

# Saint James Catholic Community

*Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 29, 2020*

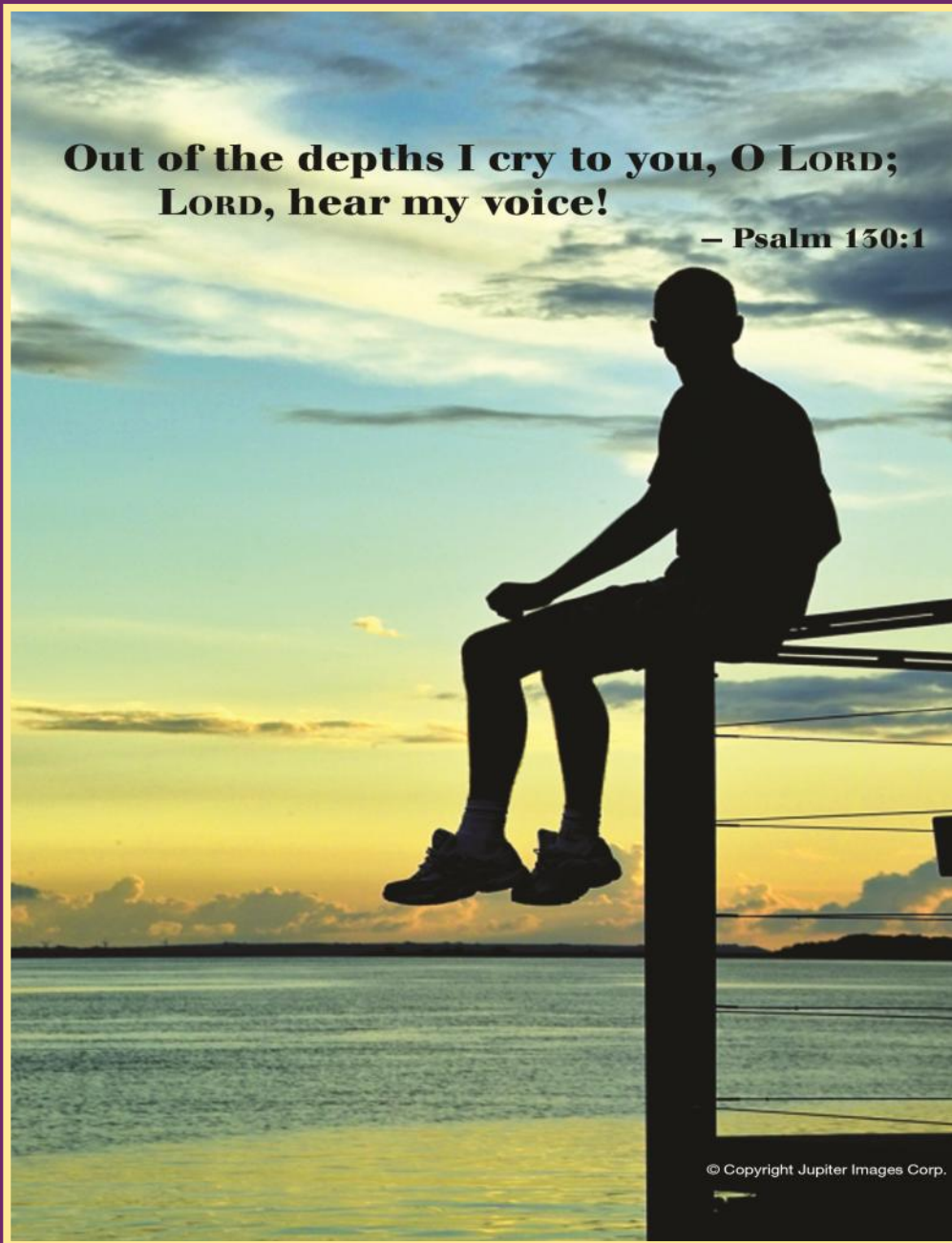
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Together We Can Do Great Things



**Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!**

– Psalm 130:1



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## **St. James Catholic Church**

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## **Mass Schedule:**

**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday, 8:15am

**Saturday,** 5:00pm

**Sunday,** 8:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4pm and Anytime by request

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## Mission Statement

We, the community of St. James, are a prayerful and Eucharistic people who treasure our Catholic traditions. We strive to grow in our faith by being good stewards of the gifts God has given us; sharing God's truth with all. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.

