

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

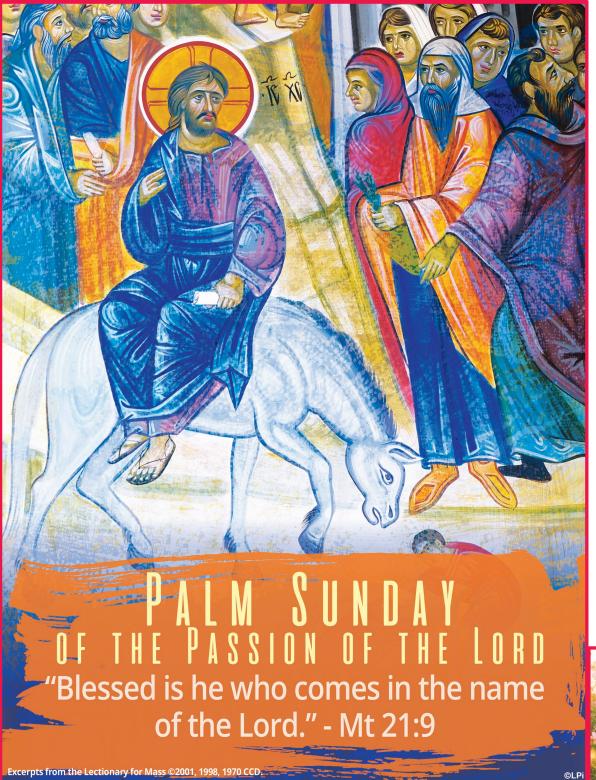
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ON THE WAY.....



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

Palm Sunday. Processions. Hosannas. Waving branches. Singing songs. Holy Thursday. Washing feet. Institution of the Eucharist. Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament. Good Friday. Proclamation of the Passion. Solemn Intercessions. Reverencing the Cross. Holy Saturday. Pascal Candle. Exsultet. Many scripture readings. Baptismal liturgy.

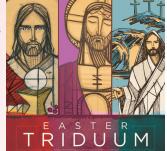
The fact that we are unable to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week together as a community is profoundly disquieting. While we can understand the need to lessen as much as possible the deadly spread of the virus we are still at sixes and sevens. Many of us have celebrated Holy Week since we were children and the liturgies play a vital role in our spirituality. It is hard to imagine doing without. Amy and Dan are working on live-streaming the ceremonies from the Tolton chapel. More details to follow. While it is not ideal, the ability to keep connected to our spiritual roots is helpful.

For some reason the experience of the early Christians in the catacombs keeps coming back to me. The first generations of believers were a hunted minority. They were forbidden to worship as they chose and certainly had no churches or other buildings where they could gather. So those first Christians went to the catacombs, the underground caverns where the Romans buried their dead in order to pray and worship. (If you ever have the opportunity to go to Rome you can visit some of these ancient sites. Of particular interest are the "scavi," the excavations underneath St. Peters. That catacomb was where St. Peter was buried and it was leveled in order to build the basilica that bears his name over his tomb. A historical footnote: there is a tradition in the Catholic Church of placing a relic, the bone of a saint, in a stone under the altar. This preserves the memory of those earliest Masses in the catacombs being celebrated on top of the bones of the martyrs. Since the current altar at St. James is moveable it does not have an altar stone.)

The inspiration that I feel from those first Christians is: you find a way. Even in the midst of persecution the Believers found a location to gather no matter the difficulty and danger so that they could raise their voices together in praise. We are doing something similar by using modern electronics to give us the opportunity to pray together under strange circumstances. We are not in danger of getting eaten by lions but by being attacked from a tiny germ. We use what we have at hand to pray just as the early Church used the resources they had available. The consolation of this memory includes the fact that the catacombs were not forever.

Eventually Christians were able to come out of the shadows and celebrate publically. The time of pandemic will pass for us as well – one hopes in the not too distant future. But until then like the catacomb Christians we will continue to find a way to "be Church" no matter the obstacles.

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



THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES



Join us for Mass <u>on-</u> line via Zoom

> Sundays 9:30AM

See calendar for link. Meeting ID: 622 647 147

give central

We are all suffering by not being able to gather for prayer and worship every Sunday. Unfortunately there is no way of knowing how long those restrictions will be in place to help prevent the spread of the virus. One consequence of this reality is that St. James is facing a dramatic loss of income. Many thanks to those who use Give Central for the parish donations. It provides some help with our bills. But, as all of you can testify, bills keep coming even when the income has diminished. I would ask you to continue to be generous to St. James during this time. If you would like to donate using Give Central you need merely to click on this link:

https://www.givecentral.org/location/41/event/654

Or, if you would prefer, consider mailing your donation directly to the parish. Together we will get through this difficult moment.

Readings for Sunday April 5

Processional Gospel:Mt 21:1-11

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." (Mt 21:9b)

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. (Is 50:7a)

Psalm: Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel: Mt 26:14—27:66

But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. (Mt 27:11-50-51)



Next Week at St. James



Bible Study

Gethsemane

begins on-line on Monday, April 6th One session at 1:30PM

See calendar for Zoom link. Meeting ID: 221 932 001

Easter Week Services

April 18 - April 21

Holy Thursday

6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

6:30 p.m. The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. Resurrection of the Lord

Watch all via Zoom, Meeting ID: 622 647 147

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 04/05	Palm Sunday Second Collection Zacchaeus House	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Shirely & Debra Barker - requested by Phyllis Barker
Wed 04/08	7:30 a.m. †	Private Prayer (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) Mary Ganshirt - requested by Sr. Tess
Thur 04/09	6:30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper (On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147
Fri 04/10	6:30 p.m.	The Passion of the Lord (On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Second Collection The Holy Land
04/11	8:00 p.m. †	Easter Vigil (On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Ralph Garosalo- requested by Mena Marano
Sun 04/12	Easter Sunday Second Collection Food and Toiletries	
	9:30 a.m. †	Mass (On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Peter & Anna Marano - requested by Mena Marano



Judy Archer Margie Bass Altee Clark Edwina Cook Paul Freeman

Juanita James

James Kennard

Dina Williams Our Sick Victoria Allen Aayliah Cooper

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

PALM SUNDAY



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The Rosary is prayed on-line twice daily at 8:30AM and 6:30PM Go to www.zoom.com. First time users, allow a few minutes to download.

Our meeting "room" number is 386-560-1938Or, go

directly to https://zoom.us/j/3865601938

Whether you are present or not you can submit a prayer request. Prayer Requests can be submitted through https://tinyurl.com/stjamesrosary