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Catholic Church

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Monday through Friday
8:00 AM-4:00 PM
(Closed daily 12:00-1:00 PM)
Please call before coming to make sure a
staff member will be available to help you.

Closed Saturday and Sunday

ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT

*To continue Jesus' work of
calling all people into a loving
relationship with God and neighbor.*

ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Bob Betz

ASSISTING PRIEST

Fr. George Gajdos

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Recorded Masses can be found on YouTube

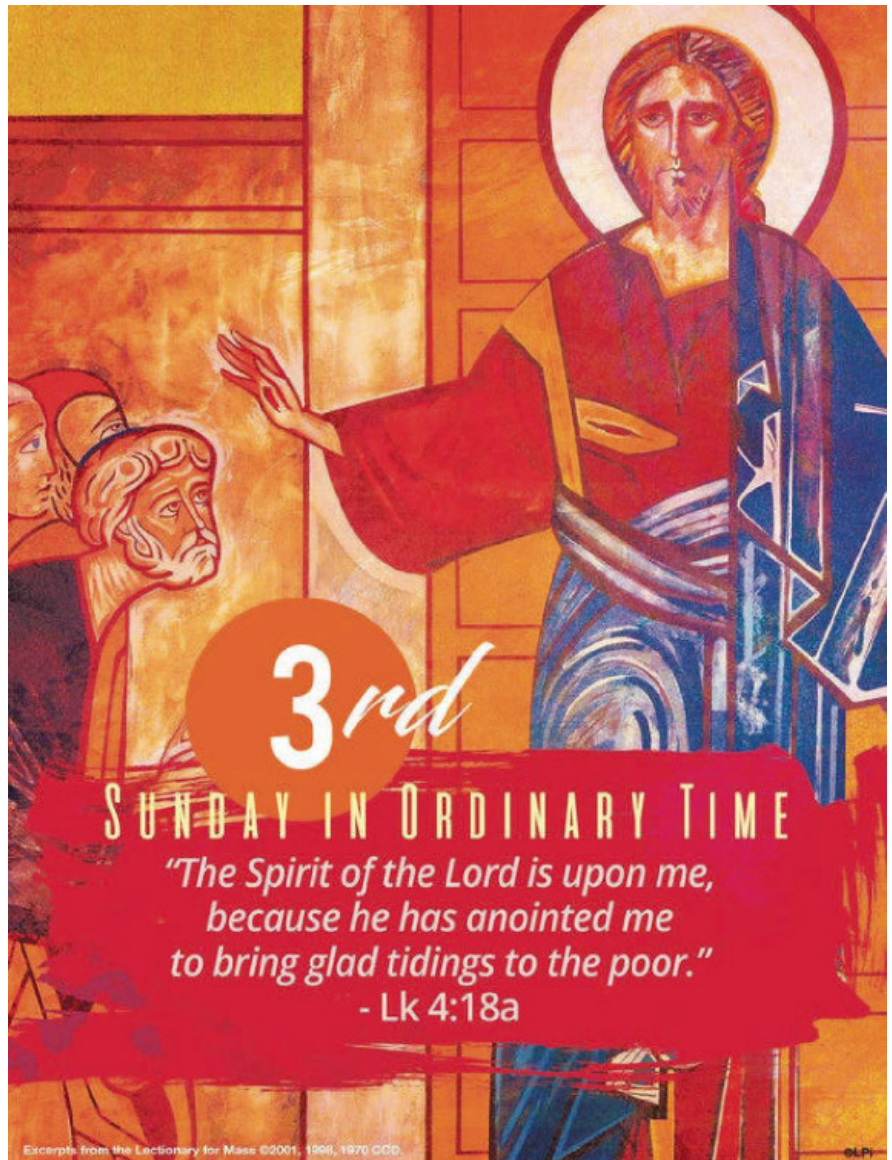
Weekdays: Tuesday 8:00 AM

Individual Confession:

Saturday 4:00 PM—4:30 PM
(Or call parish office to make appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each month
Noon-1:00 PM



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DEAR PARISHIONERS...

For fifty years the Jewish people had been exiled in Babylon. Most of the people gathered around Ezra, the priest, that day after their return, had never worshipped in Jerusalem before, never worshipped in so large a gathering, never worshipped in public. They are hearing God's word proclaimed openly for the first time in their lives. Even the older people could barely recall what it was like before their exile. Many wondered if the day would ever come. What joy it must have inspired.



