

# 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  
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

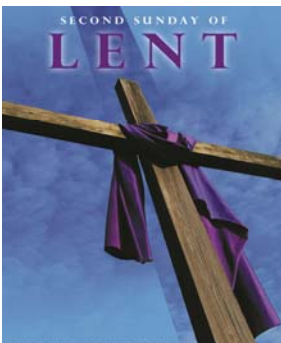


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### First Communion & Confirmation Preparation

Preparation for the Sacraments for  
Children is through our Sunday School  
Program. Each of these Sacraments is 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  
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**FEBRUARY 21, 2016 · SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

***LISTENING TO JESUS***

Last week's mass had us with Christ in the desert, tempted by the devil. This week's mass brings us with Peter, James, and John to the mountain top to see Jesus transfigured, his glory shining forth and born witness to not only by Moses and Elijah, but also by the voice that speaks from the cloud. Clearly, this is something we need to see, but it is also something that we need to understand well... or, at least better than Peter first understands it.



The glory of the mountain is the glory of the Kingdom of God. In the verse just before this moment, Jesus had uttered a prophecy to his disciples: "Amen I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God." Eight days later comes the fulfillment of this prophecy as Jesus

takes his favorite three disciples to the mountain top and gives them a glimpse of the glory of the Kingdom shining through him. This is what all of Israel had been waiting and longing for all of its history, and so Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, are there to give testimony by their presence that this is indeed the fulfillment not just of Jesus' prophecy of eight days earlier, but of all that Israel had been created to receive.

This glimpse of the Kingdom's final glory comes with a teaching on how that glory will be achieved. Moses and Elijah are not silent figures here. They discuss with Jesus his "exodus," his departure which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem. In other words, they are talking about his passion and death, for as Jesus had already taught his disciples, the only way into the heart of God's Kingdom is the way of the cross, the way of suffering that he would first walk and that they would then walk along with him.

This is the teaching that Peter and the others – and ourselves, too, often enough – do not want to hear and refuse to understand. Peter is overcome with the glory of this moment and his first instinct is to hang on to it, to preserve it forever and cancel out all those future moments that Jesus' words have seemed to fill with warning and pain. He wants to build three tents or booths, three dwelling places so that they can all remain right where they are, surrounded by the glory of the Kingdom that is to come. But this cannot be. There is no glory without the cross, and the way of the cross is the only way into the Kingdom for Jesus and for his followers. And so the voice of the Father rumbles out of the cloud: "This is my Beloved Son; listen to him!" The Father chides the disciples for not doing what they must do: Listen to Jesus. He speaks of his own way, the way of rejection and condemnation and a shameful death, and the disciples don't want to hear of it. They want a short and easy way into the Kingdom, they want the glory without the cross, they want an Easter that never had a Good Friday before it.

And this cannot be, not for Jesus nor for them. They, and we, must listen to all that Jesus says, so that we can accompany him in his passion and so enter with him into the glory of God's love. That is really what Jesus offers us. It is all that he has to offer us, and in this Lenten season we try to listen and to grasp hold of what he gives. He offers us himself and invites us to share in all that he is and experiences. His cross and tomb become our own, and thus we have our door, the only door, into the Kingdom.

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

***Readings***



**FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2016**

- 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
- Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23  
Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

**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.



*Left to right: Angela Kavsnica, Clarissa Aljentera, and Avis Coleman*

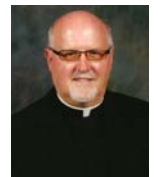
Parishioners from St. James led a Confirmation retreat for eighth graders at St. George's in Tinley Park on February 6. Clarissa Aljentera, Avis Coleman and James Panek led the retreat for 50 students and their catechists. The retreat team raised \$500 for the parish that will go toward the garden project. Leaders worked with Angela Kavsnica, the coordinator of religious education, to create and facilitate the retreat.

**Thank you to  
Bishop Joseph Perry and Fr. Michael Barth, S.T.**

Bishop Joseph Perry (left) gave official notice of a good change in Pastoral Ministry for St. James last Sunday, February 14 during the 9:30 mass.



Father Michael Barth (right) was also introduced last week. He 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.T. Who will begin his work with us on March 1. Please see page 5 for more information about Fr. John Edmunds.

## TREASURE

### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

January 1 — February 7

<u>SUNDAY</u>	2016	2015	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$10,651.00	\$7,077.50	\$3,573.50
LOOSE CHECKS	\$4,794.00	\$3,708.00	\$1,086.00
LOOSE CASH	\$1,434.51	\$924.14	\$510.37
ON-LINE	\$5,780.00	\$1,905.00	\$3,875.00
<b><u>TOTAL SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,659.51</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,614.64</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,044.87</u></b>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$283.00	\$261.00	\$22.00
SAINT AGATHA	\$951.42	\$452.07	\$499.35
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$408.85	\$0.00	\$408.85
<b><u>TOTAL OTHER</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,643.27</u></b>	<b><u>\$713.07</u></b>	<b><u>\$930.20</u></b>
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$24,302.78</b>	<b>\$14,327.71</b>	<b>\$9,975.07</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  
Louise Bacon  
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

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

February 14, 2016: 153(9:30 a.m.)

