

St. James Major Catholic Church

Celebrating 100 Years

1920-2020

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Church, School & Rectory 1920-28

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.



November-The Month of the Faithful Departed

Our Catholic identity is based on our teaching authority which is the Scriptures, the Magisterium, and the Church Tradition. All of these come together in an extraordinary way to form and inform our faith. Traditionally the Month of November is dedicated to praying for the departed souls. It begins with All Saints on the first day of November. While some see ghosts and goblins, we see saints (Halloween).

November 2nd, is the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed referred to as "All Souls' Day." All Souls' isn't a Holy Day of Obligation, but it is a very beautiful part of our ancient Catholic tradition. St. Odilo in 998 A.D. established November 2nd as the date on which the monks at his monastery at Cluny would hold commemorations for their deceased members, and from Cluny, this date eventually won acceptance as "the" date for All Souls in the universal Church.

One of the least visited collections of the Vatican Museum is the Paleo-Christian section, but that section is most intriguing, for one sees how our ancestors in the Faith carved into the funerary sarcophagi their understanding of Catholicism and of prayer for the dead. Then there are the catacombs just outside of Rome, roughly 375 miles tunneled through the stone (put in one line and stretched out, it would be the distance from Atlanta to Memphis). Likely no one has seen all the twists and turns of the Roman catacombs, but just descending into the first and earliest century gives a glimpse into how our Catholic ancestors understood death. Throughout the Christian catacombs one sees prayers for the dead.

Today, praying for the dead is something too many of us have stopped doing. We have come to believe as the Protestants do, that "once saved, always saved" and that all who declare Christ their Lord will go straight to Heaven upon death. This has never been what the Church teaches, and it is not true. Nothing but perfection may enter Heaven, and none of us is perfect. We need the purging, the cleansing of our souls, before we can enter the Perpetual Light.

Given the canonical dispute over II Maccabees 12: 38-46, it is far easier to demonstrate that praying for the dead has been a part of the Catholic life from the beginning if we look at Tradition, and in particular at funeral customs and the Holy Liturgy. In keeping with our Catholic Tradition, let us pray for our beloved dead, especially throughout the month of November.



It Is Good to Pray for the Dead

Judas Maccabaeus rallied his army and went to the city of Adullam. As the seventh day was approaching, they purified themselves according to custom and kept the sabbath there. On

the following day, since the task had now become urgent, Judas and his companions went to gather up the bodies of the fallen and bury them with their kindred in their ancestral tombs. But under the tunic of each of the dead they found amulets sacred to the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. So it was clear to all that this was why these men had fallen. They all therefore praised the ways of the Lord, the just judge who brings to light the things that are hidden. Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out. The noble Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. He then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin.

2 Maccabees 12:38-46



Food Bank Needs Specific Items

Our food bank is in need of several specific items: tuna, rice, cornbread mix, Spam, chili, soup, pasta sauce, rice mixes, canned pasta, breakfast foods and milk (canned or boxed).

Your donations of these items, either name brand or store brand, is greatly appreciated. We are unable to redistribute commodity food.

Proposed Tasks Centennial Celebration Requiring Money

1. Repair leaking ceiling in church
2. Repair falling plexiglass (stained glass windows)
3. Varnish church doors
4. Repaint church walls
5. Replace rusty sinks in church
6. Repair parking lot
7. Repair steps to the sanctuary in the church
8. Create a St. James altar

The money raised from our capital campaign shall be used for the above projects. If an individual or a group would like to take care of any of these projects, please contact the Improvement Committee. Check on the board in the vestibule for the names of the Improvement Committee members.

Mass Intentions



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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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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| +Clarence & Clare Jupiter | +Emile Oliver |
| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. | +Rochelle Age |
| +William M. Dwyer, Jr. | +Arthur Collins |
| +Mr. & Mrs. William Buoch, Sr. | +Emelda Bell |
| +Ethel Fernandez Henry | +Dana Rodriguez |
| +Wilma L. Johnson | +Rose Fox |
| +Lawrence & Eva Fortuné | +Anna Dalmas |

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:30 am Communion Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 8:30 am +Annie Thompson
 +Joseph Chevis
 +Odette Herbert
 +Ralph Dennis

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:30 am Int.-Tony & Jade Montz

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:30 am +Louisa Rondeno

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

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|  | Nov 2 Roy LeBlanc, Michael Sinegar |
| | Nov 3 Denise Huner, Tony Tabor |

Please pray for them: Cheryl Napoleon, Sarah Lafitte, 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, 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 Robért, 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

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| 04 Monday | ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
Romans 11:29-36; Ps 69; Luke 14:12-14 |
| 05 Tuesday | WEEKDAY
Romans 12:5-16ab; Ps 131; Luke 14:15-24 |
| 06 Wednesday | WEEKDAY
Romans 13:8-10; Ps 112; Luke 14:25-33 |
| 07 Thursday | WEEKDAY
Romans 14:7-12; Ps 27; Luke 15:1-10 |
| 08 Friday | WEEKDAY
Romans 15:14-21; Ps 96; Luke 16:1-8 |
| 09 Saturday | DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 |
| 10 Sunday | 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38 |

Lectors & Commentators



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| Nov 2 | Gaynell Marchand, Gloria Jordon |
| Nov 3 | Denise Thomas, 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 |



Stewardship *A way of living*

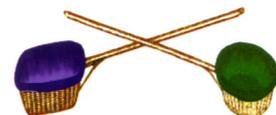
A Stewardship Moment

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'"

Luke 19:8

We are all called in Stewardship to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

Church Support



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (OCTOBER 26-27)

First Collection	\$ 1919.00
Second Collection	622.00
	<u>\$ 2541.00</u>

Thank you for supporting your parish.