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CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE PARISH

**“Our Collaborative Parish, St. James & St. John the Baptist,
is a welcoming multi-cultural Catholic Community,
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4th Sunday Of **LENT**



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

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Gíáo Xu Thánh Giacôbê ~ La Parroquia 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
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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

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Faith in Action
IT ALL STARTS WITH YOU



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!

Child Abuse and Prevention Month



At the request of Cardinal Sean, all Masses for Sunday, April 3rd (and Saturday evening April 2nd) will be offered for Healing for Victims of Abuse and Commitment to Child Protection. It will be an opportunity to pray for all those who were abused, and to pray for continued healing for all those impacted by the abuse including victims, families, members of our church and the community at large.

If you know of anyone who has been sexually abused by clergy or a member of the church, please let them know that the office of Pastoral Support and Outreach is there to help. To report abuse or if you have any questions or concerns, please call 617-746-5995.

Vivian Soper, LICSW

Director of Pastoral Support and Child Protection
Archdiocese of Boston



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 26th (SJ)
 9:00AM (SJ) **Nicholas Chwalek** ~ 2nd Anniversary,
Requested by Gerry & Ann Marie Johnston
 4:00PM (SJ) **Ann Dorsey Euele** ~ Anniver. Remembrance

Sunday, March 27th
 8:30AM (SJ) **Karl C. Mohay** ~ In Memory, Req. by Family
 10:00AM (SJB) **June Geddes** ~ In Memory, Req. by Family
 11:30AM (SJ) **Iris Rodríguez** **Julio Rodríguez**
Anita Cleto **José Brito**
Luis Sánchez **James Kocsis**
Patria García **Arturo Velásquez**
Danilo Serrano **Amarilis Montalvo**
 3:00PM (SJ) **Vietnamese Mass**

Monday, March 28th
 9:00AM (SJB) **Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish**
 7:00PM (SJ) **Liturgy of Word and Adoration (Spanish)**

Tuesday, March 29th (SJ)
 9:00AM **Parishioners of St. James Parish**
 9:30AM **Adoration**

Wednesday, March 30th
 9:00AM (SJB) **Maria LaFleur** ~ Req. by Family

Thursday, March 31st (SJ)
 9:00AM **David Tuttle** ~ In Memory
 9:30AM **Adoration**

Friday, April 1st
 9:00AM (SJB) **Monica Gardella**
 ~ Birthday Remem., Requested by Family
 7:00PM (SJ) **Liturgy of Word and Prayer Group(Spanish)**

Saturday, April 2nd (SJ)
 9:00AM (SJ) **Paula L. & Mark A. Nichols** ~ In Memory
 4:00PM (SJ) **Raymond Perreault**
 ~ 26th Anniver., Requested by Family

Sunday, April 3rd
 8:30AM (SJ) **Stella & John Macek** ~ Req. by Family
 10:00AM (SJB) **Pulino Femino** ~ 5th Anniv. Remembrance,
 Req. by Family
 11:30AM (SJ) **Jose rosario** **Roselia Mendez**
Sebastian Garcia **Nilda Garcia**
Patria Martinez
Bienvenido Escolastico
Accion de Gracias a San Miguel Arcangel
 3:00PM (SJ) **Vietnamese Mass**

CHURCH SUPPORT - WEEKLY OFFERTORY

The weekend offerings of March 12/13 at: **St James'** Offertory: \$3,470 (\$3,135 Mass + \$335 online) & Parish Special Monthly Offering: \$728 (\$703 Mass + \$25 online) and **St John's** Offertory: \$980 (\$834 Mass + \$146 online) & Parish Special Monthly Offering: \$176 (\$176 Mass + \$0 online).
 Thank you very much for your love and generosity!

2nd COLLECTIONS:

3/26-27 Maintenance Fund
4/2-3 Parish Capital Improvement



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)



Died in the Hope of the Resurrection...

Arthur McCasher

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Please pray also for the consolation of his loved ones.

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The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament Altar this week at St. James Parish for **Monica Gardella** Birthday Remembrance, Requested by family.

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@gmail.com



Pastoral Reflections from Father Anthony

4rd SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to reflect on God's tremendous love as a father with two children, with two different lifestyles. He loves them both, but both seem to have failed him.

After the younger son leaves, the father always looks forward to his return and he never stops living in hope. When the son returned, the father saw him before he could see his father. Although the son was sick, stinking, treacherous, it did not make his father stay away, "He was still a long way off, and his father saw him" (Lk 15:20a). The overflowing love made my father's footsteps hurry. Father's arms were too big and his kiss was passionate, "He was moved with pity, ran out, hugged him and kissed him" (15:20b). The finest robe, new sandals, rings, music, feast, dancing: all this is just to let everyone know that no matter what, he is still my child. As long as he returns, the father has forgotten all about his sinful past, "For this son of mine was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is now found" (15:24).

In contrast to the younger son, the older son is diligent and hardworking. He is too filial, always obedient to his father for every little bit. He does not lead a life of pleasures, is not extravagant, just takes care of the farm. Everyone sees him as an exemplary person. But the incident of the return of his younger brother has revealed his true self, a man of power, greed, lack of compassion by the fact that he blamed his father: "Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends" (Lk 15:29). For he cannot understand why his father is so weak and so tolerant that it is unfair to him. So, he can't be happy with his father, neither with his younger brother. Therefore, he refused to enter the house!

