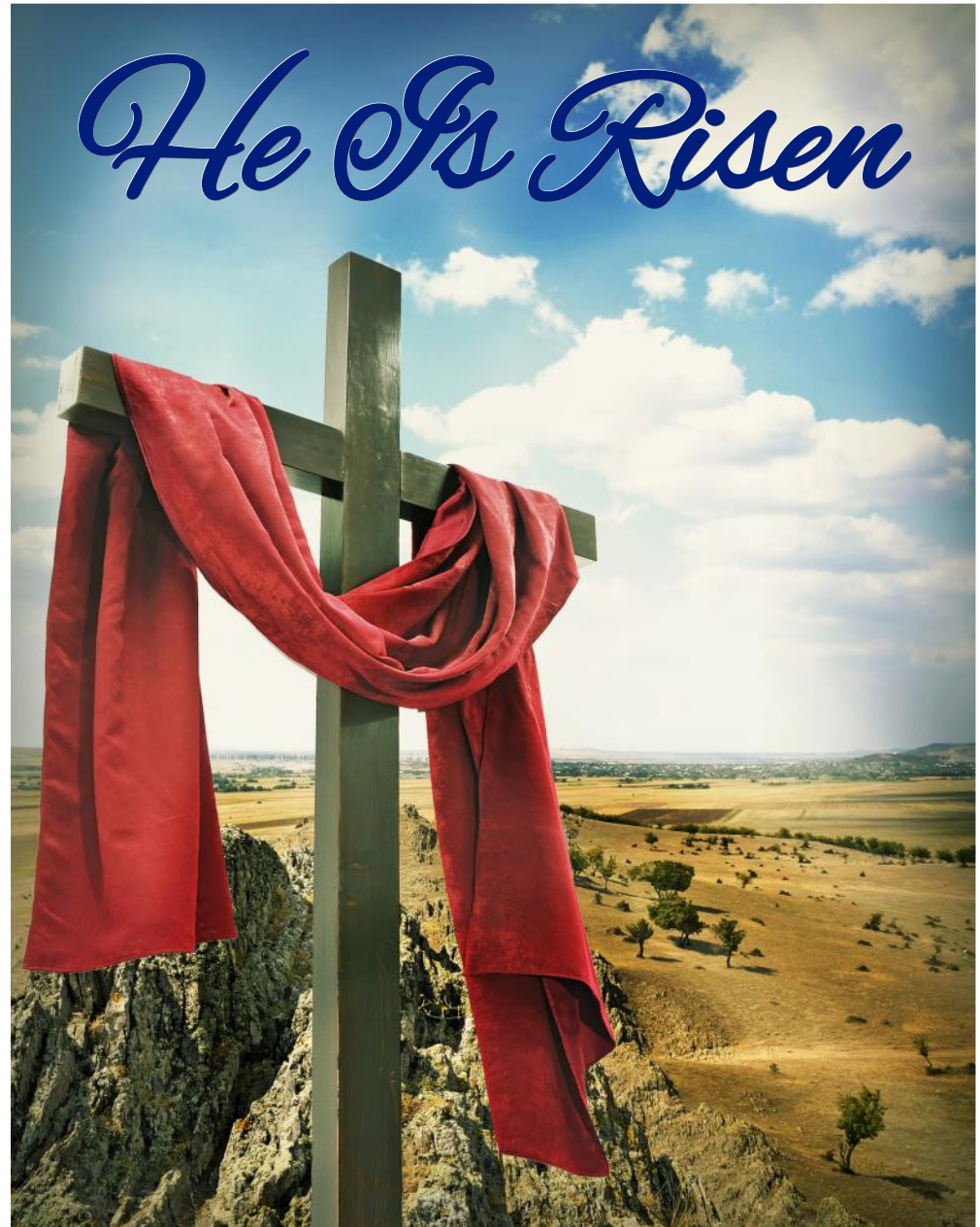


# Saint James Catholic Community

*Easter Sunday ~ The Resurrection of the Lord  
April 12, 2020*

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## He Is Risen

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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 livestream 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, are then 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 is also be available on our YouTube channel for you to follow along at home at your convenience.

*St James Catholic Church - Liberty MO - YouTube*



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

We need the solemnity of Easter more than ever this year. The COVID-19 pandemic has left all of us with a feeling that we are in a tomb, dark and foreboding. A death-like atmosphere surrounds us and indeed many have lost their lives to this horrific disease. More than ever we cling to our faith and the power of prayer. So this Easter celebration comes at just the right time. We need positive words of encouragement and hope. A great blessing has come out of this time of distress: people reaching out to one another with charity. That's supposed to be how we act as Easter People. Fr. Mike and I extend to all of you our best wishes for an Easter season felled with joy as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our belief in the Resurrection is rooted in the testimony of witnesses. If there were no witnesses, how could we know that Jesus was crucified, died, was buried, and then rose of the dead? And if those witnesses did not give testimony, how would we know what they saw and experienced? And if we did not believe that their testimony comes down to us through the Scripture, why would we believe? And if we did not have faith in their testimony, what sense would it make to adhere to and practice our faith? The resurrection of Jesus is the very motivation for our faith.

