St. James & St. John the Baptist CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE PARISH

"Our Collaborative Parish, St. James & St. John the Baptist, is a welcoming multi-cultural Catholic Community, always faithful to the Gospel, loving and sharing Christ".

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SAINT JAMES 185 Winter Street Haverhill, MA 01830 MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: 4:00PM Sunday: 8:30AM, 11:30AM Spanish, 3:00PM Viet. Weekdays: 9:00AM Tuesday – Thursday – Saturday HOLIDAYS: As announced SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST 114 Lincoln Avenue Haverhill, MA 01830 MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday: 10:00AM Weekdays: 9:00AM Monday – Wednesday – Friday

HOLIDAYS: As announced

MAIN OFFICE: 6 COTTAGE STREET – HAVERHILL, MA 01830 P: 978-372-8537 F: 978-373-1505 E: stjamesandjohnofficeparish@gmail.com W: <u>www.stjamesandjohnhaverhill.org</u>

Giáo Xu Thánh Giacôbê ~ La Parroquía de San Santiago Apóstol



If you are looking for a spiritual home, please introduce yourself to any member of the parish staff or fill out a registration form, available at the entrances of the church. If you would like more information about the Catholic Church, please call the parish office at 978.372.8537.

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM AT ST. JAMES: 3th Sunday of the month, on the following months: Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. at 1:00PM.

BAPTISM AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: 2nd Sunday of the month on the following months: Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec. at the 10:00AM Mass. (Only 2 children may be scheduled for baptism at each Mass)

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION: Both Churches, Both Parents and Godparents: 1st Sunday of the month: on the following months: March, June, Sept., Dec. at 11:00AM meeting at the St. John's lower Church. Parents are asked to pre-register at the Collaborative Parish Office/ Rectory, one month before baptism instruction takes place. Bringing the child's birth certificate. Please, call the parish office first.

MARRIAGE: Arrangement with a priest of the parish, six months prior to the wedding.

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays: 3:00-3:30PM at St. James lower church or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call the Collaborative Office if you have a family member or friend who is unable to attend church due to age or infirmity. We will provide pastoral visits with administration of the Sacraments.

COLLABORATIVE PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Father Anthony Le Permanent Deacon: Jose Nelson Agudelo

Collaborative Administrative: Dianne Young & Laura Sullivan stjamesandjohnofficeparish@gmail.com

> Collaborative Financial: Andrea Sevigny stjamesandjohnofficeparish@gmail.com

Collaborative Coordinator of Faith Formation: Joelle Mather - stjamesandjohnfaith@gmail.com

> **Collaborative Coordinators of Music:** Philip Clayton & Cynthia Arsenault

OFFICE HOURS: Weekdays: 8:30AM - 4:30PM

Weekends & Holidays: Office Closed

Please call 978.372.8537 and leave a voicemail or email: stjamesandjohnofficeparish@gmail.com - Thank you!

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St. James and St. John the Baptist Parishes



Last weekend, the 2022 Catholic Appeal has 🔳 officially run here in our parish and across the Archdiocese. By Participating in the Catholic Appeal, you are helping put faith into action to serve those who turn to the



Church for assistance. Your generosity helps to change lives through countless programs and ministries, including Addiction Recovery, Catholic Schools, Parish Food Pantries and the Central Ministries of the Archdiocese. In addition, The Catholic Appeal supports the programs and operations of our parish.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to this year's appeal. When our parish reaches its goal in paid pledges, a portion of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish. To make a gift online scan the QR code or visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now.

Thank you!

UKRAINE RELIEF



Due to the unprecedented needs brought about by the devastation of the attacks on Ukraine and the immigration of millions of victims fleeing the ravages of the war, I am au-

thorizing a special collection to be taken up at all parishes on the weekend of March 19 and 20. The proceeds from the collection will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, and to the Vatican agency for outreach to the Churches in Eastern Europe.

Please join to this action in supporting the people of Ukraine through our prayers, our concern, and our contributions.

God Bless.

Cardinal Seán.



SNOW STORM POLICY AND YOUR SAFTY FIRST:

If Haverhill Public Schools are delayed or canceled, no daily Mass at 9:00AM and no parish activities. In case of Haverhill Public School being on Break or Holidays please check our Website.

For weekend Masses: please see announcements on the TV news stations or our website also. Thank you.

