



# SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### RECTORY HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00AM~3:00PM  
(closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)

Rectory & Offices Closed on Fridays through Sept. 3

August 22, 2021

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID SANTOS

### News and Updates

This past week the parish's Pastoral Council graciously hosted me for a Welcome BBQ! Spending time with the members of the Pastoral Council made it clear that they are ready and eager to assist me in leading the parish forward. Please know how excited I am to work with them.

### *Forward in Faith Listening Sessions*

My first weekend with you I said that I didn't yet have a vision for the parish because I haven't asked you. As the leader of this faith community, it is important for me to **work with you** and **listen to you** as we map out a path into the future. Part of my plan in guiding the parish forward is to offer two in-person listening sessions where I and the parish's lay leadership are present (Parish staff, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, and Trustees). These listening sessions are designed to encourage parishioners to share their thoughts on what the parish's priorities are and should be. My hope is that together we will formulate a vision for the future of our parish.

These are the two dates for the Listening Sessions, which will be held in the church:

***Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10AM***

***Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7PM***

In addition to the two listening sessions, I'd like to make available both a paper and a digital survey for those who aren't comfortable/able to attend the in-person sessions.

More information to come...

### *Rev. John Dennehy*

I am pleased to announce that Fr. Dennehy will return to Saint James as a weekend assistant beginning in September. Fr. Dennehy has been assisting our parish for over 20 years and so we are happy to have him back.

### *Special Collection for the People of Haiti*

Cardinal Tobin, in a letter to all Pastors, has asked the parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark to take a voluntary collection this weekend for the benefit of the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the magnitude 7.2 earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace. The proceeds will be passed on to Catholic Relief Services, which is already providing emergency services in the stricken area.

A basket will be placed at the front of the baptismal pool for donations.

I hope you join me in donating to this important effort to assist our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

We join the cardinal in offering our prayers through Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, and the patroness of Haiti. May the Lord bring them quick relief and assistance through our generosity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. David Santos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

**\$6,969.00**

**\$5,045.00 Mass Collection**

**\$1,924.00 Online Collection**

**\$2,224.00 Online Collection from Aug.14/15**

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS**

*To sign up for Online Giving go to:  
[www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://www.saintjamestheapostle.org)*

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



## MASS INFORMATION

**Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM**

**Sunday 7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM**

**(10:30AM Mass Live on Facebook / YouTube)**

**DAILY MASS**

**Weekday: Rosary 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM**

**Saturday: Rosary 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM**

**NOVENA**

**Monday Evenings ~ 7:00PM**

**In person and livestreamed on Facebook /  
YouTube**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**4:00PM Saturdays in the Church**



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Rectory to schedule your child's baptism.



## ADULT SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

*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.

**BAPTISM ~ CONFIRMATION ~ MARRIAGE ~ SACRAMENT OF THE SICK ~ 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Registration is underway for the upcoming school year. If you are a registered parishioner and have a child entering 1st grade in September in either public or private school, please contact me so we can make note of their sacramental preparation needs.

If your child is of school age and never baptized, baptized in a different faith, or has special learning needs, please email or call me. All children are welcome in our Faith Formation Program.

As we prepare to welcome students and families back in September for our last year of the traditional classroom learning, we are in need of catechists to teach grades 1 through 6 on Tuesday afternoons as well as classroom aides. High school students are always welcome to volunteer and are needed Tuesday afternoons to assist with virtual learners and to be classroom aides. This is a great high school community service project!

We also need adults to help with our small group, 7th & 8th grade evening gatherings (no teaching involved!).

Our new Family Faith program needs adult volunteer hospitality greeters and assistants for our monthly Sunday gatherings.

As the saying goes..... "it takes a village....." the success of handing down our faith is the responsibility of all of us!

Please call or email to volunteer!

### SAINT JAMES TIN CAN AUCTION NEEDS YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS

One of the major highlights of the annual Saint James the Apostle Parish Festival is the Tin Can Auction. Your help is needed to make this year's event even more successful than in the past.

The Tin Can Auction is a tricky-tray-type event during which festival goers purchase raffle tickets on prizes donated by area residents and merchants.

