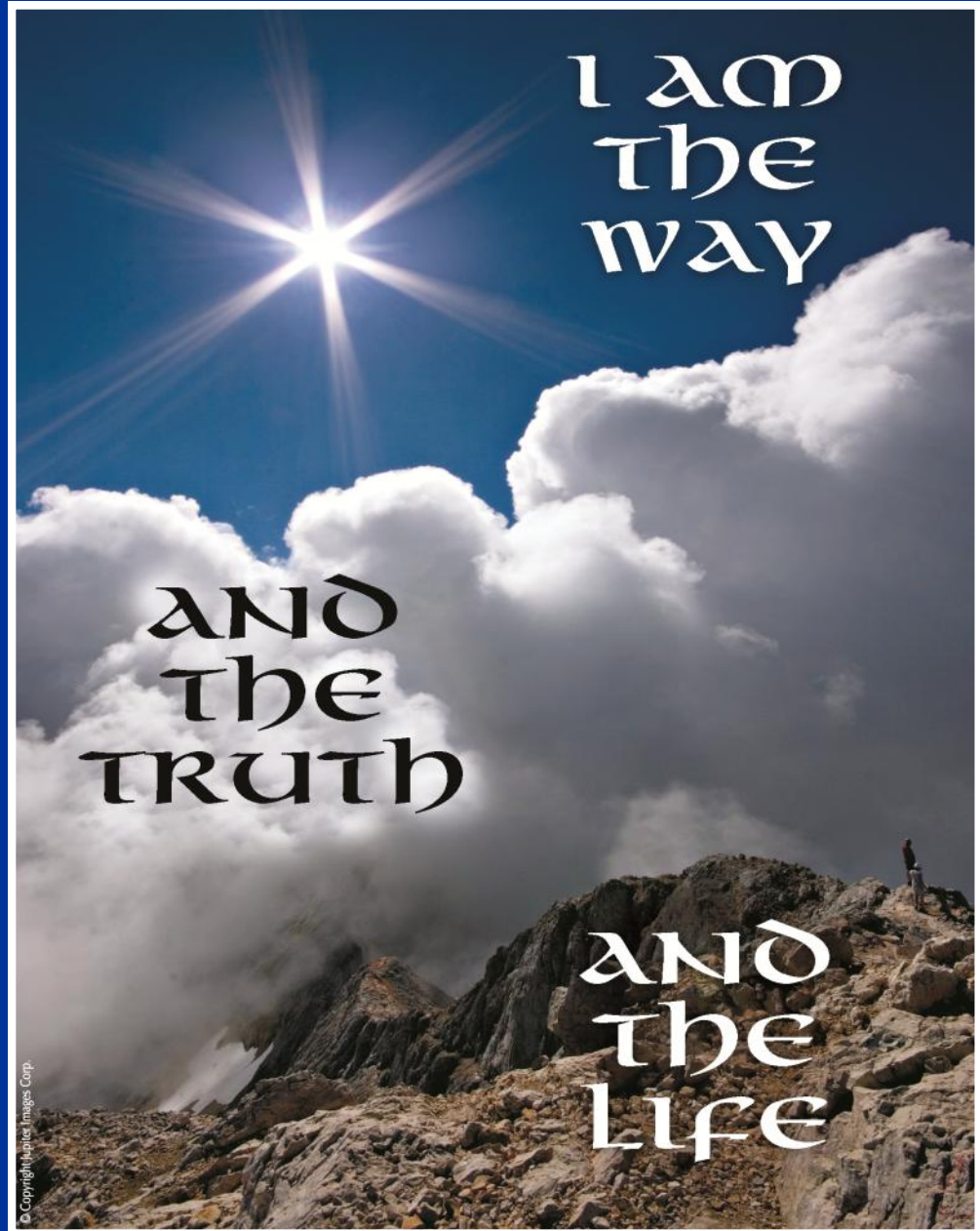


Saint James Catholic Community

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020

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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: Monday - Friday, 8:15am

Saturday, 5:00pm

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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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



St. James School Senior Retreat Mass on May 7

We livestream the Celebration of the Mass on Sundays at 8:00am on Facebook Live.

The recording of the Mass are then posted on our St. James website and our YouTube channel for you to follow along at home at your convenience.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES

Tentative Dates

Sunday Masses - May 30/31
Daily Masses - June 1

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass Rescheduled



The annual Mass honoring all couples in the diocese celebrating 50 years of marriage, normally held in June, has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 27, due to the coronavirus and a concern for everyone's ongoing safety and health.

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

I write this a couple weeks in advance of the bulletin date, so situations can change a great deal over those weeks. As of now, we are still under the "stay at home" mandate, still following the guidelines about precautions, and still missing our common worship. However, we are still bound together by the "chain of charity," and continue to hold each other in prayer.

