

**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 &  
On-line)

### DAILY MASS

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

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### LOCATION

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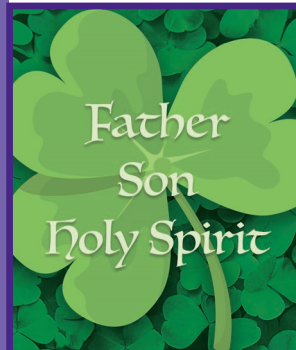
## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God  
and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have  
asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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## ON THE WAY.....



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

The parish retreat day was a powerful experience of grace. Fr. David Jones reminded us that we have to look at things the way that God does. One thing he said reminded me of a TED talk I heard recently from social work professor, Brene Brown. She pointed out the difference between "fitting in" and "belonging." "Belonging is being accepted for being you. Fitting in is being accepted for being like everyone else." Teenagers have a tendency to want to "fit it." They want to be part of the in-crowd, to blend in, to be normal. They say what other people say, they wear what other people wear, they do what other people do (peer pressure) all in the hope of making a connection. We shape shift to match the world around us. It usually leads to feelings of insecurity.

Belonging is a whole other animal. Belonging happens when our world is a good fit for us. Think of wearing clothes. Sometimes out of vanity we try to "fit it" to those pants even though our waist line has expanded in the past ten years. When we finally close the top button we try to breathe. Eventually we wise up and get clothes that fit us instead of us trying to fit into our clothes. That is what belonging is like. Belonging happens when we accept ourselves as we are and find the people and behaviors that express who I am. Here is the way Brene Brown put it: *"Fitting in is the greatest barrier to belonging. Fitting in, I've discovered during the past decade of research, is assessing situations and groups of people, then twisting yourself into a human pretzel in order to get them to let you hang out with them. Belonging is something else entirely — it's showing up and letting yourself be seen and known as you really are. You cannot belong when you're committed to trying to fit in."*

This says a great deal to us at St. James as we strive to practice "radical hospitality." If we want people to truly belong in our community we must accept them for who they are AND it means that we have to change in ways that will create a home for them. The experience of many Black Catholics over the years has been that the Catholic Church would welcome them if they were willing to "fit it" to the European cultural expressions of Christianity. But as Sister Thea used to insist, to belong truly Black Catholics must bring their whole selves, all their history, experience and culture into being Church. That will demand that we as Church will make the necessary changes in order to practice genuine hospitality. Fitting in requires that I change. Belonging requires that we all change in order to welcome the other. Are we brave enough to let go of long time comforts to become the new people God wants us to be? As Jesus put it in his conversation with the Samaritan woman, true worship does not happen in your playpen or in mine but "in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

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

Sun 03/12	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <b>Dr. Leon Dingle by Eileen Coffey</b>
Mon 03/13	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <b>Catherine Richardson by Sister Bernadette</b>
Tues 03/14	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 03/15	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Bible Study (On-line)
Thurs 03/16	7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Social Care Board (On-line) Want to Talk? (On-line)
Fri 03/17	7:30 a.m. † 6:30 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <b>Margie Eaton by Sister Bernadette</b> Stations of The Cross (On-line)
Sun 03/19	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <b>James LeRoy Farrell, Jr. and Trinity Missions donors</b>

## SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

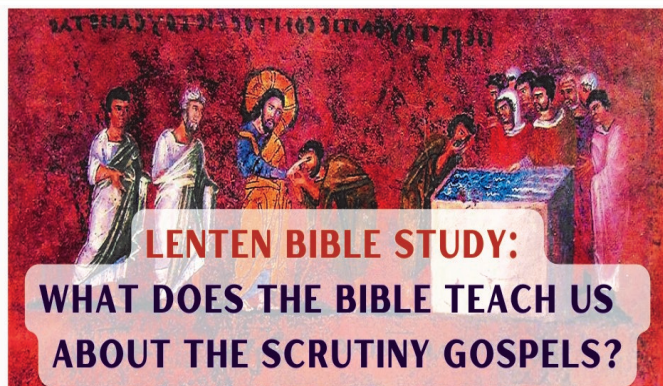
Complete the short, 10-15 minute **anonymous** survey at [catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi](https://catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi) or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31**. Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.





# Weekly Prayer



**Wednesdays**

**March 15th, 22nd, & March 29th**

**7:00-8:30PM**

**Zoom**

During Lent, three passages from St. John's Gospel: The Woman at the Well, The Man Born Blind, & The Raising of Lazarus are presented for the enlightenment of the catechumens and the faithful. Join in a prayerful reflection on these texts where Jesus "scrutinizes" us with Divine Light, revealing all that is valuable within each of us. He also reveals to us the ways in which we are hurting, or sick, or sinful. This is not to reject us, but to call us to new life and to healing.

Advance registration is appreciated at <https://bit.ly/SJLENTBIBLE>, or see link under "Links for events" at [www.stjameswabash.org](http://www.stjameswabash.org). For more information contact [apellettiere@stjameswabash.org](mailto:apellettiere@stjameswabash.org) or 312-896-1910.

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

As Christians, we are called to follow the example of the Samaritan woman — to rush out, and proclaim what we have seen, that by our testimony and our belief, others may know Christ. Or

Sometimes, like the Samaritan woman, we can scarcely believe that God would meet us here in this fallen world. The truth of what he speaks and the beauty of what he proclaims is like a well of spring water in a dry desert. Do we dare accept the gift?

## Observances for the week of March 12, 2023

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

**Friday:** St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick's Day

**Saturday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent

## Catholic Men's Spirituality

Men from around the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather for good speakers, good food, to grow spiritually, and enjoy great fellowship with other men for the 19th annual Bishop Perry's Chicago Catholic Men's Forum. Saturday 15 April, 2023 at the new Saint John Neumann – North Parish (Anne Church/Hall) in Hazel Crest Illinois, sponsored by Catholic Men Chicago Southland Apostolate. More information and registration at [forum.cmcsmen.net](http://forum.cmcsmen.net)

### Resources:

Art graphics for bulletin inserts, social media sharing, and parish newsletter designs, and more:

Link: [https://c.mail.com/@649610657095754826/eLqGVCHPRTmjI8\\_QeOTP7Q](https://c.mail.com/@649610657095754826/eLqGVCHPRTmjI8_QeOTP7Q)

Registration Form Direct Link:  
[www.forum.cmcsmen.net](http://www.forum.cmcsmen.net)

The Catholic Men Chicago Southland (CMCS) website: [www.cmcsmen.net](http://www.cmcsmen.net)

## Prayer

*Prayer for Venerable Eusebio Francisco Kino's intercession*

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age sons and daughters who serve you and your people with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Fr. Eusebio Francisco Kino, S.J. He has taught and preached well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people through his missionary ministry in the New World. As he joyfully accepted Your divine plans, I ask You, according to Your Will, to hear my prayer for (your intention) offered through the intercession of Fr. Kino through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

If it be according to Your Will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim Fr. Kino a saint.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



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

**<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>**



In Our  
Prayers



**Our Home Bound:**

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

**Our Sick:**

Victoria Allen  
Aayliah Cooper

Joe Cunningham  
Patsy Cunningham  
Marvelean Doss  
Claude Fisher  
Paul Kanzer

Linda Griffin Kennard  
Nancy McCarthy  
Dot Nachel  
Sandra Reynolds  
Donald Rogers  
Kimberly Starr