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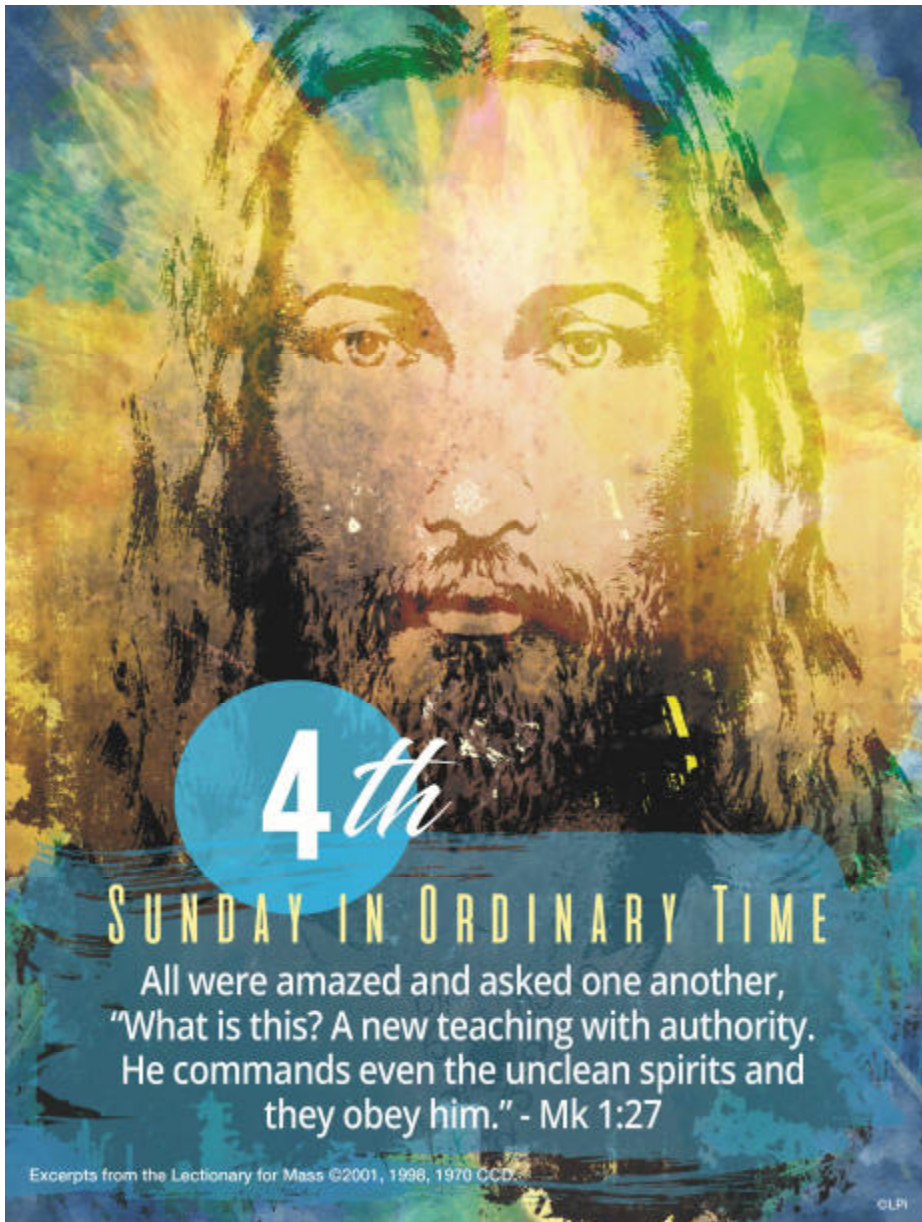
the Greater Catholic Church

January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father John N. Hay, Pastor

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## Mass Schedule

Monday Wednesday Friday

8:15 am

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am

## Confessions

Monday Wednesday Friday

7:45 - 8:05 am

Saturday

4:00 - 4:45 pm

or by appointment

## Adoration Chapel

Shanna Payne, Coordinator:

316-312-3931

### Division Leaders

#### **Midnight-6 AM:**

Fred Morrison 250-6056

#### **6 AM-12 Noon:**

Judy Funke 990-1904

#### **12 Noon- 6 PM:**

Karen Hughes 573-2646

#### **6 PM-Midnight:**

Lizzie Payne 259-5318

## St. James Catholic Church Directory

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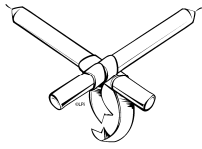
**Medical Emergency Line:** 316-789-6091

**Parish Office Manager:** Vickie Knebler  
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[kmartinez@saintjamesaugusta.com](mailto:kmartinez@saintjamesaugusta.com)

### Mass Intentions for the Week

|                              |          |   |
|------------------------------|----------|---|
| <b>Monday, February 1</b>    | 8:15 am  | Father John Hay                             |
| <b>Tuesday, February 2</b>   | No Mass  |   |
| <b>Wednesday, February 3</b> | 8:15 am  | Blase Martinez & Mary Ray by Kathi Martinez |
| <b>Thursday, February 4</b>  | No Mass  |   |
| <b>Friday, February 5</b>    | 8:15 am  | Vickie Knebler by Audrey Cryderman          |
| <b>Saturday, February 6</b>  | 5:00 pm  | †Ellen Sullivan by St. James' Altar Society |
| <b>Sunday, February 7</b>    | 8:00 am  | People of St. James                         |
|                              | 10:30 am | Mike & Karen Hughes                         |



### Blessing of Throats

**On Wednesday, February 3 at 8:15 am Mass**, we will celebrate the memorial of St. Blaise with the Blessing of the Throats. We will follow the directives for the Blessing in this time of COVID given by the Congregation of Divine Worship

and Discipline of the Sacraments. The priest will give the blessing to all assembled by extending hands, without the crossed candles, over the people while saying the prayer of blessing.



### Ash Wednesday, February 17

**On Ash Wednesday, February 17, Mass will be at 8:15 am or 7:00 pm.** We will follow the directives for the Blessing in this time of COVID given by the Congregation of Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments. The Priest will say the prayer for blessing the ashes. Then he will address

all those present and only once say the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". Instead of receiving the ashes on your forehead, the priest will sprinkle them on each one's head.



Augusta  
**MARCH for LIFE**

### Please join us for Augusta March for Life

In light of this year having to move to a virtual form of March for Life, we would like to do a short walk in support of the right to life. Bring signs if you want, or just walk with us. It is outdoors, so masks (if you are distanced) are optional (but encouraged). Dress warm. We will be walking from Castle Park to Garvin Park and back together.

**When: February 6th at 9:00 am**

**Where: Meet in front of Castle Park on February 6th at 8:45 am**

*If you can't participate, please support the effort in prayer.*

### The Hidden Pandemic

**Excerpts from the Knights of Columbus Magazine Columbia (January 2021)**

Truly, the public health threat of the (Covid 19 virus) pandemic should not be taken lightly. At the same time, neither should we underestimate the extent of another public health crisis – a pandemic, of sorts – almost completely ignored by both the CDC and the media. Every year, the leading cause of death in the United States, and throughout the world, is not heart disease, cancer or any other illness. It is abortion.

...The U.S. bishops: ... "The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed."

Most of all it ignores the reality that abortion is a grave violation of human rights, of pandemic proportions. Indeed, it is our grave responsibility to pray and advocate for an end to this evil, and to build up an authentic culture of life.

*Alton J. Pelowski, Editor of Columbia.*

### The Parish Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ, St. James the Greater Catholic Community, seeks to grow in holiness through the stewardship way of life.

