

St. James Major Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Anticipated)
Sunday: 10:00 am
Monday – Friday: 8:30 am (in Chapel)

Holy Hour: First Friday following 8:30 am Mass.
Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays after Mass

Confessions

Saturday: 3:15 – 3:45 pm
and by request

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

New Parishioners: Welcome to the Parish!
Please complete a registration form (found on the tables at the doors) and introduce yourself to the priest.

Baptisms: Please contact the Priest or Deacon to arrange for a seminar and time for the Baptism.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months in advance of the date of the wedding. Please contact the priest before committing to any other arrangements.

Funerals: Please contact the church as soon as the need arises and before making any arrangements with the funeral parlor.

The Pastor's Corner



Why Is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6, the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. This second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday of Advent when the liturgical year begins again.

In English the term *ordinary* often refers to something that's not special or distinctive. So many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. In reality, Ordinary Time falls outside of the major liturgical seasons, which reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Food Bank Available

Our parish food bank is available to all who are in need of this help. We would invite those who are affected by the government shutdown to visit the food bank if they are in need of this assistance.

Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-12

The food bank is located in the parish rectory, next to the church.



January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

God our Creator, we give thanks to You, Who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as You form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom You have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

CONVERGING ROADS

Where Health Care and Medicine Converge

March 16, 2019 8:30 am-6:15 pm

Notre Dame Seminary

"Health Care and Human Dignity" conference

This conference is open to doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers, priests, deacons, students and the general public. The conference theme will focus on the Church's teaching on human dignity in light of what Pope Francis has described as a "throwaway culture." Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. More information is available at the church doors and at convergingroads.com.

Flu Season Is Here!

Flu season has arrived and we are currently seeing higher than average rates of influenza in Louisiana. The New Orleans Health Department wants to remind everyone to use proper hygiene to protect yourself and others from the flu.

1. **Cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.**
2. **Wash your hands (and your children's hands) regularly.**
3. **Stay home if you are sick.**

It is not too late to get the flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is highly effective this year and is free with most health insurance.

Immaculate Conception Sodality

The Immaculate Conception Sodality, an organization dedicated to our Blessed Mother, will meet Sunday, January 20, in the work sacristy (left sacristy) after the 10:00 Mass. All members and ladies interested in joining or learning about this organization are invited to attend. Contact Mona Johnson (470-5208) for more information.



Gently Used Clothing Collection

The parish is collecting gently used clothing for needy people. Men's, women's and children's clothing can be brought to the church vestibule at Mass times. The clothing you donate will be given to the poor, here and in Ghana.

Mass Intentions



Each Mass is offered for the intentions of all present and for the following:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

10:00 am Intentions of all our parishioners who are ill, and for all who have asked for prayer,

And for the repose of the souls of

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| +O'Neil J. & Felicé Vappie | +Rochelle Age |
| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. | +Elyria V. McLaughlin |
| +Raymond Ward Vappie | +Rita Major |
| +José & Lupe Montenegro | +Calvin Thompson |
| +John & Clara Thibodeaux | +Willie Tucker |
| +Peter Bonnee, Jr. | +Nnamdi Louis |

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 am Communion Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 am Int. Ken & Pat Martinez
 +Josph Chevis
 +Cornelia Thomas
 +Matilda Herbert

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 am +Poor Souls in Purgatory (P.L.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

8:30 am +Phyllis King

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

8:30 am Int. Bob & Kitty Montz

Please pray for them: Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Gloria Mitchell, Denise Thomas, Audrey Wilson, Gail Wright, Nadine Rochell, Gloria Harris, Gertrude Harris, William Mitchell, Maggie Haney, Dominic Carmouche, Loretta Parent, Walter Glapion, Yvonne Bechet, Gerald Mercadel, Sr., Susan Lauterbach, Thais Ardoin, Russell Jordan, Denise Rachal, Herbert Briant, Sr., Irene Ward, Marguerite Ragas, Irma Springer, Wilbert Clementin, Sr., Byron Williams, Jr., Kim Stovall, Michelle Irwin, Dennis LeBlanc, Betty Reynolds, Jill Courseault, Meredith LeBlanc and Clarence, Robert and Buster Mitchell.



Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially those who are homebound or in hospitals, nursing homes and hospice. Please notify the rectory of the change in status of you or your relatives on the prayer list.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- 21 Monday **ST. AGNES or WEEKDAY**
Hebrews 5:1-10; Ps 110; Mark 2:18-22
- 22 Tuesday **DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**
Hebrews 6:10-20; Ps 111; Mark 2:23-38
- 23 Wednesday **ST. MARIANNE COPE or ST. VINCENT or WEEKDAY**
Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110; Mark 3:1-6
- 24 Thursday **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**
Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Ps 40; Mark 3:7-12
- 25 Friday **CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL**
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117; Mark 16:15-18
- 26 Saturday **STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS**
2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Ps 96; Mark 3:20-21
- 27 Sunday **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Lectors & Commentators



Jan 19 Elisa Triplett, Gloria Jordon
 Jan 20 Hilda Bell, Darren Isabelle

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



Jan 19 Loretta Parent, Janice James
 Jan 20 Marlin Gusman, Louis Flattmann

Our Men and Women in the Service

Please remember to pray for our men and women who are serving in the armed forces, especially:

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| SSgt Bryan Stovall, Jr., USMC | PO2 Melissa Flot, USN |
| PVT Robert Cook, USA | SGT Robert Lambert, USA |
| SSgt. Anthony Montz, USAF | Alvin Benjamin, USN |
| SSgt. Davin Hornsby, USAF | A1C Andrew Montz, USAF |



The Church office will be closed Monday, January 21 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Church Support



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (January 12-13)

First Collection	\$ 2170.00
Second Collection	607.00
	<u>\$ 2484.00</u>

Thank you for your support!