



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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PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
"Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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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. Or not.

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. Peter's. 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 [on-line via Zoom](#)

Sundays
9:30AM

See calendar for link.
Meeting ID: 622 647 147

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 † <i>Shirely & Debra Barker - requested by Phyllis Barker</i>
Wed 04/08	7:30 a.m.	Private Prayer (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Mary Ganshirt - requested by Sr. Tess</i>
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 † <i>Ralph Garosalo - requested by Mena Marano</i>
Sun 04/12	Easter Sunday Second Collection Food and Toiletries	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 † <i>Peter & Anna Marano - requested by Mena Marano</i>



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

PALM SUNDAY



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<https://www.stjameswabash.org/>

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 386-560-1938 Or, 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>