3RD **SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 20, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

| Saturday, March 19 th (SJ) 9:00AM (SJ) Mark Nichols ~ In Memory, Req. by Family 4:00PM (SJ) Michael Dorsey ~ Anniver. Remembrance | | |
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| Sunday, March 8:30AM (SJ) 10:00AM (SJB) | - | |
| 11:30AM (SJ) | ~ In Memory, Req. by Fam Edward Soto Rafael Soto Chris Otero | ily |
| 3:00PM (SJ) | Vietnamese Mass | |
| Monday, March 21st9:00AM (SJB)Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish7:00PM (SJ)Liturgy of Word and Adoration (Spanish) | | |
| Tuesday, Marc 9:00AM 9:30AM | h 22 nd (SJ) Paula Nichols ~ In Memo Adoration | ory, Req. by Family |
| Wednesday, M 9:00AM (SJB) | arch 23 rd - St. Turibios of State Trooper, Officer T ~ In Memory, Requested b Johnston | amar Bucci |
| Thursday, March 24th (SJ)9:00AMThomas Descoteaux ~ In Memory,9:30AMAdoration | | |
| Friday, March 25 th - The Annunciation of The Lord 9:00AM (SJB) Mary Fitzgerald Ruth (Living) ~ Requested by Friends & Family | | |
| 7:00PM (SJ) | Liturgy of Word and Pray | |
| Saturday, Marc 9:00AM (SJ) | c h 26th (SJ) Nicholas Chwalek ~ 2nd Requested by Gerry & Ann | |
| 4:00PM (SJ) | Ann Dorsey Euele ~ Ann | |
| Sunday, March 8:30AM (SJ) 10:00AM (SJB) 11:30AM (SJ) | Karl C. Mohay ~ In Memor June Geddes ~ In Memor Iris Rodríguez Anita Cleto Luis Sánchez Patria García | |
| 3:00PM (SJ) | Vietnamese Mass | |

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Fridays by 12:00PM Please email bulletin notices to: stjamesandjohnofficeparish@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

To reserve a weekday or weekend Mass for a deceased loved one or a special intention, please contact the parish office at 978-372-8537 or stjamesandjohnofficeparish@gmal.com **CHURCH SUPPORT - WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

The weekend offerings of March 5/6 at: St James' Offertory: \$3,941 (\$3,112 Mass + \$829 online) & Parish Capital Improvement: \$1,397 (\$1,297 Mass + \$100 online) and **St John's** Offertory: \$1,647 (\$1,392 Mass + \$255 online) & Parish Capital Improvement: \$766.30 (\$446.30 Mass + \$0 online).

Thank you very much for your love and generosity!

2nd COLLECTIONS:

3/19-20 Parish Energy and Utilities 3/19-20 Ukraine Relief 3/26-27 Maintenance Fund





HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 14th 9:00am (SJ) Morning Prayer 7:00pm (SJ) Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 15th 9:00am (SJB) Morning Prayer 3:00pm (SJB) Commemoration of Lord's Passion 7:00pm (SJ) Spanish

> Holy Saturday, April 16th 9:00am (SJ) Morning Prayer 7:30pm (SJ) EASTER VIGIL

Easter Sunday April 17th 8:30am (SJ) - 10:00am (SJB) 11:30am Spanish (SJ) - 3:00pm Vietnamese (SJ)

Pastoral Reflections from Father Anthony 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

The thing that makes it difficult to repent is the feeling of being in a state of safety. Today's Gospel mentions the two burning topics of day: the cruelty of Pilate and labor accident. Both led to catastrophic death: the Galileans were killed by Pilate and their blood was mixed with the blood of their sacrifice, while eighteen people were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them. As we know at Jesus' time, these people were considered guilty and they were punished by God. In the meantime, it's easy to make the others think that they were innocent, because they remained peaceful. This easily led them to pride, arrogance and false security.

"Do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem?" (Lk 13:4b). "Do you think..." These words of Jesus in today's Gospel take each of us out of our illusions about ourselves. He wants to remind everyone that they need to repent because none of us knows who is the greater sinner than one other before death strikes.

The fig tree in the parable is also in a safe state as an example. It did not bear poisonous fruit. It did not hurt the other plants. It did not destroy the landscape. It had only one sin: it exhausted the soil and did not bear fruit. Many of us feel as safe as the barren fig tree because we thought we did nothing wrong, did not hurt anyone, but we forget that we will commit sin when we do not do good to others, the good we can do and we must do.