Luke, alone among all the evangelists, set this account at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry as he came to his home town of Nazareth. According to his custom, he goes into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He reads from the prophet Isaiah. This sets the tone for his ministry. Jesus announces the prophecies of glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, and a year acceptable to the Lord. This refers to a once in every fifty year event, during which debts are forgiven, slaves freed, and land reverted to its original owners, or heirs. What an astonishing claim. Jesus' ministry went on to fulfill this ultimate reversal of circumstances.

For weeks, or months, or over a year since the pandemic we, maybe, were unable to join in communal worship. Hopefully all of us will soon be able to return and rejoice. Many still are only able to pray virtually on the live-streaming of the Mass. What a blessing it will be when everyone will be able to listen to the word of God and partake personally in the Eucharistic feast.

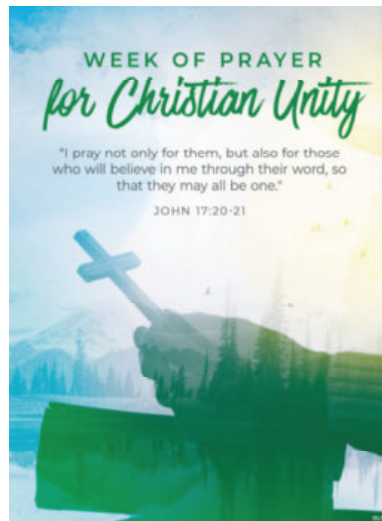
Love, Peace, Joy,

Fr. Bob

COVID Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

-Pedro de la Cruz



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For assistance with Shelter/Lodging/Rent, Utilities/Shutoffs, Furniture and Clothing

Phone.....414-462-7837

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Respect has nothing to do with who is right and who is wrong. It has to do with allowing space for someone else's opinion.

-Jackie Viramontez

Resolve to Embrace God's Compassion in the New Year

January is traditionally the time for new beginnings, fresh starts. For the Christian steward, the grace of being given another day, or, God willing, a whole new year, stirs our deep gratitude even as we are confronted with the current pandemic. But it also calls us to ask what a "resolution" should really be. Our first resolve should always be to involve ourselves more intimately in the life of Christ, and how better to do that than by embracing Christ's call to be compassionate?

After all, Jesus himself instructed us, "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate" (Luke 6:36). Clearly, we strive now to live and give compassionately, as we generally understand the term. We try to be kind, considerate, and understanding individuals. We share with others. But Jesus' words challenge us to embrace a compassion that is much deeper, much more radical than our general understanding.

The word compassion, at its root, means "to suffer with." This goes beyond merely writing a check, offering a prayer or sending a note. Suffering is not a popular notion in our society and we strive to avoid it. But now we hear Christ instructing us to "suffer with" the poor, the vulnerable, the powerless, the neglected, and the weak.

How can we possibly choose such a journey, this challenge to be truly present to those who suffer?

All things are possible with God, and it is through a commitment to a life of discipline, discipline in action and discipline in prayer, that we move towards the goal of true compassion.

The Christian steward is committed to the eucharistic life, and it is through this life which Christ offers us that we gain the courage and the will and even the need to follow him in his own example of compassion.

Compassion is the doorway to a more responsive stewardship and a committed discipleship. Through our deepening sense of compassion in 2022, may we resolve to be the kind of Christian stewards who bring Christ's presence more profoundly to a suffering world.

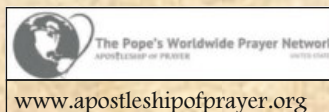
The Catholic Stewardship



The Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2022

True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



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Prayer and Liturgies

January 23 through January 30

Sunday: Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30

Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

8:00 AM - St. Jude, in thanksgiving for his aid

10:00 AM - †Joseph Sterny

Monday: Saint Francis de Sales

2 Sm 5:1-7,10

Ps 89:21-22,25-26

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16

Ps 117:1bc,2

Mk 16:15-18

8:00 AM - †Tom Pickl and

†Tom Pickl, Jr.