This Fifth Sunday of Easter falls of the national celebration of Mother's Day. So it would be most appropriate that our first words are gratitude and recognition of our mothers, both living and deceased. The feast, of course, includes grandmothers, step-mothers, foster mothers, and God-mothers. I must say that I was privileged to have a very saintly mother: kind, generous, thoughtful, prayerful, devoted to her husband and family. It brought great heartache and sorrow to her husband and seven children when we lost her to cancer at the young age of 53. We still recall her memory when we get together, still filled with awe and gratitude for being the kind of mother she was. So today I thank her and I thank and recognize all mothers who live their vocations with devotion and faith.

The gospel assigned for this 5th Sunday of Easter is one that we often hear at funeral liturgies. They are words of comfort: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. I am going to prepare a place for you." In the spirit of the Resurrection we hear those words spoken to each of us. The Lord Jesus has gone before us and has made a home for us in the Father's house. He is the way, the truth, and the life. There is another very significant passage in this gospel account: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." Our God is transcendent God. Our human language cannot express the reality that is our God. Doubters sometimes scoff and say: "Show me your God." Yes, we can point to our God when we recall the earthly life of Jesus. Jesus teaches: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." We don't doubt the earthly life of Jesus, don't doubt his death and resurrection, don't doubt his promises to us. So the gospel today calls us to a strong and secure faith. We don't need proofs. We only need to look to the life and words of Jesus.

May God bless you. My prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of May 11 - May 17

Monday 8:15am	††Mary & Carl Parretta
Tuesday 8:15am	†Mary Mahoney
Wednesday 8:15am	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Our Shut-Ins
Thursday 8:15pm	<i>Saint Matthias, Apostle</i> †Walter Runde
Friday 8:15pm	†Susie Manica
Saturday 5:00pm	†Frank Kromeich †Louis Kelsey †Pat Clark
Sunday 8:00am	In Thanksgiving for Our Priests
10:30am 5:00pm	†Thomas R. Balk Those on Our Prayer Chain

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

or call Daryl in the Parish Office.

All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday

12Noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org

Stewardship of Treasure

I would like to again say – THANK YOU for continuing your support of our parish family. You have continued to send in checks to help cover the church's basic bills during this time.

We will be coming back together soon, although it will be somewhat different at first. Know our prayers are keeping us together in our hearts.

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful wonderful ladies of our parish!

Blessings, Katie

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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May 13 is the anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917.

Perhaps the most well known utterance of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima was her confident declaration that "My Immaculate Heart will triumph". Prior to his becoming Pope Benedict XVI, the then Cardinal Ratzinger interpreted this utterance as follows: "The Heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind.

The fiat of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Saviour into the world – because, thanks to her Yes, God could become man in our world and remains so for all time. The Evil One has power in this world, as we see and experience continually; he has power because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God.

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Someone is Watching and Wondering



Last week I closed with this statement and the follow-up question: "God himself will see to it." Do we trust God to see to it, to provide; are we willing to follow Him; or do we think we know what's right for our own lives?

Later when I reread these words and spent some time reflecting on their meaning in my own life I was struck by how often I question God: "Where are you leading me; Why is there so much suffering; What can I do to help; I feel so small; How can I lead others when I have so many questions; I feel whatever light I have is rather dim; Are you still here, Lord; Do you understand my confusion?" Perhaps I am not so unusual. Perhaps your spirituality is also plagued with questions. Perhaps your life journey, like mine is paved with questions. There is so much I do not understand, but I know God always provides an answer, although not necessarily when I initially ask the question. Sometimes I lose patience. I feel alone, discouraged, and frustrated. I want a solution, the problem solved, to move on, now. I may even waste time with my own "pity party" before I honestly surrender the problem/question to God and await His answer.

Isaiah is one of my favorite prophetic books in the Bible. Whenever I seem stuck and unable to find my way, I find something in Isaiah that brings comfort. For example the words found in chapter 43, verses 1b-2: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by name: you are mine. When you pass through the water, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you." Continuing in verse 4: "Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, and because I love you." These words are so comforting and offer reassurance that no matter what I am facing; no matter how difficult the path seems at the moment; no matter the obstacles that appear ahead; regardless of my fears and trepidations; God loves me and is with me. Perhaps He is walking ahead to show the way. Perhaps He is holding my hand for reassurance. Perhaps He is carrying me. What I know, even as we continue to walk through these difficult times since the outbreak of Covid-19 throughout the world, is that God loves each of us. We are precious to Him and He never abandons us. God's spirit lives in each of us and if we open our hearts we will know His presence and see His face in one another. Even dim light shines through the darkness to lead the way. I pray that He will show me how to let His light shine through me. It is comforting to know He loves me, I am precious, and that is the gift I want to give back. I love you, you are precious to me.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

CONGRATULATIONS ST. JAMES ALUMNI ON YOUR GRADUATION FROM ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL. ST. JAMES WISHES YOU THE BEST ON YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE IN LIFE. SE ARE SO PROUD OF EACH OF YOU.