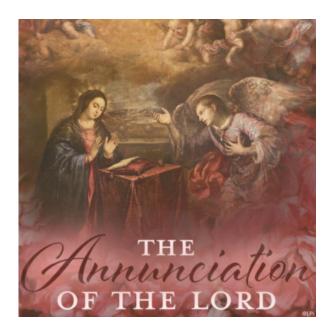
How many talents God entrusted to us that we did not invest (Mt 25:18), how many people in need that we did not help (Matthew 25:42). When we do not want to do good for life and for people, we accidentally give more strength to evil to act willfully. Therefore, practicing religion is not only to try avoiding sin, but also cultivate and promote the good actively. If a Christian is content with the way it is, the barrenness is inevitable. The world today needs badly the committed Catholics who dare to reach out in the world.

The parable of the fig tree shows us the face of God. The Father is a patient gardener. He had so much hope. The decision to cut a tree came only after his disappointments. He only punishes when he has done enough to move our hearts, "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down" (Lk 13:7). Jesus is an equally patient gardener. He constantly cherishes a faint hope, "Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it" (Lk 13:8) But we do not forget the final warning: "It may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down" (13:9). Patience, hope, care, but demanding with determination is

God's attitude toward sinners. Jesus both inspires us to hurriedly converse and gives us the time to delay.

Let us pray so that we may repent each day in our lives. Repentance is to accept the loving care of God and should not waste the blessings and grace God gives us as he did for St. Peter, Zacchaeus, the prostitute woman and so on. All these people returned to God and did good to the people after their repentance. Therefore, Lenten season is not just to confess our sins, but also confess our barrenness, coldness and indifference, so that our fig tree of life may bear more fruit and sweeter by loving everyone with God's merciful heart. Amen.

Readings for today's Mass begin on page 85 - 87 of the Breaking Bread Missal 2022 Proper parts of the Mass begin on page 3.



SPECIAL THANKS & WELCOME

GOODBYE SARI EATON: St. James & St. John the Baptist, Catholic Collaborative, would like to thank Sari for all her hard work and generous service with Collaborative Administrative. She has done a wonderful job for the last six months. She will be missed. St. James & St. John's wish Sari all God's Blessings . as she leaves to take a new position. Best luck on your journey

WARM WELCOME: St. James & St. John the Baptist, Catholic Collaborative, would like to welcome Dianne Young and Laura Sullivan as our new Collaborative Administrative employees. We wish Dianne and Laura great success as they begin their new position.

3RD **SUNDAY OF LENT**



Liz Murphy Open Hand Pantry is in need of:

Lemonade, Ice Tea, Cocoa, Coffee, Tea, Juice boxes,

Cereal, Crackers, Canned Corn, Soups, Dinty Moore Stews, Pasta Sauces, Cookie mixes, Muffin mixes, Brownie mixes, Shampoo, Body Wash, Toothpaste (no kids flavors).

Please no medications: (Insulin, cough syrup, cold medications, aspirin, OTC drugs, etc.)

<u>We are in need of an interpreter to volunteer</u> <u>every Tuesday from 4:00 – 6:30.</u>

Thank you!



Lenten Devotion



Adoration of the Eucharist on Sundays during Lent. At St. John the Baptist Parish

From 3:00pm to 5:00pm through Palm Sunday. Just time for quiet prayer!

<u>THANK YOU</u>

It has been a pleasure working for the parish and with the team at the office for the past six month. This was an incredible opportunity to build my career and have a very good friends. The lessons a have learned at St. James and St. John's including the knowledge of the parish business has been valuable to me. I will cherish the job in my heart!

Thank you very much for the opportunity and support during my time here. I wish all of you and the new team success and the best wishes. I will still continue being a parishioner of this wonderful Parish.

God Bless you all, Sari.



JESUS IS HERE

Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 8:30AM – 6:00PM TSONGAS CENTER, LOWELL, MA

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2022 Eucharistic Congress, Jesus is Here - a day-long event featuring Mass with the Cardinal, dynamic speakers including Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Daniel Flores, Bobby and Jackie Angel, and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Adoration, and a Eucharistic procession. Visit jesusishereboston.org for more information and to register!

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar. He remains among us until the end of the world. He dwells on so many altars, though so often offended and profaned."- St. Maximilian Kolbe.