The testimony of witnesses is the focus of the Scripture readings for this Easter Sunday. You may notice that in the gospel there is no mention of resurrection. The testimony of Mary of Magdala, as well as Peter and John, is only about the empty tomb. Adversaries could claim that either disciples of Jesus or tomb-robbers stole the body of Jesus. So the evangelist includes what appears to be a minor detail: the burial clothes and cloth that covered the face of Jesus were there, neatly folded. That would not be the action of anyone stealing the body of Jesus. There are other accounts that we will hear in weeks to follow giving testimony about actual appearances of the Risen Lord.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us testimony that occurred later: the Preaching of Peter about how the Risen Lord had appeared to him and others, and how they were commissioned to preach to the people. Obviously, people believed in the testimony and passed on the good news. Now we are the witnesses and continue testimony to the Risen Lord.

May all of us cling to this hope. My prayers are with you each day.  
Fr. Michael

## Mass Intentions

### Week of April 13 - April 19

<b>Monday</b> 8:15am	In Gratitude for Our Priests
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:15am	††John & Sarah Thomason
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:15am	For Those on Our Prayer Lists
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15pm	For Our Senior Citizens
<b>Friday</b> 8:15pm	†Fr. Vincent Capodanno, MM
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00am	†Living and Deceased Members of Over 50s
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> †Marie Bacon †Mary Jane Holt †Harry Woltkamp †Alex Bruening

### 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.



## 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](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)**

**H.O.P.E. / SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS****Happy Easter - You Can Still Buy HOPE Cards**

The St. James HOPE Gift card team and all its volunteers wish each of you a very happy and blessed Easter.

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**

**A MESSAGE FROM DEACON CHUCK**

Dear St. James Community,

Many are now experiencing the stay at home orders. I have been in my own stay at home situation for the past 12 weeks. Part of that stay at home was missing the Confirmation of the biggest class of Confirmation in the diocese.

For those that are not aware 2019 was a difficult time for me physically. I have suffered for some time with bone on bone in both of my knees, which affected my mobility. On January 14th I had total joint replacement on my right knee. Then on February 25th, Fat Tuesday, I had total joint replacement on my left knee.

Palm Sunday, I returned to the Altar to serve as Deacon at Mass. I thank the St James Community for all their prayers, cards, well wishes and meals. These, along with God's blessings, are the main reasons that I have been able to recover so quickly. Before the first surgery, it was my goal to be back on the Altar by Easter. My prayer to God was that it would be by his grace that my goal would be accomplished. As Jesus said in the Garden before his passion, "Father, not my will, but your will be done".

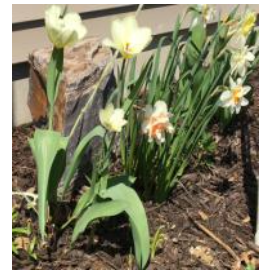
Easter Blessings from your humble and unworthy servant,

Chuck

**Someone is Watching and Wondering**

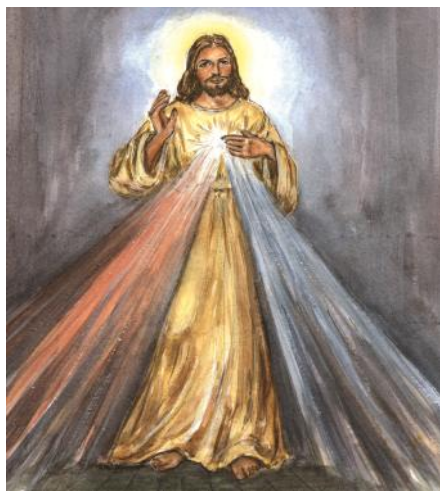
We are certainly living in a strange time and as I write this I have no idea when we will be physically together once again in our beautiful new church space. I also have no idea how many people have been physically affected by the Covid-19 virus. I never thought I would feel like the walls of my house are slowly closing in on me or that I would so long for the companionship of other human beings. I have many things to keep me occupied and each day I find another little project that I think needs completed. The reality is, however, I don't want to work on little projects, I just want face to face communion. I miss going to Mass and I miss receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. I miss being with friends and family. I miss eating at a restaurant; I miss going to the symphony; I miss watching a movie at B & B theaters; I feel disoriented. I apologize for sounding so negative but I also believe there is hope.

As most of you know gardening is one of my hobbies and there is very little that I enjoy more than being outside. Each day when I open the doors for a breath of fresh air, I am amazed at the changing landscape that greets me. Covid-19 cannot stop the beauty of nature nor the appearance of spring flowers, budding trees, and birds returning from their winter vacations. This is when I know God is still present, in control, and will use all that is happening right now, somehow, somehow for good. After all, God's love and mercy are the center of the universe. His love and mercy abound and are witnessed in the work of ordinary human beings doing extraordinary acts of kindness even through this isolation. Perhaps God is calling us to leave our comfort zone, even in faith, and seek a deeper, richer meaning to Easter. Yes, we embrace and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus but I believe we are also called to recognize the resurrection of new life that occurs daily in our midst. Let me suggest that today and every day we give thanks to God for revealing the resurrection of the Human Spirit.



Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY ~ APRIL 19



While we cannot gather in the church to celebrate this special day, you can have your own celebration at home.

**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina's Praises of the Divine Mercy, the 3 o'clock prayer, and intentions will be available on the St. James website**

**Please join us in prayer, ideally between 2:00 and 3:30pm, or if not convenient, at anytime during the day.**

During the course of Jesus' revelations to St. Faustina on the Divine Mercy, He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

This feast was granted to the Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

### Our Lady of Mercy Country Home Help Wanted



Our Lady of Mercy Country Home is currently increasing their staff.

They are looking for receptionists for all three shifts (7am - 3pm, 3pm - 11pm, and 11pm - 7am) including weekends .

Also needed are housekeepers, especially for weekends.

If interested, contact Brad Hover at  
[brad.a.hover@gmail.com](mailto:brad.a.hover@gmail.com)  
or cell phone 806-676-7140.

### 'Prayer, Bible Stories & Jamming'!



This year, we celebrate the Risen Savior from our homes, not in our new church building as we had envisioned. This year, we are actively practicing being the domestic church, at home. Nine years ago, PB&J was created knowing that where we offered Prayer, Bible Stories and some Jammin' (with instruments) in a church-building setting, it would ultimately be best played out at home. PB&J was created knowing that parents are the first and foremost teachers of their children, and that faith training ultimately begins at home.

A message to PB&J parents: You've got this! You might not have realized it, but you have been practicing all year (maybe multiple years) for this out-of-the-ordinary yet still Holy Easter celebration with your domestic church! Happy Easter to all our PB&J families and our entire parish, and may your at-home celebrations be joyful! He is Risen!

### A Touch of Spring At St. James



Those who are staying at home are missing all of the signs of spring at St. James.

Fortunately our parishioner Christine Alvey drove by the church a few days ago and photographed these beautiful scenes.

Thank you Chris for sharing.

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

Henry Bruening	Lilliana Mancuso	Catherine Pearson
Daniel Burns	Anna Merricks	Rhett Reliford
Anna Christello	Jeremy O'Dell	Joseph Witherow, Jr.
Sheily Covarrubias	Daniel Oswald	Mackenzie Dearing
Lori Dorman	Blake Parrish	Paige Eddy
Lillian Foster	Elise Ciferri	Jonathan Klamm
Maia Gaddis	Ryan Clark	Diane Lade
David Green	Jenna King	Gregg Leddick
Robert Herr	Mark Kolodziejski	Scott McDonald
Frances Mentch	Patricia May	Benjamin Richards
Mark Novitski	Thomas McKenna	Abigail Swearingin
Danielle Yarbrough	Austin Richardson	Erica Torres
Diane Backhaus	Alek Rottjakob	Amber Andrade
Clinton Bartlett	Connie Scassellati	James Brown
John Edwards	Matthew St John	Patricia Cull
Steven Genova	Robert Taylor, Jr	Cathy Dolsky
Megan Gray	Evelyn Torres	Kate Durham
Joey Luchtefeld	Pagong Tungol	Ella Lollar
Paige Melling	Remi DeSchepper	Lowell Mayone
Molly Mereness	Keith Fichter	Charles Ortman
Klaire Palmer	Marie Garvey	Emily Paredes
Douglas Schuster	Dana Glasford	Jenna Phelan
Carol Smith	Allyson Grow	Amy Russell-
Maylette Banales	Audrey Jackson	Reinhardt
Heather Browne	Kurt Langhorst	Erin Schneider
Lyndsey Cooper	Lisa Latham	Meredith Schneider
Amy Flanigan	Steven Mathews	Jordan Schuele
Earl Guest	Anna McKee	Jean Shippy
Pitia Juma	Michelle McNerney	Kaleb Winfrey
Haylee Kelley	John Norton	

## Stewardship of Treasure

Thank You – the notes, prayers and blessings sent to the parish staff have been much appreciated! I have scanned copies out to the staff so everyone would know of your well wishes.

Thank you for supporting our parish family during this uncertain time. Checks continue to come in and we are paying our bills as of right now.

May we all have a blessed Easter. May the hope of being together again soon in our own worship space bring us comfort along this journey.

Any questions/concerns.....

As always, if you have any questions and/or concerns about any financial numbers – please feel free to contact me.

Katie Klassen

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## We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Janet Ward & Jeff	Jamie Martin	Nancy Carr
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 Poldsifer	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 Peltz	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	Roberta McCallum
Charley Moubry	Scott Neibergall	Keith Newman
Dan & Bibi Chadwick	Bob Leonardo	Gary Andrew Reese
Pat Aten	Margo Eastland	Emma Shay
John Vrocato	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 & Carle 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

**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.

*please  
pray for  
the sick*