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MAKAYLA CARR
Truman State University or Kansas State University
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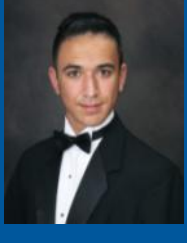
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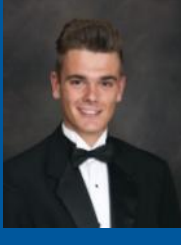
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DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST AND FRUITS OF THE EARTH - MAY 15



On May 15 our diocese will observe a special day of prayer for a fruitful harvest: at seedtime.

Whether or not we live in rural communities, we may wish to ask God's protection for seeds (or young plants) in our fields and gardens. Seeds represent a microcosm of all life. By our prayer, we acknowledge God's control over creation and our stewardship of it.

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

Antonio Banales	Chloe Kuchta	Juma Narsok
Richard Beyer	Lori Madson	Katelynn
Brianna Boehm	Benjamin Mattes	Nogueira
Aaliyah Cerilo	Amanda	Zachary Rogers
Theodore	McConnell	Jacob Selock
Dahlberg	Michelle	Mary Thibeault
Alice Heflin	McCubbin	Alexander
Gerard Hickey	Mandy Mears	Trinidad
Stephanie Jones	Matthew Nelson	Nicole Cox
Michelle McClune	Ava Spencer	Adrianna Hudnall
Lewis Shippy	Ramon Torres-	Leah Naseem
Patrick Testrake	Gomez	Jose Torres Cruz
Victor Toler	Anita Williams	Thomas Barton
Mario Usera	Kimberly Eichler	Thomas Brown
Jeanette	Mathew George	Kaleb Contreras
Caponetto	Hudson Goodwin	Jerry Elmore
Sean Combs	Malia Grelinger	Jacqueline Filardo
Trisha DeWet	Brenda Hoover	Molly Gray
Oscar Elizalde	Emily Mattingly	Kacey Herrick
Jennifer Janning	John Mohr	Robert Hoover
Robert Lade	Emerson Ragland	Bella Kirkbride
Jared Mathes	Elizabeth Reichert	John Krim
Ali McCarthy	Kimberly	Sophia Levas
Steve McKee	Schneider	Sydney Marshall
LeRoy Parrish	Madison Smith	Maxwell
Cooper	Kiley Timmerberg	Mereness
Richardson	Wesley Wooten	Kristopher Miller
David Slater	Joseph Amaro	Antoinette
Carlin Yonke	Jaclyn Cerini	Mussoricci
Gail Brame	Mark Grogan	Quinn Peters
Emma Chartier	Dolly Hullinger	Geri Pyle
Addison Cotton	Narsok Juma	Joseph Schuster
Lia Crego	Maria Luczak	Matthew
Andrea Elliott	Dylan McCloskey	Sutherland
Kasen Kollasch	Taylor McCloskey	

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day (continued from page 4)

But since God himself took a human heart and has thus steered human freedom towards what is good, the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word. From that time forth, the word that prevails is this: "In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33).

The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise.

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins.
Save us from the fires of hell,
lead all souls to heaven
especially those
in most need of thy mercy.

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Janet Ward & Jeff	Pat Carey & Family	Catherine Finley
Julie Miller	Gavin McKenna	Loren Wolken
James Filippe	James Fulton	Kristie Koontz
Alicia Paredes	Helen Szczech	Carla George
Mike Mall	Angie Parnacott	Sue McKnight
Bob Pezman	Monica Nelson	Kyle Sellmeyer
Jack & Sue Schwarz	Eddie Campbell	Margarita Mendoza Family
George Polsdofer	Joe Witherow, Jr.	Bob Hedrick
Patty Larson	Ricky Gisi, Jr.	Marie Brancato
Denise W.	Adam McCray	Rich Curasi
Mark Collins	Melissa Andrasik	Tricia Kauffman
David Roach	Randi Arness	Bob Roach
Marina	Tom Biggs	John Brocato
James Gubera	Diana Marchisio	Barbara (Roach) Still
Tina Helm	Wilfredo Crespo, Jr.	Debbie Pickett
Becky Collins	Sandra Hensley	Kathleen Haines
Hazel Lewis	Rachelle Pomfrey	John Phannenstiel
Dan Tomc	Ron & Peggy Pertz	Mike Sheeley
Laurie Beach	Paul Gossett	Rick George
Rachel Johnson	Julie Rush	Saree Morely
Wanda Finnigan	John & Susan-Kelly Corsione	Christy Mock
Geralyn Hosticka	Tony & Jo's Family	John Findlay
Beth Atwater	Colleen Kearney	Duane Sander
K&M Davis	Walter Ruby	Mattie Mae Weaver
David Butel & Family	Lynn & Monica Nelson	Troy Cronkite
Eric Cummings	Ricky Deese	June Bender
Ciara Davis	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 & 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 Holcumbkin
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 McMahon
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
Stivers Family	The Hollomon Family	Robert Doleshal
JoLynn Distasio	Trivino Family	Jersey & James Hicks
Deacon Bud	Jackie & Enike Hayes	
Jackson Erwin	Jeanette and Roberta Casel	

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*