Saint James needs contributions of prizes—goods, services, event tickets and other items to make its Tin Can Auction a success.



**So, if you own a business or wish to donate goods, services, event tickets or other items, please contact:  
Antoinette Miller: 201-306-0520 or Janet Dellasala 908- 418-1451**



### *2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Assessment*

*August 21/ 22, 2021*

This collection provides funds to manage the Archdiocesan office and agencies, and to provide educational, charitable and social services.

***Thank you for your continued generosity!***

***Please make checks payable to Saint James Church***



## PARISH NEWS



The Saint James Parish Annual Festival

**"SAVE THE DATE"**

**October 12th ~ October 16th**

**Mark your calendar!**

**Stay tuned for ways to volunteer!**



**WE NEED YOU!!!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON WAYS TO VOLUNTEER AT OUR PARISH FESTIVAL!  
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR A VARIETY OF JOBS!**



**Annual Appeal 2021**

**Make your gift today.**



*We invite you to watch this informational video about the 2021 Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese.*

[2021 Annual Appeal](#)

*The Annual Appeal serves the needs of all in the diocese. Each parish in the diocese is given a monetary goal to contribute. Saint James has not reached our goal. Please consider helping your parish by making a donation. You can do so online at [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing) or by check, payable to Saint James Church (please write "Annual Appeal" in the memo section).*

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*

*Fr. Santos*



St. James the Apostle Church  
JOIN US  
**ONLINE ROSARY  
& NOVENA**  
EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.  
  
[www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/](http://www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/)



Join us outside in the Rosary Garden (weather permitting) or Gathering Area of the Church (if raining) or log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Facebook Page to join us on YouTube.

*All are welcome!*

## WELLNESS MINISTRY

Are you a parishioner who is a Clinical Licensed Social Worker, Clinical Psychologist (Psy.D, Ph.D), Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC/LPCC) or Marriage, Family Therapist (LMFT) and have a practice in the Springfield area?

If you would be interested in being on the Wellness Ministry Referral list, please contact Nancy at 973-376-6235 or [nancy.mahoney.rajs@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.mahoney.rajs@gmail.com)

*You'll never walk alone when you walk with God...*



### ***SAVE THE DATE!***

#### ***St. Joseph Golf Outing at Galloping Hill in September!***

The Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter and the Roselle Knights of Columbus will hold a golf outing on (Monday) Sept. 27 at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth.

The fundraiser for Council #3946 will feature an 18-hole scramble format with a shotgun start at 1:00PM following a BBQ lunch at 11:30AM. A post-golf dinner is planned for St. Joe's in Roselle at 6:30PM, when prizes will be awarded.

You can participate and help make the event a success in a variety of ways, including playing, sponsoring or donating. A foursome costs only \$600 (or \$160 for an individual golfer). Several sponsorship opportunities are still available, including hole sponsor.

To register, sponsor or donate, please contact Rich Biddulph (732-688-5045) or Joe Skrec ([jskrec@hotmail.com](mailto:jskrec@hotmail.com)).

## BULLETIN INFORMATION

Prior to scheduling all parish events, the date(s) must be cleared through the rectory by **Michelle Sblendorio** **before** being sent to the bulletin for submission.

Email: [msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:msblendorio@saintjamesparish.org) or call: 973-376-3044

Information for the weekly bulletin needs to be emailed to **both** email addresses by

**NOON ON MONDAYS:**

[bulletin@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:bulletin@saintjamesparish.org) **and** [ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:ncaputo@saintjamesparish.org)

## ***Saints of the Week.....***

### ***Saint Bartholomew. Feast day August 24. Patron Saint of butchers, tanners, and leather workers.***

Saint Bartholomew is one of the Twelve Apostles, mentioned sixth in the three Gospel lists (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14), and seventh in the list of Acts (1:13). The name (Bartholomaios) means "son of Talmai" which was an ancient Hebrew name.

Besides being listed as an Apostle, he is not otherwise mentioned in the New Testament, at least not under the name Bartholomew: many ancient writers, and Catholic tradition have identified Bartholomew as Nathaniel in the Gospel of John (John 1:45-51, and 21:2).

