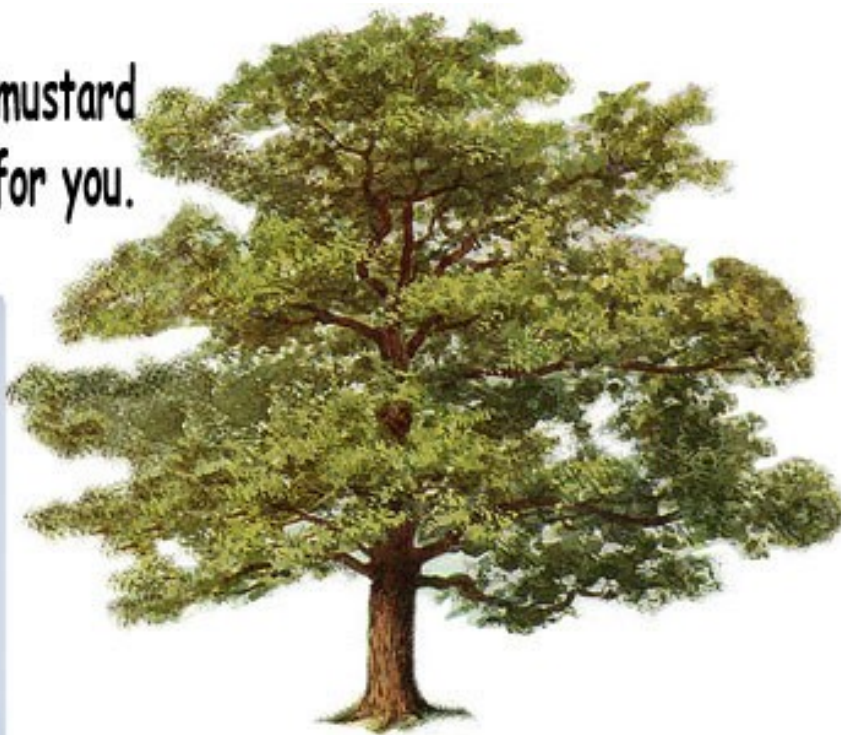


# SAINT JAMES' CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Bulletin**  
for the week of  
**October 6, 2019**

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you.



Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 p.m.  
Monday - Friday  
In the Rectory Chapel  
*Benediction*  
8:00 p.m.

Acompa e a Jes s  
Sacramentado en  
oraci n,  
de lunes a viernes de  
7:00 a 8:00 de la noche  
en la Capilla de la  
Rector a.

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*I.V.E.*

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*Daily Masses*  
*Monday thru Friday*  
7:30 a.m.  
*Saturday*  
8:00 a.m.  
*All daily Masses are in  
the Rectory*

*Office Hours*  
*Monday & Friday*  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
*Tuesday thru Thursday*  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
*Closed on  
Federal Holidays*  
<http://stjamesmr.org/>

*Schedule of Masses*  
*Sunday Obligation*  
*Saturday: 4:00 p.m.*  
*Sunday: 8:00 a.m.*  
*9:30 a.m.*  
*11:30 a.m. (Espa ol)*  
*6:00 p.m. (Espa ol)*

**\*\*Bulletin Deadline\*\***  
*Wednesday Noon*  
*Pre-approved by*  
*the Pastor*





## ***Gospel***

***Luke 17:5-10***

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"



**Sunday, October 6, 2019**

**3:00 PM - Filipino Rosary**

**3:30 PM - Filipino Mass**

**There is a Pot Luck Dinner**

**after the Mass**

***All are Welcome!***



### ***Affordable Care Act Symposium***

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Largo will be holding a free Affordable Care Act Symposium on Saturday, October 12 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM sponsored by their Social Justice Social Concerns Ministry. Eugene Poole of Aligned Benefits Group, Inc. will share real experienced solutions as it applies to the Affordable Care Act. Whether you are a Senior Citizen, Single Parent, Immigrant, Small Business Owner, Insurance Agent, no longer covered on your parents' insurance, or simply want to know how to obtain Affordable Healthcare you

### ***HELPING HANDS NEED VOLUNTEERS***

Catholic Relief Services: Helping Hands Family Service Opportunity Sunday, 13 Oct 2019, OLV will host the Relief Services Helping Hands Project. This is a volunteer and formation event to enable parishioners to serve their brothers and sisters overseas in a tangible way. Rooted in our call as Catholics to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, volunteers will package 10,000 meals to send to people who suffer from chronic hunger as a result of cyclical drought and flooding in the African nation of Burkina Faso. We need 40 volunteers, please sign up: <https://helpinghands.crs.org/events/ourlady-of-victory-2/>

