

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

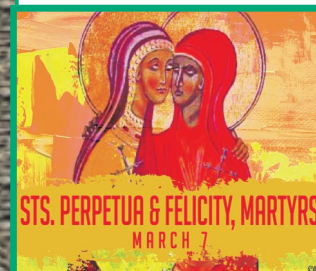
Saturday & Sunday
Closed

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ON THE WAY.....



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

Ubuntu: I am because we are and we are because I am.

The philosophy of Ubuntu was developed in South Africa during the time of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, most particularly by Desmond Tutu. You can describe Ubuntu as the belief that a person is a person through other people. Humanity is not embedded in my person solely as an individual; my humanity is co-substantively bestowed upon the other and me. Humanity is a quality we owe to each other. We create each other. And if we belong to each other, we participate in our creations: we are because you are, and since you are, definitely I am. You can see how this philosophy could serve as the foundation of a new kind of society post-apartheid.

Ubuntu is also something we need in the United States right now. We have all retreated into our respective tribes and tend to demonize the "other." If they don't think like me they must be evil or unpatriotic or senseless. We must recover the common humanity that we possess which is deeper and stronger than race or culture or language or ethnicity. Our humanity will be stunted if we aren't open to recognizing the other as a valuable person.

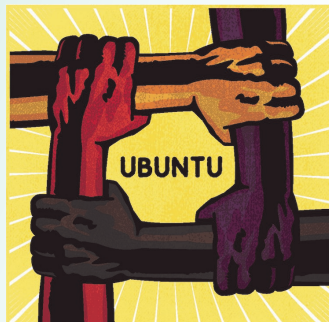
Ubuntu has unknowingly been the philosophy which made St. James the place it is today. The generation of builders welcomed the generation of migrants from the south who welcomed those seeking a hospitable community who welcomed the students from local campuses. At each turn St. James became more "human," a better expression of our God-given nature. What a relief that I don't have to create myself but can instead join with others in finding my true identity.

This Heritage Sunday we are particularly attentive to the fact that St. James is what it is because of the gift of blackness that African-American Catholics have given to the Church. This gift shaped the parish and continues to serve as the bass chord of our being together. In 1989, Sister Thea Bowman, of happy memory, described some of the characteristics of being authentically black and authentically Catholic:

"Black spirituality demands not only that you believe and that you hope and that you love. It also demands that you witness and testify; it is participatory. It is having people say to me what God is for them and to share that faith in communion, in love. Black Spirituality is contemplative, to contemplate the living word in the silence of the midnight hour. Black Spirituality is communal. Black spirituality is joyful in the time of trouble. Black Spirituality is holistic. As we journey together in faith and hope and love, we got to hold onto one another. You got to believe in the essential goodness of all humanity. The spiritual journey is the journey home.

Everybody knows where home is, home is where you are loved. It's where you belong. We're journeying together toward the eternal city where there'll be no death but only life and love and eternal joy."

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



AT ST. JAMES....



Our Jazzing to Feed fundraiser is approaching. Although it is four months away, May 30, 2020, the time quickly flies. In the past we made over \$11,500 on the silent auction. 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



Next Sunday, March 1, just before the Early Voting begins for the Illinois Primary, we will have the Blessing of St. Mathias at both Masses for voters and election judges. ****Voting is an important matter and our faith as Catholics encourages us to participate in elections.**

St. James Lenten Day of Reflection Surprised by God: Noticing God in Everyday Moments



Saturday, March 7, 2020
10AM—3PM
(lunch included)
Registration/Hospitality
begins at 9:30AM
Cost: Free will donation

Sign up for the Retreat by March 1st, email Amy at apellettiere@stjameswabash.org, call at 312-842-1919 ext. 212

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



The Peace and Justice Committee in honor of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King is sponsoring a student from St. James and an adult chaperone on a trip to The Legacy Museum and the Peace and Justice Museum in Montgomery, AL. We would greatly appreciate your support and ask you to please donate in any amount you are able to help us in this effort. Checks maybe made payable to St. James, please note on the check it is for the Peace and Justice Committee. If you give online there is a Peace and Justice option also. Cash is also acceptable. You may give your donations to Peter, Cheryl or Barb.