We are presented with the Apostle's character in this brief and beautiful dialogue with the Lord Jesus. He is a good Jew, honest and innocent, a just man, who devotes much time to quiet reflection and prayer - "under the fig tree (1:48)" - and has been awaiting the Messiah, the Holy One of God.

At Jesus' mention that "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you (1:48)," Nathaniel responded "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel (1:49)!"

Being "a true child of Israel," Nathaniel was a man well-read in the Scriptures and knew what they said of the Messiah and where he would come from. This is why he is skeptical of Phillip's claim that Jesus is the Messiah, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth (1:46)?"

But Nathaniel was lacking "duplicity" that is, his heart was undivided, his intentions pure. His openness to reality was always ready to recognize and surrender to the truth when he encountered it. He remained open to his friend Phillip's invitation to "Come and see (1:46)."

In encountering Jesus and hearing His words, he found himself face to face with the Truth Himself, and, like John the Baptist's leap in his mother's womb at the Lord's presence, Nathaniel's words leapt out of his own heart in a clear and simple confession of faith, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Jesus, in Matthew 5:8, says, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God." In Nathaniel we have an example of the pure man who sees - recognizes - God when confronted with Him, and on seeing Him believes in Him, and upon believing in Him, follows Him.

Nothing is known for sure about the life of Nathaniel/Bartholomew after the Ascension of Jesus, but tradition holds that he preached in the East and died a martyr's death in Armenia, being flayed alive for having won converts to the Lord Jesus.

**Source: [www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com)**

### ***Saint Monica. Feast day August 27. Patron Saint of mothers, wives, alcoholics and abuse victims.***

The feast of St. Monica occurs the day before the feast of her son, St. Augustine. Her tears, prayers, and sacrifices over many years helped bring about his conversion. It is only proper that their feasts are celebrated close together. Monica was born in North Africa. As a child she lived with her family, but she and her sisters were raised by an elderly servant. This wise woman had also raised Monica's father.

As a young girl, Monica had a shocking experience. According to the custom of the time, her parents would ask her to bring up wine from the cellar for them. Once Monica took a sip of the wine before she brought it up. After that, she gradually began to drink just a little more each day. She thought no one knew about it. Then one day, Monica quarreled with a servant, and the servant accused her of drinking too much. Monica realized that the maid was right. This helped her to face this temptation. She decided then and there to stop drinking and she did.

Monica was raised a Christian, but was given in marriage to a pagan official named Patricius. They had three sons. Patricius was not only a violent man, but he had a number of other bad habits as well. Monica remained patient. Other wives with marriage problems came to her for advice. A year before Patricius died, he was converted—due to Monica's powerful example. In their early years of marriage Monica's mother-in-law turned against her because of ugly rumors spread by unhappy servants. Through patient forgiveness, Monica was able to win her cooperation.

Another source of worry for Monica was her son Augustine. This brilliant and gifted young man rejected the faith his mother had taught him. Augustine lived an immoral life and had a son although he was not married. Monica was ready to disown Augustine, but in a dream it was revealed to her that eventually he would come back to the faith. She prayed and fasted for her son and stayed close to him, following him to Rome and Milan. In Milan, she met Ambrose, the bishop, who became her spiritual director. He promised her, "Surely the son of so many tears will not perish."

It was Ambrose who finally converted Augustine. Together, Augustine, Monica, Augustine's son, and some other devoted people moved to the country to pray and write. From there they began a journey back to Africa. Monica died on the way. The day before she died, she and her son had a beautiful conversation about the joys of heaven.



***Saint Augustine, Feast day August 28. Patron Saint of brewers, printers and theologians.***

In his famous autobiography *Confessions*, Augustine tells of his struggle to find God. He was born in what is now Algiers in North Africa. His mother, Monica, was a devout Christian. His father, Patricius, was an ill-tempered pagan. Augustine excelled in school when he wanted to, but he also went with a bad crowd and got into many worthless activities. When he was older, he began living with a woman whom he never married, but who bore him a son. For a while, he also followed a heresy called Manichaeism.