Please contact Jeannette Truscott with any questions: [mjhtru@icloud.com](mailto:mjhtru@icloud.com)

**All are welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual White Mass**, celebrating the gifts of people with disabilities and the Deaf Community. Mass will take place at 11:30 am on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington D.C. People wear white to this Mass to symbolize our Baptismal call uniting us as one Catholic family. We all come to the table with gifts to share! Archbishop Wilton Gregory will be the principal celebrant. For more information, contact the Department of Special Needs Ministries at 301-853-4560 or 301-200-5430 VP. Contact by e-mail [specialneedsministry@adw.org](mailto:specialneedsministry@adw.org)

### ***Calling all physicians and healthcare professionals!***

Save the date to join the Washington DC Catholic Medical Association for our annual half-day retreat on Saturday, November 23rd, 2019. The CMA is a group of Catholic physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals who are committed to living the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine. To learn more, join our mailing list by sending a message to [dc.cma.guild@gmail.com](mailto:dc.cma.guild@gmail.com).

### Confessions

Saturdays

3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (English)

Sundays

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### Baptisms

By appointment only.

301-927-0567

### Weddings

Contact the Pastor six months in advance.

### Special Collections

Monthly Maintenance and Improvements Collection are on the First Sunday each month and Stone Soup Collection for the needy is on the Second Sunday of each month.

### St. James' Ladies' Sodality

First Sundays at 8:00 a.m. Mass

### St. James' Holy Name Society

Second Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Mass

### St. James' Ladies of Charity

Third Sundays at 8:00 a.m. Mass

### "Grupo Carismático"

En el sótano todos los jueves

7:00pm - 9:30pm

### Legion of Mary

Sunday Evenings

7:15 p.m.

### Junior Legion of Mary

Ages 8 - 18

Saturday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Please thank Celia for her help in making this bulletin possible.

Also, share with her, and us at the Rectory, any comments or suggestions you may have.

### World Missions/Propagation of the Faith

Each October, the celebration of World Mission Sunday expresses the heart of our Christian faith – to proclaim the faith to the world (Matthew 28:19). Remembering this Great Commission from Our Lord, and in solidarity with the Universal Church, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the collection for World Mission Sunday on October 13, 2019. This collection is unique in that it is a global effort for the entire Church. It is a moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy that renews hope and peace. The Archdiocese of Washington will celebrate **World Mission Sunday on October 12-13, 2019.**

Please be as generous as you can.

### *If you find yourself constantly distracted when trying to speak with God, use this simple remedy.*

Often we will find ourselves hoping to spend some quality time in prayer, only to find our mind racing through a number of random topics that have nothing to do with God. It can be frustrating, as we honestly want to pray, but are simply too distracted.

One of the most common errors we all commit is in thinking that prayer is similar to a phone call where we pick up the phone, dial a phone number and wait for God to pick up on the other side. With this conception, we are the ones who initiate prayer and God is the one who needs to respond.

If we don't hear God pick up the phone, our mind immediately starts to seek out entertainment and is bored with waiting for God to answer our prayer.

However, this mindset needs to be corrected as **we are never the initiators of prayer.** The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains:

**God calls man first.** Man may forget his Creator or hide far from his face; he may run after idols or accuse the deity of having abandoned him; yet the living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. **In prayer ... God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response.** (CCC 2567)

What we often forget is that God is always knocking at our door. He wants us to pray and is already there waiting for us. He revealed this same truth in the Gospel of John when Jesus said, **"You have not chosen me: but I have chosen you"** (John 15:16).

In reality, the phone analogy goes the other way. When we go to pray, it is like *picking up* a phone that has been ringing all day long. God has been calling us to prayer and is already there on the other side.

This is something we don't consider enough. It is too easy to think of prayer as our own initiative and expect God to respond to our needs. We fail to realize that our prayer is actually a *response* to God's love and that any petition we have is something that God has been waiting to hear.

The reason why changing our thoughts about prayer in this way can eliminate most distractions is because even before we enter into prayer, we recognize that God is waiting for us. When we enter into prayer with this mindset, we let God be in control and imagine him already there in the room with us, patiently waiting.

This gets our time of prayer off to a good start, recognizing God's presence and his desire to communicate his love for us. Instead of grasping for God's presence, we *receive* his presence and know that he is there and wants to tell us something that, day after day, will forever change our lives.