

# 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**

## PARISH DIRECTORY & STAFF

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Social Care Board Chair	Elizabeth Bowman	

## 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  
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



## ST. JAMES PARISH

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### St. James Welcomes



*Bishop Joseph Perry*

### First Communion & Confirmation Preparation

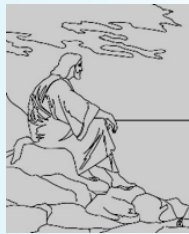
Preparation for the Sacraments for  
Children is through our Sunday School  
Program. Each of these Sacraments is cele-  
brated every two years. For adults wishing  
to receive these Sacraments, we provide  
preparation through our adult Confirmation  
and R.C.I.A. class. Contact Michael Maher at  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



**FEBRUARY 14, 2016 · FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**CHRIST IN THE DESERT**

All four gospels tell of the baptism of Jesus, and three of them tell of a time he spent in the desert immediately after the baptism. On the first Sunday of every Lent, we find ourselves with him in the desert.



The desert tends to be a lonely place, and as Luke tells the story, the only companion of Jesus in the desert is the devil, and he is there to tempt the newly baptized. In the Jordan River, Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Messiah, the beloved Son of God. But that revelation is short on the specific details of how Jesus is to fulfill the messianic mission he has received from his Father. What we have in today's gospel is three different scenes, and in each one of

them Jesus gives a definite NO to a false way of being the Christ that is suggested to him by the devil. And these are important, because it isn't just the devil who wants Jesus to follow one of these false paths – it turns out that a lot of us would like exactly the same thing.

The first temptation for Jesus is about bread, the physical needs of the human person. We are, or have, bodies, and those bodies crave food and other things. The devil first suggests that Jesus be the Savior of easy bread, that he save us by giving us all that our bodies need to live well. Jesus rejects this, knowing that the hungers of the stomach are not so deep as those of the human heart. True, we must have bread, but if bread is all we have, we don't have enough. What we really want is the Word of God, the word that heals and gives the fullness of life.

The second temptation for Jesus is about political power, the power to organize and govern our lives together. No one lives by himself, and the political ruler governs how the common life is to be structured and arranged. Here the devil is offering Jesus the opportunity to be a political savior, to make God's Kingdom come by the instruments of political force and coercion. And Jesus refuses utterly. Politics, like bread, is something we cannot live without as human beings, but it is not the whole story and cannot be made to seem so. Jesus will not be a political messiah.

The third temptation for Jesus has a religious context, the temple in Jerusalem. Here the devil suggests that Jesus do a miracle that will force all who see to believe in him and follow him, and throwing yourself off a high building only to walk away from it unharmed is pretty impressive. But Jesus will have none of this either. We have a need for God, just as we have a need for physical food and a need to live together in community, but this need is not so easily dealt with. The flashy religious display, the authority of the miracle worker, these things have no place in the Kingdom of God that Jesus will proclaim. Again and again he will speak of faith, faith that is the real source of miraculous power, faith that is trust without the usual evidence. Jesus will not be a messiah who replaces faith with anything less.

The temptations of Christ are not about a history lesson. They are still very much around, for a part of us wishes that Jesus would be a Savior after our own erring hearts: we crave a god who will feed us and tell us that the physical is all there is; we are constantly thinking that politics is the be-all and end-all of human existence; and we would all, at times, prefer the certainty of the flashy miracle to the waste land of faith. But even as Jesus, the Christ, will have none of this, so we, the Christians, must not follow any of these false paths. We are called to more, to the fullness of life with God, and we cannot settle for less.

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

*Readings*



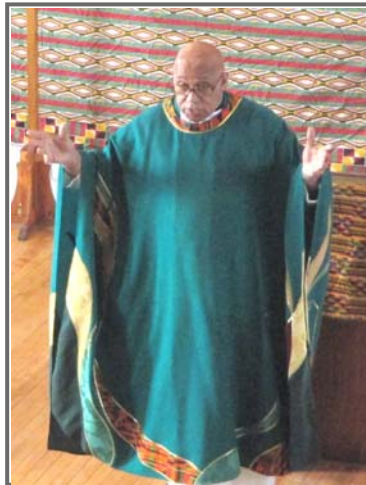
**FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2016**

- Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13  
Lk 4:1-13
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19  
Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8  
Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14  
Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

**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.

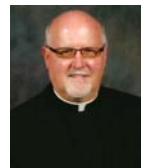


*Thank you to Reverend George Clements for celebrating the African American Heritage Mass at St. James Sunday, February 7. We are all grateful and honored that you were here.*

**Warm Welcomes from St. James to Bishop Joseph Perry and Fr. Michael Barth, S.T.**



Bishop Joseph Perry is (left) here to give official notice of a good change in Pastoral Ministry for St. James.