## Join the Celebration of the Sunday 8:00am Mass Livestreamed on Facebook



We will be livestreaming the Celebration of the Mass on Sundays at 8:00am via Facebook Live. (This does require a Facebook account.)

The recording of the Mass, along with the songs and readings, will then be posted on our St. James website for you to view at any time.

[www.stjames-liberty.org](http://www.stjames-liberty.org)

The video of the Mass will also be available on our YouTube channel.

*St James YouTube Channel*

for you to follow along at home at your convenience.

### Spiritual Communion

Did you know that if you are not able to receive the Eucharist at Mass, such as in our current situation, you may make a daily Spiritual Communion. For more information, read "Make A Spiritual Communion on page 5..

### Pray The Stations of the Cross At Home



Our Diocese Has Asked That We Refrain From Praying the Stations at Church

On the St. James website there are two versions of the Stations (text and video) that you can pray at home by yourself and/or with your family - every Friday or every day.

Stations of the Cross on the website at [www.stjames-liberty.org](http://www.stjames-liberty.org)

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## From the Pastor's Pen

The coming of spring brings a re-birth of nature. The trees, plants, and lawns, brown with a hue of death, come alive with shades of green. Spring brings with it hope and the promise of new life. It reminds us that death is not the end of everything but a phase in the cycle of nature. So it is with our lives as human beings. We know one thing for certain: that we will die to life in this world. Death might come in old age or youth or somewhere between; it may come suddenly or over a long period of time; it may come when we are alone or when we are surrounded by loved ones; it may come as part of the ageing process or come unexpectedly. We may be frightened by the thought of death or at peace. So much depends on what we believe about death. For us, peace comes because of our faith. Jesus has come to bring life out of death.

At the heart of our faith is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. But there are three other accounts about the power of Jesus to bring life out of death. There is the story of an official who begs Jesus to come and pray for his little daughter who has died. On arrival, he announces: "She is not dead, but sleeping." He took her by the hand and she arose. Then in Luke's gospel there is a story of when Jesus and his disciples were traveling to the village of Nain. At the gate a man who had died was being carried to his burial place, the only son of a grieving mother. Jesus told them to halt and said: "Young man, I say to you arise," and the dead man rose. He gave the son to his mother.

Then we have the account that we hear in today's gospel about a dear friend of Jesus named Lazarus who had died, apparently unexpectedly. By the time Jesus hears the news and gets to the place of burial, Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Jesus tells the onlookers to take away the stone at the entrance of the tomb and then calls out, "Lazarus, come out." To the astonishment of the crowd, Lazarus comes out of tomb, fully alive.

These accounts about the power of Jesus to bring life out of death give us great assurance. They foreshadow the resurrection of Jesus himself, his victory over death. As we approach Easter, we are filled with hope and peace. Jesus promises to us that same victory over death. Resurrection and new life are at the heart of our faith. So we live in a spirit of peace.

My prayers are with you each day. Fr. Michael

### Week of March 30 - April 5

We apologize that we are unable to list the individual Mass intentions. Please be assured that all Mass intention requests for this week will be prayed for during the Sunday 8am livestreamed Mass.



### *From Death to New Life*

#### **Our prayer support is with ...**

Howard and Barbara Henry and their families and friends in the recent death of Howard's father Lewis Henry.

***May the healing hand of our Lord Jesus be felt by all who are coping with grief and missing loved ones.***

### **Did You Notice? Your Bulletin Has Fewer Pages**

Normally at this time of year, your bulletin is packed full of Lenten events, information about Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and other events taking place at St. James.

However, unfortunately during this difficult time, with the Stay at Home mandate in effect, there are no events taking place at St. James, thus a smaller bulletin.

We will continue to publish a weekly bulletin with messages from our priests, Sandy's column, birthdays, prayer requests, as well as other information to keep you informed. It will be posted on our website every Friday.

For other parish information, be sure to check our Facebook page and the St. James website.

## Contact Info

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Sat 4pm until finished; any time requested.

### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

Baptismal Preparation Classes: Once a month  
Contact Kirsten Maggi in the parish office, ext. 202 or [kirsten.maggi@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:kirsten.maggi@stjames-liberty.org)

**Religious Education:** For Preschool through adult spiritual development, please notify office of needs.

**New Parishioners:** Please register at the parish office.

***We Welcome You!***

**St. James School:** PS-8th grade offered.

Call the School Office, to inquire, 781-4428

**Sacrament of Marriage:** 9 months advance notice

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the parish office.

