

Saint James Catholic Community

*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
April 5, 2020*

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St. James Catholic Church

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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

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

St James Catholic Church - Liberty MO - YouTube
 for you to follow along at home at your convenience.

Palm Sunday

We Are Unable To
Distribute Palms
On Palm Sunday

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, palms will be blessed during the private 8am Mass that will be livestreamed on Palm Sunday, but they cannot be distributed.

The palms will be stored and distributed at such time directed by Bishop Johnston.

We Thank You For Your Understanding

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 6.

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, 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 for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday – the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and begin a very special week in our Church called Holy Week. It is during these days, that we re-enact and encounter Jesus through His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Yes, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter will look very much different here at St. James, as it does in almost every church in our country and most of the world! We will not (obviously) be able to have public services. But our website is filled with opportunities for prayer during this special week!

Try to stay faithful to the 'Stay at Home' mandate. I strongly encourage families to pray this Holy Week, using resources available - your Bible, our website, and other internet sites.

We will have blessed Palms, but they may not be available until the church is publicly opened again. Again, we are taking every precaution not to spread the Coronavirus.

As we journey through each of these 'Last' moments of Jesus' life, He felt abandoned, alone and in His Passion and Death, accompanied only by His Mother Mary, and a couple of disciples.

May we use our 'quarantine', not to concentrate on what we 'cannot do', but to remember that WE ARE THE CHURCH. As we walk with Jesus this week, may we offer up our own sufferings, struggles and uncertainty, and place it at the foot of the Cross, where Jesus' last words were 'Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit'.

We will be livestreaming each of our Holy Week services, as well as our celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection next Easter Sunday.

We will be waiting to welcome our welcome our Elect in the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, and our Candidates, who have already been baptized. We will be baptizing and welcoming these folks, hopefully at Pentecost, which is the fullness of the Easter season, the Power of God's Spirit coming upon us. WOW! What a celebration that will be, back in the Church, proclaiming God's Faithfulness and Love!

Remember to practice social distancing, washing your hands, keeping safe and staying healthy so that we can all come together in the Easter season to proclaim the message of the Risen Lord Jesus!

On behalf of Fr. Michael, and all of our Parish Staff, we lift one another up in prayer, and even though we are urged not to shake hands, or give hugs, we can hold one another in each of our hearts!

May we meet each other in prayer and faithfulness to God's Presence this Holy Week!

Blessings to you and your families this Holy Week! Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions

Week of April 6 - April 12

Monday 8:15am	†Sylvester Ginther
Tuesday 8:15am	††Helen & Frank Kasbarbauer
Wednesday 8:15am	†Charlotte Pfeiffer
Thursday 5:00pm	<i>Holy Thursday</i> For the End Covid-19
Friday 7:00pm	<i>Passion of the Lord</i> Good Friday Service (No Mass)
Saturday	<i>Holy Saturday</i> No Easter Vigil †Frank Kromeich
Sunday 8:00am	<i>Easter Sunday</i> †Barbara Lehr ††Walter & Mary Jane Holt †Rusty Holt †Pat Clark †Larry Katzer K&M Intentions

About Mass Intentions

Although are unable to have daily Masses during this time, we will continue to list the intentions by date requested.

As our priests celebrate a private Mass each Sunday all the intentions for the week will be remembered.



Palm Sunday - April 5

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

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

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

H.O.P.E. / SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS**How Do I Buy HOPE Cards?**

We know how much the HOPE program gives back to our parish, and we want to thank everyone who continues to use their Presto Pay accounts to order HOPE cards online. Every little bit adds up!

If you would like to place an order for Hy-Vee or Price Chopper cards, please contact the parish office (816-781-4343 ext 200) and we will get in touch with you to arrange a safe drop/pickup. We also have some of the local gift cards that will be available as long as supplies last.

We are grateful to everyone who can continue to purchase HOPE cards as it's one way to help support your parish during this critical time. Our thanks also to folks who are mailing in their weekly contributions--it really makes a difference!!

Thank You For Supporting HOPE

***DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 19
BEGIN THE NOVENA ON GOOD FRIDAY***



When Jesus appeared to St. Faustina He asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy .

This year the Novena begins on Friday April 10 and ends on Saturday April 18.

These nine days of prayer before Divine Mercy Sunday are like the nine days of prayer in the Upper Room before the day of Pentecost. For each of the nine days our Lord gave St. Faustina a different intention.

Each of us can make a Novena of Prayer for these intentions and others.

The intentions and prayers for each day of the Novena are on the St. James website. Click on the Divine Mercy link.

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***Heart
To
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Someone is Watching and Wondering



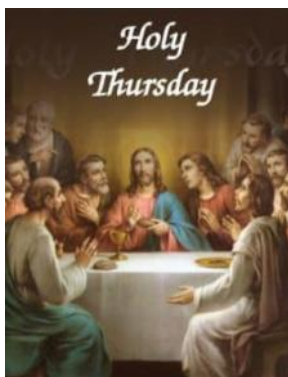
Today's readings are filled with mixed messages: should we rejoice and feel hopeful in His presence or be saddened over what is to come? As I write these words to you I must confess that not only am I torn between these two messages but I find myself moving , from one instant to another, from hope to sadness. Also as I write to you I do not know whether today we will once again gather in our new church for Mass or whether we take solace in watching a live-stream provided by Fr. Mike, Pope Francis, or other priests and bishops throughout the world. Just like Jesus' followers in the first century we are living in uncertain times, not knowing what is to come.