Wednesday: Saints Timothy and Titus

2 Tm 1:1-8

Ps 96:1-3,7-8a,10

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Saint Angela Merici

2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29

Ps 132:1-5,11-14

Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Saint Thomas Aquinas

2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17

Ps 51:3-7,10-11

Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Weekday (3)

2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17

Ps 51:12-17

Mk 4:35-41

4:00 PM Ind. Reconciliation

5:00 PM - †Mike Spanke

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5,17-19

1 Cor 12:31—13:13

Lk 4:21-30

8:00 AM - St. Anthony, in

thanksgiving for his aid

10:00 AM - Zachary Blakewell,

improved health

Stewardship of Treasure

January

Income	Actual	Budgeted	Over/ (Under)
Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 31,717.75	\$ 22,141.13	\$ 9,576.62
Expenses	\$ 21,138.68	\$ 22,623.48	(\$ 1,484.80)

Fiscal Year To Date

Income	Actual	Budgeted	Over/ (Under)
Income	\$527,075.92	\$315,084.90	\$211,991.02
Expenses	\$368,280.29	\$348,604.94	\$ 19,675.35

Construction Loan Balance to date \$ 119,000.00

GROWING FAITH

You are Cordially Invited

- To help educate your fellow parishioners on social justice issues and Catholic Social teaching.
- To help meet the immediate needs of the poor and abandoned by way of direct service.
- To work for structural change in our community and society at large where there is injustice or oppression of human rights.

In other words, you are invited to put your *faith into action* and become an active member of St. James's Human Concerns Commission. This is one concrete way of actively accepting the responsibility of your baptism, of *living the Gospel!* Being a member involves helping to educate and take action on issues relating to justice, peace, aging, hunger, the environment, health, race, homelessness, and other real life issues and concerns that impact our brothers and sisters. Our Human Concerns Commission currently includes: St. Vincent de Paul and the Food Pantry; Habitat for Humanity; ERAS (Network helping the aged and homebound); our sister parish in Peru (Santisimo Sacramento), and others.

If you discern the Holy Spirit is leading you to this ministry, come and sit in on the next Human Concerns Commission meeting. Wednesday, February 16th, 6:30 PM, Church Hall. You can observe what we do and why we are a vital part of St. James Parish. There is NO OBLIGATION or pressure to join. Just come, observe, and discern if this is for you. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

Any questions do not hesitate to contact me: 414-761-0480 or fhang@stjames-franklin.org.

O Lord, open our eyes, open our ears, open our mouths. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to you. Amen.

Fred

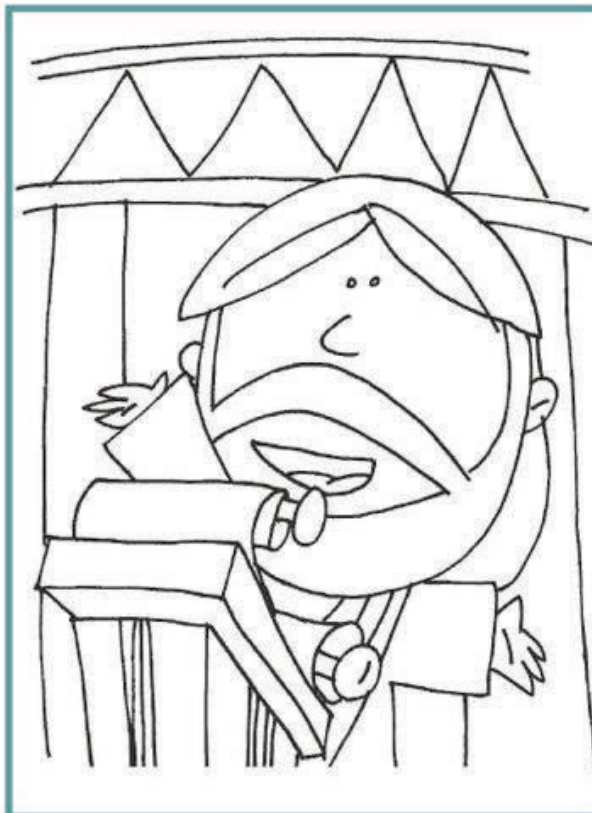
**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Our food pantry is in service every Friday from 9:00-11:00 AM. Outdoor curb service drive-through distribution will be our means of getting food to those who are in need. Our volunteers will bring boxed food out to your car. Please bring your identification and remain in your vehicle. We thank you for keeping us all safe.



Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



Jesus says, "Tell the words of God to those who have never heard it." Tell others that God loves and forgives them. The best way to tell is to show the word of the Lord by your actions. Hand a Band-Aid to your injured brother. Talk instead of hitting someone when you get angry. Say "I forgive you," when your sister hurts you. Let others play with your toys. Share your favorite candy bar.

