

# 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.

## Importance of Prayer



Humankind, from the very beginning of time, attempted to get in touch with the Supernatural Force or Divine Being. They did so through hymns, songs and rituals of thanksgiving, praise and petition. Today, thousands of years later, people across the globe continue to lift their minds and hearts to God in prayer. Prayer is our natural reaction to the yearning for God that is implanted deep within us. Prayer is important for all Christian believers because it is the living relationship of the children of God with their Creator.

Jesus encourages us to pray when He says, "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Lk 11:9) He goes on to show that this is true by performing various miracles for people who ask Him to do so, curing a leper and a blind beggar who come before Him in good faith, and promising the Kingdom of Heaven to the good thief who repents at Calvary.

In addition to hearing the prayers of the people, Jesus Himself is found praying numerous times throughout the Gospels, both alone and in the company of His disciples and crowds of followers. He prays before the most important times in His life, including His Baptism, Transfiguration, and many of the miracles He performs. During His Passion, the most trying and difficult hours of His life, prayer flows once again from Jesus' mouth. He prays for strength in the Garden of Gethsemane and continues praying up until His very last words on the cross: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Lk 23:46)

If Jesus, the perfect, divine God-Man prayed so frequently and fervently during His life on earth, how much more do we, as sinners, have a need for prayer as a part of our daily lives? May prayer be part of our daily lives as followers of Jesus and in relationship with one another.

**"Thank You"** to all who supported the SJM Guild in their bake sale last week. The event was a huge success. The Guild appreciates your support.



## Food Bank Needs Specific Items

Our food bank is in need of several specific items: Vienna sausage, tuna, Spam, chili, canned fruit, soup, 2 lb bags of rice, rice mixes, canned pasta, canned or powdered milk, mac & cheese, breakfast items, cake mixes, and jello. Your donations of these items, either name brand or store brand, is greatly appreciated. We are unable to redistribute commodity food.

### Daily Prayers

This feature, to appear periodically in the Bulletin, will refresh your memory of prayers learned long ago or introduce you to prayers you may want to learn.

**The Lord's Prayer**, also called the Our Father, is a venerated Christian prayer which, according to the New Testament, Jesus taught as the way to pray: Pray then in this way ... When you pray, say ...

## Our Father,

Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil

Amen.

Matthew 6:9-15

### ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Are you registered in the parish? Do you use contribution envelopes? Consider the following situations:

- You are asked to be a sponsor for a Baptism or Confirmation and need a statement from your pastor that you are a registered and attending member of the parish, but there is no record of you.
- You decide to itemize your tax deductions and need the amount you contributed to church, but you don't use envelopes, so there's no record.
- Your child needs church involvement or attendance information for acceptance into high school, but you are not listed as a parishioner.
- You need a letter attesting to your character for employment or organizational inclusion, but your name is not familiar because you are not registered.
- Someone living alone dies, and the relatives tell the funeral director, "He always went to St. James," but when the church is called for the service, no one knows the deceased.

These real situations have occurred in our parish. **REGISTER! MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN!** Actively support your parish by using envelopes and joining organizations or ministries. Census forms are available on the tables at the church doors.



# Mass Intentions

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

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**

8:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**

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

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| +Fredrick & Patricia Schmidt | +Deborah Soulet   |
| +Michael Clavo, Jr.          | +Kevin Sylve      |
| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr.     | +Rochelle Age     |
| +Wilfred Maginnis, III       | +Junior Frederick |
| +Clare & Clarence Jupiter    | +Belvia Isabelle  |
| +Wilma Leon Johnson          | +Boyd Family      |

**MONDAY, JULY 29**

8:30 am Communion Service

**TUESDAY, JULY 30**

8:30 am +Karen Bouie  
+Julia Howell  
+Gloria Vega

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**

8:30 am +Peter Bonnee, Jr.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

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

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**

8:30 am +Louisa Rondeno

**Please pray for them:** Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Gloria Mitchell, Denise Thomas, Gloria Age, 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, John Lambert, Meredith LeBlanc, Pamela Jordon, Mallory Tuggles 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

- 29 Monday **ST. MARTHA**  
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106; John 11:1-27 or Luke 10:38-42
- 30 Tuesday **ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS**  
**or WEEKDAY**  
Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5B-9, 28; Ps 103; Matthew 13:36-43
- 31 Wednesday **ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA**  
Exodus 24:29-35; Ps 99; Matthew 13:44-46
- 01 Thursday **ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI**  
Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84; Matthew 13:47-53
- 02 Friday **ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD**  
**or ST. EUSEBIUS VERCELLI**  
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81; Matthew 13:54-58
- 03 Saturday **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
**or WEEKDAY**  
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67; Matthew 14:1-12
- 04 Sunday **18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Ps 90; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

### Lectors & Commentators

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|  | Jul 27 Greer Adams, Janice Jackson        |
|  | Jul 28 Adaline Patterson, Darren Isabelle |

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

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|  | Jul 27 Gaynell Marchand, Michael Sinegar |
|   | Jul 28 Madeline Curtis, Denise Thomas    |

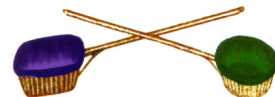
## Our Men and Women in the Service

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,       |

Last week's second collection was your donation to the Black 7 Indian Missions in the U.S. The amount collected was \$711. Thank you for your generosity.

### Church Support



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (July 20-21)  
First Collection ..... \$ 2009.00

Thank you for supporting your parish.