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

February 28, 2016

### Lectors

9:30 a.m. Br. Chris Buck & Phillip Sutton

11:30 a.m. Clarissa Aljentera & Thomas Raclaw

### Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Bob Gaggiano (Bread),  
Deborah Cooper, Julia Hodges,  
Leona Martin and Barbara Sutton

11:30 a.m. Clarissa Aljentera & 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



## 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 02/21		Second Sunday of Lent
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
11:00 a.m.		Sharing Parish Food Delivery (Food Pantry)
11:30 a.m.		<b>Mass</b>
Mon 02/22		
7:30 a.m.		Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	†	<b>Gladys Fleming - request by Eileen Coffey</b>
Tue 02/23		
7:30 a.m.		Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	†	<b>Br. Rai Rose - request by Christian Br. Benilde De La Salle Community</b>
Wed 02/24		
7:30 a.m.		Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	†	<b>For the Intentions of Sr. Mary Louis Degenhart - request by Douglas Miller</b>
Thur 02/25		
7:30 a.m.		Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	†	<b>For the Intentions of Barbara Duffy - request by Diane Mazeski</b>
Fri 02/26		
7:30 a.m.		Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
9a.m. - 12p.m.		<b>Office open by appointment only</b>
Sun 02/27		Third Sunday of Lent
8:30 a.m.		Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m.		Mass
	†	<b>Barbara DeChatelet - request by Eileen Coffey</b>
9:40 a.m.		Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:30 a.m.		<b>Mass</b>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



### Eucharistic Adoration

*Friday, March 4 - 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.*  
(Parish Hall)

### Lenten Day of Service

*Saturday, March 12 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
(Food Pantry)

### Eucharistic Adoration

*Friday, April 1 - 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.*  
(Parish Hall)

### Jazzin' to Feed

*Saturday, April 9 -*  
*VIP Reception 5 p.m.-7 p.m.*  
*Main Event 7 p.m.- 10 p.m.*  
(De La Salle Institute)  
(3434 S. Michigan Ave.)

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Meet Fr. John Edmunds, S.T.



What a joy to be invited to serve St. James as your pastor. I look forward to many years sharing life with this community. My prayer is that together we will be able to walk in the presence of God and share the Good News with others. I look forward to getting to know you, so let me introduce myself.

I was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, the oldest of the six children of John and Theresa Edmunds. My mother was the child of Polish immigrants and was bi-lingual in Polish. My grandparents were immigrants to this country who never learned English... And I, unfortunately, never learned Polish. My father's maternal grandparents were German immigrants. The Edmunds side has been in the United States since the seventeenth century.

The idea of serving as a priest and a missionary was a boy-hood dream. I entered a high school seminary and spent the next thirteen years in various schools and programs to prepare for life as a religious and a priest. I took my first vows as a Missionary Servant of the Most Holy Trinity in 1970 and I was ordained to the priesthood on May 15, 1976. It seems like yesterday.

Since ordination I have worked in California, Chicago (one year, during the Mayor Bilandic snow storm!), Louisiana, Alabama, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia. My ministries have included parish work, youth work, community development, vocation work, campus ministry (at Louisiana State University and the University of Maryland), formation work, and in leadership of my religious community. I served for several years on the National Board of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, including one term as president. In that role I had the great privilege of having a private audience with Pope Francis. Since that meeting, I consider the Holy Father my BFF.

My undergraduate degree (in philosophy) was from The Catholic University of American in Washington, D.C. I obtained an M.A. in systematic theology from the Washington Theological Union and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) from CUA with an emphasis in Spiritual Theology. At the Aquinas Institute in St. Louis I earned a Doctorate of Ministry (D.Min.) in Preaching. You'll have to tell me if I deserve the degree!

Most of my ministries over the years have been among the African-American community. Before my time in leadership for my congregation, I spent seventeen years as pastor of an inner city parish in Jersey City, New Jersey. The rich diversity at St. James is a great gift that you can be justly proud of, and I look forward to getting to know you.

Your logo of the scallop shell caught my eye. As you no doubt know, the scallop is the symbol of those on pilgrimage (the Camino) to the Shrine of St. James as Santiago de Compostela. I walked the Camino in 2003 all the way from St. Jean Pied de Port in France to the Shrine – five hundred plus miles over thirty days. I felt an immediate connection to St. James when I saw your logo. It seems like providence has brought us together. Let us pray that we will walk in faith together into the future God has in store for us.

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