



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

APRIL 3, 2022 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

45 South Springfield Ave,
Springfield, NJ 07081
Hours: Mon-Fri 8AM-3PM
Office: (973) 376-3044
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 9th:

- 5:00PM - Fr. SANTOS

Sunday, April 10th:

Palm Sunday

- 8:00AM - Fr. Dennehy
- 10:00AM - Fr. Santos
- Livestream Available Online*
- 12:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

DAILY MASS:

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM
Saturday: 8:30AM
U.S. Holidays: 8:30AM

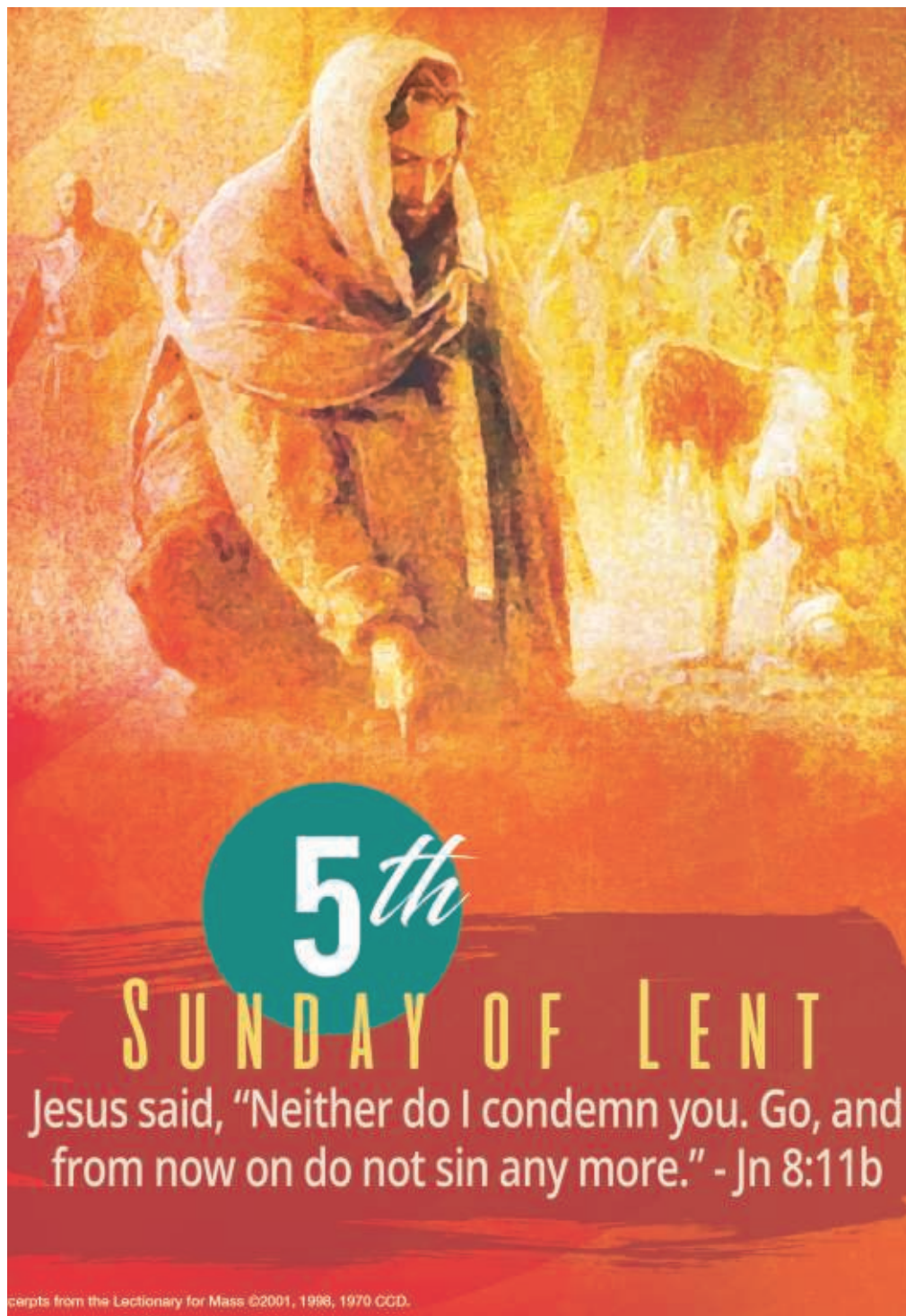
RECONCILIATION:

Saturday at 4:00PM
or by Appointment;
Please call the Office.