**To Schedule an event in our Parish Facility:**

**email [daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org)**

or call Daryl in the Parish Office.

**All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday**

**12Noon to: [bulletin@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:bulletin@stjames-liberty.org)**

# Stewardship of Treasure

People can still mail their envelopes in or send checks via bill pay from your bank. The mail will be monitored and deposits will be made weekly.

Thank you for supporting our parish.

If you need to speak with me, please email as most work will be happening remotely.

Thank you to everyone for patiently walking this current journey with us.

Together in heart.

Blessings, *Katie*

Katie Klassen [Katie@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:Katie@stjames-liberty.org)

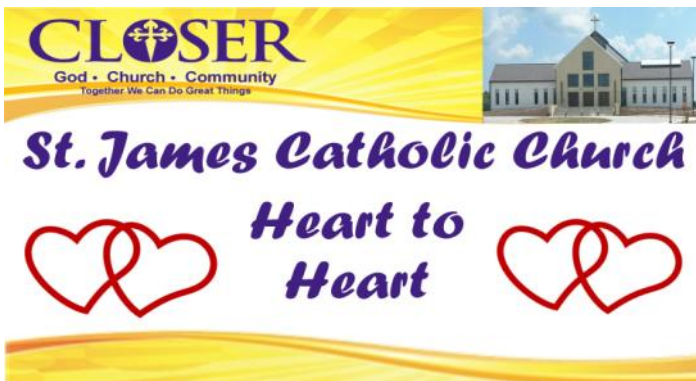
## What Is A Church?

Is it the stained-glass windows, the beautiful imagery, the cross mounted on the roof? Is the straight-backed pews or scent of incense wafting into the gathering space? Religious Ed classrooms or special events?

If we view a church as a building, what happens when we can't go there to worship?

It is heartbreaking, to be sure. But God's church is greater than the bricks and mortar that hold his disciples. When the New Testament mentions "the church," it is talking about the people – the body of Christ – who received the Holy Spirit and are sent to tell the Gospel.

WE, AT ST. JAMES, ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST.  
WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER,  
WE ARE THERE FOR EACH OTHER.



So, while we cannot gather together to worship or for any other reasons, we can continue to care about each other, to pray for each other, and importantly, to reach out to each other, by phone, text, email, letters and notes ..... **HEART TO HEART**

## Someone is Watching and Wondering



Over the past few weeks I think everyone has been affected by Covid-19, either directly or indirectly. Perhaps you have felt the situation is out of control and are unsure what you can or should do. Maybe you have felt sad, depressed, anxious, or even hopeless. Such feelings are probably normal given the circumstances surrounding this pandemic and the many life changing events each of us have and perhaps continue to encounter. This Sunday we celebrate, the Third Scrutiny with our Elect (those preparing for baptism, confirmation and eucharist at the Easter Vigil). The emphasis of this Scrutiny (the sin of hopelessness) is to understand how we react to our feelings of hopelessness when confronted with situations and events which seem to and in many times are out of our control.

Over a single lifetime you may encounter many acts, events, or situations that seem to be out of your control. To name just a few, there are acts of nature such as floods, tornados, earthquakes; sudden illness; unexpected death of a family member or close friend; senseless killing; starving children; needless suffering; unanticipated loss of a job or income; a cancer diagnosis; consequences of wars; or destruction to the environment. The question being asked when participating in this third scrutiny (examining our conscience to discover this sin) is not "Why do I experience such feelings?" but rather "How do I react to these feelings of hopelessness?"

I believe the true question at the root of this sin is: "Why God are you allowing this to happen?" Blaming God is so easy and may quickly appear in our mind. We even use expressions similar to "It's God's will" and we may admit to being angry with God. Rarely, however, do we admit to being unsure of our trust in God. We struggle with why a loving God allows terrible things to happen. The sin of hopelessness is not having these questions but rather letting them dominate our hearts and minds. The sin of hopelessness is rejecting God's grace and infinite love. I once had a wise person tell me "It's ok to question God but you will probably never get an answer to the 'Why' question." It may be obvious that we cannot fully understand the mind of God, yet isn't this what we demand, an explanation from God. This sin is rooted in original sin and our desire to know like God. We reject our finite humanity. We turn from God and try to muddle through life alone. We forget our universal call to holiness, rooted in our humanity and Christian baptism. In other words, we lose sight of who we are and how God is calling us within the community. For me this scrutiny requires a truthful and deep self awareness as God continues to call me to Live Mercy and Be Holy.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