It turned out that both sons were different and the same. Both were outside their father's house, accepting hunger. The younger son was not happy with his father, so he left. The older son could not share his father's happiness, so he did not enter. Both need to repent. Both need to return to receive love, joy, and a new vitality.

But returning is not easy. Nobody wants to admit that they go astray or are lost. The older son needs to remove his pride to joyfully enter the house. The second son needs to be humble to dare to meet his father and his family in the state of being devastated. To return, one needs to stand up or leave one's place. Giving up is painful but happiness is great. The greatest happiness is not material possessions, but the discovery that we have a place in our God's heart and are loved by everyone. God loves us though we

are spoiled and unfaithful. God loves us not because we are good at work. God loves us only because we are his children. He does not want to lose anyone.

The Journey of Lent is the journey of repentance to return to God, returning to a love. Returning requires us to open our arms to embrace others. They may be husband, wife, beloved ones, so on, and together we repent and return. Therefore, let us ask God to draw us back to God every day, by helping us to regulate deviant passions, unrighteous ambitions, selfishness and greed so that we may be more loving, more generous, more tolerant and gentler to those around us. Amen.

**Readings for today's Mass begin on page 91 - 93
of the Breaking Bread Missal 2022
Proper parts of the Mass begin on page 3.**

**Prayer for the Newly Baptized**

Bless, Lord Jesus, the newly baptized,

Jacob De Jesus Reyes

Immerse him in the waters of your life and love. Seal him with the oil of gladness and strength. Illuminate his path with the light of your hope. Clothe him with goodness, kindness, and compassion. May his celebration be just the beginning of a long and fruitful journey with you. Amen.

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

Food Pantry



Liz Murphy Open Hand Pantry is in need of:

- Cookie, Brownie, Cake mixes.
- Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Relish.
- Lemonade, Ice Tea, Kool-aid drink mixes, Coffee, tea bags. Cereal, Crackers, Juice Boxes.
- Boxes pasta salads. Freeze pops.
- Shampoo, Body Wash, Toothpaste (no kids flavors), razors, deodorant (mens and womens)

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

The pantry staff and the clients thank you for your continued support and donations.

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!



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 Stjamesandjohnfaith@gmail.com 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.

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: March 11th to May 28th , 2022

Day and Time: 7pm to 8:30pm

Where: St John the Baptist Parish Lower church Hall.



JESUS IS HERE

Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

8:30AM – 6:00PM

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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.

Crossword Puzzle, Sudoku books are needed for a local hospital.

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!

Gerry & Ann Marie Johnston - 978 - 372 - 3824

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 registraci3n 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 anticipaci3n

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 administraci3n de los sacramentos.



Mes de Prevenci3n y Abuso Infantil

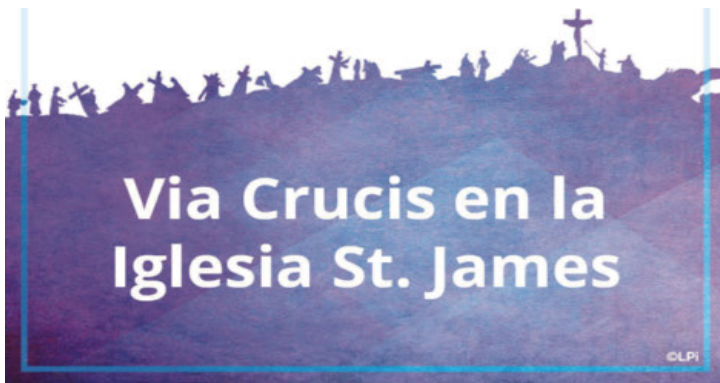

A pedido del Cardenal Sean, todas las Misas del domingo 3 de abril (y el sábad0 2 de abril por la noche) se ofrecerán para la Sanaci3n de las Víctimas de Abuso y el Compromiso con la Protecci3n de los Niños. Será una oportunidad para orar por todos aquellos que fueron abusados y orar por la sanaci3n continua de todos los afectados por el abuso, incluidas las víctimas, las familias, los miembros de nuestra iglesia y la comunidad en general.

Si conoce a alguien que haya sido abusado sexualmente por un clero o un miembro de la iglesia, infórmele que la oficina de Apoyo Pastoral y Alcance está allí para ayudarlo. Para denunciar abusos o si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, llame al 617-746-5995.

Vivian Soper, LICSW

Director de Apoyo Pastoral y Protecci3n de la Infancia
Arquidiócesis de Boston

St James parish tendrá el vía Crucis todos los Viernes, durante toda la Cuaresma. Día a comenzar el Viernes 4 de Marzo a las 6pm en la iglesia de abajo.

Adoraci3n al Santísimo
Martes y Jueves de 9:30am a 11:00am.
Lunes y Miércoles de 7:30 a 8:30pm

GRUPOS

- *La Legi3n 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 Oraci3n 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



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 actividades 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 televisi3n y en nuestro página web. Gracias.

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