

**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*



# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

**MAY 5, 2019 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### 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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**IF YOU ARE  
WHAT YOU  
should be,  
YOU WILL SET  
the whole world  
ON FIRE!**

-St. Catherine of Siena ©L.M.



## ON THE WAY.....



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

The Catholic Church has a long tradition of setting aside the entire month of Mary to honor Mary, Mother of God. The custom has roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks and Romans. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated ludi florals, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms. The Church would frequently “baptize” pagan celebrations if they fit into a gospel understanding of the world. It was natural, therefore, to take the pagan celebrations of fecundity and new life and center them around Mary. She embodied in her person the new culture the Church was creating

The Northern Hemisphere, where much of the initial growth in the Church happened, welcomes Spring’s fullness in the month of May. (As we have seen recently April can look a little too wintry!) In medieval times customs abounded centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth. The tradition of Tricesimum, or “Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary,” came into being. It was held at different times during the year in various places. The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to the baroque era. Although it wasn’t always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary. Eventually Mary’s Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

Those of us of a certain age will remember May Crowning as a highlight of the year. The 8th grade girls would dress up and the whole school would be there with flowers galore. There were special songs: “Oh Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.” With the renewed emphasis on celebrating the liturgical season of Easter (the “fifty days”) devotion to Mary has found an even more appropriate place in our homes. Mary models creating a Godly home and our homes become domestic churches which provide the place to recognize Mary’s role in one’s family.

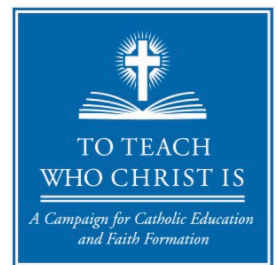
Many families have erected a prayer corner in their homes. It doesn’t need to be a big deal, just a niche will do. The point is that it’s a place in your domestic space designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray. During May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. Then, crown Mary in your own way. The meaning is far more important than the action. Do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone’s mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.



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

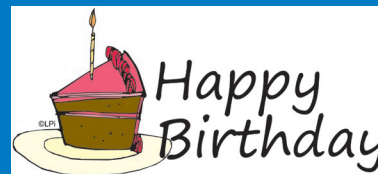
## AT ST. JAMES....

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.

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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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



## 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 5: Is There More to Life Than This?**

**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 [apellettiere@stjameswabash.org](mailto:apellettiere@stjameswabash.org)**

**or call Amy at 312-842-1919 x212**



### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— APRIL 21

SUNDAY	2019	2018	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$23,383.75	\$23,772.00	(\$388.25)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$7,583.00	\$6,202.00	\$1,381.00
LOOSE CASH	\$4,609.87	\$3,961.81	\$648.06
ON-LINE	\$22,060.00	\$18,920.00	\$3,440.00
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY</b>	<b>\$57,636.62</b>	<b>\$52,555.81</b>	<b>\$5,080.81</b>
MAINTENANCE	\$862.00	\$969.80	(\$107.80)
EASTER	\$4,259.50	\$6,023.87	(\$1,764.37)
SHARING	\$2,307.87	\$2,222.53	\$85.34
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$370.30	\$514.93	(\$144.63)
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$7,903.67</b>	<b>\$9,802.13</b>	<b>(\$1,898.46)</b>
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$65,540.29</b>	<b>\$62,357.94</b>	<b>\$3,182.35</b>



#### 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 21, 2019: 179(9:30 a.m.)/76(11:30 a.m.)

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

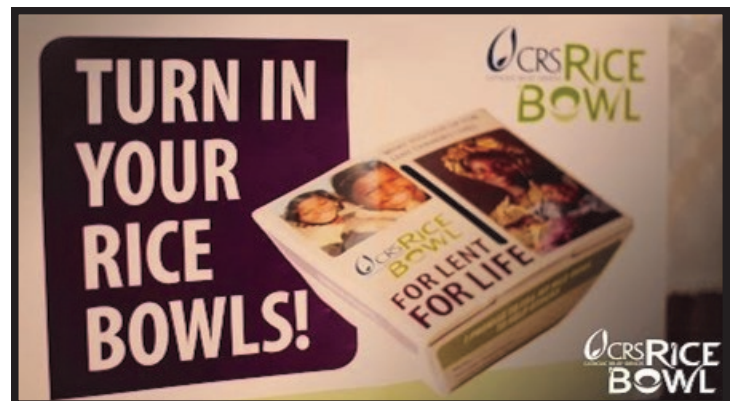
## NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 05/05	Third Sunday of Easter Second Collection Zacchaeus House	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
	4:00 p.m.	Alpha (Rectory)
Mon 05/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Tue 05/07	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Rectory)
Wed 05/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Thur 05/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
	6:30 p.m.	Evangelization Meeting (Rectory)
Fri 05/10	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Sat 05/11	8:00 a.m.	Mobile Produce Pantry (Hall Parking Lot)
Sun 05/12	Third Sunday of Easter Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry & Catholic Charities	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Mass

Jazzin to Feed was a wonderful success. Thank you 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!!!



Bethlehem Arts will be selling handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles after each mass today, May 5th.



Due to the political conflict and the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend on the sale of the articles abroad to survive. Please consider purchasing a gift to help our sister and brothers in Christ to keep their Christian identity and presence.



BR. DAVID  
DARST  
CENTER

**DIG  
DEEP!**

2019  
ADULT  
RETREATS

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](mailto:info@darstcenter.org)