**Birthdays this week: Today we celebrate all that you with God's help, have accomplished.**

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|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Joseph Aguirre   | Kimberly Smyly      | Allison             |
| Alise Alexander  | John Staudacher     | Swearingin          |
| Logan Davis      | Christopher Winders | Ryan Tomlinson      |
| Ana Dolsky       | Barbara Witherow    | Douglas Chambers    |
| Crystal King     | John Blanck         | Morley Christie     |
| Bobbi Krim       | Cooper Bolling      | James Crocker       |
| Ava Martin       | Emmett Dorsey       | Lauren Crossett     |
| Martin Martinez  | Graham Iske         | John Garvey         |
| Holly Merricks   | Monica List         | Adam Latham         |
| Michael Morris   | Saz Madison         | Paul Mallett        |
| Thomas Smithmier | Jesse Ragland       | Colton Murmylo      |
| Isaiah Sprung    | Eva Sequeira        | Cindy O'Brien       |
| Kristin Wiegert  | Ellen Sheeley       | Walter O'Brien      |
| Peyton Boman     | Ashley White        | Susan Schwarz       |
| Brooke Chase     | Bryce Zirjacks      | Alexys Taylor       |
| Meelap Coday     | Michael Babbitt     | Clayton Theleman    |
| Becky Collins    | Kylley Carullo      | Jonathan Vernickas  |
| Andrew Crossett  | Mitchell Culver     | Elizabeth Waltemath |
| Victoria Dillon  | Daniel Doering      | Angela Ashlock      |
| Jessica Dold     | Emma Hayes          | Kaeleigh Cooper     |
| Jack MacNeil     | Judy Krisman        | Jamie Cunningham    |
| Elaine Martin    | Elizabeth Mertz     | Mary Heller         |
| Shirley Quint    | Justin Mikessell    | Reagan Herrig       |
| Stephanie Rizzo  | Tyler Mikessell     | Finley Hessemyer    |
| Jeffrey Sequeira | Michelangelo Milano | Roger Holyfield     |
| Ethan Shaver     | Cameron Miller      | Madeline Koch       |
| Reina Apollon    | Sydney Neal         | Angela Lyon         |
| Neh Awasom       | Christopher Rupp    | Madeline Saye       |
| Emily Holm       |                     | Tammy Seggerman     |
| Deborah Mesmer   |                     |                     |

