

# 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 a.m.  
(Church w/Sign  
Up & On-line)

## DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m.  
(Church w/Sign  
Up & On-line)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Sunday  
Closed until further  
notice

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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# JANUARY 31, 2021



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

Last Monday we completed the Week of Prayer for Church Unity. This observance has an interesting history. In 1899, while still a Priest of the Episcopal Church, Paul Wattson and some friends established the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor, NY. In 1909 Fr. Paul Wattson and his associates startled Protestants and Catholics alike when they made their corporate submission to Rome. On October 9, 1909, they were corporately received into the Roman Catholic Church. On June 16, 1910, Fr. Paul was ordained a Priest of the Roman Catholic Church at the Dunwoodie (NY) Seminary. Fr. Wattson, given this unique background, proposed an annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity between the then celebrated feasts of the Chair of St Peter and Conversion of St Paul, January 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. It has been celebrated ever since and the Vatican has encouraged other countries to promote the Week of Prayer for themselves. The Atonement Friars (they love to spell it At-one-ment) continue their important work of promoting Church Unity.

The sharp divisions between Catholic and Protestant Churches have become less pronounced in the past few years. Since the Vatican Council Catholics have changed from a stance of outright hostility to fraternal charity as regards our "separated brethren." Pope Paul VI set up international "dialogues" with various Christian denominations to discover areas of agreement rather than accenting areas of disagreement. Dialogue has three goals: to promote bonds of friendship, to seek mutual understanding, and to find ways of constructive collaboration. The US bishops set up similar national dialogues with several prominent Christian groups in our country including the Orthodox, Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist and Southern Baptist. These dialogues include theologians and Bishops or other Church leaders to ensure they are not merely theoretical but have concrete applicability in the life of the individual Christian.

These efforts are called "ecumenism." Ecumenism, from the Greek word "oikoumene," meaning "the whole inhabited world," is the promotion of cooperation and unity among Christians. Jesus Christ founded one Church and, in the midst of his Passion, prayed, "That they may all be one." (John 17:21) In fidelity to that, the Catholic Church takes part in an ecumenical movement seeking visible unity among the diversity of Christian Churches and ecclesial communities. The change that happened in the ecumenical movement after Vatican II was that the Catholic position shifted from "I'm right and you're wrong" to genuine dialogue where both sides were open to hearing from one another.

A divided Christianity is a scandal to the world and the movement of the Holy Spirit calls for the restoration of unity. Underlying the Catholic Church's pursuit of ecumenism is the recognition that despite the separation, elements of the Church can exist outside the visible boundaries of the Catholic Church. Thus, it can even be said that the Church's pursuit of ecumenism is another way of expressing her radical catholicity or universality. Ecumenical dialogue, the search for full, visible unity is thus essential to the Catholic life.

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

Sun 01/31	4th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>For the people of St. James</i>
Mon 02/01	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY † <i>Br James Wegesin - requested by Br Chris Buck</i>
Tues 02/02	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY † <i>Michael T. Manning - requested by Kathleen Green</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Wed 02/03	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY † <i>Br James Wegesin - requested by Br Chris Buck</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (On-line)
Thur 02/04	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY-line) † <i>Marybelle Graham - requested by Sophia Casey</i>
Fri 02/05	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY † <i>Virginia Davis - requested by Diane Hickey</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (On-line & Church w/ Sign up)
Sun 02/07	5th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
February 4, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Numbers will be limited and done in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines with respecting social distancing.

Fr. John will hear confession during adoration from 7:30pm until 8:30pm.

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

I will raise up for them a prophet like you  
from among their kin,  
and will put my words into his mouth;  
he shall tell them all that I command him. (Dt 18)

## PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

## SECOND READING:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord,  
so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

## GOSPEL:

The people were astonished at his teaching,  
for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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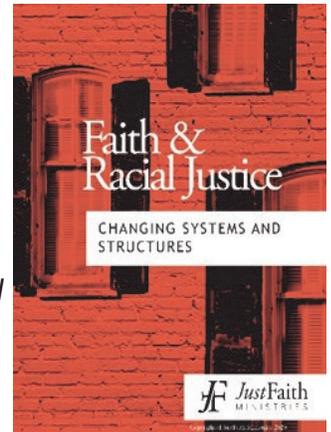
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week  
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;  
World Day for Consecrated Life  
Wednesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop  
Friday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr  
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs  
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Not sure how to plug into the work of racial justice?

Presented through the lens of the Christian tradition, *Faith and Racial Justice: Changing Systems and Structures* gives you the tools needed to address racism at a systemic level. In this eight-session program by JustFaith Ministries, participants learn about key obstacles to racial justice that are embedded within our institutions, systems, and structures. They then learn tools for mobilizing people and resources to dismantle those obstacles. For more information or to register [click here](#), or contact Jim Boyd. (Only 2 spots remaining. Sign up by 2/1)



**February 2, 2021, is the 25th World Day of Consecrated Life.** On this day Pope Francis calls all consecrated men and women to shine forth in various ways and to embrace this call of consecrated life especially in this time of the pandemic. Francis calls us "to move from 'I' to 'we,'" realizing "that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disorientated, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together" (Pope Francis, Extraordinary moment of prayer, Friday, March 27, 2020). "Be the Samaritans of these days, overcoming temptation to turn inward and weep for ourselves, or to close your eyes to the pain, suffering, and poverty of so many men and women throughout the world."

## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Moses taught the Israelites that God would send prophets to assist them in knowing His will. Why do you think people so often reject the prophetic message?

### SECOND READING

Paul speaks of the inevitability of anxiety in life. How does your faith assist you in handling what makes you anxious?

### GOSPEL READING

In the story of the healing of a demon-possessed man, Mark reports how the demons knew Jesus' true identity as "the Holy One of God." What does this reveal about the unseen order?



## Coming to Church

Advance sign up for all masses and events is required.

You can access all sign-ups for masses and events, including Eucharistic Adoration through [Sign Up Genius](#) or on the Sign Up Genius tab on our website. If you do not have access to the internet you may call Amy at 872-703-4337.

Participants must follow ALL safety guidelines.



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>

A graphic with the word "PRAYER" in large, block letters and "Requests" in a cursive font below it.

### Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer  
Margie Bass  
Altee Clark  
Paul Freeman  
Juanita James  
James Kennard  
Barbara Southhall  
Dina Williams

### Our Sick:

Victoria Allen  
Aaylah Cooper  
Patsy Cunningham  
Marvelean Doss  
Nancy McCarthy  
Barbara Radizwon  
Sandra Reynolds  
Donald Rogers  
Kimberly Starr