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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
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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

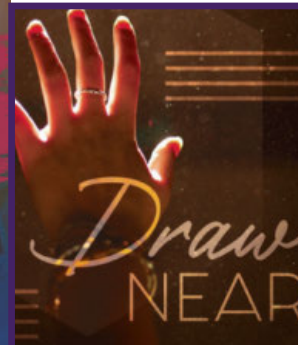
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"This son of mine was dead, and has
come to life again." - Lk 15:24a

4º DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

"Este hijo mío estaba muerto y
ha vuelto a la vida". - Lc 15, 24

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ON THE WAY....



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

Up until recently most Catholics were not great Bible readers. To get into the Bible as the Word of God requires some work on our part. It is, of course, an old book with parts of it going back almost four thousand years. The world was a much different place then. There were not, of course, computers or TVs or internet or airplanes or even light bulbs. The basic difference was that the ancient world was basically agrarian and the modern world is industrial. You see this in the parables of Jesus was refer to farms and not factories. To understand the Bible, therefore, requires that we make some mental adjustments as we enter into the mind of the authors. Some differences between the ancient world and ours:

- 90% of the population in Biblical times was rural and in today's world 90% is urban.
- Only 4.9% of the US population is involved in farming.
- In ancient times 3% of the population was literate. Today 3% are not literate. As a result oral traditions were the means of conveying information.
- Life expectancy was about forty years – if you survived the dangers of childhood diseases.
- Almost half of all families lost one or both parents during the childbearing years.
- People married young.
- Violence was endemic. Of the 79 Roman emperors 41 were killed or deposed by force.
- Travel was difficult and time-consuming with the speed of a horse the upper limit.
- Most people never left their homeland – or even their town.
- Change was slow. As a result the “generation gap” was not much of an issue.

These differences are characteristic of the entire Bible. There are certain specific dimensions of the social world of the Gospel writers that demand particular attention. Given the world in which they were writing when we read the gospels it helps to be aware of some presuppositions that the authors possessed.

1. The focus of each Gospel is the ‘in-group.’ The target audience of the written gospels would have known the stories and responded to them.
2. The Gospel writers wrote for a specific audience at a specific time. Seeing the context in which they were written helps us to understand the text.
3. While we today look on the gospels as the primary means of evangelization the gospel writers themselves wanted to reinforce the faith of their already believing readers. Thus, for example, St. Luke stresses the presence of the Holy Spirit in his gospel because his community needed that message.
4. The gospel writers tell the story of Jesus in the framework of Israelite politics and not as theological documents which reflect the nature of God.
5. The gospels are designed to help people make sense of what they were going through. The times were chaotic and people were looking for something on which to anchor themselves. If we find our equilibrium thrown off by the times we live and turn to gospels for answers we are going to the right place!

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

Sun 3/30	4th Sunday Of Lent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	† 11:30 a.m.	For The People Of St. James Mass (Presentation Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 3/31	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Tue 4/01	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 4/02	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council (On-line)
Thurs 4/03	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 4/04	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
	8:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
	6:30 p.m.	Stations Of The Cross (On-line)
Sat 4/05	9:30 a.m.	Lenten Retreat (Church)
Sun 4/06	5th Sunday Of Lent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	†	Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker
	11:30 a.m.	SPRED Mass (Presentation Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)





Eucharistic Adoration

Friday March 4th

8:30 am & 6:00 pm (Chapel)

Confessions available upon request



Devotions, Explained!

A novena is a nine-day period of prayer focused on a specific topic, saint, or devotion. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence. This 9-day period of prayer can be traced back to the Acts of the Apostles.

*St. James Lenten Day of Reflection:
Listening like Mary, Responding with Community*



*Saturday, April 5th
9:30AM - 3PM
St. James Church*

By taking a moment to listen deeply to ourselves - our mind, body, and spirit - we not only nurture our own well-being but also open ourselves to the ways we are called to serve others. Mary's "yes" to God was not only an internal, personal acceptance but also a powerful outward expression of grace, joy, and service to others. Her willingness to listen

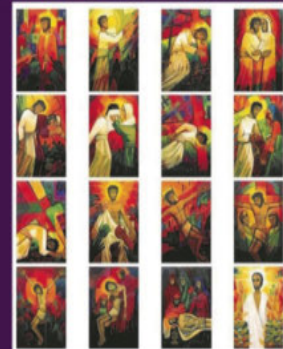
deeply to the message given to her and her courageous response teaches us how we, too, can listen attentively to the whispers of our mind, body, and spirit, and allow those whispers to guide our actions toward others.

Using the Annunciation and the Magnificat as our guides we will reflect on how we are each listening/responding to God's call for us, and will hear how some of our own community members live out Mary's message of hope. The day will include a light breakfast and lunch. Free will offering (suggested donation \$20).

Register at <https://bit.ly/SJLENT2025> or using the registration forms in the vestibules at church.

For more information please contact one of our retreat organizers: Maura, Madison, Sr. Jessi, Debbie, or Amy.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



FRIDAYS AT 6:30PM

3/7 - ZOOM

3/14 - CHURCH (SOUP/SALAD)

3/21 - ZOOM

3/28 - CHURCH (SOUP/SALAD)

4/4 - ZOOM

4/11 - CHURCH (SOUP/SALAD)

Soup & Salad served from 5:30-6:30PM on designated dates. See "Links for Events and Ministries" on our website to participate via Zoom.



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
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