



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.*



***Saint James Church is staffed by
the priests and brothers of the
Missionary Servants of the Most
Holy Trinity***

4th
SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and
the one speaking with you is he." He said,
"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.
—Jn 9:37-38

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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
on the first Friday of the month,
7:30-8:30pm, or 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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MARCH 26, 2017 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

ON THE WAY....



The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called by its Latin title: Laetare Sunday. The word "laetare" means "rejoice" and is the theme of this Sunday taken from Isaiah 66:10, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all be love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning." The vestments are rose colored. The term "rose" is used to describe this lighter shade of the color violet in the Roman Catholic Church. In the western liturgical system, purple is the color of Lenten penance, while white is the color of feast days. Rose is the color of Laetare as the color obtained naturally by mixing purple and white. According to the tradition, this Sunday is considered a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigors; a day of hope with Easter at last within sight.

Of course the "Lenten rigors" are not as rigorous as they once were. Carnival, which precedes Lent, has at its root two Latin words: "carne" and "vale," translated "good-bye to meat." In days past it was common to give up eating meat for the entire season! Now, the only expectation is that Catholics abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent and on Ash Wednesday. In the modern world we have to remind ourselves that we are in the season of Lent since our practices don't pinch as hard.

All of which suggests that in our day and time we might shift the emphasis of Laetare Sunday. Instead of this being a day of relaxation from our Lenten practice, let us make it a day of renewal of those practices. If you are anything like me, you tend to slip a bit in your observance over the six weeks of the Lenten season. I easily make an excuse not to abide by the resolution I kept so carefully during the first days of Lent. On this Sunday, as we turn more directly toward Easter, let us resolve to keep our Lenten penances vigorously for the next three weeks.

Another Catholic curiosity about Laetare Sunday – on this day a golden rose is blessed by the Holy Father in Rome. The Golden Rose symbolizes the Risen Christ of glorious majesty. (The Messiah is hailed "the flower of the field and the lily of the valleys" in the Bible.) In historical times, the Golden Rose was conferred upon the wives or daughters of Catholic rulers who had supported the papacy in times of trouble. In recent years, the Gold Rose has been presented to Churches or Shrines that help to promote the Petrine ministry. For example, Pope Benedict XVI during the eight years while he was pope gave away eighteen roses, all of them to Marian Shrines around the world. In 2008 the Holy Father gave a golden rose to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Pope Francis has bestowed two golden roses, in 2013 to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico and in 2016 to the Black Madonna of Częstochowa in Poland.

Peace,

Fr. John Edmunds, S.T



AT ST. JAMES

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2017

Readings for the Week of March 26, 2017

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Congratulations to Eva J. Leonard who was the recipient of an award presented by The National Council of Negro Women - Chicago Midwest Section, Thursday, March 23, 2017. The award was given to 9 women in the Chicago area who the organization felt have mirrored the life of Mary McLeod Bethune the founder of The National Council of Negro Women.



Parish Directory

Thank you all who signed up for the Parish Directory. If you missed your day or didn't get a chance to sign up there will be a make up day. The make up day for parish photos will be announced soon. Thanks again!



TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1 - MARCH 12

SUNDAY	2017	2016	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$16,931.00	\$18,694.00	(\$1,763.00)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$5,481.00	\$6,655.00	(\$1,174.00)
LOOSE CASH	\$2,737.45	\$2,329.11	\$408.34
ON-LINE	\$10,312.00	\$9,475.00	\$837.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$35,461.45	\$37,153.11	(\$1,691.66)
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$454.00	\$549.00	(\$95.00)
SAINT AGATHA	\$914.18	\$1,527.12	(\$612.94)
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$507.34	\$408.85	\$98.49
TOTAL OTHER	\$2,078.52	\$2,685.97	(\$607.45)
TOTAL GIVING	\$37,539.97	\$39,839.08	(\$2,299.11)

Reconciliation



The parish will hold a Lenten reconciliation on Saturday, April 1, at 12 noon in the Tolten chapel. Father Domingo and Father John will both be available for individual confession.

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.



Mass Attendance

March 12th, 2017: 124(9:30 a.m.)/43(11:30 a.m.)
March 19th, 2017: 127(9:30 a.m.)/46(11:30 a.m.)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

April 2, 2017

Lectors

9:30 a.m. TBA

11:30 a.m. TBA

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. TBA

11:30 a.m. TBA

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Barbara Ricks

11:30 a.m. Irma Fonder

Altar Servers

9:30 a.m. Diana, Dante, & Kevin



Easter is coming in a few weeks and so is our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Any donations of candy and baskets for the hunt would be wonderful. Please bring them to church by Psalm Sunday. You can give them to Erin or Greg Makowski.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Home Bound:

Margie Bass
Barbara Bassett
Edwina Cook
James Fonder
Paul & Jane
Freeman

James Kennard

Sr. Barbar Rastater
Norman Rouse
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southall
Bette Strickland
Dina Williams

Our Sick:

Darlene Andeson
James Martin
Patrick Martin
Carol Mullikin
Philip Ricks
Ben Tchou

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 3/26	4th Sunday of Lent	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	10:50 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Sharing Parishes Food Delivery
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
	12:30 p.m.	Chinses Bible Study
Mon 3/27	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>L'Vernon Gaiter - requested by Sheila Gaiter</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Rectory)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Rectory)
Tue 3/28	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9am - 11:30am	SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)
Wed 3/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Thur 3/30	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Fri 3/31	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Sat 4/01	12:00 p.m.	Reconciliation Service (Tolton Chapel)
	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Sun 4/02	5th Sunday of Lent Second Collection St. Agatha	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	10:50 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Sharing Parishes Food Delivery
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
	12:30 p.m.	Chinses Bible Study (Hall Basement)
	12:30 p.m.	Ladies of Peter Claver (Hall Basement)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Fr. John's Second Course 'The Year of Matthew'

**March 27, April 3, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
&
7:00 p.m.
(Rectory)**

Reconciliation Service

April 1 12:00 pm (Tolton Chapel - Rectory)

Jazzin' To Feed

April 29th 2017

NEWS YOU CAN USE



Eucharistic Adoration

April 1, 2017

**1st Fridays of Each
Month**

7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Confession

Available

7:30— 8:30 p.m.

St. James

Catholic Church

2912 S. Wabash Avenue

Presentation Hall

(Behind School)



Volunteer Income Tax
Assistance (VITA)

Free Tax Preparation

PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY - CHICAGO
4941 S KING DRIVE
THURSDAYS 5:30 - 8:30
SATURDAYS 9AM - 1PM

BEGINS THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

What to Bring

- For married filing joint, both spouses must be present
- All Forms W-2 and 1099
- Information for other income
- Information for all deductions/credits
- A copy of last year's tax return
- Proof of account for direct deposit of refund
- Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification notices/cards for you, your spouse, and/or dependents
- Proof of identification for yourself and/or your spouse
- Total paid to day care provider and their tax ID number
- Birth dates for you, spouse and/or dependents on the return
- Proof of foreign status if applying for ITIN
- Forms 1095-A, B or C (Affordable Health Care Statements)
- For prior year or returns, copies of income transcripts from IRS (and state, if applicable)