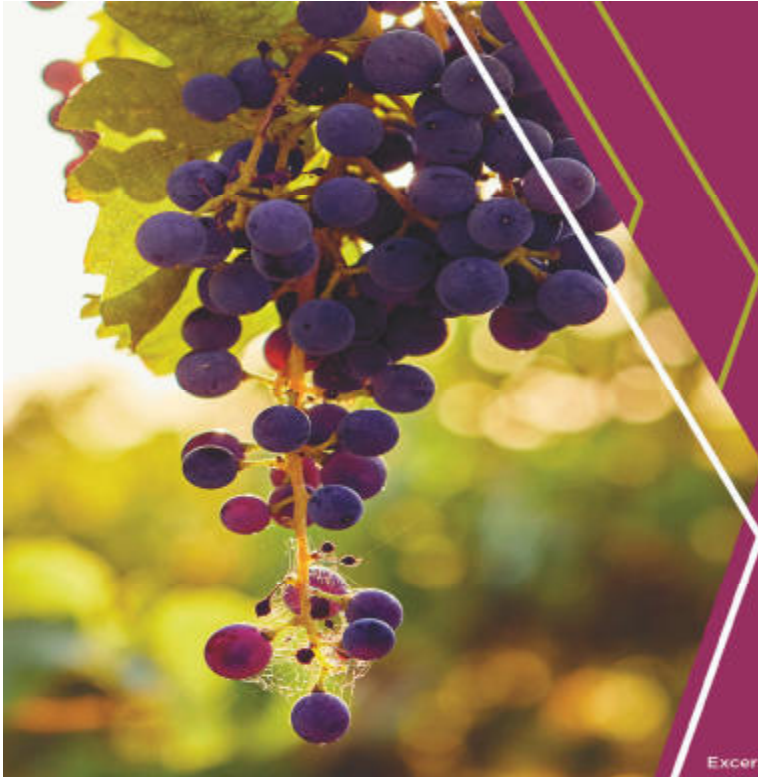


# Saint James Parish



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."  
- Jn 2:1-3

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 8:00 AM  
Tuesday No Mass  
Wednesday 8:00 AM  
Thursday 7:00 PM  
Friday & Saturday 8:00 AM  
Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM  
Sunday 7:30 & 10:00 AM

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### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday 6:00-6:45 PM and Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM  
Or call the rectory for appointment

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at noon. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning for marriage should contact the rectory one year prior to the wedding date.

### CARE FOR THE SICK

Please contact the rectory if you know of anyone who is hospitalized or confined to home because of age or illness.

Please call  
Father Anthony if you have any questions or concerns.

Parish Office Hours: M, W-F 8:30 AM-2:00 PM

**We are a Stewardship Parish**  
**TIME TALENT TREASURE**



**Saturday, January 15**

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory  
4:30 PM Doc Perron by a friend

**Sunday, January 16**

7:30 AM 55th Anniversary, Mary Caroline Bien  
By Carol Ziembra

10:00 AM Parishioners of Saint James

**Monday, January 17**

8:00 AM Wayne Provart by Kathleen Torrey

**Wednesday, January 19**

8:00 AM Matthew Konan by his family

**Thursday, January 20**

7:00 PM Maryann Lavallee by her family  
37th Anniversary, Stanley Kostka  
By Philippe Lavallee & family

**Friday, January 21**

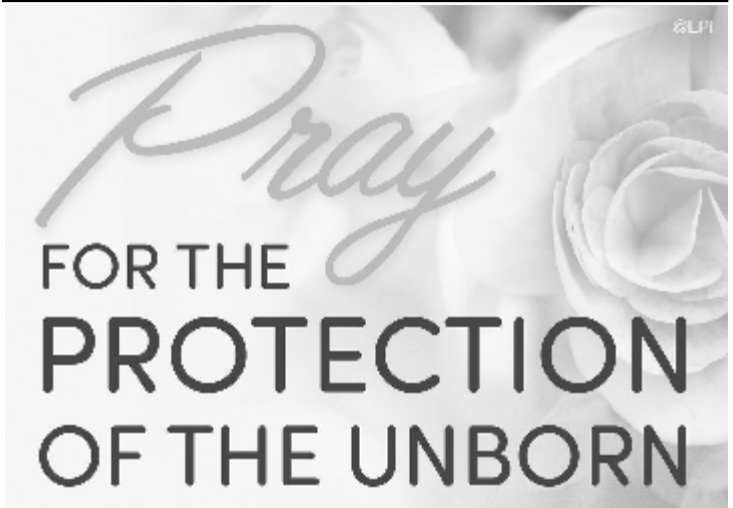
8:00 AM Virginia Marino by Kathleen Torrey

**Next Saturday, January 22**

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory  
4:30 PM 6th Anniversary, Betty Pagliaro  
By Diana & Michael Bechard

**Next Sunday, January 23**

7:30 AM Parishioners of Saint James  
10:00 AM Michael Mulqueen by Kathleen Torrey



**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

January 8 & 9 \$5,186.00  
Utilities \$199.00  
Candles \$221.00



**ONLINE GIVING**

You can access online giving easily on our parish website! Just click on the link for online giving and follow the instructions.

