

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*



SUNDAY MASS

9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Presentation Hall

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
Tolton Chapel
(Rectory, 2942 S. Wabash)

RECONCILIATION

Confessions at
St. James on the first
Friday of the month,
7:30pm- 8:30pm,
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Thursday
8:00am-4:00pm

Friday
9:00am-12:00pm
By appointment only

Saturday & Sunday
Closed

LOCATION

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Chicago, IL 60616

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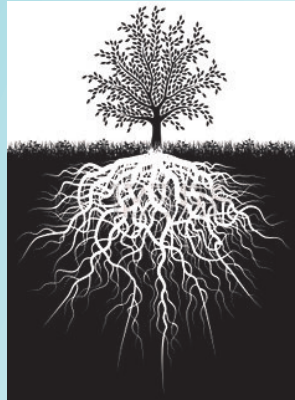
FEBRUARY 10, 2019 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ON THE WAY.....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

The last week of 1977 must be thought of as ancient history – that is, before you could binge watch. You had to patiently (or impatiently) wait for the next evening for another episode of the original blockbuster series, *Roots*. Alex Haley took what he knew of his family story and wove it into a dramatic commentary on the all too often untold history of the United States which included slavery, racism, economic exploitation, and violence. Even forty years later it is a tale worth learning about.



Perhaps the greatest lesson from the TV series was that you have to know where you've been in order to know who you are. These thoughts arise because today at St. James we celebrate the African-American heritage of our parish. The roots to this story begin with the Great Migration. African-Americans were fleeing the agricultural South beginning in the 1920s to make better lives for themselves in the industrial northern and western parts of the country. Chicago was a magnet for such migration and soon large numbers of Southern blacks were filling the city. Unfortunately, the exploitation they were escaping followed them in the red-lining and ghetto-ization of the newly arrived. Chicago would give a conditional welcome as long as you stayed in your place.

St. James became a haven for Black Catholics as the neighborhood changed and the school reached out to non-Catholics as well. The parish developed outreach programs to help those in need. Although the city policies were not benign they had the unintended effect of creating a strong African-American core of leadership to serve the community. A searching population could anchor here.

For a city like Chicago, change is a constant. The neighborhood around St. James has changed again and this has impacted our parish. A few years ago we did a survey of the parishioners and asked what one word they would use to describe the parish – "diverse." The hanging flags serve as a vivid reminder of the many different cultures and places which have fed into our current reality. This richness defines us.

However, to understand who we are today we must appreciate the foundation on which we were built. Isaac Newton once said, "If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants." St. James can only move into its desired future by building on the past. Those who labored long and hard for many years were giants and have shown us the way forward. Our inheritance from the African-American heritage is lively worship, close community, social concern. We can only be grateful for the gifts of the ancestors and resolve to continue and expand the legacy we have received.

Sometime in the next few years St. James will become part of Renew My Church. During that process we will reach out to neighboring parishes to see how we can collaborate more closely in order to better serve the people of God. What changes this will entail are unclear at this time. But if we stay true to our roots and remember those who made St. James the parish it is today then all will be well. According to an African proverb: I am because we are and we are because I am.

In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

AT ST. JAMES....



A big welcome to our sharing parish St. Edna. Your continued generosity helps to ensure that no one goes hungry.

Bible Study: Women of the Old Testament

Mondays 1-2:30pm or 7-8:30pm

Feb. 11 & 18, 2019

Join Fr. John Edmunds, S.T. for a FREE Bible Study course on Women of the Old Testament. Matriarchs, queens, warriors, prophets, saints and sinners -- the women of the Old Testament exhibit a rich diversity. This course will examine how women contributed to the story of the People of God despite the patriarchal structures which sought to constrict them.



Choose the time that works best for you... and bring a snack! All are welcome!!

This year we will not automatically mail out tax giving statements. If you want a statement on your giving for your tax returns please e-mail Cathy Moore between January 15th thru April 15th 2018 at cmoore@stjameswabash.org.

Please call Cathy if you have any questions. 312-842-1919 x211



TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered for our Giving Tree this year. It was a wonderful success! Thank you for making our Seniors feel loved and part of our community.

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— JANUARY 27

SUNDAY	2019	2018	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$6,599.00	\$5,845.00	\$754.00
LOOSE CHECKS	\$1,752.00	\$1,612.00	\$140.00
LOOSE CASH	\$1,258.84	\$725.20	\$533.64
ON-LINE	\$6,245.00	\$4,715.00	\$1,530.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$15,854.84	\$12,897.20	\$2,957.64
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$268.00	\$118.00	\$150.00
SHARING			
DONATIONS	\$678.00	\$542.79	\$135.21
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$290.30	\$130.00	\$160.30
TOTAL OTHER	\$1,236.30	\$790.79	\$445.51
TOTAL GIVING	\$17,091.14	\$13,687.99	\$3,403.15

In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Barbara Bassett
Altee Clark
Edwina Cook
Paul & Jane
Freeman
Juanita James
James Kennard

Sr. Barbara
Rastatter
Norman Rouse
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick

Victoria Allen
Aaylah Cooper
Patsy Cunningham
Marvelean Doss
Nancy McCarthy
Barbara Radizwon
Sandra Reynolds
Donald Rogers
Kimberly Starr

Mass Attendance

January 27, 2019: 107(9:30 a.m.)/52(11:30 a.m.)

February 3, 2019: 132(9:30 a.m.)/93(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 02/10	5th Sunday In Ordinary Time African American Heritage Mass Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry	
	9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. African American Heritage Mass 12:00 p.m. Lunch for African American Heritage Mass (Hall Basement)	
Mon 02/11	7:30 a.m. Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	
Tue 02/12	7:30 a.m. Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)	
Wed 02/13	7:30 a.m. Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)	
Thur 02/14	7:30 a.m. Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)	
Fri 02/15	7:30 a.m. Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)	
Sun 02/17	6th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Mass 9:40 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the World 10:30 a.m. Sharing Parish Food Delivery (Pantry) 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Mass	

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH, The Chicago Black Catholics Choir, St. Nicholas Choir of Evanston & Other Special Guests

Presents Its

SOUL FOOD FEAST & HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Soul Food Feast: 1:00 PM

Heritage Celebration: 3:00 PM

FAITH
"To Chart Our Future with Courage"

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH
615 E. Oakwood Blvd • Chicago, Illinois 60653
Fr. Andrew C. Smith, *Pastor*

Fr. George Clements, *Pastoral Consultant*

Fr. Gerard Jordan, *Spiritual Advisor*

Robert Watkins, *CBCC President*

Tyrone Pittman, *CBCC Exec. Music Director*

No Admission Fee • Free Will Offering

ST. JAMES • CHICAGO



Our Jazzing to Feed fundraiser is approaching. Although it is three months away, May 4, 2019, the time quickly flies. Last year we made over \$11,500 on the silent auction and this year we would like to reach \$12,000. We need over 100 items in order to do this. Popular items for the silent auction are gift cards – restaurant gift cards, grocery store gift cards, and department store gift cards. Theater tickets – live and movie are also popular. Also art work, gift baskets, new small household appliances, sports items and tickets, especially White Sox and are very popular. Bring items to church or drop them off at the Parish Office, 2907 Wabash. It would be great if they could be brought in sooner rather than later so we can begin processing them.

There is an exciting new website, jazzintofeed.com. There you will find information about the main event, food, sponsors, silent auction and more with links to other sites. Be sure to take a look at it, it is very informative.