After he finished school, Augustine was first a speech teacher in Rome and then a professor in Milan. His mother followed him to these places, pleading with him to return to the Christian faith. In Milan, Augustine often listened to the sermons of St. Ambrose, the local bishop. Through them, he first learned to read Scripture prayerfully. He enrolled as a catechumen but wavered back and forth about being baptized.

Then one day while Augustine prayed to be free from his sins, he heard a child's voice chanting, "Take up and read." Augustine opened the Bible and read the first thing his eyes fell upon, [Romans 13:13-14](#), which told him to give up his life of sin. Augustine was baptized at Easter and began reforming his life. With his mother he planned to return to Africa, but Monica died.

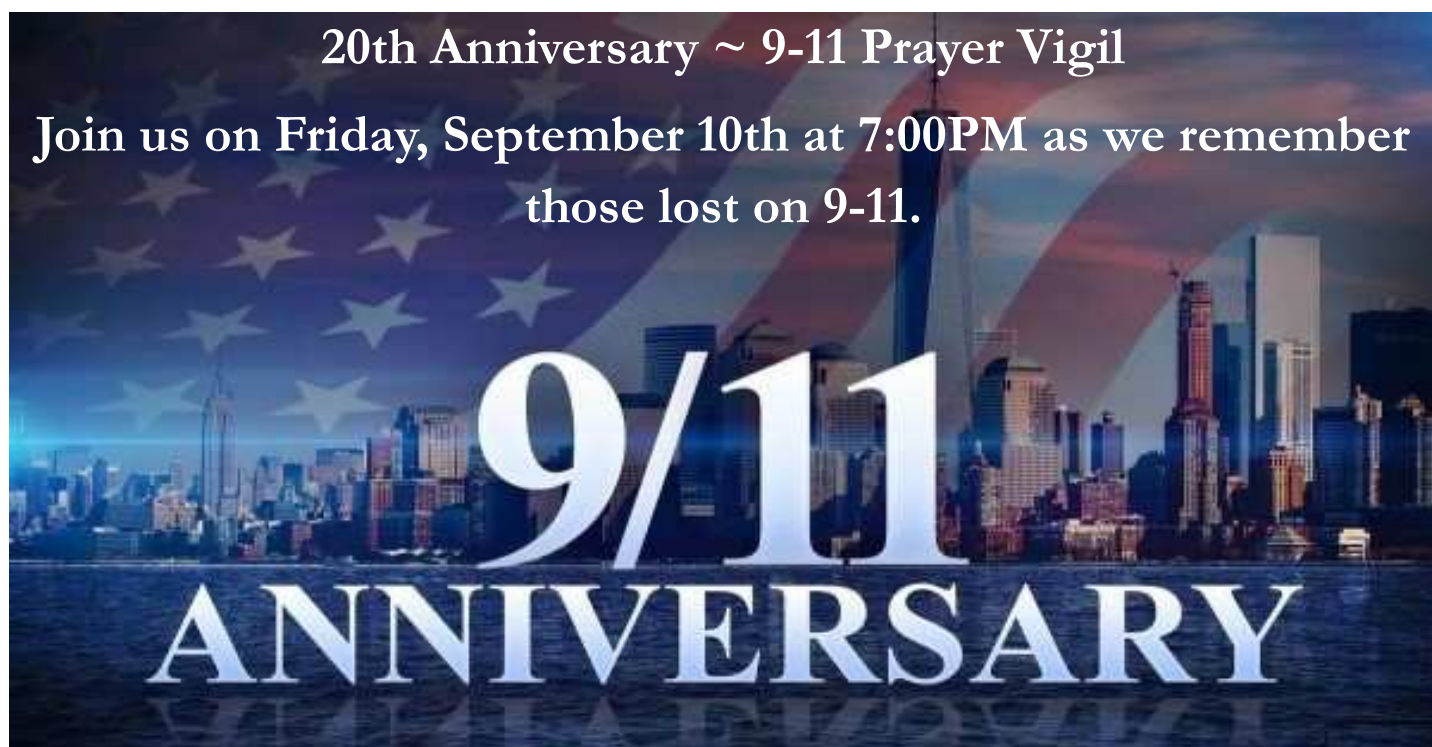
Augustine reached home and gave away all he had. Then he lived a quiet, prayerful life with a group of friends. This changed when Augustine visited the city of Hippo in 391. Valerius, the local bishop, was preaching on the shortage of priests. The crowd began shouting, "Let Augustine be our priest." Augustine became a priest and then took Valerius' place when he died.

