

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

CONTACT

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I
give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” - Jn 10:27-28b



MAY 12, 2019 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ON THE WAY.....



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

There was a time when something called "Catholic culture" permeated society. Religious holidays were, well, religious and they determined the rhythm of people's lives. Nowadays things are different. Either the holidays are moved to be more convenient (Epiphany was traditionally on January 6 and is now on a Sunday. Ascension Thursday is celebrated on Sunday as well.) Or what had once been a religious holiday has been co-opted by society. (Christmas being the most obvious example. Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's days are excuses to party.) Our sense of important holidays are given to us by secular culture more than by the liturgical calendar. Last year, for example, more people were at mass on Thanksgiving Day (a national celebration) than on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (a holy day of obligation and the patronal saint of the United States.)

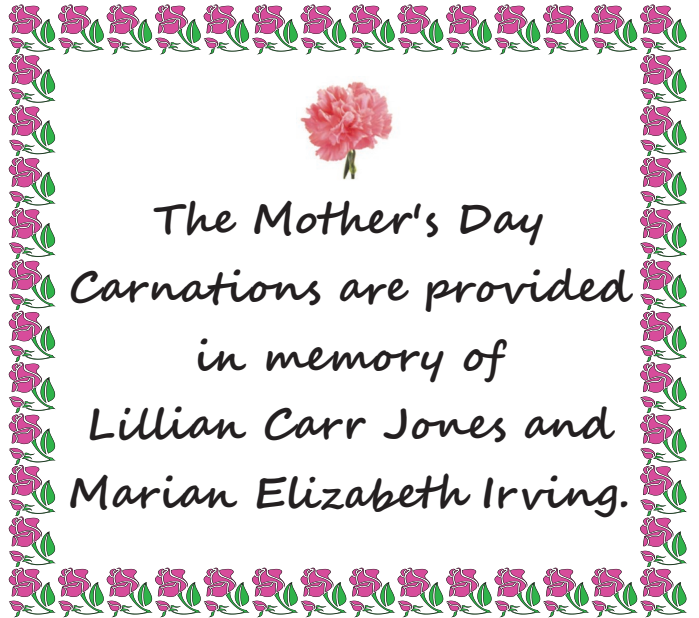
While something is lost with the demise of Catholic culture we should not be nostalgic for the "good old days." It has been the constant tradition of the Church going back to the very beginnings to "baptize" secular celebrations and transform them into something religious. Take Christmas, for example. In ancient Rome there was a celebration around the time of the winter solstice. Juvenalia was a feast honoring the children of Rome. The entire season was called Dies Natalis Invicti Solis, the Birthday of the Unconquered Sun. The festival season was marked by much merrymaking. It is also in ancient Rome that groups of costumed singers and dancers, called the Mummers, traveled from house to house during the season to entertain their neighbors. From this came the tradition of Christmas caroling. Since no one knew the date of Jesus' birth the Church took this pagan celebration and gave it religious significance.

Which serves as an introduction to Mothers' Day -- even this secular holiday has been co-opted by the society. Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother who had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world." Of course, the commercial interests have taken over and there is little or no thought of the public good which were the roots of the celebration of Mothers' Day. The question before us, therefore, is how we can "baptize" Mothers' day so that it can reflect core gospel values. Third thoughts: first, by a happy coincidence this Sunday is also Good Shepherd Sunday since the Gospel reading is taken from John 10. We can recognize all those mothers who serve as parents, teachers, catechists, liturgical ministers, etc. who truly "shepherd" the Church. Second, as Catholics we can use this Mothers' Day as the opportunity to renew our devotion to Mary, the Blessed Mother. May her example and prayers continue to guide the Church. Third, let us pray for our mothers, living and deceased, who were the instruments of God's gift of life.



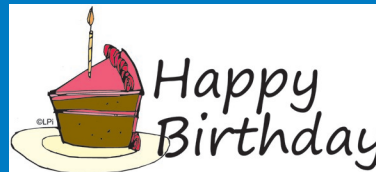
In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

AT ST. JAMES....



The Mother's Day
Carnations are provided
in memory of
Lillian Carr Jones and
Marian Elizabeth Irving.

