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## 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.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

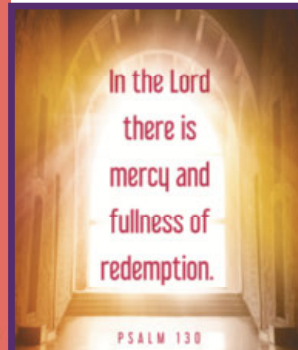
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## ON THE WAY.....



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

Yesterday, March 25, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation. Nine months before the birth of Jesus, Mary conceived in her womb the child who would be both Son of God and Son of Mary. This occurred because of her positive response (*"Be it done unto me according to your word"*) to the word of the Angel Gabriel announcing (the annunciation) God's plan for her. *The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High"* (Luke 1:30-32). This feast is considered one of the most important on the Church's calendar. In fact, when the current system of calendar was created in the 6<sup>th</sup> century (Anno Domini or A.D.) March 25 was considered New Year's day. In England, the feast of the Annunciation came to be known as Lady Day, and Lady Day marked the beginning of the English new year until 1752.

The Annunciation was an important part of Catholic Piety through a prayer known as the Angelus. The prayer is a series of verses and responses interspersed with Hail Marys. **The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, R/. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary..... Behold the handmaid of the Lord, R/. Be it done unto me according to your Word. Hail Mary... And the Word was made flesh, R/. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary... Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, R/. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.** The Angelus has been traditionally said three times daily, at 6 am, noon and 6 pm accompanied by the ringing of a bell (the Angelus bell). Of course you can pray the prayer at any time.

The Annunciation has been the topic of many great paintings throughout history. Depictions of the Annunciation go back to early Christianity, with the Priscilla catacomb including the oldest known fresco of the Annunciation, dating to the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Works on the subject have been created by artists such as Sandro Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, Caravaggio, Michelangelo, Rafael, Henry Ossawa Tanner, Jan van Eyck, and Murillo among others. There are famous mosaics, frescos and statues depicting the Annunciation as well.

All this attention is lavished on the Annunciation because it deals with the crucial event of human history – the Incarnation, God becoming one with us in the flesh. As the traditional prayer for the feast from Saint Athanasius (+373) puts it: "Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the eternal mystery! The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace."

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

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|----------------|---------------------------|---|
| Sun<br>03/26   | <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> |   |
|                | 9:30 a.m.                 | Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line)<br><a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a><br>Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)<br>† <b>Jerry McDonough by Sister Bernadette</b>       |
| Mon<br>03/27   | 7:30 a.m.                 | Mass (Chapel & On-line)   |
| Tues<br>03/28  | 7:30 a.m.                 | Mass (Chapel & On-line)   |
| Wed<br>03/29   | 7:30 a.m.<br>7:00 p.m.    | Mass (Chapel & On-line)<br>Bible Study (On-line)  |
| Thurs<br>03/30 | 7:30 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m.    | Mass (Chapel & On-line)<br>Want to Talk? (On-line)  |
| Fri<br>03/31   | 7:30 a.m.<br>†            | Mass (Chapel & On-line)<br><b>Michael Ellman by Yoland Zarnowska</b>  |
| Sun<br>04/02   | <b>Palm Sunday</b>        |   |
|                | 9:30 a.m.                 | Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line)<br><a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a><br>Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)<br>† <b>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</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.





## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,  
and I will settle you upon your land;  
thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

### Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of  
redemption. (Ps 130)

### Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead  
dwells in you,  
the one who raised Christ from the dead  
will give life to your mortal bodies also,  
through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

### Gospel:

"I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will  
never die." (Jn 11:25-26)

## Easter Week Services

**April 5 - April 9**

### Holy Thursday

**6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's  
Supper**

**(Adoration Following in the Rectory  
2942 S. Wabash until 10 pm)**

### Good Friday

**3:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
6:30 pm The Passion of the Lord**

### Holy Saturday

**8:00 pm Easter Vigil**

### Easter Sunday

**9:30 am Resurrection of the Lord**



St. James' annual Easter Egg Hunt will be after the Easter Sunday Mass on Sunday, April 9th. Please bring a basket if you can. All are welcome!



### Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dearborn Homes

Please support the annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dearborn Homes by making a financial contribution or donation of coloring

books, crayons, and storybooks for African-American children ages 3 to 10.

The annual Easter egg hunt at the Dearborn Homes is sponsored by Saint James Parish. Donations should be dropped off in the collection box at church by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Peter Wawire with questions. Make checks out to Saint James Parish. If you are interested in volunteering please email Peter at [pwawire@stjameswabash.org](mailto:pwawire@stjameswabash.org)

Thank you for helping to make this event a success!



## 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  
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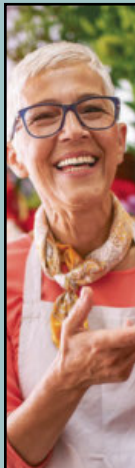
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