

# 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.



# Sacrament of Reconciliation

In All Churches of the Archdiocese

Wed., Sept. 11 5 pm — 6:30 pm

## Confession: It puts you straight with everyone

Penance, aka confession, is the sacrament of the forgiveness of sin. You can't beat it for convenience. It's available practically whenever. Tell a priest you want to go to confession, and you'll get his attention. One bishop I know was cornered on an airplane. Another passenger figured out what was going on and asked if he could confess too. It must have been an interesting game of musical seats. An amusing question for priests might be: Where was the strangest place you ever administered the sacrament of penance? The answers I've gathered include "in a sports bar, at a graduation party" and "on the golf course, walking up the fairway."

### Confession has benefits. Here are ten:

1. Confidentiality guaranteed. There's nothing like confessing your sins to someone guaranteed not to tell anyone else. Sometimes you need to talk in absolute confidence. Even under subpoena, a priest can't tell anyone what's said to him in confession. He can't even hint at it. Now that's confidentiality.
2. Housekeeping for the soul. It feels good to be able to start a clean life all over again. Like going into a sparkling living room in your home, it's nice when clutter is removed – even if it's your own.
3. A balm for the desire for revenge. When you have been forgiven you can forgive others. If the perfect Jesus forgives me, who am I to want to avenge the slights in my life. Think: "Why did they promote him over me?" or "Mom played favorites!"
4. Low cost therapy. It's free, which makes it cheaper than a psychiatrist for dealing with guilt.
5. Forced time to think. Socrates said that the unexamined life is not worth living. To examine our lives and acknowledge failings marks the first step of making things right with God, others and ourselves. Life can be more worth living when you ponder the meaning of your own life.
6. Contribution toward world peace. Gaudium et Spes, the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, said that the imbalances in the world that lead to war and tensions "are linked with that more basic imbalance which is rooted in the heart of man." Peace of soul leads to peace of heart leads to peace beyond oneself.
7. A better neighborhood. Confession leaves you feeling good about yourself, thereby cutting back the inclination to road rage and aggressive shopping cart driving. With the grace of the sacrament you're energized to, as Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery, "go and sin no more."
8. Realistic self-perception. Confession helps overcome arrogance when you have to admit you're as much of a sinner as anyone else. It helps build tolerance for others' perceived shortcomings.
9. One more benefit of being Catholic. There are lots of benefits, including a sense of community, liturgical rites to help us encounter God in prayer, and the wonderful sense of humanity exemplified in the saints, from Mary, the loving Mother of God, to Augustine, the exasperating son of Monica. The sacrament that leads us to inner peace is among the greatest boons.
10. Closeness to God. Confession helps you realize that you have a close connection to God and receive his grace through the sacraments. What can be better than knowing God's on your team, or, to be less arrogant about it, that you are on God's.

## Birthday of Our Blessed Mother—September 8

Mary was born to be the mother of the Savior of the world, the spiritual mother of all men, and the holiest of God's creatures. Because of her Son's infinite merits, she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace. Through her, Queen of Heaven and Earth, all grace is given to men. Through her, by the will of the Trinity, the unbelieving receive the gift of faith; the afflicted are tendered the works of mercy; and the members of Christ grow in likeness of their Head. In Mary all human nature is exalted. We rejoice in her birthday, as the Church has done from the earliest times. This is one of the three birthdays in the Church Calendar — the Birth of Jesus (December 25), the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24) and the Birthday of Mary. All three were born without original sin, although Mary and Jesus were conceived without sin, and St. John was cleansed of original sin while in the womb at the Visitation of Mary.



On Our Lady's birthday the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Savior's mother, Mary. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation, and she has the highest mission ever commended to any creature. We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother, too. Let us often call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany.

# Mass Intentions



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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

8:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

10:00 am Intentions of our parishioners who are ill, for all who have asked for prayer, for the intentions of Jeanne Williams and the St. Joseph Altar Group, and for the repose of the souls of

- +Clarence & Clare Jupiter
- +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr.
- +Charles Vanderpool, Sr.
- +Joseph Vosbein, Jr.
- +John & Cora Fritz
- +Charles Harleaux, Jr.
- +Eugene Joseph Johnson, Sr.

- +Junior Frderick
- +Rochelle Age
- +Nelson Brothers
- +Roy Fox
- +Keith Bonnee
- +Henry Sylve
- +Lawrence Isabelle

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

8:30 am Communion Service

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

8:30 am +Joseph Chevis  
+Eddie & Millie Ward  
+Henry Winder

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

8:30 am All Victims of Terrorism

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

8:30 am +Norman Jackson, Jr.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

8:30 am Int. Margo 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, Laurie Rob ert, Meredith LeBlanc, Pamela Jordon, Mallory Tuggles, Virgie Louis 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

- 09 Monday **ST. PETER CLAVER**  
Colossians 1:24-2:3; Ps 62; Luke 6:6-11
- 10 Tuesday **WEEKDAY**  
Colossians 2:6-15; Ps 145; Luke 6:12-19
- 11 Wednesday **WEEKDAY**  
Colossians 3:1-11; Ps 145; Luke 6:20-26
- 12 Thursday **MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY or WEEKDAY**  
Colossians 1:9-14; Ps 98; Luke 5:1-11
- 13 Friday **ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**  
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16; Luke 6:39-42
- 14 Saturday **EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
Numbers 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Philippians 2:6-11
- 15 Sunday **24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 115:1-32

### Lectors & Commentators



Sep 07 Elisa Triplett, Greer Adams  
Sep 08 Adaline Patterson, Denise Thomas

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



Sep 07 Janice James, Michael Sinegar  
Sep 08 Mona Johnson, Madeline Curtis



### Our Men and Women in the Service



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

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



The **SJM Guild** will meet after Mass Sunday, September 8, in the work sacristy. This organization supports the works and activities of the Knights of Columbus and assists where needed in the parish and community. If you are interested in joining, please come to the meeting.

### 2nd Collection Mission Appeal

**\$721**

**Thank you!**

**Church Support**



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (August 31-September 1)

First Collection ..... \$ 2238.00

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