Join us on Sunday, May 19th
in toasting Fr. John for the
70th anniversary of his birth
and the 43rd anniversary of his
ordination. We will celebrate
in the lower level after each
mass, and have a poster where
all can express their wishes.
Please RSVP on the list in the
east vestibule so we are certain
to have enough food for all.



Join us for
our annual trip
to our sharing
parish, St.
Edna's, on
Sunday, May
26th. We will travel together by bus at 10AM to
celebrate mass and share a meal with them.
Please sign up on the sheets in the east vestibule
so we have enough room and food for all. For
more information see

ST. EDNA
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TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

Evangelization Committee News

ALPHA BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 5

4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Rectory

Come for supper and conversation.....

May 19: Who Is Jesus?

June 2: Why Did Jesus Die?

June 9: How Can I Have Faith?

June 23: Why and How Do I Pray?

June 30: to be announced

Register by May 1....

online at

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or call Amy at 312-842-1919 x212



SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— MAY 5

SUNDAY	2019	2018	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$26,788.75	\$26,439.00	\$349.75
LOOSE CHECKS	\$10,368.00	\$6,727.00	\$3,641.00
LOOSE CASH	\$5,064.32	\$4,472.86	\$591.46
ON-LINE	\$24,810.00	\$20,590.00	\$4,220.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$67,031.07	\$58,228.86	\$8,802.81
MAINTENANCE	\$1,103.00	\$1,143.80	(\$40.80)
SHARING	\$2,884.23	\$2,287.53	\$596.70
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$608.20	\$745.93	(\$137.73)
TOTAL OTHER	\$4,595.43	\$4,177.26	\$418.17
TOTAL GIVING	\$71,626.50	\$62,406.12	\$9,220.38



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
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

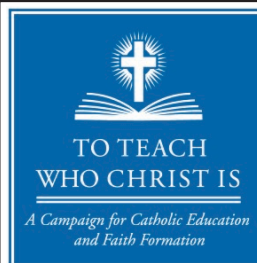
Mass Attendance

April 28, 2019: 112(9:30 a.m.)/43(11:30 a.m.)

May 5, 2019: 130(9:30 a.m.)/58(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 05/12	Fourth Sunday of Easter Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry & Catholic Charities	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. †	Choir Rehearsal Mass <i>Ginny Picken - requested by Cathy Moore</i>
	9:40 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday School Mass
Mon 05/13	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) <i>Tom Coffey - requested by Eileen Coffey</i>
Tue 05/14	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Wed 05/15	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) <i>Irene Kalina - requested by Judy Bulgajewski</i>
Thur 05/16	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Fri 05/17	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) <i>Anna Marano - requested by Mena Marano</i>
Sat 05/18	1:30 p.m.	First Reconciliation (Presentation Hall)
Sun 05/19	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. †	Choir Rehearsal Mass <i>Mary Lee Matteis - requested by Leah Laurie</i>
	9:40 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday School Mass
	† 4:00 p.m.	<i>Ginny Picken - requested by Cathy Moore</i> Alpha Program (Rectory)



The capital campaign of the parish is completing its third year. So far you have contributed \$258,791! Thank you. Because of your generosity we were able to install new windows in the hall.

Later this month we will replace the roof. This will be a major project requiring removing tons of material and hauling it away before we can install the new roof.

Thanks to all of those who have completed your pledges to TTWCI. A gentle reminder to those who are still honoring their pledges that your continuing contributions are necessary for us to complete the projects we committed ourselves to do.



Jazzin to Feed was a wonderful success. Thank you to all that participated and volunteered.

Without you we would not be able to do the work that we love to do for our community. Thank You!!!



The Br. David Darst Center is opening its doors to adults (21+) in the Chicago area for an opportunity to deepen their cultural and personal understanding of social justice and faith in action. **DIG DEEP!** is an overnight immersion retreat designed to help build community among participants and dialog about the roots of injustice. We explore our own stories, visit local community organizations in the midst of service and justice work, and listen to where we each are called to share our gifts.

May 17-18 | Civil Disobedience

5:00 pm Day 1-5:00 pm Day 2 10-15 spots available each retreat

COST: \$75 per person Includes lodging, linens, & three meals

Partial Scholarships Available

REGISTER TODAY: Email info@darstcenter.org