



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.*

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WELCOME AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

St. James parish welcomes its new pastor, Rev. John Edmunds, S.T. Fr. Edmunds is scheduled to arrive later this afternoon. His appointment as the pastor of St. James is effective March 1, and he will celebrate his first Sunday masses in the parish next week on March 6. Welcome, Father John! We're glad you're with us!



**Bells from the tower of the former
St. James Church**

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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FEBRUARY 28, 2016 · THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

FROM THE BURNING BUSH TO THE FIG TREE

In today's first reading, Moses asks God for his name. It is an odd request, and it is even more odd that God grants it. We need proper names so that we can tell things apart, and if there is only one of a thing, then it hardly needs a name. God is One, absolutely one, utterly unique – there is none like him, he has no equal, and so he has no need of a name. He, more than any, is the Nameless One, the one who cannot be contained in a name and who has no need of a name.

Yet Moses asks, and God gives an answer. Or does he? Is "I AM WHO I AM" really a name? Does it say anything? Does it tell us anything at all about the speaker? Perhaps God's answer ought to be read more as the refusal to give a name rather than as a proper name for himself. And yet God insists to Moses that this is to be his name in Israel for all generations. The name that had not been revealed even to Abraham is now, through Moses, given to the whole people, and this precisely so that they can call on him by this name. That really is the whole point. If I know your name, I can call you by name, I can call on you, I am related to you somehow. God gives his name so that his people can call upon him, so that they can turn to him in their need, so that they can belong to him in a complete and total way. This name is given at the burning bush to Moses, and it continues to define God's people as God's people – we are the ones who call on him by name.

The name of God, as will become clear later in Exodus with the giving of the Ten Commandments, is not to be taken in vain, it is not to be used falsely or lightly. When God is called upon by name, it must be from a pure heart, a heart fixed on him and totally open to receiving his Word and his goodness. In other words, God's name can only be spoken by one whose heart is completely turned towards the Lord, a completely converted heart. And this brings us into today's gospel and Jesus' parable of the fig tree.

We normally think of parables as made up stories, but today's gospel sees Jesus pointing to a couple of real live actions in the world. He refers to some Galileans who were killed in one of Pilate's many rough policing actions, and to others who were crushed when a tower collapsed on them. Consider these poor unfortunates, Jesus says, and then consider that all of you will end up in that same dead state if you do not repent. Then comes the parable of the fig tree. Fig trees are fruit trees, and they are supposed to give fruit. But this one has given nothing, it is useless and only takes up space in the garden. The owner wants it cut down, but the gardener wants to give it just one more chance. And that's where the story ends. We don't know how things will turn out for the fig tree – Jesus concludes by saying that it is now on its last chance and it must produce something. We, it turns out, are in the same situation.

In Jesus God has given us our "last chance," not because he has arbitrarily decided to give us nothing more, but because there is nothing more to give. In Jesus, his own Son, he gives us all that he has and all that he is. In him we have the grace of repentance and the grace to bear the fruit of disciples that God is looking for. It is all present in Jesus, the Father's word and the name of God, who is who he is, now and forever.



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

AT ST. JAMES

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday 3/24/21016

6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Hall)

8:00 p.m. Bike Pilgrimage (Hall)

Good Friday 3/25/21016

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Hall)

6:30 p.m. Passion of the Lord (Hall)

Holy Saturday 3/26/21016

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (Hall)

Easter Sunday 3/27/21016

9:30 a.m. Mass (Hall)

10:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Hall Grounds)

11:30 a.m. Mass (Hall)

TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

January 1 — February 14

<u>SUNDAY</u>	2016	2015	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$13,691.00	\$9,328.50	\$4,362.50
LOOSE CHECKS	\$5,369.00	\$4,323.00	\$1,046.00
LOOSE CASH	\$1,647.82	\$1,037.78	\$610.04
ON-LINE	\$6,210.00	\$4,105.00	\$2,105.00
<u>TOTAL SUNDAY</u>	<u>\$26,917.82</u>	<u>\$18,794.28</u>	<u>\$8,123.54</u>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$333.00	\$321.00	\$12.00
SAINT AGATHA	\$976.42	\$606.07	\$370.35
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$408.85	\$0.00	\$408.85
<u>TOTAL OTHER</u>	<u>\$1,718.27</u>	<u>\$927.07</u>	<u>\$791.20</u>
<u>TOTAL GIVING</u>	<u>\$28,636.09</u>	<u>\$19,721.35</u>	<u>\$8,914.74</u>

