

SAINT JAMES' CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bulletin
for the week of
February 2, 2020



“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

Luke 2:29-32

Pastor

Rev. Pablo Bonello
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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**

Schedule of Masses

Sunday Obligation

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. (Español)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. (Español)

6:00 p.m. (Español)

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

**Acompañe a Jesús
Sacramentado en
oración,
de lunes a viernes de
7:00 a 8:00 de la noche
en la Capilla de la
Rectoría.**

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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/>

****Bulletin Deadline****

**Wednesday Noon
Pre-approved by
the Pastor**

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Gospel

Luke 2:22-32

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

Pope Francis: 'The beatitudes always bring joy'

By Courtney Mares

Vatican City, Jan 29, 2020 / 04:45 am (CNA).- The beatitudes should be a defining feature of a Christian's identity because they reveal the way that Jesus lived his life, Pope Francis said Wednesday.

“The beatitudes always bring joy; they are the way to joy,” Pope Francis said Jan. 29.

“It will do us good to take the Gospel of Matthew today, chapter five verses one to eleven, and read the beatitudes -- perhaps a few more times during the week -- to understand this road so beautiful, so sure of the happiness that the Lord offers us,” he said in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall.

Pope Francis said that the beatitudes should be considered “a Christian's identity card” because they reveal “the face of Jesus himself.”

“There are eight beatitudes,” he said. “It would be nice to learn them by heart to repeat them, to have precisely in mind and heart, this law that Jesus gave us.”

Pope Francis began a new series of catechesis on the eight beatitudes from Matthew's Gospel. In this series, the pope will reflect on one beatitude per week over the next two months in his Wednesday general audiences. The pope said that the beatitudes are a message for all of humanity.

“It's hard not to be touched by these words of Jesus, and it is a just desire to want to understand them and to welcome them more fully,” he said.

Francis clarified that the beatitudes bring one the true joy of being “blessed,” which is different from worldly happiness.

“It is the Easter joy,” the pope said.

In giving himself to us, God often chooses “unthinkable paths” that test our limits, bringing tears or defeat, the pope said. It is the joy of one who “has the stigmata, but is alive, one who has died to himself and experienced the power of God.”

“But what does the word 'blessed' mean? The original Greek term *makarios* does not indicate one who has a full belly or is doing well, but is a person who is in a condition of grace, who progresses in the grace of God,” he said.

The pope noted that Jesus taught the Beatitudes as a part of his “Sermon on the Mount,” adding that the mountain is an allusion to Sinai, where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.

“Jesus begins to teach a new law: to be poor, to be meek, to be merciful. These 'new commandments' are much more than norms. In fact, Jesus does not impose anything, but reveals the way of happiness,” Pope Francis said.

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.

8th Annual Sweetheart Charity Ball

a potluck dinner-dance featuring the music of

Dino & Friends

swing, samba, waltz, and more

Saturday, February 8, 2020 7-11pm

Fannon Hall • Saint Ambrose Church • Cocktail Attire

3107 63rd Avenue, Cheverly, MD 20785

Tickets: \$25 each and \$200/table for 10

Reserve Tickets or Make a Donation Online at

<https://forms.gle/AFLw44tFg7a6329UA>

All tickets will be held at **Will Call** this year to save on postage.

For more information, contact sweetheartcharityball@gmail.com



This anti-human trafficking initiative of St. Ambrose Church benefits:



FAIR GIRLS' Vida Home Shelter provides the only safe house specifically for female trafficking survivors in the DC area. www.fairgirls.org



Sasha Bruce's Promise Place Shelter Promise Place, in Capitol Heights, helps homeless youth, including those who have experienced or are at-risk of trafficking. www.sashabruce.org



St. Ambrose Parish Conference of St. Vincent de Paul serves people in need in our area with food, rent, and other aid. For more information, contact the St. Ambrose Parish office at 301 773-9300.

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Lovely jewelry from Karana Rising, made by trafficking survivors, and beautiful pottery by Liz Lescault will be available to purchase for your Valentine or loved ones.

Men's Retreat "Life in Christ: The Gift of the Sacraments" February 7-9, 2020

When we think about receiving the Sacraments, we often think of celebrations and graces we received years or decades ago. But what does it mean to live out our Baptism today? How can we keep our busy lives rooted in the Eucharist? How can Reconciliation impact our relationships? This retreat will reflect on the importance of the Sacramental life and how the Sacraments help us make present our relationship with Jesus Christ. Fr. Dave Wells and Msgr. Robert Panke will lead the retreat at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV. To register go to the following link: <https://2020adwmensretreat.eventbrite.com>. For more information, call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4499.

Retreat for Grieving Parents - March 14, 2020

Parents who are grieving the loss of a child, no matter how old the child is or how long ago the child died, are invited to a retreat for grieving parents on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at St. Joseph Parish in Beltsville, MD. The retreat is open to any parent who has lost a child. To register, please go to the following link: <https://grievingparentretreat.eventbrite.com> For more information call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4499 or email ferrando-bowlingc@adw.org.