With Gratitude,
The Peace and Justice Committee

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— FEBRUARY 9

SUNDAY	2020	2019	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$6,722.00	\$7,684.00	(\$962.00)
CHECKS	\$2,590.00	\$2,603.00	(\$13.00)
CASH	\$1,548.48	\$1,615.45	(\$66.97)
ON-LINE	\$9,110.00	\$8,725.00	\$385.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$19,970.48	\$20,627.45	(\$656.97)
SHARING	\$1,178.65	\$1,168.02	\$10.63
MAINTENANCE	\$504.00	\$318.00	\$186.00
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$344.00	\$290.30	\$53.70
TOTAL OTHER	\$2,026.65	\$1,776.32	\$250.33
TOTAL GIVING	\$21,997.13	\$22,403.77	(\$406.64)



Our Home Bound:

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

Sr. Barbara Rastatter
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick
Victoria Allen
Aaylia Cooper

Patsy Cunningham
Marvelean Doss
Nancy McCarthy
Barbara Radizwon
Sandra Reynolds
Donald Rogers
Kimberly Starr

Mass Attendance

February 9, 2020: 116(9:30 a.m.)/58(11:30 a.m.)
February 16, 2020: 99(9:30 a.m.)/74(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 02/23	7th Sunday In Ordinary Time African American Heritage Mass	
	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass African American Luncheon (Hall Basement)
Mon 02/24	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) James Moonan-Levy - requested by Susan Will, Wayne & Christine Williams
Tue 02/25	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) Andrew Knoell - requested by Earl Summers
Wed 02/26	7:30 a.m. † 12:50 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) Bernice Green - requested by Barbara Sutton Ash Wednesday Mass (IIT God Box) Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)
Thur 02/27	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Fri 02/28	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel
Sun 03/01	7th Sunday In Ordinary Time Second Collection Zacchaeus House	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:40 a.m. 11:30 a.m. †	Choir Rehearsal Mass Sunday School Mass Shirley & Debra Barker - requested by Phyllis Barker



WHEN March 14-20, 2020
WHAT Service & Discernment Experience

Serve with Presentation Sisters.
Participate in daily prayer and shared reflection.
Build community.
Discern God's call for your life with others.

WHO Young adult Catholic women
WHERE New Orleans, LA

Join Hotel Hope and Lantern Light Ministry in their work to support people who are experiencing homelessness by preparing meals, building relationships with guests, leading activities for children and meeting other needs at each organization. Each day will include morning prayer as a community, service at a ministry site, time for personal reflection, shared meals, and evening reflection. Whether you are curious about religious life, discerning life's next step, or simply looking for an opportunity to pray and serve with other women, this trip could be for you.



QUESTIONS?

Contact Sister Jessi Beck at vocations@dbqpvm.org
For more information, go to bit.ly/PBVM_NOLA2020.
Applications due February 4, 2020





Your St James Parish Council held its first meeting of the year on January 8, 2020, at 7pm. This years council consists of 7 returning Members and 2 newly seated Candidates Gisela Quinones and Rachel Carlson. Returning members are Augustana Atangana, Phyllis Barker, Dave Bowman (On site architect/building Manager) Mary Ann Feliciano (Co Chair) Darren Haley, Ruelyn Howard, and Rene Rouse (secretary) . We are so grateful for the time and ideas shared by outgoing members Camille Hamlet/Amegah, Leona Martin and Sherri Seyfried.

News to share Ask a council member about the “Just Roots” project which may use our open land to grow and provide vegetables for the Community and pantry. Some Parish Council members met with Old St Mary Parish Council to see how we and our committees might work in tandem to best serve our elderly, homeless and unchurched communities . I am so proud to report that our small Parish continues to carry out the Mission of serving our community thru Social Justice, On going Faith sharing meetings, Our IIT Students, Bereavement committee, and open discussions on immigration and security discussions. Please search out a Parish council member and share your ideas or thoughts. We have much to accomplish and we can do anything when we work together. Eager to serve, Mary Ellen Levine (Chair)