Father Michael Barth (right) is the General Custodian of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, the religious order that will be taking on the Pastoral Ministry of St. James Parish. The new Pastor of St. James will be Fr. John Edmunds, S.P. Who will begin his work with us on March 1.

## TREASURE

### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

January 1 — January 31

<u>SUNDAY</u>	2016	2015	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$8,635.00	\$5,598.50	3,036.50
LOOSE CHECKS	\$3,914.00	\$3,288.00	\$626.00
LOOSE CASH	\$902.16	\$753.32	\$148.84
ON-LINE	\$4,475.00	\$1,410.00	\$3,065.00
<b><u>TOTAL SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>\$17,926.16</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,049.82</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,876.34</u></b>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$228.00	\$179.00	\$49.00
SAINT AGATHA	\$493.25	\$269.06	\$224.19
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$408.85	\$0.00	\$408.85
<b><u>TOTAL OTHER</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,130.10</u></b>	<b><u>\$448.06</u></b>	<b><u>\$682.04</u></b>
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$19,056.66</b>	<b>\$11,497.88</b>	<b>\$7,558.38</b>

## 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  
James Fonder  
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  
Barbara Radziwon  
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  
Ron Zivkovic

### Mass Attendance

January 31, 2016: 124(9:30 a.m.)/50(11:30 a.m.)

February 7, 2016: 208(10:30 a.m.)

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

February 21, 2016

### Lectors

9:30 a.m. Patrick Reichard & Virginia Picken

11:30 a.m. Mary Levine & Eva J. Leonard

### Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Orea Perry (Bread),  
Werner Seyfried, Cynthia Cooper  
and Sherri Seyfried

11:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman & Veronica Pye

### Greeters

9:30 a.m. Tricia Koestner

11:30 a.m. Irma Fonder



Eucharistic Adoration  
1st Fridays  
March 4, 2016  
St. James  
Catholic Church  
2912 S. Wabash Avenue  
Parish Hall  
(Behind School)  
7p.m. - 12a.m.

## 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](mailto: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 02/14	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Collection— Food &amp; Toiletries for the Pantry</b>
	8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop Joseph Perry as Mass Celebrant (Parish Hall) † <b>Iris Green - request by Eileen Coffey &amp; Phillip Sutton</b>
	9:40 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m. <b>No Mass</b>
Mon 02/15	<i>Office &amp; Food Pantry Closed — Presidents Day</i> 7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <b>Nora Degenhart - request by</b>
Tue 02/16	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <b>Br. Rai Rose - request by Christian Br. Benilde De La Salle Community</b>
Wed 02/17	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <b>For the Intentions of Sr. Barbara Rastatter- request by Dave &amp; Elaine Lange?</b>
Thur 02/18	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <b>Ann Tonery - request by Judy O'neill</b>
Fri 02/19	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <b>Dolores Dorgan - request by John dorgan</b>
	9a.m - 12p.m. <b>Office open by appointment only</b>
Sun 02/21	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
	8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m. Mass † <b>Jim Sherman - request by Eileen Coffey</b>
	9:40 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word Sharing Parish Food Delivery (Food Pantry)
	11:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



### Bishop Joseph Perry Mass Celebrant

*Sunday, February 14 - 9:30 a.m.*

**No 11:30 Mass**

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

(Parish Hall)

### Lenten Day of Service

*Friday, March 12 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

(Food Pantry)

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### African American Heritage Celebration

Many thanks to Jackie Drake, chair of the African American Heritage committee, committee volunteers, Ladies Auxiliary of the knights of Peter Claver who gave food donations and or served at the event, and all who helped in any way to make this event a success.

A wonderful Mass included: A timely homily which was given by Rev. George Clements. The Deacons were Deacon Alfred Coleman of St. James and Deacon Joe Yan-



*St. James Choir lead by Dan Murphy (front left) lifted spirits with each selection performed.*

notta from St. Edna's Parish. An inspiring choir led by our music minister Dan Murphy performed wonderful music. The gifts were presented by Barbara Sherman in honor of Jim Sherman her late husband, Don & Eileen Kellen, parishioners of St. Edna's Parish and Joseph Cunningham's



*St. Edna's & St. James parishioners along with other guest enjoying fellowship and food.*

granddaughter. The children's Praise Dancers made the mass even more special.

After mass, the celebration continued in the lower hall where there was a magnificent spread. Dishes ranged from African cousins, southern style, traditional Chicago



*Youth Praise dancers performing after the African American Celebration Mass.*

style, and Caribbean delicacies. To top it all off there was an array of deserts and drinks to quench all thirst. Thank you to all the guest

and all who helped make this event a success.

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