



# 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*



**18<sup>th</sup>**

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard  
against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's  
life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

### 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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## ON THE WAY.....



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

The Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes professes a rather unusual vision of what it means to live a godly life. The author's view is almost cynical. "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" Since everyone dies anyway, what's the use, seems to be the attitude. The book is part of the "wisdom" tradition of Israel and is traditionally ascribed to King Solomon. Modern Scholars doubt that authorship and instead call the author by the name he gives himself, Qoheleth, meaning "the one who addresses the assembly." The presence of Persian loan words which were introduced into the Hebrew language at the time of the exile suggest that it could not have been written before the year 500 B.C., long after Solomon. The presence of Ecclesiastes in the Bible is something of a puzzle, as the common themes of the Hebrew scriptures—a God who reveals and redeems, who elects and cares for a chosen people—are absent from it. Ecclesiastes is the most extreme example of a tradition of skepticism and no other example of skepticism matches Ecclesiastes for a sustained denial of faith and doubt in the goodness of God. The conclusion of the book: "Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone" (12:13) strikes some scholars as a late addition to make the book more palatable.

One way of reading the book is as the record of Qoheleth's quest for knowledge: opposing judgments (e.g., "the dead are better off than the living" (4:2) vs. "a living dog is better off than a dead lion" (9:4)) are therefore provisional, and it is only at the conclusion that the verdict is delivered (11–12:7). On this reading, Qoheleth's sayings are goads, designed to provoke dialogue and reflection in his readers, rather than to reach premature and self-assured conclusions. The subjects of Ecclesiastes are the pain and frustration engendered by observing the distortions and inequities pervading the world, the uselessness of human deeds, and the limitations of wisdom and righteousness. The phrase "under the sun" appears thirty times in connection with these observations; all this coexists with a firm belief in God, whose power, justice and unpredictability are sovereign. History and nature move in cycles, so that all events are predetermined and unchangeable, and life has no meaning or purpose: the wise man and the man who does not study wisdom will both die and be forgotten: man should be reverent ("Fear God"), but in this life it is best to simply enjoy God's gifts.

In the 60's there was a popular song (written by Pete Seegar and popularized by the Byrds) entitled "Turn, Turn, Turn" based on Ecclesiastes 3. "There is a time for every purpose under heaven," becomes the refrain. The song adds to the phrase "a time of war, a time of peace" the non-Biblical phrase "I swear it's not too late." The pessimistic tone of the text takes on a more positive tone with that addition. All of which says to us that in reading the Bible we can recognize the broad spectrum of belief that have characterized the people of God over the centuries ... and characterizes us today.

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

## AT ST. JAMES....



### St. James Court #129



Ladies of Peter Claver Invite you to join us for a trip to the Four Winds Casino Saturday August 24, 2019

#### Receive:

\$10.00 food credit - \$15.00 play credit  
Donation - \$45.00 Bus loads at 8:30 a.m.

Leaves at 9:00 a.m Sharp from

St. James Catholic Church Rectory parking lot  
2942 S. Wabash – Chicago, IL 60616

Leave Casino @ 6:00 p.m.

Returning at approximately 7:00 p.m. Chicago Time

Purchase tickets from any Lady of Peter Claver - St. James Court #129. Boarding order determined when payment is received. *Early pay-Early board.*

Deadline for payment will be July 30, 2019

**Be sure to bring your current drivers license or state ID. Please PRINT ALL information requested below when paying for your ticket. Return the bottom portion with payment.**

Guest of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, \_\_\_\_\_  
State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year) \_\_\_\_\_  
Casino Card (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Calling all artists!! In October, St. James will be having a combination Dan Murphy concert and art exhibit featuring the artists of St. James. If you are interested in displaying your works, please contact Amy Pellettiere at [apellettiere@stjameswabash.org](mailto:apellettiere@stjameswabash.org) or 312-842-1919x212.



**Watch the Bulletin for future details.**

**Next week is our monthly collection for the pantry. We are in desperate need of toiletries at the Food Pantry, especially water bottles, razors, deodorant, and soap.**



## TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



### NEW PARISHONER BBQ!

Have you joined St. James in the last 6 months?  
If so, please join us for a BBQ at the rectory  
**Today!! Sunday, August 4th at 1:30PM.**

For more information and to RSVP, please  
contact Amy at [apellettiere@stjameswabash.org](mailto:apellettiere@stjameswabash.org)  
or at  
**312-842-1919 ext. 212.**

### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— JULY 21

SUNDAY	2019	2018	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$43,107.75	\$43,102.00	\$5.75
CHECKS	\$15,755.00	\$12,041.25	\$3,713.75
CASH	\$7,762.08	\$6,947.20	\$814.88
ON-LINE	\$38,260.00	\$32,650.00	\$5,610.00
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY</b>	<b>\$104,884.83</b>	<b>\$94,740.45</b>	<b>\$10,144.38</b>
MAINTENANCE	\$2,044.00	\$1,780.80	\$263.20
SHARING	\$4,079.48	\$4,180.05	(\$100.57)
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$703.20	\$870.93	(\$167.73)
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$6,826.68</b>	<b>\$6,831.78</b>	<b>(\$5.10)</b>
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$111,711.51</b>	<b>\$101,572.23</b>	<b>\$10,139.28</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

July 21, 2019: 101(9:30 a.m.)/51(11:30 a.m.)  
July 28, 2019: 196(10:30 a.m.)

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

Sun 08/04	18th Sunday In Ordinary Time Second Collection Zacchaeus House	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass † <i>Carmen Bertucci - requested by Bob Gaggiano</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	Mass † <i>Shirley &amp; Debra Barker - requested by Phyllis Barker</i>
	1:30 p.m.	New Parishoner BBQ (Rectory)
Mon 08/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Kathy Gockel &amp; Danielle Hudachek - requested by Elaine Gockel</i>
Tue 08/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Myles Frazier &amp; Family- requested by Lucille Giles</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Rectory)
Wed 08/07	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Mr. James Zivkovic - requested by Ron &amp; Ron Zivkovic</i>
Thur 08/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Jim Sherman- requested by Matt &amp; Lyndie Sherman</i>
Fri 08/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Thomas Frayne - requested by Arthur &amp; Mary Alice Ruddick</i>
Sat 08/10	8:00 a.m.	Mobile Produce Pantry (Hall Parking Lot)
Sun 08/11	19th Sunday In Ordinary Time Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass † <i>Carmen Bertucci - requested by Bob Gaggiano</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	Mass

#### Widowed Men & Women

'I though I was doing okay, but I wanted things to be better.  
**The Joyful Again!** Retreat/workshop open my eyes to new possibilities.'

#### Fall 2019 Schedule

**Oct. 12 & 13** -(No overnight)  
St. Hubert's Estates  
**Nov. 2 & 3** -(Overnight only)  
Nazareth Retreat Hse. Batavia  
**Nov. 16 & 17** -(Overnight only)  
Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont  
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**GREATER  
CHICAGO  
- FOOD -  
DEPOSITORY.**

# 34<sup>TH</sup> HUNGER WALK



This year's Hunger Walk is on Saturday, September 7 at Jackson Park. This event is organized by the Greater Chicago Food Depository. If you would like to JOIN the St. James Food Pantry TEAM, please register at <https://give.classy.org/stjamesfoodpantry>.

St. James Food Pantry will receive credit for each walker. You can also participate by making a donation using the link above. Your donation will be credited to St. James Food Pantry.