PRAYER

Open the eyes of others to your love and forgiveness, Lord.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will ask my family to give old eyeglasses to the Lions Club.

JOIN IN—BE INFORMED

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Thursday, January 27, from 10:00 AM until noon in Room 4 of the Parish Center. Come and stay for as long as you wish. You may bring food and/or beverage for your own consumption.

We make shawls for those in need of prayers and healing, blankets for the newly baptized—as well as other comfort and caring projects. If you prefer to work on your own at home, we could also use your help!! (But contact the parish office for appropriate sizes needed!) Yarn can be provided to you.

If you have any questions regarding this ministry contact Fred Hang, Pastoral Associate, at (414) 761-0480 ext. 113



Our next concert will be a Talent Show given by anyone in the parish with a special talent (song, dance, or other interesting skill suitable for church) on March 13 at 4:00 PM. If you would like to be a part of the talent show, let me know by February 13. It doesn't matter

how old you are, as long as you are good at what you do! I will have to see your talent before putting it in the program though. Auditions will be by appointment any time in February.

I hope many young musicians who are preparing for solo and ensemble will participate!

Carl Reyes, Director of Music and Liturgy

Pray For

We remember the special needs of St. James parishioners, family and friends, especially:



Family of Tommy Thompson (Relatives of Theresa Placek)
Lynn and Paul Hischke

Maryanne Kehoe (Friend of Rose Oliva)

Jenny Oliva (Daughter-in-law of Rose Oliva)

Marisusan Lindemann (Daughter of Judy Schmidt)

Megan, Alex, and Baby Binger (Relatives of Ellen Schuh)

Geri Ann Koncilja (Aunt of Theresa Placek)

Diane Kirchoff (Friend of Donna Brown)

Cindy Malliet (Niece of George Bloechl)

Kris Bloechl (Wife of George Bloechl)

Tom Petlewski (Neighbor of Dan and Norrine Nolan)

Jill Tannhiemer (Daughter of Karen Iwinski)

Gilchrist Family (Relatives of Evelyn Spadinger)

Phil Willman (Brother of Fran Spanke)

Mike Berry (Friend of Rose Oliva)

Linda Guzman de Cardona (Sister of Marie Guzman)

James Griffin (Son of Debby Fischer)

Jeanette and Cheryl Odegard

Joel Prusinski (Son of Nanci and Bob Prusinski)

By our prayers, we offer support.

If you or any of your relatives need prayers, call 761-0480.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 23

8:45 AM First Communion Session (Rm. 1)
11:15 AM YDisciple-Girls (Rm. 4)
11:15 AM YDisciple-Boys (Rm. 6)

Monday, January 24

1:00 PM Staff Meeting (CR)

Tuesday, January 25

7:00 PM AA (Rm. 7)

Wednesday, January 26

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (C)

Thursday, January 27

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm. 4)

7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

Friday, January 28

9:00-11:00 AM Food Pantry

Noon SE Deanery Meeting (CH)

Saturday, January 29

8:45 AM Gamblers Anonymous (Rm. 7)

3:00 PM Safe Environment Family Lesson (3rd Grade) (Zoom)

Next Sunday, January 30

11:30 AM Safe Environment Family Lesson (9th, 10th, 11th Grade) (Zoom)

12:00 PM Safe Environment Family Lesson (6th & 7th Grade) (Zoom)

12:30 PM Safe Environment Family Lesson (5th Grade) (Zoom)

1:00 PM Safe Environment Family Lesson (8th Grade) (Zoom)



**SOUPer BOWL
SUNDAY
February 12/13**

To hear the clanging of change in a metal bowl brings smiles to our SVDP Food Pantry volunteers. They know that SOUPer Bowl weekend means funds collected will help us buy soup for the many people that visit our pantry. So bring any loose change, dollar bills, and/or checks on the weekend of February 12th and 13th to help us feed those who are less fortunate. Soup is one of the most needed and requested items during the cold winter months.

Our volunteers will be located near the church lobby after each Mass to accept your most generous donations.





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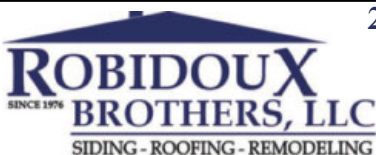
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