

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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4th SUNDAY OF LENT

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found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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ON THE WAY.....



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

Sean Iling wrote a review of a book written in 1946 that says a lot about the current situation we are dealing with. Albert Camus wrote *The Plague* about a different time and place but its lessons are about today. The bottom line: We respond as we do to the virus, not so much because we may feel personally at risk, but so that we can help lessen the risk for everyone. We should prepare because our neighbors need us to prepare—especially our elderly neighbors, our neighbors who work at hospitals, our neighbors with chronic illnesses, and our neighbors who may not have the means or the time to prepare because of lack of resources or time. Our response to the virus is about our lives together as a community. This is, of course, difficult for us given American individualism.

Camus's novel asks if we can conceive of suffering not as an individual burden but as a shared experience — and maybe turn it into something affirmative. The key is to recognize the universality of suffering. A plague in the novel (or in our case, the virus) is an extraordinary event. But suffering is anything but extraordinary. Every single day you leave the house, something terrible could happen. At any moment, you could get mortally sick. The same is true for everyone you know. All of us are hostages to forces over which we have no control. A pandemic simply foregrounds what's already true of our condition. And it forces us to think about our responsibilities to the people around us.

Each character in the story is defined by what they do when the scourge comes. No one escapes it, but those who revolt against it, who reduce the suffering of others, are the most fulfilled. The only villains in *The Plague* are those who cannot see beyond themselves. The plague, for these people, is either an excuse to flee or an opportunity to exploit. What makes them so awful isn't their self-interest; it's what their self-interest undermines. Because they can't see that their condition is shared, an ethos of solidarity is completely foreign to them and that blindness makes community — real community — impossible.

The struggle against suffering is never over. The plague will return, and so will everything else that torments human beings. But the point of the book is that a shared struggle is what makes community possible in the first place. The lesson of *The Plague* is that we should see ourselves as members of a community, not as individualized actors. That means when we think of "preparedness," we're thinking not just of ourselves but of how our actions will affect other people. It means thinking of risk as more than an individual calculation. A pandemic, terrible though it is, highlights our mutual interdependence in a way that only tragedy can. The beauty of *The Plague* is that it asks the reader to map the lessons of the pandemic into everyday life using the principles that make every society worthwhile — empathy, love, and solidarity. If we learn these lessons now, in a moment of crisis, we'll all be better off on the other side of it.

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



READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Reading 1

1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

The LORD said to Samuel:
"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,
for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,
Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,
"Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him."
But the LORD said to Samuel:
"Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature,
because I have rejected him.
Not as man sees does God see,
because man sees the appearance
but the LORD looks into the heart."
In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel,
but Samuel said to Jesse,
"The LORD has not chosen any one of these."
Then Samuel asked Jesse,
"Are these all the sons you have?"
Jesse replied,
"There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep."
Samuel said to Jesse,
"Send for him;
we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here."
Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.
He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold
and making a splendid appearance.
The LORD said,
"There—anoint him, for this is the one!"
Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 23: 1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6.

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2

EPH 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:
You were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness.. (Continued on next page)

READINGS CONTINUED

Reading 2 Continued

and righteousness and truth

Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention
the things done by them in secret;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light.”

Gospel

Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.
He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes,
and said to him,
“Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent —.
So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar
said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?”
Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.”
He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.
Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.
So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them,

“He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”

So some of the Pharisees said,

“This man is not from God,
because he does not keep the sabbath.”

But others said,

“How can a sinful man do such signs?”

And there was a division among them.

So they said to the blind man again,

“What do you have to say about him,
since he opened your eyes?”

He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered and said to him,

“You were born totally in sin,
and are you trying to teach us?”

Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

He answered and said,

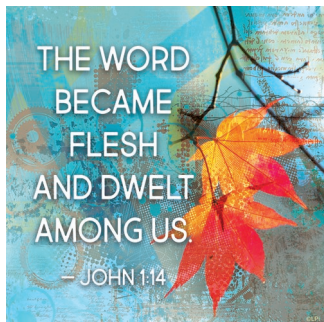
“Who is he, sir, that I may be-
lieve in him?”

Jesus said to him,

“You have seen him, and
the one speaking with you is
he.”

He said,

“I do believe, Lord,” and he
worshiped him.



NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 03/22	4th Sunday of Lent	
	9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	Private Prayer (Church)
Mon 03/23	7:00 a.m. †	Private Prayer (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) <i>Joseph Reynolds - requested by Joanne Becha</i>
Tue 03/24	7:30 a.m. †	Private Prayer (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) <i>Ignacy Folwaczny - requested by St. James Church</i>
Wed 03/25	7:30 a.m.	Private Prayer (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
Thur 03/26	7:30 a.m.	Private Prayer (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
Fri 03/27	7:30 a.m.	Private Prayer (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
Sun 03/29	5th Sunday of Lent	
	9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	Private Prayer (Church)



Our Home Bound:

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

Barbara Southhall Dina Williams

Our Sick
Victoria Allen
Aayliah Cooper

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



The Rosary is prayed on-line twice daily at
8:30AM and 6:30PM via Google Hangouts. If you
would like to join in this community prayer
please e-mail Erin at
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so she can forward you the link.





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