



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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phone's barcode scanner app and it will
direct you to the parish webpage.



For Ash Wednesday
Schedule, see page 5

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



“SEND ME!”



The conjunction of today’s first reading and next week’s visit to St. James by Bishop Perry is nothing short of lovely. In the reading from Isaiah 6 in today’s mass, the prophet is in the temple and there receives a vision of the glory of the Lord. The glory fills the temple. Six-winged seraphs spread incense throughout the building as they swing their thuribles. The

prophet, overcome by the sense of his own sinfulness in the presence of God’s holiness, confesses himself a sinner and has his lips burned clean by a charcoal taken from the fire. And finally, when he hears the Lord ask his court: “Whom shall I send? Who will speak for me?” he steps forward, no less a sinner but now one consumed with zeal for the Lord, and he cries out, “Here I am! Send me!”

If we take a look at Bishop Perry’s coat-of-arms and his episcopal motto, it is obvious that he has made this scripture passage his own – it has become personal for him. On the shield we see the worship thurible giving off the incense that signals God’s holiness and presence. We see the six wings, an unmistakable reference to the seraphim. And the motto beneath the shield is the prophet’s own cry of “Send me, O Lord!”

We are not Bishop Perry, nor do we have a coat-of-arms and motto as he does. And yet as we listen to him next week and receive with joy the good news he brings about a brighter future and possibilities for St. James, we could do a lot worse than hear again the words of the prophet in the presence of God and take them to heart. St. James has received a great gift, a great grace, a clear sign of the Lord’s favor and generosity. We could just take it in stride, think something like “It’s about time something good happened here!”, and go on about our business as if not much has been changed beyond our having now some reassurance about our future.

Or – and this would be the much better way – we could take it as the prophet took it and as the bishop’s shield and motto suggest that we take it. The prophet knows his own sinfulness (there is no false modesty here) and he knows that he is unworthy to be a witness to God’s holiness and goodness. He knows that nothing he has received is owed to him by God, but rather it all is grace, it is all pure gift from a loving God whose generosity we cannot imagine. And so the prophet does not just receive it as his due, as something that is no big deal. He receives it as a call on God’s part to dedicate himself to the beauty he has seen in the temple and to give his life in the Lord’s service.

St. James, as it receives much, is now called upon to give much, to respond with lives of service, as did the prophet and as did the disciples in today’s gospel. This is no thing that just allows us to continue on as before, only now we breathe easier. No, this changes everything, as is the case in the life of grace of every prophet and disciple. By this grace, we belong to him more now than ever before, and we should expect that this grace will change our lives, and renew our parish. Or at least it should and will if we do not stand in the way. It will not be easy. But then, did we really want it to be?

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

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2016

- 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
- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11 Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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.

Lenten Day of Reflection February 13, 2016

All are invited to Lenten Day of Reflection at Garfield Park Conservatory, Saturday, February 13, 2016. from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$15. Registration forms and information are at the back of the hall.

Bishop Joseph Perry will celebrate Mass at St. James Next 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.



Thank you from Sr. Barbara



Thank you to everyone who sent such beautiful cards, letters, flowers, candy and calls for my birthday.

I miss everyone at St. James and hope to come down there one day soon.

Love Sr. Barbara

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 24

<u>SUNDAY</u>	2016	2015	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$6,613.00	\$4,306.50	2,306.50
LOOSE CHECKS	\$3,234.00	\$2,749.00	\$485.00
LOOSE CASH	\$712.56	\$600.35	\$112.21
ON-LINE	\$3,185.00	\$1,210.00	\$1,955.00
<u>TOTAL SUNDAY</u>	<u>\$13,744.56</u>	<u>\$8,865.85</u>	<u>\$4878.71</u>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$213.00	\$179.00	\$34.00
SAINT AGATHA	\$443.25	\$269.06	\$174.19
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$383.85	\$0.00	\$383.85
<u>TOTAL OTHER</u>	<u>\$1,040.10</u>	<u>\$448.06</u>	<u>\$592.04</u>
TOTAL GIVING	\$14,784.66	\$9,313.91	\$4,470.75

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 14

One Mass only!

9:30 a.m.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

February 14, 2016

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Michael McLaughlin & Virginia Piecuch

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Barbara Sutton (Bread),
Werner Seyfried, Cynthia Cooper
and Oreaan Perry

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Liz Bowman

*St. James Welcomes Parishioners
of St. Edna's Parish
In Arlington Heights, Illinois*

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 02/07	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)
Mon 02/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Fritz - request by Anne Brinkopf
Tue 02/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Br. Rai Rose - request by Christian Br. Benilde De La Salle Community
Wed 02/10	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Bernice Gotter - request by Barbara Gotter
	12:50 p.m.	Mass at God Box — IIT
	6:30 p.m.	Mass (Parish Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Service at God Box (IIT)
Thur 02/11	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Sarah & Bridget Gaggiano - request by Bob Gaggiano
Fri 02/12	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Stephen Burke - request by Jerry & Judy Burke
	9a.m - 12p.m.	Office open by appointment only
Sat 02/13	8:00 a.m.	Second Saturday Produce Pantry (Food Pantry)
	10:30 a.m.	Lenten Day of Reflection (Garfield Park Conservatory)
Sun 02/14	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection— Food & Toiletries for the Pantry	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass with Bishop Joseph Perry as Mass Celebrant (Parish Hall) † Iris Green - request by Eileen Coffey & Phillip Sutton
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	No Mass

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Bishop Joseph Perry Mass Celebrant
Sunday, February 14 - 9:30 a.m.
No 11:30 Mass
(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

Thank you from Verda Abernathy

Dear St. James Family and Friends,
Thanks so much for your continued prayers and consoling thoughts in cards and calls of loving sympathy in memory of Finis.

Love Verda



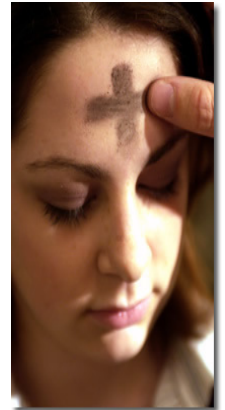
Ash Wednesday Feb 10, 2016

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



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."

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