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

February 21, 2016: 124(9:30 a.m.)/ 44(11:30 a.m.)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

March 6, 2016

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Bob Gaggiano & Monique Germain

11:30 a.m. Marian Jones & Mary Levine

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman (Bread),
Sheri Seyfried, Josie Bertucci,
Cynthia Cooper, and Werner Seyfried

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

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Eileen Coffey

11:30 a.m. Fran Williams



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

Fellows Needed!

The Fellowship Committee is in need of more members to help with the various socials here at the parish. There is a meeting on March 13 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to join. You can contact Michael Maher for more information.
mmaher@stjameswabash.org 312-842-1919 x212.

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 02/28	Third Sunday of Lent	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	†	Barbara DeChatelet - request by Eileen Coffey
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
Mon 02/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	†	Finis Abernathy - request by Eileen Coffey
Tue 03/01	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	1:00 p.m.	Liturgy Meeting (Rectory)
	†	Br. Rai Rose - request by Christian Br. Benilde De La Salle Community
Wed 03/02	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Rectory)
	†	For the Intentions of Mattie Hopkins-request by Fred Blakey
Thur 03/03	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	†	Cleo Lasley - request by Ann Lasley
Fri 03/04	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	†	Phillip Seitz - request by Ron Zivkovic
	7p.m. - 12a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Hall)
	9a.m. - 12p.m.	Office open by appointment only
Sat 03/05	10:00 a.m.	Evangelization Meeting (Rectory)
Sun 03/06	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
	Second Collection - Sharing Parish St. Agatha	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	†	Jim Sherman - request by Josie Bertucci
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	Mass

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



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



NOW HERE AT ST. JAMES

For a couple of years now, the Archdiocese of Chicago has been conducting a capital campaign to raise funds for the archdiocese and for every parish in the archdi-

ocese. For purposes of participation, parishes are divided into groups, or waves. Four of these "waves" have already gone through the campaign. Now it is our turn, for St. James is in Wave V.

The work of the campaign has already begun in our parish, although not in a way that most parishioners will have seen yet. The campaign executive committee has been formed, it has received a number of training and orientation sessions, and it has begun its work. Some parishioners have already been asked to participate and they have responded very generously. Our parish goal in the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign is \$260,000.00 and we have already received over \$100,000.00 in pledges in the opening phase. This is a very good beginning, and a very good sign that we are on track to meet and surpass our goal.

Up to the goal of \$260,000.00 the Archdiocese receives 40% of all that is collected and the parish receives 60%. After we have reached our goal, 100% of the money pledged and received remains at St. James for use in our parish. Since the old church building was torn down, all we have are the rectory and the parish hall. The major repairs needed in the rectory will be covered by a grant from the Archdiocese that is a part of the coming of the Trinitarians to St. James. So we will be able to devote nearly all of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* money to the hall – to new windows, to a new roof, and to a badly needed overhaul of the heating system.

Next week the campaign will enter a new phase here at St. James as more parishioners will be contacted. Members of the executive committee will be phoning parishioners to set up meeting times to discuss the campaign and each family's participation in it. Please give these campaign workers a good hearing and consider prayerfully what they ask you to consider.

Later on, probably after Easter, a general appeal for participation will be made at a Sunday mass. By then, we hope to have surpassed our goal, but we want to make sure that everyone is invited to participate and that everyone has a chance to join in.

This campaign is coming at a good time in the life and history of St. James. With the coming of the Trinitarians the parish will have stability in parochial leadership and a chance to reform and grow, as we all know it must. In such a basic, spiritual renewal, money is not everything, but it does have a role to play, and this campaign will bring St. James needed monies to do some work that must be done. More importantly, it joins us to each other in a common enterprise for our own parish and for the greater good of the Archdiocese of Chicago, of which we are a vital part.

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