

# 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



Law

Fasting and Abstinence in Lent

It is a traditional doctrine of Christian spirituality that a constituent part of repentance, of turning away from sin and back to God, includes some form of penance, without which the Christian is unlikely to remain on the narrow path and be saved (Jer. 18:11, 25:5; Ez. 18:30, 33:11-15; Joel 2:12; Matthew 3:2, 4:17; Acts 2:38). Christ Himself said that His disciples would fast once He had departed (Lk. 5:35). The general law of penance, therefore, is part of the law of God for Christians. In the 1983 Code of Canon the obligations of Latin Rite are as follows:

- Canon 1250: All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.
Canon 1251: Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Canon 1252: All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.
Canon 1253: It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast and abstinence other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety.

Those Who Are Excused from Fast or Abstinence

Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual laborers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline. Aside from these minimum penitential requirements Catholics are encouraged to impose some personal penance on themselves at other times. It could be modeled after abstinence and fasting. A person could, for example, multiply the number of days they abstain. One final consideration: before all else we are obliged to perform the duties of our state in life. Any deprivation that would seriously hinder us in carrying out our work, as students, employees or parents would be contrary to the will of God.

Planning Your Funeral and Cemetery Arrangements Be Prepared in Advance of Need

A Free Seminar Sunday, March 31 In the School Building Following 10:00 Mass

Refreshments, Conversation, Free Planner

Presented by Cynthia West Davidson Dignity Memorial

Lenten Schedule Card

A bookmark style card containing the schedule of Lenten services at St. James Major Church is available at the church doors. The reverse side of the card explains the fasting and abstinence regulations that apply to Lent.



Immaculate Conception Sodality

The Immaculate Conception Sodality, an organization dedicated to our Blessed Mother, will meet Sunday, March 17, in the work sacristy (left sacristy) after the 10:00 Mass. All members and anyone interested in joining or learning about this organization are invited to attend. Contact Alexis Hawkins (288-2728) for more information.



Lenten Fish Frys

March 22, 29; April 5, 12 (No Fish Fry on Good Friday)

11 am-5 pm In front of the school \$11

Sponsored by Gentilly Knights of Columbus



Help the Parish Celebrate! St. James Major Centennial 1920-2020

The Parish Pastoral Council is beginning to collect ideas from parishioners for our 100th birthday. Your input and ideas are important. Index cards have been placed by collection boxes at the church doors. Please write your ideas clearly on a card (include your name and phone number) and place the card in the box. All ideas will be considered.

“You could say that prayer without fasting is like boxing with one hand tied behind your back, and that fasting without prayer is, well, dieting.” Matt Fradd

# Mass Intentions



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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

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

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| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr.        | +Drury Family    |
| +Mary Ann P. Lagarde            | +Rochelle Age    |
| +Charles Vanderpool, Jr.        | +Arthur Collins  |
| +Rushford Davidson, Sr.         | +Riley Ryan III  |
| +Ethel Mae Fernandez Herny      | +Vermise Wall    |
| +Poor Souls in Purgatory (P.L.) | +Nelson Brothers |

**MONDAY, MARCH 18**

8:30 am Communion Service

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19**

- 8:30 am +Josphe Chevis  
 +Raymond Bonnee  
 +Cynthia Gilyat  
 +Dominick & Shirley Rodi

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

8:30 am +Ester Smith

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

8:30 am +Louisa Rondeno

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

8:30 am +Charles & Pauline Flattmann

## Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light is burning this week in memory of Darlene Maney.



**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

- 18 Monday **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**  
 Daniel 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Luke 6:36-38
- 19 Tuesday **ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Pf 89; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- 20 Wednesday **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**  
 Jeremiah 18:18-20; Ps 31; Matthew 20:17-28
- 21 Thursday **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**  
 Jeremiah 17:5-10; Ps 1; Luke 16:19-31
- 22 Friday **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**  
 Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
- 23 Saturday **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**  
 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
- 24 Sunday **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9



### Lectors & Commentators

- Mar 16 Gloria Jordon, Michael Sinegar  
 Mar 17 Darren Isabelle, Lawrence Dejan



### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

- Mar 16 Loretta Parent, Kerry Winder  
 Mar 17 Denise Huner, Louis Flattmann

## Happy St. Patrick's Day-March 17

St. Patrick would hold up a shamrock and challenge his hearers, "Is it one leaf or three?" "It is both one leaf and three," was their reply. "And so it is with God," he would conclude.

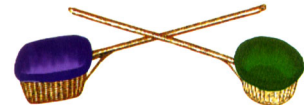


## Our Men and Women in the Service

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  |

### Church Support



#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION (March 2-3)

First Collection .....	\$ 2793.00
Second Collection .....	636.00
	<u>\$ 3429.00</u>

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION (March 6)

Ash Wednesday Collection .....	\$ 1913.00
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#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION (March 9-10)

First Collection .....	\$ 2384.00
Second Collection .....	656.00
	<u>\$ 3040.00</u>

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