



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*



EASTER SUNDAY

The other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the
tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

APRIL 21, 2019 EASTER SUNDAY

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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ON THE WAY.....



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

Happy Easter! For my grandparents from Poland, Easter was the highlight of the year. Before the holiday the eggs would be carefully decorated. The entire

family would gather on Sunday after Church and there would be massive amounts of traditional foods to be eaten. The next day, Easter Monday, just when you are trying to digest all that kielbasa, someone would throw water on you. Yes, the day after Easter is Wet Monday. Everyone gets soaked.

The origins of this celebration are uncertain, but there is evidence of the custom before the fourteenth century. Many people assume that this celebration has its origin in one of the following:

From pagan mythology, most likely a link with the Slavic goddesses of fertility. The tradition of watering the Corn Mother, who made crops grow and was represented in the form of a doll or wreath made from corn. OR, Wet Monday is a commemoration of the birth of Christianity in Poland, when Holy Baptism was administered to the Prince Mieszko on Easter Monday. This act united all of Poland under the banner of Christianity. What most probably happened is that the Church "baptized" the pagan custom by wrapping it with a Christian origin story.

Nowadays, the Wet Monday tradition is most commonly practiced among boys and girls, What better way to flirt with someone you like than throw water on them! But everyone participates. Some Poles say that if you get splashed by water thrown on Wet Monday you will have good luck for the rest of the year.

For our purposes, this bit of cultural lore serves as a reminder of how important baptism is in the life of a Christian. In the early Church all baptisms were done on Easter for it is on Easter that we are most ourselves as Christians. We enter the "sea of death" with Jesus in the baptismal water only to rise with him as part of the white-robed army of saints gathered around the throne of God. The ancient tradition was that those who were to be baptized would face west and renounce Satan. Then on entering the water they would turn to the east, to the rising Sun of Easter morning to proclaim their new identity as partakers of the power of the Resurrection.

For us at St. James the font sits at the entry to the church to demonstrate that we are Christians through the waters of baptism. We "throw water" from the font on our heads every time we enter into Church as we make the sign of the cross. During the Easter season we will substitute our baptismal promises (with more water thrown in) for the recitation of the creed. At our baptism Christ named us and claimed us. By our baptism we become one body, the Body of Christ, bearing witness to the presence of God in the world. Through our baptism we are commissioned to nudge the Church a little further down the road on the way to becoming the Kingdom of God by creating a more peaceful, forgiving, charitable and just society. During this Easter season let us celebrate who we are and whose we are because we have been "washed and saved" in the baptismal waters. Happy Easter.

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

AT ST. JAMES....

Easter Flower Donations



In Memory of:

Verda & Finis Abernathy

Bertucci & Dongarra Family

Jim & Elenor Boyd

Jean Bruce

Coffey Family

Edwina Cook

Marcella Crosse

Barbara DeChatelet

Carmaen & Luis Feliciano

Surless Ficklen

Mildred & Thomas Fisher

Frank & Bea Fojtl

Fonder Family

Tom Frayne

Iris Green

Beatrice Goldsmith

Claudia Howard

Authur James

Lane Family

McLaughlin Family

Ellen Noble

Perry Family

Petty-Woods Family

Ulden Revol

Phil Ricks

Rouse Family

Radziwon Family

Zivkovic

Requested by:

Ms. Eileen Coffey

Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Bertucci

Mr. & Mrs. James Boyd

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Mr. & Mrs. Louie Lee

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Ms. Mary Ann Feliciano

Mr. & Mrs. Louie Lee

Mr. Claude Fisher

Mr. & Mrs. James Boyd

Mr. & Mrs. James Fonder

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Ms. Frances Williams

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Ms. Elsa McLaughlin

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Ms. Orean Perry

Ms. Phyllis Woods

Mr. & Mrs. Louie Lee

Ms. Barbara Ricks

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Rouse

Ms. Barbara Radziwon

Mr. Ron Zivkovic

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

Evangelization Committee News

You are invited to be part of the conversation....
Alpha at St. James on Wabash

Sundays from
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

May 5, 19 &

June 2, 9, 23, 30

All are welcome to gather for
meal and discussion
to share our life and faith experiences of Jesus



Register on a sign-up sheet at Church or
Call the parish office at 312-842-1919

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— MARCH 31

| SUNDAY | 2019 | 2018 | CHANGE |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| ENVELOPES | \$22,673.75 | \$20,700.00 | \$1,973.75 |
| LOOSE CHECKS | \$7,123.00 | \$5,167.00 | \$1,956.00 |
| LOOSE CASH | \$4,376.69 | \$3,234.88 | \$1,141.81 |
| ON-LINE | \$20,285.00 | \$17,135.00 | \$3,150.00 |
| TOTAL SUNDAY | \$54,458.44 | \$46,236.88 | \$8,221.56 |
| BUILDING MAINTENANCE | \$862.00 | \$969.80 | (\$107.80) |
| SHARING DONATIONS | \$2,242.87 | \$2,172.53 | \$70.34 |
| TOLTON CANONIZATION | \$370.30 | \$509.93 | (\$139.63) |
| TOTAL OTHER | \$3,475.17 | \$3,652.26 | (\$177.09) |
| TOTAL GIVING | \$57,933.61 | \$49,889.14 | \$8,044.47 |



Our Home Bound:

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

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

Our Sick

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

Mass Attendance

April 7, 2019: 144(9:30 a.m.)/64(11:30 a.m.)
April 14, 2019: 121(9:30 a.m.)/66(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

| Sun 04/21 | Easter Sunday | |
|---------------|---|--|
| | 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal Mass † <i>Ellen Noble - requested by Crispin Thomas</i> |
| | 9:40 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. | Children's Liturgy of the Word Easter Egg Hunt (Courtyard) Sharing Parishes Delivery (Food Pantry) Mass |
| Mon 04/22 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) |
| Tue 04/23 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) |
| Wed 04/24 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) |
| Thur 04/25 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) |
| Fri 04/26 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) |
| Sun 04/28 | Second Sunday of Easter Second Collection Tolton Canonization Fund | |
| | 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal Mass † <i>Ellen Noble - requested by Crispin Thomas</i> |
| | 9:40 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. | Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday School Mass |



Long time parishioner, Barbara Bassett, has passed. Her funeral will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at 10:00 am here at St. James.





**WE NEED SOME
GOOD VOLUNTEERS!**

**We need volunteers to help setup for Jazzin' to Feed. If you are interested please contact Mo, the Volunteer Coordinator, and she will give you all the details.
312-842-1919 x 214**

Dear St James Parish,

March 8, 2018, we received word from the Vatican that a six-member historical commission voted unanimously acceptance of the official *positio* on the Cause for sainthood of Father Augustus Tolton (1854-1897). Representing all the research done on his life, this presentation, to eventually reach the desk of the Holy Father, is now decoratively bound in a red hard cover book format. This is exciting news and bodes well for the remaining steps toward beatification. Thank you for your prayers and continued support with this sacred task before us. We acknowledge your donation of \$315.30 we received.

In the Lord always


Most Reverend Joseph N Perry
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago (Postulator for the Tolton cause)

