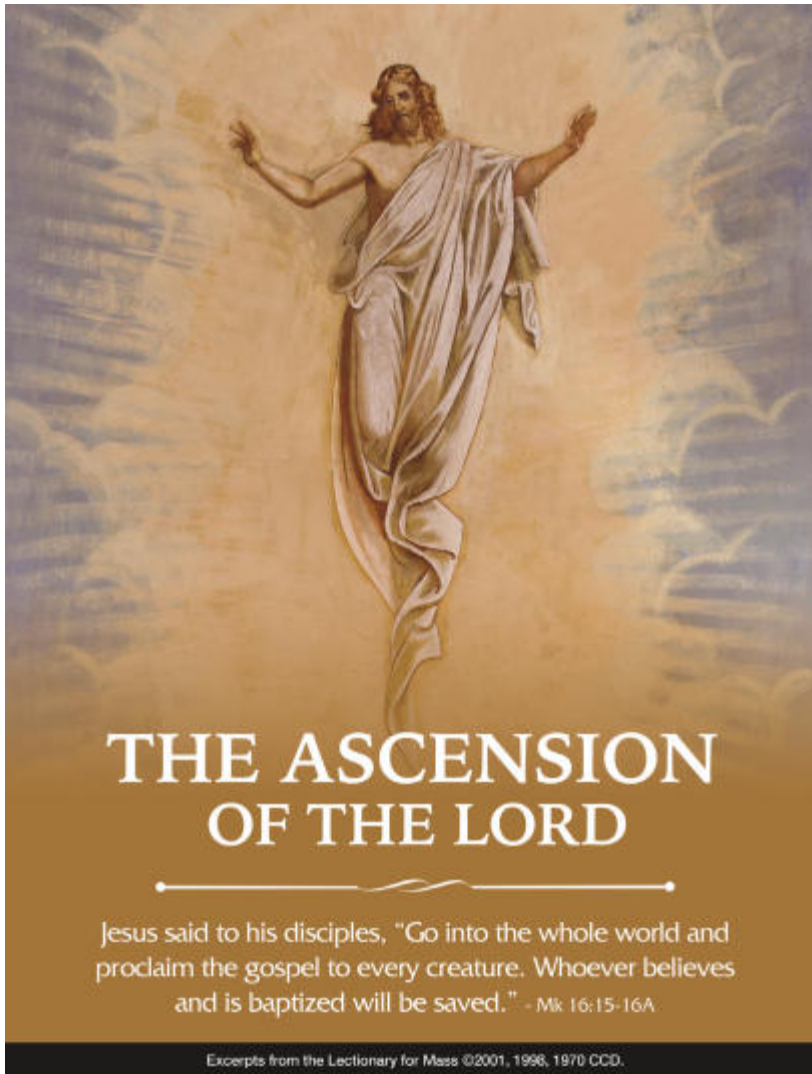




# ST. JAMES THE GREATER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## MAY 16, 2021



### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." - Mk 16:15-16A

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### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30pm  
Sunday 9:30am

### DAILY MASSES

Mondays & Wednesdays -  
7:30am in the Church  
Fridays -  
9:00am in the Church

### SACRAMENTS

#### RECONCILIATION

By appt. only during the pandemic.

#### BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office.  
Families are encouraged to be registered in the parish.

#### MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior the proposed date.

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If you know of someone homebound, sick, or in the hospital, contact the Parish Office.

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For those in need within our boundaries, call 314-289-6101 ext. 1152.

## OUR PARISH COMMITMENT

As parishioners of St. James the Greater Catholic Church, we strive to follow Jesus Christ in our Eucharistic Community by witnessing God's love for ourselves, our families, and our growing diverse community; particularly in Dogtown, and its surrounding neighborhoods and institutions...sharing our blessings with our new neighbors, and those living on the margins of faith.

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# From the Pastor's Pen...



Dear Parishioners,

Please see the following article from David Brooks.

Blessings,  
Fr. Quirk, Ph.D.