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary & Novena:
Mondays at 7:00PM in the
Church and on Facebook
Live

Eucharistic Adoration:
Every Wednesday
during Lent at 7PM
Second Saturdays at 3PM



A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



NEWS & UPDATES

I am excited to announce that after important upgrades to the church security cameras and church door access, beginning Monday, April 4th the church will be open for prayer during the week.

Please note that those wishing to visit the church during visiting hours can only do so by entering the church using the set of doors closest to the statue of Mary in the colonnade.

Providing a space for people to pray and be with the Lord during the work week is super important for me and the Saint James staff. We ask for your consideration when visiting the church. Let us all do our part in keeping our church safe, clean and comfortable.

Church Visiting Hours

Monday – Friday: 8am to 2:30pm

Saturday: 9am to 1pm

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The incident in our Gospel this Sunday shows vividly the often-cruel attitude of the scribes and Pharisees. We hear that “the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle.” All I can imagine is how embarrassed, ashamed, and dehumanized that poor woman must have felt - how cruel of those so-called religious figures to have acted in such a despicable way. But then Jesus steps in and things change. Two attitudes vividly stand out in our gospel scene:

1. The cruel attitude of the scribes and Pharisees
2. The compassionate attitude of Jesus

We should loathe the cruel actions by the scribes and Pharisees in our Gospel passage, but we should do so acknowledging that the Cruelty Culture is very much the norm today.

It's evident from interactions in our daily lives that many of our exchanges include a dose or more of intentional cruelty. Whether by sarcastic remarks made in a conversation or by disparaging posts on social media. Somehow, cruelty has become a method of charging our conversations.

The reality is that we are now immersed in a culture that has seduced us into grasping and clinging on to characterizations of ourselves and others. We are immersed in a culture that says “YOU ARE...”

- the political party you're registered with...
- your sexual orientation...
- your job...your I.Q...your athletic ability...your sin, so on and so forth...

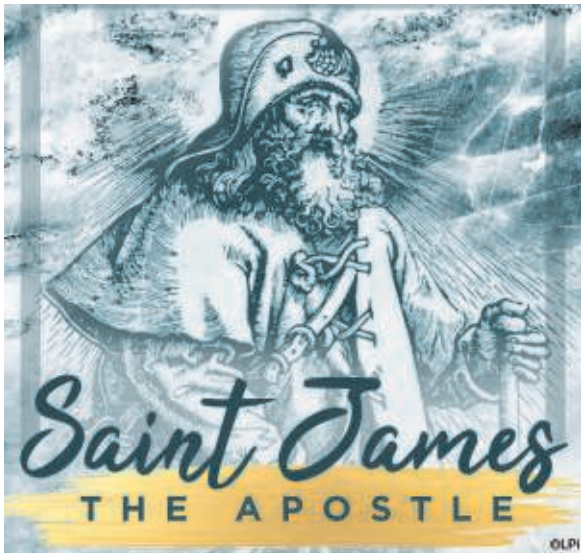
What ends up happening is that we grasp onto these identities with a firm grip.

In our social interactions, we may look for cues that serve to reinforce our prejudices rather than listening so that we may better understand where the “other” is coming from, thus acknowledging their individual complexities and their inherent dignity. We figure we don't need to understand someone if we can just paint them with a broad brush and call it a day.

That's what the scribes and Pharisees clearly put on display for us. They reduced someone to something.

The broad brush which they used to paint the woman was adulteress. They weren't looking on this woman as a person at all; they were looking on her only as a thing, an object characterized by her action. To them she had no name, no personality, no feelings, no complexity; she was simply an adulteress, a pawn, in the game whereby they sought to destroy Jesus.

Friends, it is always wrong to regard people as things; and the extent to which we allow that to happen makes it harder to avoid an attitude of cruelty. Because the minute someone becomes a something, the spirit of Christianity is dead.



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers.

Responsorial Psalm 126

The Lord has done great things for us; and we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him . . .