**We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Julie Miller          | Stivers Family              | The Hollomon Family        |
| James Filippe         | JoLynn Distasio             | Trivino Family             |
| Alicia Paredes        | Deacon Bud                  | Jacke & Enike Hayes        |
| Mike Mall             | Jackson Erwin               | Jeanette and Roberta Casel |
| Bob Pezman            | Pat Carey & Family          | Catherine Finley           |
| Jack & Sue Schwarz    | Gavin McKenna               | Loren Wolken               |
| George Polsdofer      | James Fulton                | Kristie Koontz             |
| Patty Larson          | Helen Szczech               | Carla George               |
| Denise W.             | Angie Parnacott             | Sue McKnight               |
| Mark Collins          | Monica Nelson               | Kyle Sellmeyer             |
| David Roach           | Eddie Campbell              | Margarita Mendoza Family   |
| Marina                | Joe Witherow, Jr.           | Bob Hedrick                |
| James Gubera          | Ricky Gisi, Jr.             | Marie Brancato             |
| Tina Helm             | Adam McCray                 | Rich Curasi                |
| Becky Collins         | Melissa Andrasik            | Tricia Kauffman            |
| Hazel Lewis           | Randi Arness                | Bob Roach                  |
| Dan Tomc              | Tom Biggs                   | John Brocato               |
| Laurie Beach          | Diana Marchisio             | Barbara (Roach) Still      |
| Rachel Johnson        | Wilfredo Crespo, Jr.        | Debbie Pickett             |
| Deacon Chuck          | Sandra Hensley              | Kathleen Haines            |
| Mary Margaret Parrish | Rachelle Pomfrey            | John Phannenstiel          |
| Wanda Finnigan        | Ron & Peggy Pettz           | Mike Sheeley               |
| Geralyn Hosticka      | Paul Gossett                | Rick George                |
| Beth Atwater          | Julie Rush                  | Saree Morely               |
| K&M Davis             | John & Susan-Kelly Corsione | Christy Mock               |
| Jordan                | Tony & Jo's Family          | John Findlay               |
| Lynn Driggers         | Colleen Kearney             | Duane Sander               |
| David Butel & Family  | Walter Ruby                 | Mattie Mae Weaver          |
| Eric Cummings         | Lynn & Monica Nelson        | Troy Cronkite              |
| Ciara Davis           | Ricky Deese                 | June Bender                |
| Pam DeMasi            | Michael Amos                | Matt Biskup Family         |
| Pat Neibergall-Timm   | Alice Hosticka              | Kim Lackey                 |
| Brian Akers           | Hannah Taylor               | Pam Fink                   |
| Janice Brimer         | Carol Rakoczy               | John Nausea                |
| Audria & Eddy Martin  | Ellen Wentz                 | Bill Roach, Jr.            |
| Jose Torres           | Rodriguez Family            | Jacob & Dana Lansford      |
| Erma Brecht           | Ralph & Jan Peters          | Robert McCallum            |
| Charley Moubry        | Scott Neibergall            | Keith Newman               |
| Dan & Bibi Chadwick   | Bob Leonardo                | Gary Andrew Reese          |
| Pat Aten              | Margo Eastland              | Emma Shay                  |
| John Vrocatto         | Adalina Simmons             | Joseph Greenwald           |
| John Barrington       | Margie Myers                | Sam Porter                 |
| Donnie Smith          | Jean and Richard Jackson    | Mary Alice Worth           |
| Eddie & Teresa Rogers | Steve Decker                | Amy Villarreal             |
| Philip Pernice        | Linda Smith                 | Lori and Sam Dale          |
| Don Taylor            | Pamela & James Anderson     | Mary Kaye Masnado          |
| Leo Oberfoel          | Travis Shay                 | Louie & Carole Bussjaeger  |
| Kai Bennett           | Barbara Meigs               | John Amaro                 |
| Jacob McKay           | Tony and Tet So             | Randy Baumert              |
| Nick Peters           | Travis and Sarah Shay       | Jackie Plack Pelling       |
| Dwain Jones           | Julie Sildeck               | Kennedy Noel Holcumbink    |
| Joanna Mooney         | Stan Carver                 | Rita Lowe / Megan          |
| Desmond Arciga-Quenga | The Curiel Family           | Tony V. Sr.                |
| Colette               | Reba and Debra Sutlief      | Deric DeMasi               |
| Kathleen Amos         | Alice Rusch                 | Sarah Rupp                 |
| Frances Parker        | Hanna Carver                | Chris Alvey                |
| Michelle Bacus        | Jeff Richardson, Sr.        | Carol Yeager Laplant       |
| Gabrielle             | Monica Barrington           | Patrick O'Neill            |
| Brian Glaser          | Anna Jackson                | John McMahan               |
| Baby Brooke           | Kari and Jesse Rainey       | Eddie Ansalmo              |
| Carol O'Brien         | Louise Andrasik             | Les VanBibber              |
| Helen Finn            | Barbara Fortier             | Maria Giannelli            |
| Anna Kain             | Barb Schwery                | Kenadee Gallagher          |
| Mark Schweitzer       | Nichole Stewart             | Shawn Adkins               |
| Jennifer Goens        | Doug Schuster               | Jason Robinson             |
| Lucy Arthur           | Adolph Barringhaus          | Leah Biskup Coady          |
| Fr. Joe Miller        | Kelly Gentrup               | Olivia Hernandez           |
| Bill Kirwan           | Denny Farrell               | Darleen Farnan Kenny       |
| Jamie Martin          | Nancy Carr                  | Laura Ann DiGiovanna       |

**Make An Act of Spiritual Communion**



For the next couple of weeks we will not be able to receive the Eucharist at Mass. In cases like this the Church encourages us to make an act of "spiritual communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

Here's a traditional prayer of spiritual communion that can be prayed daily in atonement for all the profanations and sacrileges He suffers because He wants to be with us."

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**Palm Sunday - April 5**

The Blessing of the Palms and celebration of the Mass will be livestreamed at 8am on Facebook



**Please notify us to remove your name from our prayer lists when it is time.**

In respect of HIPAA we will add names to the prayer list only by request of the person or immediate family.

