



# ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 9, 2020

Dear Parishioner

St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church has celebrated its Gospel/Jazz Brunch for the past 16 years. Due to the Coronavirus, this our 17<sup>th</sup> year we must celebrate it virtually. We are inviting you to join us on your computer, phone or iPad to celebrate our seventeenth Annual Gospel/Jazz Brunch with song and dance and numerous other activities on Sunday, October 18 at 1:30 PM. The proceeds from this event will be used to enhance our outreach programs and continue our ministry in this community.

As you know, St. James represents a diverse group of people who are serving the needs of the people in the inner city, serving a predominately African-American and Hispanic neighborhood. We serve this community in a number of ways. We offer a food distribution program to the underserved community and we prepare sack lunches twice a month for Catholic Charities for the homeless. On a yearly basis, we prepare Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for needy families in the neighborhood and have a Christmas Angel Tree for the kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes at one of the neighborhood schools. This is just a small representative list of the things we do in the community. We, of course, offer a complete spiritual program for you, our parishioners.

Due to the Coronavirus, this year has really devastated our regular collections. In addition, many of our normal fundraising events have been cancelled or postponed. Our Gospel Jazz Brunch, normally our biggest fundraising event is being done virtually which will eliminate ticket sales and reduce the funds we will get from the raffle and silent auction. We are, therefore, requesting all of our parishioners to participate in these endeavors by donating to this event. We are requesting you to donate at least \$50 to help us continue to do what we do at St. James but we are accepting all gifts of any size. We have also enclosed an advertisement order form for our souvenir journal. We hope you will invite your friends and neighbors to participate in our Souvenir Journal and that you will donate new items to our silent auction.

We appreciate your support of St. James in the past and look forward to your continued support of our Parish.

Remember:

GOD IS GOOD- ALL THE TIME

Thank you very much for your support.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Binoy Akkalayil-Lucka, O.S.S.T.  
Administrator

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