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Visit www.usccb.org to access Mass readings online.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

at Saint James the Apostle



PALM SUNDAY April 9 and 10

Saturday Vigil at 5:00PM
Sunday Mass at 8:00AM,
10:00AM and 12:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY April 16

No Morning Mass,
no Reconciliation, and
no 5:00PM Mass

HOLY THURSDAY April 14

Mass of the Lord's
Supper at 7:30PM
Night Prayer at the
Repository at 10:00PM

EASTER VIGIL Saturday, April 16

Mass begins at 7:30PM in
front of the Church with
the blessing of the New
Paschal Candle and Fire

GOOD FRIDAY April 15

Children's Stations
of the Cross at 10:00AM
Good Friday of the
Lord's Passion at 3:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY April 17

8:00AM, 10:00AM,
and 12:00PM



PARISH EVENTS & MINISTRIES

NEW MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

In Search of Team Members

The Archdiocese has reached out to the parish Health Ministries to establish a Parish Mental Health Ministry Team (PMHM). The goal is to recognize the pastoral need to care for those who deal with mental health issues themselves or within their families. Team members will serve as “prayerful companions” for fellow parishioners experiencing mental illness, provide spiritual support to families and provide parish-wide education on the subject of mental illness in order to breakdown the stigma and discrimination of people with a mental illness.

Some activities you can assist with Are organizing special masses around the Patron Saint of Mental Illness on May 15th, organize a Suicide Remembrance Mass, facilitate small faith sharing groups for people who live with mental illness or their friends and family members. There are opportunities to do home visits to people who are homebound because of their illnesses, or host speakers or events (videos) on mental health topics, or provide the parish health ministry webpage with resources, news and events.

The Archdiocese will provide free Zoom training beginning on Monday night April 4th and continue weekly to May 23rd from 7PM to 8:30PM. It's important to remember that this is a ministry of accompaniment, not mental health care or treatment and the responsibilities of the team do not include medical, clinical, or behavioral support.

If you would be interested in getting involved as a team member, please contact Nancy at (201) 247-4359 or email nancy.mahoney.rajs@gmail.org.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Wherever you are on your journey of grief, you don't have to travel alone. We invite you to take part in our grief support program. The sessions include learning about grief and understanding the grieving process, the changes, challenges and choices that occur, coping with holidays and anniversaries, and dealing with feelings of loneliness and being disconnected spiritually.

April 6 & April 20 at 8PM on Zoom

Contact Jo Ann Andrasko with any questions or to sign up: jahocswim@gmail.com or 973-768-6222

Bethlehem Handicrafts

After Masses on April 2nd and 3rd

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their hand-made olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the church after all Masses next weekend, April 2nd and 3rd. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.



Coming Soon to Saint James...

SAVE THE DATE

Saint James the Apostle Parish

SPEAKEASY

Casino Night

May 14, 2022 • 7:00 - 11:00 pm
at Springfield Knights of Columbus

Buffet Menu • Cash Bar • \$75 per person

Blackjack, Roulette, 3 Card Poker, and more
Play Money *** 50/50 *** Prizes

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Milestone Anniversaries

CELEBRATION AT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Cardinal Joseph Tobin will be celebrating Milestone Anniversaries celebrated during the 2022 year at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

5th & 25th Anniversaries:
April 24, 2022 at 3PM

50th Anniversaries:
May 15, 2022 at 3PM

"The Power of Yes"!

A FRIDAY YES FOR SUNDAY JOY
EVENING RETREAT FOR WOMEN
With Colleen Kelly-Rayner

Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00-9:30PM
at Holy Spirit Church in Union, New Jersey



With Mary as our model, let's break open the power of our YES to God. Colleen Kelly Rayner is an incredibly moving speaker whose message of Eucharistic devotion is so necessary to all of us. If you feel a longing in your heart, an unsettledness, or you just want to grow in your relationship with Christ, come listen to Colleen's witness of Christ's unending presence in our lives.

With the presentation there will be uplifting music, time for adoration and refreshments.

Contact evangelization@rcan.org with any questions.

NOVENA FOR *Peace* IN UKRAINE

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world!

You sent Your Son, the Prince of Peace, for the salvation of the world. We pray that the Peace of Christ will reign in Ukraine.

