospel, and we will see how this unfolds as we move through the year.

Peace,

Fr. Bob Sprott, O.F.M.

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2016

- Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Ps 117:1-2
Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10
Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14
Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10
Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17
1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Pastoral Care for the Homebound



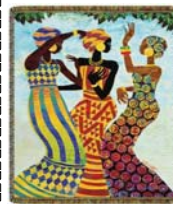
Please call 312-842-1919 ext. 201 and ask to speak to Fr. Robert Sprott, O.F.M., if any parishioners are hospitalized or homebound, so we can visit and pray for them. Hospitals do not notify us of a parishioner's admittance. Even if you do mention this at Sunday Mass, please make allowance for poor memory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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Finis Abernathy

Finis Abernathy, long time parishioner who married Verda Abernathy 43 years ago at St. James, passed December 21, 2015 after battling cancer.

The Memorial service will be Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the hall.

Please keep Verda and family in prayer!



Jackie Drake is organizing the African American Heritage celebration for Sunday, February 7, 2016. There will be one Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by luncheon. Please see Jackie if you would like to help.

**Lenten Day of Reflection
February 13, 2016**

All are invited to Lenten Day of Reflection at Garfield Park Conservatory, Saturday, February 13, 2016. The cost is \$15. Registration forms and information are at the back of the hall.



TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

January 1-9, 2016

<u>SUNDAY</u>	2016	2015	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$2,881.00	\$1,443.50	\$1,437.50
LOOSE CHECKS	\$331.00	\$1,290.00	(\$959.00)
LOOSE CASH	\$182.62	\$194.50	(\$11.88)
ON-LINE	\$1,160.00	\$530.00	\$630.00
<u>TOTAL SUNDAY</u>	<u>\$4,554.62</u>	<u>\$3,458.00</u>	<u>\$1,096.62</u>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$105.00	\$117.00	(\$12.00)
SAINT AGATHA	\$418.25	\$217.06	\$201.19
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$510.16	\$318.50	\$128.66
<u>TOTAL OTHER</u>	<u>\$1,133.41</u>	<u>\$715.56</u>	<u>\$417.47</u>
TOTAL GIVING	\$5,688.03	\$4,173.56	1,514.47

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. We never have enough stipends for each daily Mass so we are always grateful for more.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Victoria Allen
Ashley Alvarez
Eric Alvarez
Dorothy Barnes
Margie Bass
Barbara Bassett
James Bowman
Edwina Cook
Sandra Davis
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
Nancy McCarthy
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
Fr. Bob Sprott
Bette Strickland
Bob Swiderski
Esther Toliver
Clayton & Sarah
Whitlow
Jennifer Warnick
Dina Williams
Audrey Winfrey

Mass Attendance

January 10, 2016: 112(9:30 a.m.)/48(11:30 a.m.)
January 17, 2016: 120(9:30 a.m.)/40(11:30 a.m.)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

January 31, 2016

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Br. Chris Buck & Darren Haley

11:30 a.m. Eva J. Leonard & Marian Jones

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman (Bread),
Barbara Sutton, Br. Chris Buck
Abigail Searles and Josie Bertucci

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

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Tricia Koestner

11:30 a.m. Fran Williams

Happy Birthday Sr. Barbara

Sr. Barbara Rastatter's birthday is Monday January 25. She will be 82 years old. She has appreciated all your calls and prayers. If you would like to send cards her address is as follows: **Sr. Barbara Rastatter**
2360 Carter Road,
Dubuque, IA 52001



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



Eucharistic Adoration

1st Fridays February 5, 2016
St. James Catholic Church
2912 S. Wabash Avenue
Parish Hall (Behind School)
7 p.m.-12 a.m.



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

ITEMS TO DONATE INCLUDE: GIFT CERTIFICATES, GIFT BASKETS, SPORTS TICKETS, SPA SERVICES, ART PIECES, TRAVEL PACKAGES, TIME SHARE OPTIONS, AND NEW ITEMS.

PLEASE CONTACT PETER WAWIRE (312-842-1919 EXT. 213) OR TALK TO LIZ BOWMAN FOR MORE INFORMATION.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 01/24	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall) † <i>Virginia Frazier - request by Josie Bertucci</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall) † <i>Kenneth McConnell - request by Fran Williams</i>
Mon 01/25	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Ceil Gadzala - request by Phillip Gadzala</i>
Tue 01/26	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Br. Rai Rose - request by Christian Br. Benilde De La Salle Community</i>
Wed 01/27	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Kay Nachel - request by Ann Crudele</i>
Thur 01/28	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>For the Intentions of Dolores Dorgan - request by John Dorgan</i>
Fri 01/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Finis Abernathy - request by Dot Nachel</i>
	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Office open by appointment only
Sat 01/30	10:00 a.m.	Finis Abernathy's Memorial Mass (Parish Hall)
Sun 01/31	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection (Tolton Canonization Fund)	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall) † <i>Br. James McDonald - request by Ellen Noble</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Lenten Day of Reflection

Saturday, February 13 - 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Garfield Park Conservatory)

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 5 - 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
(Parish Hall)

Mass & African American Celebration

*Sunday, February 7 - 10:30 a.m. - Mass
Celebration to follow Mass*
(Parish Hall)

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

ST. JAMES STRATEGY



The Evangelization Board, in collaboration with the Parish Council, will begin the process of drafting an action plan to grow the membership of St. James. The land at 29th and Michigan will be purchased by the Archdiocese in April and the intention is to build a new church sometime in the future. However, in order to secure a place for St. James, we committed to Archbishop Cupich and Bishop Perry that we would grow the parish over the next 3 years. Our immediate goal is to increase membership from 184 to 200 by October 2016 and the long term goal is to reach 400 by 2019.

Those of you with experience in developing action plans may wish to volunteer in this process. This plan will include activities designed to attract new members, retain current members and to monitor progress. Within the next few months you may be asked to participate in one of these activities. If you are not able to volunteer your time, you can develop your own personal campaign by bringing someone new with you to church.

If you are interested in finding more about how you can be of help, you may contact Michael Maher, Sherri Seyfried or Cynthia Cooper.

We can do this!

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

Members of the Evangelization Board and Parish Council

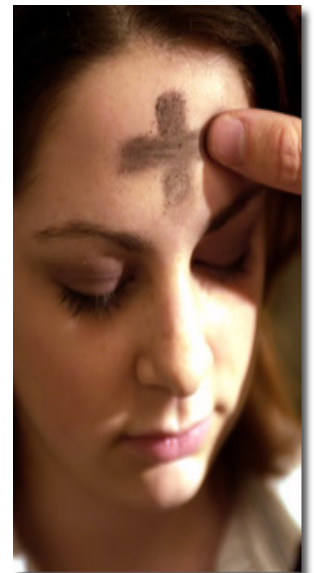
Ash Wednesday Feb 10, 2016

*7:30 a.m.
Mass at St. James*

*12:50 p.m.
Mass at God Box*

*6:30 p.m.
Mass at St. James*

*7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service
at God Box*



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