



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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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



COMMUNITIES OF FAITH,
KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVICE

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 31, 2016 · FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS ALONE

In today's gospel we see Jesus with the people and we see him very much alone. He is in the synagogue on a Sabbath, where he reveals himself to be the fulfillment of all prophecy. He is in his home town, the people there have known him since he was a boy, and they are amazed at his teaching. At first they are favorably disposed towards him: they want to hear more from him and they want to see him do more.

But very quickly their mood turns and the scene darkens. The same crowd that started off loving his words and craving more of them ends up wanting to kill him by throwing him off a cliff. And Jesus is not surprised by this about-face. He expects it. A prophet himself and the seal of prophecy, Jesus reaches back into Israel's long history of prophets and brings forward two examples of prophets who were opposed in their own time and by their own people, and so had to go outside the people of Israel to work for the Lord – Elijah, who helped a woman from Sidon, and Elisha, who cured a Syrian of leprosy.

He is like them, he insists, and this is the true mark of all those raised up by God to be prophets. They may find honor and support, but not from their own people, not from those closest to them, those who knew them best and who might have been expected to receive them and their message with the greatest ease and joy. In the end, he says, all true prophets are like Elijah and Elisha – they stand alone for the Lord, and it is he who upholds them.



Jesus is like them, and we are like him. We belong to him by faith, we are members of his body, and so we should not be surprised or dismayed if his loneliness at times marks our own lives. Do we not sometimes feel ourselves to be alone in the crowd, the only one out of step with the group, the lone dissenter who

cannot go along with what everyone else is doing or thinking? The gospel that is supposed to bring peace and unity at times seems to cut us off and isolate us from those we ought to be closest to, our own family members and friends. We want to agree, we want to stand with them, and yet there is something in our walking with the Lord that pulls us in a different way, that makes us hear and respond to a different voice. All too often, the Jesus of today's gospel, the Jesus alone against the crowd, becomes the very image of how we experience ourselves with the most important people in our lives.

They just don't understand us, they can't see why we can't go along with them on this or that issue, they just don't get why we have to be different. And we can certainly see why they don't understand us, for at such moments we scarcely understand ourselves. Oh, we may know well enough why the love of God calls for a different approach than what we see all around us, but what takes us by surprise is our own capacity to break away, to stand apart from the crowd and to do something different and unexpected. Where did that come from, we wonder. Since when am I able to take that strong a stand? It comes from our call to follow Christ; it comes from our being made new in his image.

Peace,

Fr. Bob Sprott, O.F.M.

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2016

- 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
- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7
Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11
or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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.



A hearty and heartfelt THANKS to Fr. Innocenti for helping us out these past weeks in our time of need. We really appreciate his presence among us and his celebration of the Eucharist, both on Sundays and weekdays.

Bishop Joseph Perry will celebrate Mass at St. James Sunday, February 14, 2015

On Sunday, February 14 there will be only **one mass**, and that will be at **9:30 a.m.** Bishop Perry will be at St. James to celebrate the mass, and he will have very important good news for the parish.



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.

Fr. Bob is teaching a class on Sigrid Undset's book, "Kristin Lavransdatter" on Mondays 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. starting February 15. There are sign-up forms at the back of the hall.

TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

January 1 — January 16

<u>SUNDAY</u>	2016	2015	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$4,148.00	\$2,887.50	\$1,260.50
LOOSE CHECKS	\$464.00	\$2,037.00	(\$1,573.00)
LOOSE CASH	\$303.95	\$380.37	(\$76.42)
ON-LINE	\$1,855.00	\$750.00	\$1,105.00
<u>TOTAL SUNDAY</u>	<u>\$6,770.95</u>	<u>\$6,054.87</u>	<u>\$716.08</u>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$135.00	\$152.00	(\$17.00)
SAINT AGATHA	\$443.25	\$254.06	\$189.19
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00
<u>TOTAL OTHER</u>	<u>\$683.25</u>	<u>\$406.06</u>	<u>\$217.19</u>
TOTAL GIVING	\$7,454.20	\$6,460.93	\$993.27

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

Next week, Sunday, February 7

One Mass only!

10:30 a.m.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

February 7, 2016

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Sherri Seyfried & Jim Sherman

11:30 a.m. Eva J. Leonard & Thomas Raclaw

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman (Bread),
Bob Gaggiano, Deborah Cooper,
Cynthia Cooper & Orea Perry

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Levine & Clarissa Aljentera

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Liz Bowman

11:30 a.m. James Fonder

African American Heritage celebration Next Week
Sunday, February 7, 2016.
All are Invited

*There will be one Mass at 10:30 a.m.
followed by luncheon.*

Your Help is Needed!

Each Wednesday & Thursday 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
For Homebound/Disabled Delivery

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



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 01/31	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection (Tolton Canonization Fund)	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall) † Br. James McDonald - request by Ellen Noble
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall)
Mon 02/01	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Ceil Gadzala - request by Phillip Gadzala
Tue 02/02	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Br. Rai Rose - request by Christian Br. Benilde De La Salle Community
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Christian Br. House)
Wed 02/03	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Kay Nachel - request by Ann Crudele
Thur 02/04	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † For the Intentions of Dolores Dorgan - request by John Dorgan
Fri 02/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Finis Abernathy - request by Dot Nachel
	9a.m. - 12p.m.	Office open by appointment only
	7p.m. - 12a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Sat 02/06	10:00 a.m.	Evangelization Board Meeting (Christian Brothers House 3344 S. Indiana)
Sun 02/07	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection (Sharing Parish St. Agatha)	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall) † Br. James McDonald - request by Ellen Noble
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	African American Celebration (Parish Hall)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Ash Wednesday Mass

Wednesday, February 10 - 7:30 a.m. Mass

And 6:30 p.m. Mass

(Parish Hall)

Lenten Day of Reflection

Saturday, February 13 - 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(Garfield Park Conservatory)

Fr. Bob facilitates class on Sigrid Undset's book, "Kristin Lavransdatter"

Monday, February 15 - 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Hall Basement)

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 4 - 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

(Parish Hall)

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NEWS YOU CAN USE



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.

DESERT LISTENING

OPENING UP TO THE WAY OF MERCY

A LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

LED BY LISA WAGNER-CAROLLO

10:30AM-3:30PM, SAT, FEB. 13, 2016

GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY, \$15

(INCLUDES LUNCH)



PLEASE FILL OUT FORM IN BACK OF THE HALL. RETURN FORM & \$15 TO MICHAEL

MAHER (MMAHER@STJAMESWABASH.ORG)

BY FEB 10 (ASH WEDNESDAY).

MAKE CHECKS TO "ST. JAMES CHURCH."

Ash Wednesday Feb 10, 2016

7:30 a.m.

Mass at St. James

12:50 p.m.

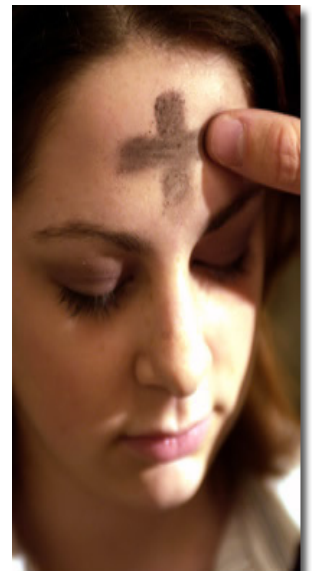
Mass at God Box

6:30 p.m.

Mass at St. James

7:00 p.m.

Prayer Service
at God Box



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