Please protect and send aid to those in Ukraine and all who are at-risk.

We pray for peace - we pray for all who are working towards it and for all who are in danger from this conflict.

We pray for an end to violence and war - we pray for wisdom for all leaders who have a hand in this.

Lord God, please help those in most need of thy mercy.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Saint Joseph, Protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church, pray for us!

Saint Michael the Archangel, Patron of Kyiv, pray for us!

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, may your kingdom reign in Ukraine and all the world.

Amen.

From praymorenovenas.com/novena-for-peace-in-ukraine

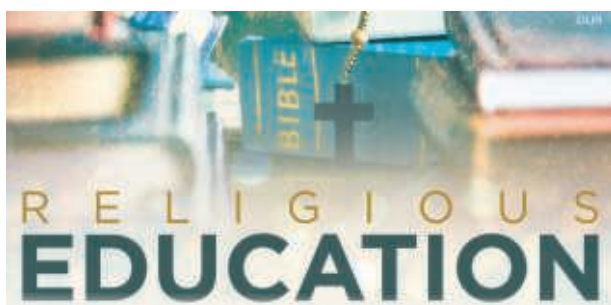
**PRAY EVERY DAY
THIS LENT WITH**

Hallow

the Catholic Prayer
& Meditation app!

St. James has partnered with the Hallow Catholic app this Lent to provide every parishioner FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content - including the #Pray40 Challenge featuring daily Lenten meditations on Jesus' Last Seven Words from His Cross. Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes over 3,000 audio-guided sessions designed to help you grow closer to God. Hallow Plus includes Catholic prayers and meditations, mental health content, spiritual and uplifting music, prayers in Spanish, prayers for kids and families, resources to help you learn about the faith, and more.

You can access our parish subscription at hallow.com/holydaypackage. Search for "Saint James the Apostle in Springfield" to gain access to all the features of the app. You can also scan the QR code here with the camera on your mobile device to sign up and join in the #PRAY40 Challenge!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OFFICE: (973) 376-2061

FAX: (973) 376-4079

This is the last week of classes for 1st through 7th grade students! While we offered in-person and virtual learning this year, we understand that it was still yet another adjustment for all of us. Thank you so much to our parents who worked with the staff and catechists by supporting and reinforcing the lessons at home. As we all know, the parents are the first and best teachers of their children!

Our First Communicants are getting ready to enjoy their retreat day with their parents on Saturday, April 30th and our 8th graders have two more classes before beginning the immediate preparation for Confirmation.

A heartfelt "thank you" to all our catechists and class aides, you are simply AMAZING!!! Fr. Santos, Colleen and I are so grateful to you!!! We hope you plan on working with us as we move into the Family Faith Model for next year.

If you have a child entering First Grade in September or a child attending school who has not received any catechesis, please give us a call!



SACRAMENTS AT SAINT JAMES



BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's Baptism: (973) 376-3044

RECONCILIATION

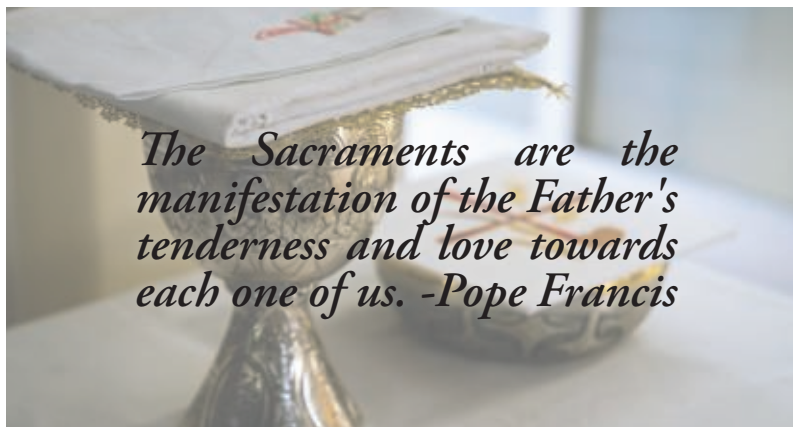
4:00PM on Saturdays
or by appointment.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION & RCIA

Please call the Rectory for information concerning the RCIA process. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith.

