

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.



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4th Sunday OF EASTER

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and
will come in and go out and find pasture." - Jn 10:9

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(On-line)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Sunday
Closed until further
notice

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FAITH
LIFTS THE SOUL.
HOPE
SUPPORTS IT.



MAY 3, 2020

ON THE WAY.....



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

"Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest, from garden and woodland and hillside and dale... O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May," Does anyone remember that old song? It has been a long-standing Catholic tradition to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in May. In most Catholic churches (and even in many Catholic homes), a "May Altar" is erected with a statue or picture of Mary, flowers, and perhaps candles. The altar stands from May 1 to 31 as a reminder of Mary's importance in the life of the Church and in our own lives as well. Additionally, many Catholic churches and families hold a "May Crowning," presenting Mary with a crown made of blossoms or other hand-crafted materials to signify her queenship as the mother of Christ, the King. Of course this year we have to find new and creative ways to live out our Catholic faith. (Holy Week on ZOOM, anyone?) Since we can't gather as a parish as we are accustomed to, we might use this year to develop our "domestic Church" and find ways to celebrate May in our homes. One suggestion: keep fresh flowers on your dining room table during May as a way of remembering the presence of Mary in the family.



This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday. Every year we read from the tenth chapter of St. John's Gospel on this Sunday (in this year A we read the first ten verses) where Jesus uses the image of the Good Shepherd to help us understand his great love and care of us. My understanding of what it means to be a shepherd was shaped by an incident in my life a few years ago. (I have told this story before so bear with me.) I was walking in the hills above our novitiate in Mexico when I was surrounded by a flock of sheep. I had expected the shepherd to be leading the flock. Much to my surprise the shepherd was not walking in front of the sheep having him follow him. Rather, he was behind the sheep. He let them find their own way, find the succulent grasses they craved on their own. His role was to push those wandering off back into the fold and urge those lagging behind to catch up with the rest. This influenced my understanding of what "good shepherd" leadership consisted in. A real leader trusts that the group can apply its own creativity, its own initiative to a problem. Their many eyes can see things the leader cannot. The leader's role is to keep everyone going in the same direction and to ensure that no one wanders off on the wrong tangent. The shepherd keeps the flock together until they are safely home.



As we try to navigate through this strange time of pandemic each one of us must apply our unique perspective, our own creativity to help us remain a nurturing parish. Let us keep in touch with and supportive of one another through the "valley of darkness" until we reach those "green pastures."

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

Or you can call in at:

Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 622 647 147



Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/abZJJM2m4>



Please join us at
7:30 a.m.

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Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY

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The Rosary is
prayed on-line
daily at 6:00 PM
on Zoom.



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Meeting ID: 854 7222 3263
Password: SJROSARY

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



Message from Bishop Ron Hicks:

Governor JB Pritzker's extension of the mandatory stay-at-home order through May 30, while difficult, is a necessary step in protecting the common good and wellbeing of all in Illinois.

Yet, we share the aspirations of many that we will soon be able to gather for worship and parish life. As a result, Cardinal Cupich has asked our COVID-19 Task Force to begin the necessary work of creating a strategy for the eventual re-opening of our parishes, schools and agencies. They will do so in coordination with civil authorities and health care experts to determine how we might safely and prudently re-open our churches to attend to the sacramental life of our parishioners in a gradual way. We will continue to keep you informed and we ask for your patience.

I am heartened to share that despite the challenges of the past several weeks, we, as an archdiocese, have remained focused on the mission of the Church. Across our agencies, parishes, pastoral center and schools, the work of Jesus Christ continues and has found creative expression in ways that are giving people hope when they very much need it.

As we journey from Easter to Pentecost throughout the coming weeks, we can easily relate to the experience of the Apostles. They were filled with joy as they encountered the Risen Lord, and yet they experienced the trepidation of not knowing what all this would mean for their future. The Risen Lord was patient with them, as he appeared to them on several occasions to let them know they could trust in his promise to remain with them. They also had the consolation of knowing that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was with them.

Thank you for your continued prayers, for your commitment to one another and your work in the archdiocese, and for your service to the people of God in this time of suffering for so many. Stay well and safe.

Peace,
Bishop Ron Hicks

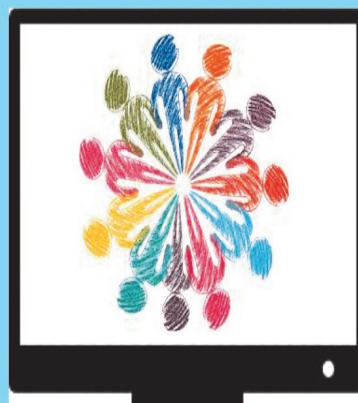
Other articles of interest:

Letter from the Pope: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/letter-on-the-month-of-may-full-text.html>

Article on spiritual communion: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-04/spiritual-communion.html>

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 05/03	4th Sunday of Easter Second Collection Zacchaeus House	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 † Debra & Shirley Barker - requested by Phyllis Barker
Mon 05/04	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY
Tues 05/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY
Wed 05/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY † Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Thur 05/07	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY
	6:30 p.m.	Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Fri 05/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY
Sat 05/09	8:00 a.m.	Mobile Produce Pantry (Hall Parking Lot)
Sun 05/10	5th Sunday of Easter Second Collection Catholic Charities Mothers Day	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147



Here for Each Other

A chance to connect with others,
to learn and share practical ways
to overcome isolation,
to deal with change,
and to promote health

Wednesdays
1:00PM

Fill out this form if you want to join us on Wednesdays:

<https://forms.gle/J5jGyEPvGJP1GxaZ6>





Please join us on Facebook and check out our website for updates and how to find new ways to continue to grow in your faith.

<https://www.facebook.com/stjamescatholicchurchwabash>

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

In Our Prayers



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