Although I feel so blessed by God's grace, I wonder at this moment of so much uncertainty, how I am being called to follow Him. I keep thinking there must be something I should be doing and yet like so many of you I am maintaining "social distancing." I watch as business are closed and schools are canceling face to face classes. I listen to the growing number of people effected by the spread of this virus, I hear mixed messages from social media, and I feel discouraged. As one who is over the age of 60 there is yet the question in my mind, "Am I really at risk?" I think of all the front-line workers (paramedics, police, nurses, doctors) and those keeping our grocery stores and pharmacies open for others' welfare. I think about the people working in food pantries, with the homeless, in restaurants preparing take-out meals and at times offering them at no cost. I think of truck drivers and others in transportation who are responsible for delivering food, medical supplies and daily necessities, I think of ordinary people reaching out in extraordinary ways to help neighbors, strangers, and isolated people in our society, and I ask God, where are you calling me?

Unfortunately I don't have answers but I can honestly tell you that no matter how I celebrate this Holyest of weeks, I strongly feel God's presence; I know He loves us, He is willing to give Himself totally to each of us, and that gives me Hope. For me, a part of my daily prayer is "Please help me give myself totally to you, Lord. Help me love and serve you, and follow you to the cross. Amen"

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

The Paschal Triduum 2020



April 9 - 5pm
Mass of the
Lord's Supper



April 10 - 3pm
Passion
of the Lord



April 12 - 8am
Resurrection
of the Lord

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Triduum – from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. **Note:** *There is no Easter Vigil this year.*

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Due to the Covid-19 social distancing and gathering restrictions, there will be no public services at St. James.

Private services, celebrated by our priests, on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday will be livestreamed on Facebook on each of these days. Please join us at the following times as we worship together at home as a St. James family.

Holy Thursday Mass on Thursday, April 9 at 5pm

Good Friday services on Friday, April 10 at 3pm

Easter Sunday Mass on Sunday, April 12 at 8am

Videos of each of these services will be available later in the day on the St. James website and also on the St. James Youtube channel.

Confession When All Of The Churches Are Closed

Make An Act Of Perfect Contrition

If one is unable to get to Confession: make an act of Perfect Contrition, which requires:

- The love of God
- The sincere desire for forgiveness
- The ardent commitment to receive the sacrament of reconciliation when available.

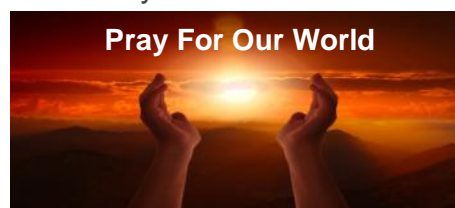
When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called "perfect" (contrition of charity). Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible. (Catechism, 1452)

Confession By Appointment

The priests at St. James are more than willing to hear your confession during this time.

They do ask that it be arranged by appointment so that the appropriate arrangements can be made.

Please call the office at 816-781-4343 to make an appointment or leave a message and one of our priests will call you.



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

Hayden Armour	Sophia Armilio	Tyler Vivanco
Nathan Bigler	Kenneth Barry	Lisa Baker
Elise Cedarholm	Boston Cochran	James Brand
Renee Diaz	Daniel Crossett	Carolyn Easterday
Jackson Doty	Ronald Gibbs	Stephen Gregoire
Colleen Langhorst	Dakota Grizzle	Mason Hedberg
Jason Lanter	William Korte	Anita Holt
Shannon McMahon	Shelby O'Brien	Ashlynn Lea
Billy Montgomery	Michael Ruiz	Lauren Poole
Brooklyn Myers	Andrea Rusch	Joseph Ridder
Giavincia Reyes	Thomas Saffell	Leah Schuele
Stephanie Ridens	Bernard Verssue	Christopher Steiger
Colton Robinette	Lucia Christello	Brady Timmerberg
Alison Rodriguez	Laura Mahan	Jacob Witherow
Abby Schoenrock	Kevin Nordhues	Louis Wohletz
Kimberly Schott	James Norton	Atlas Yanke
Tina White	Andrew Richards	Charles Adams
John Witherow	Kathleen Savaiano	Louis Angles
Kimberly Bartlett	Timothy Smith	Leonard Bezdek
Sean Daldrup	William Stipanovich	Joseph Burns
David Dugan	Cory Busch	Zachary Ildza
Joann Dunn	Kevin Casel	Laura Jacobs
Megan Gentrup	Frank Fuentes	Rachel Lea
Kirby Lampe	Zachary Fuller	Maureen
Macie Lanter	Andrea Gomez	McCubbin
Kevin Onka	Connor Koelling	Abigail Nogueira
Brian Staton	Marita List	Victor Serrano
Anna Thornton	Jason Reichert	Zachary Usher
Jeanne Whitaker	Averie Selchert	

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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

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.