### Stewardship of Treasure:

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Tithe (Jan. 24) | \$16,661.93   |
| Children's Envelopes   | \$0.00        |
| Weekly Needed          | \$18,943.00   |
| Monthly Needed         | \$82,086.00   |
| Monthly Tithe (Dec.)   | \$73,764.29   |
| Year-to-date           | \$422,174.12  |
|                        | - \$70,341.88 |

**Thank you for your stewardship.**

### Advisory Committees

#### Parish Council Chair

Rick Heise 316-644-6905

#### Parish Finance Chair

Michael Clifton 316-775-3603

#### Parish School Council Chair

Anna Barringer 720-951-1391

*If you would like to send words of encouragement or a card to Father John, please drop it off at the church office. Mail is sent to him often. We want him to know of our **continued** prayers, our love and our support for him during this time. **Pray for Father John.***



### Meetings & Events

#### Sunday (1-31)

9:00 am PSR & EDGE Classes (1-8)  
6:45 pm EPIC High School Youth

#### Thursday (2-4)

7:00 pm RCIA Class

#### Friday (2-5)

5:30 am Men's Study Group  
4:30 pm Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary

#### Sunday (2-7)

9:00 am PSR & EDGE Classes (1-8)  
6:45 pm EPIC High School Youth



St. Lucy Guild #4 and anyone else who wants to clean the Church for the weekend of February 6/7.

Guild Leaders:

?? Guild leader need  
Monica Lichlyter @ 775-7099



**Augusta Community Caring Center: Please note hours!!**

St. James is responsible for the Community Caring Center the week of February 8. **Thank you to Jason Kant for volunteering to serve as St. James' representative as well as Angie Watson who is continuing to serve.**

Monday, February 8 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
 Wednesday, February 10 9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
 Friday, February 12 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

If you are able to help, call  
 Angie Watson @ 303-5926  
 Jason Kant @ (913) 568-8612

**Brown Bags**

During the month of February, St. James is responsible for the pantry at the Augusta Community Caring Center. Brown bags with a list of food items that the Caring Center needs will be available next week in the foyer to pick up. We encourage everyone to go shopping for these items and to return the bags to the Church foyer. Cash donations accepted in the church office.



**Distraction During Prayer**

**Question:** I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

**Answer:** The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us "no!" This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life-dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just "re-collect" ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds. ©LPI

*Liturgy Assignments*

**Saturday, February 6 5:00 pm**

**Hospitality:** Jennifer Leeker, Pat Terick, Alan & Susan Schneider, Connie Tillett

**Lector:** Colleen Beckley

**Host:** Bud & Peggy Cyphers, Connie Tillett, Bob Hirschfeld

**Sunday, February 7 8:00 am**

**Hospitality:** Deb Vittitow, Dan Allen, Mark Troilo, Brian Martin, Donna Gerstenkorn

**Lector:** Harry Funke

**Host:** Don Gerstenkorn, Deb Vittitow, Ann Carpenter, Vickie Knebler

**10:30 am**

**Hospitality:** Patrick & Shannan Hughes, Dustin Razez, Brandon Mosier, Anastasia Mosier, Cecelia Mosier,

**Lector:** Jenny Palmer

**Host:** Mike & Lucy Clifton, Deann Korte, Pat Perkins

**Snow Removal**

**For the week of Jan. 31:**

Dan & JD Biehler, James Berndsen, Juan Miranda, Alan Schneider, Brian Standfast & **all who want to help.** Bring your shovels! ❄️

**For the week of Feb. 7:**

Bob Chance, Robert Reid, Robert Hirschfeld, Jason & Gabe Kant, and **all who want to help.** Bring your shovels! ❄️

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**A LENTEN Gift for each Family**

Each family (one per family) is asked to pick up a copy of "***I Heard God Laugh***" next weekend (Feb. 7/8). This is a gift from an anonymous parishioner. *Thank you, anonymous parishioner!*

Which one do you think will help you become a-better-version-of-yourself:

- A. Stop eating chocolate for 40 days
- B. Praying every day for 40 days

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You can enroll in the free online program that accompanies this book by going to <http://www.dynamiccatholic.com> and clicking on SIGN ME UP! Then beginning with Ash Wednesday, you'll receive a daily e-mail with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and God.

***Give up chocolate could be helpful. Learning how to pray will be life changing!***



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