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the Priesthood or Religious Life? Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office: (973) 497-4365.



MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

5PM Vigil: Mary & John Ostrowski
r/b Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00AM: Patricia Stalker
r/b Stalker Family
Bruno David
r/b Patricia David

10:00AM: Barbara Germinder
r/b Barbara Dlugosz

12:00PM: Bernie LoMacchio and
James & Eleanor Carney
r/b Patty & John Carney

MONDAY, APRIL 4

7:30AM: Apes Vigilante
r/b Ed McNany

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

7:30AM: Carl Quick
r/b Francine Foscatto

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

7:30AM: For the People of Saint James

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

7:30AM: Richard Quagliato
r/b the Makarucha Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

7:30AM: Eddie Graziano
r/b Linda Graziano

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

8:30AM: Arcangela D'Agostini
r/b Family

5PM Vigil: Deceased Members of the
DiGiacomo Family
r/b Assunta Cacciatore

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:00AM: Marion Jacques
r/b Lou Cantagallo
Philomena Palermo
r/b Battaglia Family

10:00AM: Angelina DiLeo
r/b Clark & DiLeo Families

12:00PM: Ange & Daniel Raimondo
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser
and Maryanne Van Volkenburgh

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James



BREAD & WINE:

For the People of Saint James

To dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread & Wine, or Flowers by the Tabernacle to the memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory Office.

A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Dolores Battiato, Jackie Belitti, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Thara Chandran, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Carmela DeSarno, Robert Devon, Jr., Victoria Egner, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Ann Graziano, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Eddie Jenna, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Berit Phair, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Christopher Waryn, Peggy Wysock

Please Note: For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is sick. In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and home-bound are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

A TIME TO DIE

Michael Chencharik
Nick D'Achille

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

A TIME OF WAR AND PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, Cpt. Brian Jacobs, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Philip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki. Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, Lt. Raymond Williamson

FOR THE KIDS

Jesus Forgives



Gospel

When we do something wrong, God does not want to punish us. God just wants us to stop, learn from our mistake, and make better choices next time. Try to remember that the next time you catch a friend doing something wrong. Instead of tattling, talk to your friend, and gently help your friend to do what is right.

Prayer

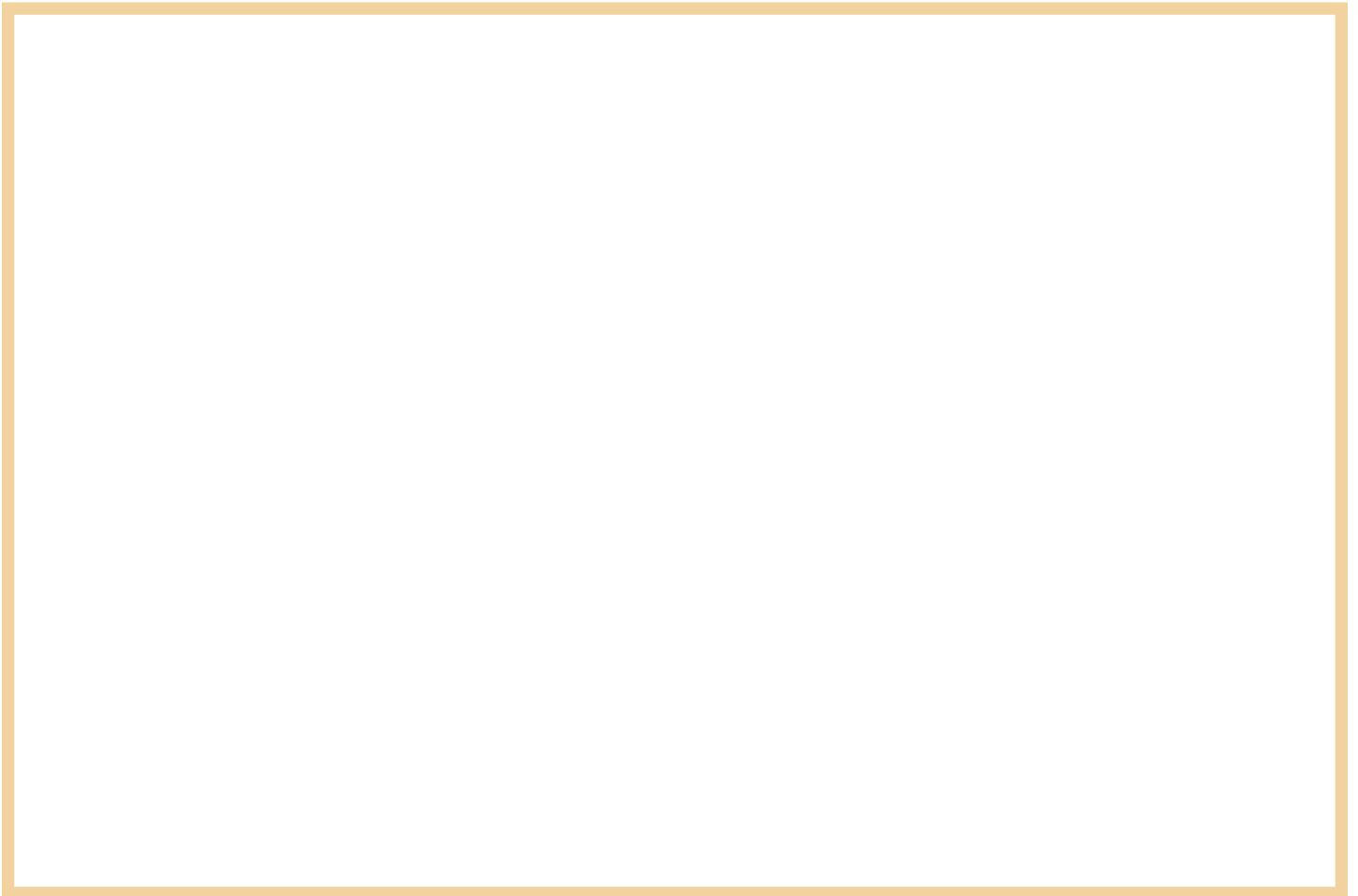
Dear God, help me to be kind to my friends when they make a mistake and to be merciful to them just like you are merciful to me.

