

# 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 Ascension of the Lord

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord, which the church celebrates at the end of the Easter season, is hard to explain to contemporary people. Jesus passed, in bodily form, from this world to heaven? Wouldn't His body still be in some identifiable place within the solar system or the galaxy? The traditional formulation of the doctrine strikes many today as hopelessly pre-scientific and mythological. Even if we were to admit the possibility of such a transition happening in regard to Jesus, how would this in any way affect us spiritually?



The key to understanding both the meaning and significance of this feast is a recovery of the Jewish sense of heaven and earth. If we're spiritually minded, we tend to think of salvation as an escape from this world—this valley of tears—to a disembodied state called "heaven." Biblical cosmology sees these two realms as interacting and interpenetrating fields of force. Heaven, the arena of God and the angels, touches upon and calls out to earth, the arena of humans, animals, plants, and planets. In Biblical reading, salvation is a matter of the meeting of heaven and earth, so that God might reign as thoroughly here below as He does on high. Jesus' great prayer, which is constantly on the lips of Christians, is distinctively Jewish in inspiration: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Notice that this is decidedly not a prayer that we might escape from the earth, but rather that earth and heaven might come together. The Lord's prayer recapitulates and raises to a new level precisely what the prophet Isaiah anticipated: "The knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth, as the water covers the sea."

The first Christians saw the resurrection of Jesus from the dead as the commencement of the process by which earth and heaven were being reconciled. They appreciated the risen Christ as the heavenly ruler of the nations, the One who would bring the justice of heaven to this world. This is precisely why people like Peter, Paul, Thomas, Andrew, and John went to the ends of the earth to proclaim just this new state of affairs: "Jesus is Lord!" What began in the Lord's resurrection is now ready to burst forth and flood the world through the work of the disciples. Accordingly, just before ascending to heaven, Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." It is fascinating to note how the Ascension and Pentecost are linked: in the Ascension, something of earth moves into the heavenly sphere, and at Pentecost, something of heaven—the Holy Spirit—invades the earth. The two events constitute, in short, a foretaste of the great reconciliation for which the entire Jewish religion had for centuries yearned.

The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit down through the ages, is meant to be the privileged place where this coming-together happens. In good preaching, in great Christian art, in the architecture of our churches and cathedrals, in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, in the lives of the saints, and perhaps especially in the liturgy, earth and heaven meet. Think of the moment at Mass, just before the singing of the Sanctus, when the priest invokes the angels (the realm of heaven) and encourages us: "may our voices be one with theirs in their triumphant hymn of praise." What he is suggesting is that earth might, with Christ, ascend to heaven and that heaven, in the person of the Holy Spirit, might descend to earth—and that the two dimensions might sing together in harmony.

What has become clear in the course of this discussion is that the Ascension of Jesus has nothing to do with a literal journey into the stratosphere, for that would involve simply a transfer to another position within "the world." The Ascension is Jesus' journey, not to another place, but to another dimension. This dimension to which He has gone is not alien to us. It is instead a source of inspiration, power, and direction. This is why the angels (denizens of heaven) who appear to the disciples just after Jesus' departure say, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" What they are hinting at, none too subtly, is this: under the influence of Jesus' spirit, get to work! Do all that you can to foster the marriage of heaven and earth! Get on with the mission of the church!



**Immaculate Conception Sodality**  
**June 8-9 In the Vestibule after Mass**  
Baked Goods and Monetary Donations  
Are Appreciated

## Food Bank Needs Specific Items



Our food bank is in need of several specific items: Vienna sausage, tuna, canned fruit, canned milk, breakfast items, 1 lb. bags of rice, rice mixes, chili and cake mixes. Your donations of these items, either name brand or store brand, is greatly appreciated. **We are unable to redistribute commodity food.**

# Mass Intentions



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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**

8:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2**

10:00 am Intentions 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.       | +Rochelle Age    |
| +Clare & Clarence Jupiter      | +Christina Baham |
| +John Rondeno, Jr.             | +Grace McDougal  |
| +Sidney McLaine                | +Cedric Green    |
| +Ulysses Moore                 | +Lizzie Joseph   |
| +Jared, Marva & Richard Gasper | +Joseph Gerdes   |

**MONDAY, JUNE 3**

8:30 am Communion Service

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4**

8:30 am Int.-Donnell Bonnee  
+Jospeh Chevis  
+Janet Murff

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5**

8:30 am +Arthur Vega

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7**

8:30 am +Marie Johnson

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

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|  | Jun 01 | Janice James, Gaynell Marchand |
|   | Jun 02 | Denise Thomas, Louis Flattmann |

**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

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| 03 Monday    | <b>ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS</b><br>Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; John 16:29-33                                |
| 04 Tuesday   | <b>SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER</b><br>Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; John 17:1-11a   |
| 05 Wednesday | <b>ST. BONIFACE or SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER</b><br>Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; John 17:11b-19                        |
| 06 Thursday  | <b>ST. NORBERT or SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER</b><br>Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps 16; John 17:20-26                    |
| 07 Friday    | <b>SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER</b><br>Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; John 21:15-19                                       |
| 08 Saturday  | <b>SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER</b><br>Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11; John 21:20-25                                  |
| 09 Sunday    | <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b><br>Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 |

### Lectors & Commentators



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| Jun 01 | Montrelle Sinegar, D. J. Ferrier |
| Jun 02 | Madeline Curtis, Darren Isabelle |

## 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  |

## Peter's Pence Collection

The Collection for the Holy Father or Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer. The collection is scheduled to be taken up June 8-9, 2019.

### Church Support



### OFFERTORY COLLECTION (MAY 25-26)

First Collection .....	\$ 2022.00
Second Collection .....	<u>589.00</u>
	\$ 2611.00

Thank you for your support.