

St. James Major Catholic Church

**Celebrating
100 Years**

1920-2020

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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

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Lent and Me

As with Advent, you can benefit from celebrating Lent even if your church does not formally do so. Here are some of the key elements of the Lenten season, along with some of the symbolism that comes with it. Many of these practices can be celebrated both individually and as a community:

Purple: Like Advent, the official color for Lent is purple. Purple is the color of repentance for sins and also symbolizes the state of our souls outside the light of Christ. During this time, pray for those who do not know Christ and for those who have sinned gravely against Him.

Confession: Lent is a penitential season, even more so than Advent. The 40 days are set aside to really examine areas of recurring sin in our lives that prevent us from being conformed to God's Will.

Keep in mind the idea here is not to be overly scrupulous or to deceive yourself into thinking you can earn heaven through your own goodness. The goal is to honestly examine your life in light of God's Word and to make a commitment to change in any areas you have not submitted to the Lord. A good way to start an examination of conscience is by praying Psalm 139, verse 23-24: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Then, hold up your life to the Ten Commandments. Confess your sins to the priest. (James 5:16), the ways you've sinned against God, thank Him for His forgiveness, and ask Him for the grace to change.

Fasting and Prayer: Fasting is a practice that has really gone by the wayside in many Christian circles. Yet, if done correctly, it can be a powerful time of renewing your relationship with God. Fasting can be found in both the Old Testament and the New, with Moses (Exodus 34:28; Deuteronomy 9:9, 18), Elijah (1 Kings 19:8), and our Lord (Matthew 4:2) all participating in 40-day fasts. Fasting is a way of denying ourselves the excesses of life so that we might be more attuned to the Lord's voice. It is also a way of disciplining yourself, strengthening your "spiritual muscles" so to speak, so that when temptations arise in life, you're already used to saying "no" to your desires. And finally, fasting is also a way of participating, in a small way, in the sufferings of Christ and can be particularly powerful when accompanied by prayer and confession.

A word of caution: although fasting can be a wonderful spiritual exercise, it is also an easy one to abuse. Make sure that when you fast, you do not deprive yourself so much that you do harm to your body. Fasting should only be practiced by adults and mature teens. Also, take into account any medical conditions or nutritional needs when deciding what and how much to abstain from (I recommend consulting with a doctor and/or spiritual advisor before undertaking a serious fast.) On the spiritual front, Jesus warns us to guard against pride while fasting (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.)

PSR St. Joseph Altar

Donations to the altar are welcome: 407-9991

Baked goods: cake, cookies, pies

Fruit and Vegetables

Crackers

Please donate before Sat., March 14 Mass

Blessing of the Altar: March 14 after Mass

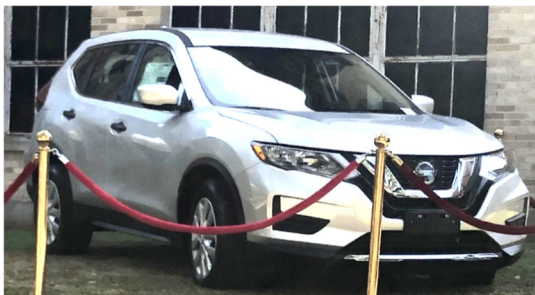
Health Fair

Sunday, March 8

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In the Gym

Win this 2019 Nissan Rogue!



\$20/chance

Sold by Centennial Committee Members

In the vestibule after Mass

and in the church office (Wed., 10-2)

Saints' medals, prayers



Snacks



BP Checks

Nutrition Info



Banking ID Theft



Mental Health

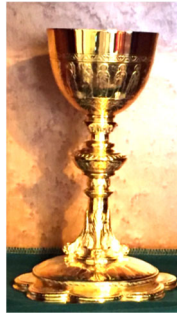
Giveaways



Sponsored by the SJM Guild

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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

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| +Clare & Clarence Jupiter | +Anita Collins |
| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. | +Matt Thompson |
| +Carlos & Marie Louise Verdia | +Elvera Sellers |
| +Eugene Joseph Johnson, Sr. | +Elma Alvis |
| +Robert & Thais Fritz | +Carolyn S. Collor |
| +Louis & Lillian Dalmas | +Clayton Alexis |
| +Stephen Norbert Moline | +Lasalle Ratler, Jr. |

MONDAY, MARCH 9

8:30 am Communion Service

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 am +Frank & Anna Mae Lombardo
+Gorum Family
+Glenn Scott

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

8:30 am +Wilbert Clementin

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

8:30 am +Adaline Rondeno

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

8:30 am +Poor Souls in Purgatory

Please pray for them: Vivian Posey, Gloria Age, Thais Ardoin, Herbert Briant, Sr., Dominic Carmouche, Wilbert Clementin, Sr., Gail Wright, Melody Sanderson, Cheryl Napoleon, Sarah Lafitte, Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Gloria Mitchell, Denise Thomas, Audrey Wilson, Nadine Rochell, Gloria Harris, Gertrude Harris, William Mitchell, Maggie Haney, Loretta Parent, Susan Lauterbach, Russell Jordan, Denise Rachal, Irene Ward, Marguerite Ragas, Irma Springer, Vivian Picou, Byron Williams, Jr., Kim Stovall, Michelle Irwin, Dennis LeBlanc, Betty Reynolds, 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

- 09 Monday **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**
Daniel 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Luke 6:36-38
- 10 Tuesday **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Matthew 23:1-12
- 11 Wednesday **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**
Jeremiah 18:18-20; Ps 31; Matthew 20:17-28
- 12 Thursday **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Ps 1; Luke 16:19-31
- 13 Friday **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**
Genesis 37:12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
- 14 Saturday **SECOND WEEK OF LENT**
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps103; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
- 15 Sunday **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Exodus 17:3-7; Ps 95; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

Lectors & Commentators

- Mar 07 Gloria Jordon, Michael Sinegar
Mar 08 Adaline Patterson, Denise Thomas

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

- Feb 29 Kerry Winder, Gaynell Marchand
Mar 8 Mona Johnson, Evangeline Richard

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 |
| SSgt. Andrew Montz, USAF | SGT Robert Lambert, USA |
| SSgt. Anthony Montz, USAF | Alvin Benjamin, USN |
| SSgt. Davin Hornsby, USAF | SPC Robert Cook, USA |

Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 7 3:00 pm St. Philip Neri Church
This event is for couples married 50 years or more.

Please register by Friday, March 20 by contacting your parish or going to nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary

This celebration **will not be a Mass**, but a prayer service.

CHURCH SUPPORT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FEB 22-23

First Collection	\$ 1694.00
Second Collection	461.00
	<u>\$ 2155.00</u>

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FEB 29-MAR 1

First Collection	\$ 2514.00
Second Collection	610.00
	<u>\$ 3124.00</u>

Thank you for supporting your parish.