

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



The Apostolic Succession

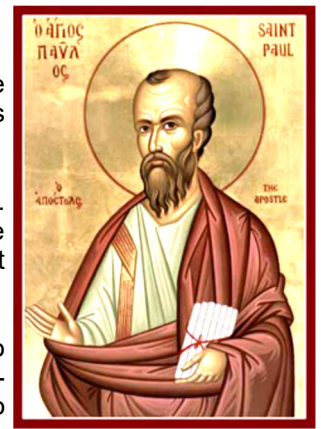
The first Christians had no doubts about how to determine which was the true Church and which doctrines the true teachings of Christ. The test was simple: just trace the apostolic succession of the claimants.

Apostolic Succession is the line of bishops stretching back to the apostles. All over the world, all Catholic bishops are part of a lineage that goes back to the time of the apostles, something that is impossible in Protestant denominations (most of which do not even claim to have bishops.)

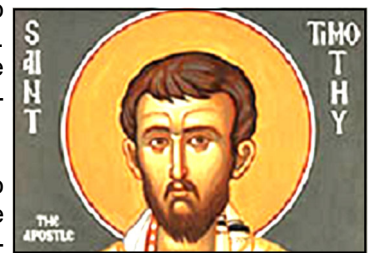
The role of apostolic succession in preserving true doctrine is illustrated in the Bible. To make sure that the apostles' teachings would be passed down after the deaths of the apostles, Paul told Timothy, "[W]hat you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (2Tim 2:2) In this passage he refers to the first three generations of apostolic succession—his own generation, Timothy's generation, and the generation Timothy will teach.

The Church Fathers, who were links in that chain of succession, regularly appealed to apostolic succession as a test for whether Catholics or heretics had correct doctrine. This was necessary because heretics simply put their own interpretations, even bizarre ones, on Scripture. Clearly, something other than Scripture had to be used as an ultimate test of doctrine in these cases.

My dear faithful, in this season of Easter, you will hear a lot of things that the apostles go through to establish the Church. I encourage you to pay a particular attention to the events unfolding through their work. Make your own faith strong. Be blessed by the tradition of the Church.



St. Paul the Apostle
c AD 5-c AD 67



St. Timothy AD 17-97
First Bishop of Ephesus



Order of St. Louis Award

The Order of St. Louis award is presented annually to selected members of each parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans based on the member's contributions to the parish in service and exemplary Catholic life. This year's recipient from our parish is Bob Maginnis. He has been a member of the parish for many years and is currently the Grand Knight of the Gentilly Knights of Columbus. Bob continues to serve his parish through giving his time and expertise in maintaining and repairing parish facilities, ushering at Mass and exemplifying Catholic values. We are delighted to grant him this recognition. The Archdiocesan award ceremony will be Sunday, May 19 in the St. Joseph Church. All parishioners who have received this award are asked to wear the medallion to Mass next weekend.



Welcome

No matter where you are from, what you do, what your current family, marital or life situation...

No matter your personal history, age, background, race or political affiliation...

No matter your religion or self-perceived relationship with God or the Church...

We are very happy you are with us at St. James Major Catholic Church.



A Stewardship Moment

Stewardship
A way of living

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

John 13:34

It is easy to love someone when they love you back; but it takes **Stewardship** to have the strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or that our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone who doesn't look like me.

Contribution Envelopes



Church contribution envelopes are the means by which we record your church support for your tax and other personal purposes. Their use also helps us prepare our budget. If you receive envelopes, please use them. If envelopes are not being sent to your home, please contact the rectory. For immediate use, there are non-personalized envelopes available at the church doors. Please put your name on each envelope.

Mass Intentions



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

SATURDAY, MAY 18

8:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 19

10:00 am Intentions of Gloria Age, Nancy Van Den Akker and 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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| +Willie Mae Potts | +Junior Frederick |
| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. | +Rochelle Age |
| +Edwin & Mathilde Adams | +Paul West |
| +Wardell "Skip" Nagin, Jr. | +Flora Cross |
| +Lucious & Shawn Newell | +Lois Christophe |
| +Roy Rondeno, Sr. | +Clare Jupiter |

MONDAY, MAY 20

8:30 am Communion Service

TUESDAY, MAY 21

- 8:30 am +Josph Chevis
 +Manuel J. Auzout
 +Catherine Bernard

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

8:30 am +John Boyd, Sr.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

8:30 am +Louisa Rondeno

FRIDAY, MAY 24

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

Please pray for them: Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Errol Duplessis, 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

- 20 Monday **ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA or FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**
 Acts 14:5-18; Pa 115; John 14:21-26
- 21 Tuesday **ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES & COMPANIONS or FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**
 Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; John 14:27-31a
- 22 Wednesday **ST. RITA OF CASCIA or FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**
 Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; John 15:1-8
- 23 Thursday **FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**
 Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96; John 15:9-11
- 24 Friday **FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**
 Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; John 15:12-17
- 25 Saturday **ST. GREGORY VII or ST. BEDE or ST. MARY MAGDALENE de'PAZZI or FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER**
 Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; John 15:18-21
- 26 Sunday **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

Lectors & Commentators



- May 18 Greer Adams, Gaynell Marchand
 May 19 Hilda Bell, Darren Isabelle



Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

- May 18 D. J. Ferrier, Kerry Winder
 May 19 Louis Flattmann, Marlin Gusman

Our Men and Women in the Service

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

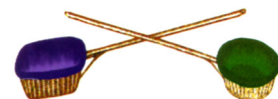
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| SSgt Bryan Stovall, Jr., USMC | PO2 Melissa Flot, USN |
| PVT Robert Cook, USA | SGT Robert Lambert, USA |
| SSgt. Anthony Montz, USAF | Alvin Benjamin, USN |
| SSgt. Davin Hornsby, USAF | A1C Andrew Montz, USAF |



The **Gentilly Knights of Columbus** will meet Sunday, May 19, in the Parish Cottage after the 10:00 Family Mass. All Council 2925 members are urged to attend.

Last week's second collection supporting our **Retired Diocesan Priests** amounted to \$ 805. Thank you.

Church Support



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (MAY 11-12)

First Collection \$ 2259.00

Thank you for your support.