

Saint James
CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. James Roman Catholic Church,
a diverse community rooted in vibrant
Eucharistic Liturgy, serves those in need
in partnership with others.



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staffed by the priests
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the Most Holy Trinity*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

INTO THE DESERT.

MARK 1:13



SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(Church &
On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Rectory &
On-line)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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ON THE WAY....

May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

St. James, like other Catholic parishes, welcomes new Catholics through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Below find a description of the process as found on the United States Bishops (USCCB) website.

Prior to beginning the process of becoming a Christian, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted to the Catholic Church. This period is known as the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate. Often, contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience lead people to inquire about the Catholic Church. The person, known as an "inquirer," may seek acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, through the Rite of Acceptance. During this Rite, the inquirer stands amidst the parish community and states that he or she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church. The parish assembly affirms this desire and the inquirer becomes a Catechumen. St. James held this ceremony in December.

The Period of the Catechumenate depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they encounter along the way, and how God leads them on this journey. During this time, the Catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God's inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means. When a Catechumen and the priest and the parish team working with him or her believes the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church, the next step is the request for baptism and the celebration of the Rite of Election. The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of names of all the Catechumens seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens, their sponsors and families gather at the cathedral church. St. James is sending our catechumens to Holy Name Cathedral through a special blessing today. The Catechumens publicly express their desire for baptism to the diocesan bishop. Their names are recorded in a book and they are called the Elect.

The days of Lent are the final Period of Purification and Enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the Elect, and prayers for them by the parish communities. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the Elect receives the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

As a newly initiated Catholic, they continue their formation and education continue in the Period of the Post-Baptismal Catechesis, which is also called Mystagogy. This period continues at least until Pentecost. During the period the newly baptized members reflect on their experiences at the Easter Vigil and continue to learn more about the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition they reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the Church's mission and outreach activities.

In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Sun 02/18	1st Sunday Of Lent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Anita Cooper and Versie Gaiter by Sheila Gaiter</i>
Mon 02/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</i>
Tues 02/20	7:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Just Action Group (On-line)
Wed 02/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Thurs 02/22	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 02/23	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sun 02/25	2nd Sunday Of Lent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Margie Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Spanish (Presentation Hall)

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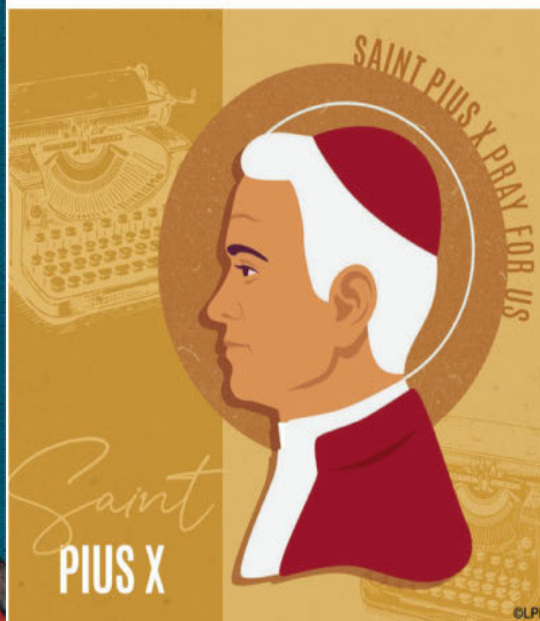
2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together at the table



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Saint of the week

St. Pius X's devotion to the Eucharist was truly inspiring! He lowered the age of First Communion to seven years old, encouraging young hearts to encounter Christ early-on. He also advocated that everyone, regardless of their social class, should have access to the Eucharist.

Prayer for Lent

Dear Jesus,
This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you.
Amen.

Beyond Diversity Thinking Webinar and Discussion

Also, as a reminder, Saint James will be hosting two upcoming Crossroads workshops:

- February 22, 23, and 24: From White Supremacy Toward Liberation: Building Shared Analysis to Transform Institutions (9am-5pm each day)
- Friday, March 8: Animating Antiracist Ways of Being (9am-5pm)



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



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Margie Bass
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Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

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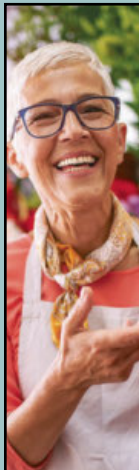
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