**Please consider using this method in place of mailing or hand delivering your donations. Thank you to those of you who donate to Saint James this way.**

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Scan the code to connect with us! It's a great way to stay connected with texts or email! You can also go online at [stjames56.flocknote.com](http://stjames56.flocknote.com).



**MASKS REQUIRED**

Effective immediately, everyone must wear a mask at all Masses and parish functions. Masks will be available for those who need them. Thank you for all you are doing to keep us all safe.

**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS**

If anyone is interested in volunteering on a Sunday morning, from 9:30 to 11:30, we are in need of counters for the weekend collections. There needs to be two people (not related) each week. It won't be a commitment every week if there are enough volunteers. Please call the parish office or email Celeste at [catstjames@aol.com](mailto:catstjames@aol.com) if you can help Saint James in this way. Thanks!



There is a Suggestion Box in the main vestibule where we welcome any comments, concerns and suggestions. Please let us know what's on your mind.

**GRAFTON PARISH COLLABORATION**

These representatives will be engaged with Fr. Anthony and Fr. Leo as we continue our collaboration process among the three parishes. Besides regularly communicating through the bulletin and websites, as well as by regular mail, these representatives are also available to you to answer questions and to listen to your concerns and comments.

**The four representatives for St. James are:**

Mike Braun at [msbraun@charter.net](mailto:msbraun@charter.net)  
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Nancy Morin at [npm9329@gmail.com](mailto:npm9329@gmail.com).

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK****Saint Anthony of Egypt Jan 17 Saint of the Day**

Saint Anthony was a solitary ascetic who practiced great mortification yet drew many people to himself. He responded by founding an early form of monastic life. He lived until age 105.

**Saint Charles of Sezze Jan 18 Saint of the Day**

Like many people, Saint Charles of Sezze thought he knew what God wanted, only to find out that he was mistaken. Instead of going to India as a missionary, Saint Charles settled in Rome where he cooked and cared for the friary and friary chapel. While being simple, Saint Charles was no simpleton as is obvious from his life story.

**Saint Fabian Jan 19 Saint of the Day**

Be careful of birds landing on your head. That happened to Saint Fabian, and it was taken as a sign that he should be elected pope. So he was. And he served for 14 years until he was martyred in 250.

**Saint Sebastian Jan 20 Saint of the Day**

In art, Saint Sebastian is often depicted as standing near or strapped to a pole riddled with arrows. Indeed, he was executed by archers, but didn't actually die. Later he was beaten to death with clubs. Little else is known about this third century martyr.

**Saint Agnes Jan 21 Saint of the Day**

Like other young martyrs, the death of Saint Agnes reminds us that length of years is not a requirement for a holy life. Little is known about Saint Agnes other than that she was a martyr.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES****Sunday, January 16**

No Religious Ed classes Gr. 1-6

**Monday, January 17, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

No Religious Ed classes Gr. 7-9

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Building the beloved Community

WASHINGTON — Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued the following statement to mark the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 20, 2020.

Archbishop Gomez's full statement follows:

"As our nation prepares to commemorate the life and witness of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., we are grateful for his courageous stand in solidarity with all who suffer injustice and his witness of love and nonviolence in the struggle for social change. But we are once again painfully aware that we are still far off from his dream for America, the 'beloved community' for which he gave his life.

"We have come a long way in our country, but we have not come nearly far enough. Too many hearts and minds are clouded by racist presumptions of privilege and too many injustices in our society are still rooted in racism and discrimination. Too many young African American men are still being killed in our streets or spending their best years behind bars. Many minority neighborhoods in this country are still what they were in Rev. King's time, what he called 'lonely islands of poverty.' Let us recommit ourselves to ensuring opportunity reaches every community.

"In recent years, we have seen disturbing outbreaks of racism and prejudice against other groups. There has been a rise of anti-Semitic attacks and also ugly displays of white nationalism, nativism, and violence targeting Hispanics and other immigrants. Such bigotry is not worthy of a great nation. As Catholics and as Americans, we must reject every form of racism and anti-Semitism.

"Racism is a sin that denies the truth about God and his creation, and it is a scandal that disfigures the beauty of America's founding vision. In our 2018 pastoral letter on racism, my brother bishops and I stated: 'What is needed, and what we are calling for, is a genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change and the reform of our institutions and society.'

"Let us honor the memory of Rev. King by returning to what he called 'the best in the American dream and the most sacred values in our Judeo-Christian heritage.' Let us commit ourselves once more to building his 'beloved community,' an America where all men and women are treated as children of God, made in his image and endowed with dignity, equality, and rights that can never be denied, no matter the color of their skin, the language they speak, or the place they were born."

*The U.S. Bishops' 2018 pastoral letter on racism, "Open Wide Your Hearts: The Enduring Call of Love," and other resources from the Ad Hoc Committee on Racism can be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/index.cfm>.*



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