As bishop, Augustine worked tirelessly for his people. He fought false religious teachings, protected the people from corrupt officials and invaders, and cared for the sick, the poor, and those in prison. His many sermons, letters, and books reflect the ever-deepening love he felt for God. He wisely observed: "You have made us, O God, for yourself, and our hearts shall find no rest until they rest in you."

He wrote and advised bishops, popes, and councils. His influence on the Church and his fight against heresy were exceptional. He was loved by many, for he had struggled much and could help others who were struggling.

In 430 Vandals invaded the province. For three months Augustine inspired Christian hope in his people. Then he died of a high fever.

*Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com>*







## DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

*To have a loved one remembered, please call the Rectory Office*  
*Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers By the Tabernacle*



### SANCTUARY LAMP

For the People of Saint James



### BREAD

For the People of Saint James

## A TIME TO BAPTIZE



## A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Ginnie Attanasio, Joyce Bauman, Concetta Bellott, 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, Rick Ellmer, Deacon Stan Fedson, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Eddie Jenna, Mary Keegan, 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, Richard Quagliato, John Rendeiro, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Rose Sinopoli, Ray Slater, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski, 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 homebound 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

Reverend Oscar Martin Dominguez,  
 Reverend Eugene L. Romano,  
 For all who have died from Covid-19

## A TIME OF WAR & 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, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 2nd Lt. John Rogacki, Capt. Stacia Rogacki, Cpt. Steven Rogacki, Lt. Raymond Williamson



## Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, August 22** Twenty-First Sunday in OT  
**5:00PM (SATURDAY)**

Carlyn & Tom Ryan ~ *Family*

**7:30AM**

For the People of Saint James

**9:00AM**

Gerardo Di Leo ~ *Di Leo & Clark Families*

**10:30AM**

Jim Geoghan ~ *Emily & Joe DeScenza*

**12:00PM**

Gerald McManus ~ *Weber Family*

**MONDAY, August 23**

**7:30AM**

Gaetano Ricciardi ~ *Rosa Alba DiMio*

**TUESDAY, August 24** St. Bartholomew

**7:30AM**

Chester Kaczor ~ *Policastro Family*

**WEDNESDAY, August 25**

**7:30AM**

Concepcion Hautea ~ *Gaston Family*

**THURSDAY, August 26**

**7:30AM**

Annette Caraccia ~ *Eileen Mirto*

**FRIDAY, August 27** St. Monica

**7:30AM**

Phyllis Moeller ~ *Daughters*

**SATURDAY, August 28** St. Augustine

**8:00AM**

Teresa Melleno ~ *Robin, Alex & Annie*

**SUNDAY, August 29**

Twenty-Second Sunday in OT

**5:00PM (SATURDAY)**

Lou Vicidomini ~ *Pappas & Ryan Families*

**7:30AM**

Lenny King ~ *Baranda Family*

**9:00AM**

For the People of Saint James

**10:30AM**

Barbara Ann Disko ~ *Bob Herbert*

**12:00PM**

Richard Bell ~ *Rossomando Family*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
Amen.*

### TODAY'S READINGS:

**August 22, 2021**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> for Scripture Readings  
(click the link to access the readings)

**FIRST READING:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b ~ **SECOND READING:** Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

**GOSPEL:** Jn 6:60-69

**Let Us Profess Our Faith In The Lord, Who Gave Himself Up  
For Us All.**

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Under the Guidance of the **Holy Spirit** as a  
Welcoming and Diverse Community,  
We, the **Parish of Saint James the Apostle**  
Invite All to Worship as We Celebrate the Eucharist,  
Proclaim the Good News of **Jesus Christ** and Serve the  
Needs of One Another,  
as We Help Build the **Kingdom of God on Earth**.