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Eucharistic Liturgy, serves those in need
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*Saint James Church is
staffed by the priests
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Missionary Servants of
the Most Holy Trinity*



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. - Jn 21:12

3ER DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Y ninguno de los discípulos se atrevía a preguntarle:
'¿Quién eres?', porque ya sabían que era el Señor.
- Jn 21, 12

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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.

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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

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3:30 to 5:00 pm

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AND
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MAY 4, 2025

ON THE WAY....



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

There are many traditions associated with the month of May. In ancient Rome May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. The Romans celebrated *ludi florals*, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms. In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth. The custom of erecting a Maypole developed at least by the fourteenth century around which people would dance to celebrate the coming of a season of growth. In England, the dance is performed by pairs of boys and girls who stand alternately around the base of the pole, each holding the end of a ribbon. They weave in and around each other, boys going one way and girls going the other and the ribbons are woven together around the pole until they meet at the base. Kind of the medieval version of a dating site?

Of course, for Catholics these traditions have been “baptized” by designating May as the month of Mary. While there was a longstanding custom in the Church of spending a month honoring Mary it was not until the eighteenth century that May became the time specifically named. (There is also a custom of honoring Mary in October since that is the month of the rosary.) May is particularly apt at the time to honor Mary since she is the one who blossoms, she inaugurates new life with the coming of her Son, she is looked upon and mother and protector. There are practices for both individuals and parishes which honor Mary, for some people to offer a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary in their home or church as a reminder of Mary’s month. Additionally, it’s a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary’s beauty and virtue. It’s also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother’s virtue in our own lives.

One practice that has fallen into disuse is the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the so-called Litany of Loretto. It seeks the intercession of Mary through her various titles. Like other litanies, it follows a call-and-response format that lends itself to communal prayer, e.g. “Mother of Christ, pray for us. Mother of the Church, pray for us.” It includes some of the virtues of Mary – “Mother most pure. Virgin most faithful” – but also some reminders of how Mary intercedes for us: “Refuge of sinners. Solace of Migrants. Comfort of the afflicted, pray for us.” A nice prayer to practice.

During May, our reflections and celebrations focus on the deep spiritual connection that the faithful maintain with Mary. Her example of humility, obedience, and unwavering faith makes her a central figure in worship and a guiding light in the lives of many around the world. The month of May provides the opportunity for us to reflect on how Mary influences daily life and spiritual practices of Catholics everywhere.

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

Sun 5/04	2nd Sunday Of Easter	
	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.	Mass SPRED (Presentation Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 5/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Tue 5/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 5/07	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Parish Council (On-line)
Thurs 5/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 5/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sun 5/11	4th Sunday Of Easter Mother’s Day	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † In memoriam Dina S. Williams by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)

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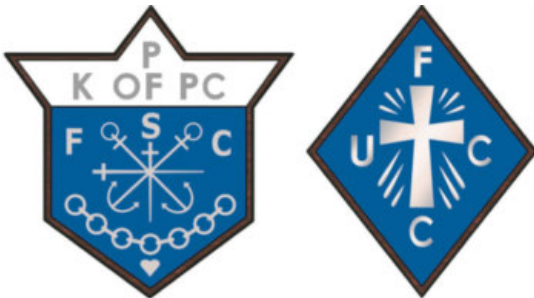
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CONGRATULATIONS

and God bless our graduates and our intern, Ronald. It has been a blessing to journey with you. Go forth as the extraordinary people that you are and spread the Good News!

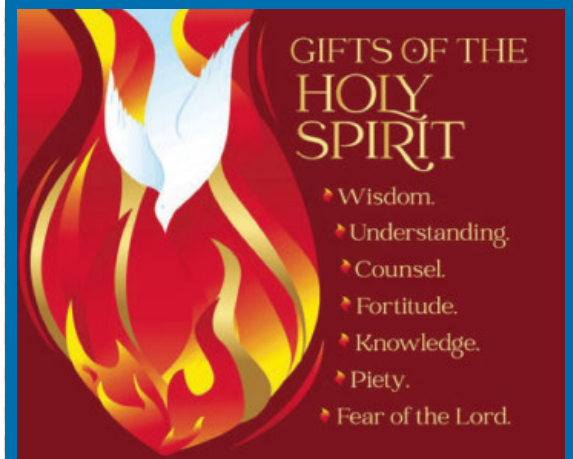


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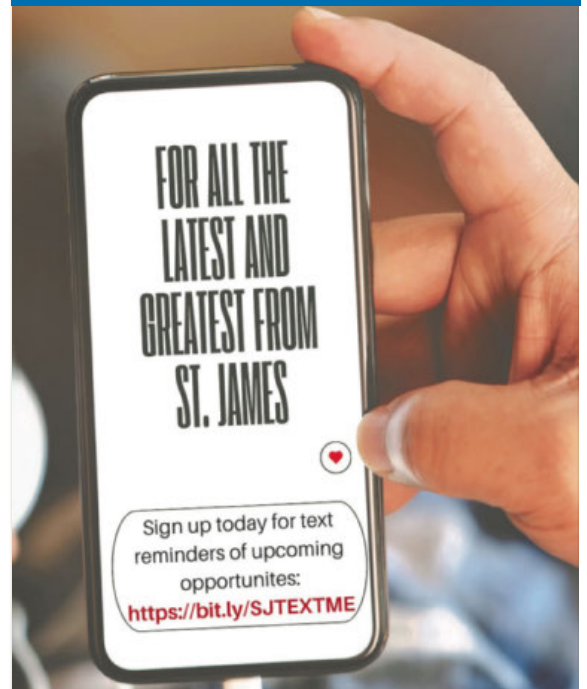
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Confirmation
students, Caleb Lents and
Adrian Farquhar, who will
receive the Sacrament at
St. Mother Teresa of
Calcutta Church Sunday
May 4th by Bishop Robert
Lombardo.**



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



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Barbara Southhall

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Patsy Cunningham

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