

SAINT JAMES' CATHOLIC CHURCH



*As he passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see.
John 9:1-7*

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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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Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed on
Federal Holidays

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****Bulletin Deadline****

Wednesday Noon
Pre-approved by
the Pastor

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Gospel

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”

Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”

He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

BECAUSE OF PREVENTATIVE MEASURES AGAINST CORONAVIRUS, THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON HAS CANCELLED ALL PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ARCHBISHOP GREGORY HAS GRANTED DISPENSATION FOR SUNDAY MASS. (WHICH MEANS THAT THE SUNDAY PRECEPT IS NOT TO BE KEPT DUE TO THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCE).

THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN SUNDAY MORNING FROM 8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM FOR PRIVATE PRAYER.

F. Tully
Fr Bonello



The coronavirus has caused major concerns around the world.

We hold everyone who has contracted the virus, their families and friends in our prayers.

The Governments, Dioceses and Archdioceses are taking every reasonable step to help stop the spread of this disease.

What doesn't stop are the expenses of the parish. Every week parishioners stretch out their hand to put their contributions in the collection basket.

Unfortunately, the basket can not be passed during this time when there are no Masses.

Without the weekly support of the wonderful parishioners of St. James the funds necessary to meet regular expenses will diminish.

Please continue to make your contributions to St. James.

If you have a computer you can sign up for online giving. If you don't feel comfortable making your contribution online you can mail a check to the Church.

Your contributions are important to the continued well being of St. James and are appreciated by everyone.

May God Bless you.

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.

St. Patrick found strength in social distancing

The Apostle of Ireland was worn out and isolated himself for 40 days to renew his strength.

St. Patrick spent many years establishing Christianity in Ireland, and it wasn't an easy task. He was constantly on the move and it used up much of his strength. This is why he would frequently practice "social distancing," and isolate himself from any human contact for extended periods of time.

He used this time for prayer and communion with God. It became an important part of his life and **renewed his strength**, allowing him to return to ministry and resume his preaching of the Gospel.

The *Catholic Encyclopedia* explains his favorite places of solitude.

*From time to time he withdrew from the spiritual duties of his apostolate to devote himself wholly to prayer and penance. One of his chosen places of solitude and retreat was the island of **Lough Derg**, which, to our own day, has continued to be a favorite resort of pilgrims, and it is known as **St. Patrick's Purgatory**. Another theater of his miraculous power and piety and penitential austerities in the west of Ireland merits particular attention ... This mountain was known in pagan times as the Eagle Mountain, but ever since Ireland was enlightened with the light of Faith it is known as **Croagh Patrick**, i.e. St. Patrick's mountain, and is honored as the Holy Hill, the Mount Sinai, of Ireland.*

It is believed that St. Patrick ascended Croagh Patrick and remained there for the 40 days of Lent. During one of these times it is believed that God gave St. Patrick a glimpse of the many saints who would be formed in this country because of his efforts, giving strength to a weary missionary.

St. Patrick's life reminds us that solitude can be a positive addition to our lives and give us the strength we need to boldly live our lives for Jesus Christ.

Pray for people who are infected with COVID-19 or facing quarantine.

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Pray for people at higher risk of developing the disease.

Dear Lord, we lift to You our concern for people who are more likely than others to become severely ill from COVID-19 — the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty.

Pray for medical professionals, caregivers, researchers, and leaders responsible for decisions about fighting the new coronavirus.

Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. Inspire and invigorate people developing better tests to diagnose the virus, vaccines to prevent it, and protocols and communication to eliminate the disease's spread. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

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