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St. James Roman Catholic Church,  
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the Most Holy Trinity*

**SUNDAY MASS**

9:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
\*1:00 p.m.  
\*Español/Spanish  
(Church & On-line)

**DAILY MASS**

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

**OFFICE  
HOURS**

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

**LOCATION**

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**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**

First Friday of the Month  
8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
(Chapel)  
Every Saturday  
*And Confessions*  
@ Missionary Servant House  
3347 S. Michigan  
3:30 to 5:00 pm



**8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit.”

- Lk 6:43

**8° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO**

“No hay árbol bueno que produzca frutos malos”.

- Lc 6, 43



**MARCH 2, 2025**

# ON THE WAY....



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

Lent starts this week on Ash Wednesday. Lent provides the Church with a chance to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and its meaning in our lives. Both personally and as a community we are to pray in a way that leads us to holiness, to conversion, to a closer relationship with Jesus. Ash Wednesday begins the season so that we can have an outward sign of our willingness to repent. We journey toward God's mercy, healing and forgiveness so that we can become who we are, the children of God. Lent invites us to demonstrate love and mercy toward one another. The three themes of the season – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – all have as their aim to create the space inside of us that God alone can fill. Lent is the time to examine how we treat one another, asking the Lord to help us to be sensitive to the needs of others. In the current ugly political climate racism, sexism, xenophobia, and other forms of prejudice infect society and hence impact the Church. Lent provides the proper context in which to have the difficult conversations which challenge all of us to better appreciate the divine presence in every individual.

The three Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are not particularly to Lent only but are relevant to Christian life at all times. Obviously prayer is central to the life of a Christian. At prayer we are in right relationship with God, conversing with the One who loves us unconditionally. Lent does provide the reminder of how important it is to have intentional times to pray. While it is good to pray to God throughout the day having some space carved out for a more intimate moment with God is a helpful practice. As in any relationship, specific time with a loved one helps to deepen the bonds which create oneness.

Fasting has become something of a hip practice among those who provide advice about eating. However, Lenten fasting refers to much more than our diet. For example, I have been fasting from watching the news because it was not helping my spiritual life! As in fasting from food, this requires some prudence. It is important to stay informed. However, by giving up the up to the minute news blast my own serenity is much improved. Others give up watching the latest drama or comedy or video game so that they will have more time read, practice a hobby or connect with others. Your fasting is not an end but a means.

Almsgiving has as its aim creating a greater sense of solidarity among God's people. The charity we practice giving of our resources is an essential part of this spiritual endeavor. It demonstrates that we're all in this together. Of course, the most valuable resource that we all possess is time. Giving of our time to others can be a great Lenten discipline. New parishioners, the arriving immigrants, young people, friends you have connected with in years would be a good place to give something of ourselves toward creating a fuller expression of the body of Christ. As you think about what you are doing for Lent, have as your goal, what will help show to the world the love God has for everyone.

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

Sun 3/02	8th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	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) † <i>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</i>
	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Mass SPRED (Presentation Hall) Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 3/03	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Joseph Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</i>
Tue 3/04	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 3/05	7:30 a.m.	Ash Wed Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Edward Richardson by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</i>
	12:50 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Ash Wed Mass (Godbox) Ash Wed Mass (Church & On-line)
Thurs 3/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 3/07	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Ann Ryan Gaggiano by Gaggiano Family</i>
	8:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Sun 3/09	8th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	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) † <i>Dina Williams by Cathy Moore</i>
	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall) Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Friday**  
**March 7th**  
**8:30 am & 6:00 pm**  
**(Chapel)**

**Confessions available upon request**

# Thanks

Thanks to Jackie, Mary Ann, Darren and Dan and all of those who made African-American Heritage Sunday such a wonderful day.

## Ash Wednesday Liturgies

**MARCH 5TH**

**7:30AM**

St. James Rectory/Zoom  
2942 S. Wabash

**12:50PM**

Carr Chapel/The God Box

**6:30PM**

St. James Church/Zoom  
21 East 29th St.



**Ministry for  
LGBTQIA+ persons,  
family & friends**

**Next meeting  
March 23rd  
11:00AM**

**St. James Rectory  
2942 S. Wabash**

Join us for a Lenten evening of song and reflection in the Taize tradition

# Taize Prayer



Take heart, the world is troubled but I am with you.

St. James on Wabash  
21 East 29th Street  
[www.stjameswabash.org](http://www.stjameswabash.org)

Wednesday, March 19  
7pm  
Free and open to all



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



# In Our Prayers



### Our Home Bound:

Margie Bass  
Paul Freeman  
Orean Perry  
Juanita James  
Barbara Southhall

Our Sick:  
Aayliah Cooper  
Patsy Cunningham

Marvelean Doss  
Claude Fisher  
Paul Kanzer  
Linda Griffin Kennard  
Nancy McCarthy  
Samuel Akuo Opong Duah  
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