I don't know about you, but I've found the latest stage of the pandemic hard in its own distinct way. The cumulative effect of a year of repetition, isolation and stress has induced a lassitude — a settling into the familiar, with feelings of vulnerability. The shock of a year ago has been replaced by a sluggish just-getting-to-the-end.

Which gets me wondering how a year-plus of social distancing has changed our personalities. The good news is that personality traits are pretty stable. They change, but gradually over decades. In normal times, they generally change for the better. Research shows that most people get more calm, self-confident and socially sensitive as they mature.

Those who've lost a loved one or nearly died themselves have their own hard stories to tell. Adolescents and young adults have generally had a hellish time, at least in my circles, forced into solitude at the very moment when their identities are most vividly forming.

There are all the concerts we didn't go to, the plays and dinner parties we didn't enjoy. Few of us got to experience the delight of finding ourselves in a social set we knew nothing about. This is a loss of emotional nutrition. It manifests socially as loneliness. Thirty-six percent of Americans, including 61 percent of young adults, report "serious loneliness," according to a survey by the Making Caring Common Project at Harvard.

I've been surprised by how much it feels like not just a social problem but a moral one. We say we feel a sense of purpose and mission when we are serving a cause larger than ourselves. But I've learned this year how much having a feeling of purpose depends on the small acts of hospitality we give and receive each day, sometimes with people we don't know all that well.

It's hosting a dinner party and noticing that somebody's glass is nearly empty. It's having a stranger on a plane confide something in you and you being a momentary presence in her life.

## Parish Office

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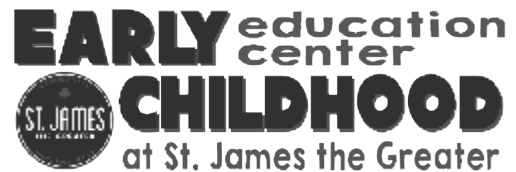
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May 9, 2021

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Thank You. 

# Parish Highlights

Those little acts, giving fruit to each other, turn out to be tremendously fortifying. Feeling like you have a sense of purpose, it turns out, is not just about the big commitments, but also the small gift exchanges you have with your middle-ring friends.

Those opportunities have been diminished, and my work has expanded to fill the hours. I've unwittingly asked work to provide things it is incapable of supplying.

This year should have been the ideal opportunity to take a step back and self-reflect. I know a lot of people who've done important inner work this year, and a lot who were just too exhausted. I've found it hard recently to plan for the future, because from the continent of lockdown I've found it hard to imagine what life will be like when this is over and we live in the continent of freedom.

Pandemic year feels like a parenthesis in our life narratives. How will we, those of us whose losses have been comparatively small, think about this experience five years from now — as a gift, an anguish or perhaps just a void?

I'm trying to describe a year in which we've all been physically hunkered down but socially and morally less connected. This has induced, at least in me, a greater fragility but also a great sense of flexibility, and a greater potential for change.

We are going to become hyper-appreciators, savoring every small pleasure, living in a thousand delicious moments, getting together with friends and strangers and seeing them with the joy of new and grateful eyes.

Brooks, David. "How Covid Can Change Your Personality." The New York Times, The New York Times, 1 Apr. 2021, [www.nytimes.com/2021/04/01/opinion/covid-lockdown.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/01/opinion/covid-lockdown.html).



May

- 17th** ~ Joe Bosse (Church 7:30am)
- 19th** ~ James Morgan (Church 7:30am)
- 21st** ~ John Riebold (Church 9:00am)
- 22nd** ~ Robert Black (Church 4:30pm)
- 23rd** ~ For the People (Church 9:30am)

Please consider a Mass Intention for our deceased families and friends as well as special intentions. Mass Intentions are \$10.00 each.

Please contact the Parish Office for a Mass Intention Card or visit our website at <https://www.stjamesthegreater.org/mass-intention-request> to submit your request.



All are invited to:

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*in your prayers*

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|---------------------|------------------|
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| Penny Brennell      | John Kelley      |
| Maureen Brine       | Pam Kellogg      |
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| Mary Jane Eggleston | Sr. Rosalie      |
| Lynne Einig         | Steve Unland     |
| Bill Ellingham, Jr. |                  |
| Donna Frank         |                  |

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