

# St. James Major Catholic Church

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## **Mass Times**

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Anticipated)

Sunday: 10:00 am

Tuesday – Friday: 8:30 am (in Chapel)

Monday: Communion Service 8:30 am

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



## Lent Begins March 6 (Ash Wednesday)

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when Christians are called to deepen their spiritual lives through the practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. The belief is that our consistent participation in these practices—like exercise we do for our physical health—improves our spiritual well-being by stripping away all that is unnecessary and becoming more mindful of how God is working in our lives. I invite you to challenge yourself this year and go beyond the usual practice of “giving up” something. Lent is a great time to take stock of your spiritual life and to grow in it. The following are a few suggestions to consider.

1. Make a commitment to read the Sunday scriptures before you go to Mass. Just like reading up on football players, opposing teams and coaching strategies will help you experience a game more fully, familiarizing yourself with the readings ahead of the Sunday liturgy will help you experience Mass in a deeper way.
2. Try a new spiritual practice. Increase your steps into the many Catholic devotions in your church and those around or the shrines. For example, Eucharistic Adoration, rosary prayers, visitation to the Blessed Sacrament, etc. Attend the daily Mass as often as you can. Make an annual retreat and continue the practice each year.
3. Imitate Jesus and take something on—40 days of letterwriting, 40 acts of kindness, 40 phone calls to friends and family you have not been in touch with for a while.
4. Get some friends together and attend a Friday fish fry at a local parish. It's not the healthiest thing in the world, but a fun Catholic tradition to help you abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent.

### Don't forget your items for the **Free Indeed Home**

Collection boxes are located in the vestibule and at the parking lot door. The collection runs through March 10.

The following items are on their “wish list”: vacuum cleaner, hair dryers, copy paper, bike helmets, Walmart, Rouses, Winn Dixie gift cards, light bulbs (especially ceiling insert bulbs), garbage bags, brooms, mops, and they also need foods that can be packed into lunches for the girls when they are traveling to medical appointments and educational requirements - non-refrigerated individual lunches, individual fruit/pudding cups, any snacks that can be packed in the lunches.

Join us for a 5K and 1/2-mile Fun Run/Walk.

**Saturday, April 13, 2019**

*New Location!*

**New Orleans Lakefront  
across from Landry's**

Form a team and help us meet our fundraising goal! All proceeds will support Woman's New Life Center, providing service to women in unplanned pregnancies.

**[www.womansnewlife.com/borntorun](http://www.womansnewlife.com/borntorun)**

Questions? Contact [csholl@womansnewlife.com](mailto:csholl@womansnewlife.com).



### **Sankofa: A Day of Reflection Saturday, March 9**

CYO/Youth

and Young Adult Ministry Office

2241 Mendez St., New Orleans

9 am-4:30 pm

Join Black Catholics to reflect on how to strengthen the Black Catholic Community

Cost is \$25 per person, due to the Office of Black Catholic Ministries by March 1.

For more information, contact the Office of Black Catholic Ministries at 861-6207 or email [bcatholicsAarchdiocese-no.org](mailto:bcatholicsAarchdiocese-no.org)

Registration: <http://obcm.arch-no.org>

The day will conclude with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gregory Aymond.

### **Support Our Bulletin!**

The weekly bulletin is printed at no charge to the parish. Your support of the advertisers in the bulletin finances this service. Remember to call them first.

# Mass Intentions



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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

And for the repose of the souls of

+Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr.	+Rita Major
+Dolores & Ralph Schaefer, Sr.	+Rochelle Age
+Joseph Ceasar Landry, Sr.	+Iris Brothers
+Rushford Davidson, Jr.	+Robert Miron
+John Dwyer, Sr.	+Margie Condoll
+Mary Joyce France	+Esta Sanders

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30 am Communion Service

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30 am +Josph Cheviss  
+Elizabeth Ceasar  
+Peter Boudreaux

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30 am +Albert Martin, III

## FRIDAY, MARCH

8:30 am +Joseph & Dolores Perez Vega

**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

25 Monday **WEEKDAY**  
Sirach 1:1-10; Ps 93; Mark 9:14-29

26 Tuesday **WEEKDAY**  
Sirach 2:1-11; Ps 37; Mark 9:30-37

27 Wednesday **WEEKDAY**  
Sirach 4:11-19; Ps 119; Mark 9:38-40

28 Thursday **WEEKDAY**  
Sirach 5:1-8; Ps 1; Mark 9:41-50

01 Friday **WEEKDAY**  
Sirach 6:5-17; Ps 119; Mark 10:1-12

02 Saturday **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY or WEEKDAY**  
SIRACH 17:1-15; Ps 103; Mark 10:13-16

03 Sunday **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Sirach 27:4-7; Ps 92; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

## Lectors & Commentators



Feb 23 Gloria Jordon, Gaynell Marchand  
Feb 24 Hilda Bell, Marlin Gusman



## Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Feb 23 Kerry Winder, Roy LeBlanc  
Feb 24 Denise Huner, Louis Flattmann



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

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

Thank You

to Father Labre for inviting the parish ministers to a brunch to show his appreciation for their service. The Hospitality Committee provided the service, and the food was from La Madeleine.

Last week's second collection supported our **Archdiocesan Catholic Charities**, a group of ministries to those in need in our archdiocese: disabled, mentally or physically challenged, in need of food or shelter, needing medical or emotional support and many other situations. Your donations amounted to \$ 711. Thank you for your support.

## Church Support



## OFFERTORY COLLECTION (February 16-17)

First Collection ..... \$ 2674.00

Thank you for your support!