Mission

Think of one thing that you have done wrong this week. Offer it to Jesus and ask for His forgiveness. Know that He always forgives you, and always remember that He invites you to forgive others too.

Draw

Draw a picture of you walking beside Jesus.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals for March 26 & 27

Church Collection:	\$ 5,561.00
Online Collection:	\$ 2,560.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8,121.00

We also accept online credit card donations.

Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are welcome to do so.



ONLINE GIVING

To sign up for Online Giving, please visit saintjamestheapostle.org or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

Thank you for your generosity!

FRAUD ALERT: Please be aware that emails are being sent out by scammers claiming to be members of the Saint James parish community, including Fr. David Santos. Please disregard any emails from anyone claiming to be associated with Saint James, including Fr. David Santos, with solicitation to purchase gift cards or offer any other cash donations. In any event, please feel free to call the parish rectory to confirm any and all solicitation before contributing. We have contacted the local authorities to make them aware.



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TO MAKE
A GIFT
ONLINE

the 2022 Annual Appeal

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of supporting this year's Annual Appeal. 100% of every gift will support the various ministries across the Archdiocese that help continue the mission of Jesus Christ in the Church today.

Forming Future Priests and
Supporting Retired Clergy

Caring for the
Poor and Vulnerable



Proclaiming the Gospel

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the 2022
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Case for Support

Please consider supporting Saint James through our new partnership with...



Saint James has recently partnered with Amazon Smile! Please remember that while you shop and consider using smile.amazon.com. **The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to our church.** It's no additional cost to you! Choose Saint James the Apostle via this link: <https://smile.amazon.com> and start shopping or scan the QR code with the camera on your mobile device. Thank you for your support!



P.F.C.
Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know?... 100% of the funds donated to the Apostle in Action Charity Fund are used to help those in need right in our own neighborhood. You can donate to this parish-based fund at any time but look for a special collection on Holy Thursday.

Remember... There are 5 benefits of Giving
Giving makes us feel happy.
Giving is good for health.
Giving helps social connection.
Giving evokes gratitude.
Giving is contagious.

STATUS REPORT FOR ST. JAMES | Annual Appeal
03/12/2022 114 PLEDGES



● RECEIVED ● PLEDGED ● GOAL: \$49,600



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