If you would like to share your own story about belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, please send it to me at gerannjo@yahoo.com or if you do not have a computer you may send in your hand-written testimony to me at the following street address: Gerald Johnston, 41 Goodale Street, Haverhill, MA 01830-4209.

We all need to hear your story. Your article can appear anonymously if you prefer. However, I need to know your name to confirm . Just let me know if you want it to be anonymous. Thank you and God Bless,

Gerry Johnston, Year of the Eucharist Coordinator.



The last class of religious education has been rescheduled from April 17th, in observance of Easter, to April 10th.

Homeschool families please be sure to reach out to Joelle via email <u>Stjamesandjohnfaith@gmail.com</u> to set up a time to obtain the updated materials. New materials come every few months and are dated in the upper left hand corner.

All children in need of sacraments, Penance, First Communion and Confirmation, please email Joelle with names, grades and sacrament needed. There will be information coming soon with details.

LOS SACRAMENTOS

Bautismos en Español: El Segundo Domingo del mes, a la 1:00PM.

Catequesis pre-bautismal: El primer Domingo del mes, a la 1:00PM, en el centro parroquial (161 Winter St.), **obligatorio para los padres y padrinos.** La registración se debe hacer previamente en la Rectoría, con el acta civil de nacimiento.

Bodas: Se debe consultar con el sacerdote o el diácono con 6 meses de anticipación

Confesiones: Sábados: 3:00-3:30PM en St. James in la iglesia de abajo o llamar a la Rectoría por una cita.

Sacramento de los Enfermos: Si tienes un miembro de familia o amigo que no pueda asistir a la iglesia por edad o enfermedad, por favor llamar a la oficina para que se le provee de visitas con la administración de los sacramentos.

RETIRO DE CUARESMA

La Parroquia de St. James tendrá un Retiro de Cuaresma, el día viernes 11 de marzo a las 7pm. con la celebración de la palabra hasta las 9pm.

El día sábado 12 de marzo comenzaremos con Misa y terminaremos a las 2pm.

Deacon Jose Nelson Aguldelo





Adoración al Santísimo Martes y Jueves de 9:30am a 11:00am. Lunes y Miércoles de 7:30 a 8:30pm

<u>GRUPOS</u>

*La Legión de María se reúnen los miércoles a la 6:00pm *La liturgia de la Palabra se celebra los días Lunes, Miércoles y viernes a las 7pm .

*Grupo de Oración Carismático se reúnen los viernes a las 7:30pm en la Parroquia St. James (Iglesia de abajo).



Para reservar una **Misa** para algún familiar suyo por favor contactar la oficina de la parroquia al teléfono 978-372-8537 o email: stjamesandjohnofficeparish@gmail.com <u>Crossword Puzzle, Sudoku books are needed</u> <u>for a local hospital.</u>

Doesn't matter if they were already started - they do not have to

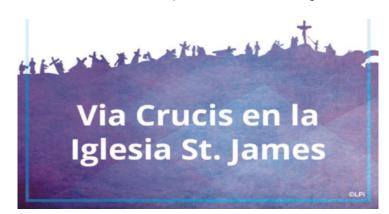
be new. Also looking for gently used **reading glasses.** Many of our new admits do not have their glasses with them at the time of admission and this would be a terrific help to them. Please leave a message on our home answering machine and we will pick them up sometime either during the week or weekend. Thanking you in advance!

Dancing with the Saints Join us to learn the basics and fundamentals of Ballroom Dancing. This is a way to bring the church community together and have some fun.

When: January 8th to May 28th , 2022 Day and Time: 7pm to 8:30pm Where: St John the Baptist Parish Lower church Hall.



St James parísh tendrá el Vía Crucís todos los Víernes, durante toda la Cuaresma. Día a comenzar el Víernes 4 de Marzo a las 6pm en la íglesía de abajo.





LA POLIZA DE TORMENTA DE NIEVE Y SU SEGURIDAD ES PRIMERO:

Si las Escuelas Públicas de Haverhill se retrasan o cancelan, no habrá Misa diaria a las 9:00AM ni ac-

tividades parroquiales. En caso de que el Colegio de St James esta en vacaciones de invierno y para las misas de fin de semana: consulte los anuncios en las estaciones de noticias de televisión y en nuestro página web. Gracias.



