



# SAINT JAMES

## the APOSTLE CHURCH



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+In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.....

I Confess To Almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have great sinned,

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done

and in what I have failed to do,

*(and, striking their breast over the heart twice,  
the people say):*

through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Amen

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

A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH.  
COME EXPERIENCE CHRIST WITH US!

March 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**“COVER US, LORD, WITH YOUR MERCY.  
BE OUR PROTECTOR AND KEEP US FROM THE DANGERS WITH WHICH OUR  
SINS SURROUNDS US. BE OUR LIBERATOR AND SET US FREE.”**

A Lent Sourcebook: The Forty Days, Book Two, p. 59

As more of us get vaccinated, we may see some restrictions lifted, but the wearing of masks, social distancing and the washing of hands will continue. We have to maintain these protocols to help keep everyone safe, including ourselves.

Many of us look for signs that will convince us of the presence of God in our lives. We look for them in nature, or in the people who come into our lives, or in events that occur. These signs remind us that God is watching over us. Yet, there is one sign that is the most important, and that is Jesus on the cross. This sign reminds us that Jesus died for us to save us from our sins, and then rose again to restore us to right relationship with God.

Lent is always a good time to consider the impact that the death of Jesus has on us as he calls us to goodness, holiness and conversion. His death freed us from everything that prevents us from experiencing the presence of God in our life. But, sometimes we give in to ourselves or distractions that prevent us from experiencing the presence of God. The image of the crucified Jesus can remind us of his generosity and love for us that led him to his execution. It can also help us prepare for the Great Feast and Season of Easter with heart and mind and spirit renewed.

Every time we break bread together at the Lord's Table, we enter into the experience of his death and resurrection as an ongoing encounter with God. It helps us to remember all he did for us so that we can live as a liberated people. Jesus is the light that draws us to the Father so that we can bask in the wonder of resurrection. He then sends us forth so that we can be a light for those we meet and together celebrate the gift of Jesus crucified and risen.

**HAPPY LENT!!**

*~ Fr. Joe*



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

### Collection Totals:

**\$7,678.00**

**\$5,063.00 Church Collection**

**\$2,615.00 Online Collection**

*To sign up for Online Giving go to:*

[www.saintjamestheapostle.org](http://www.saintjamestheapostle.org)

**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.*

**OR**

*To make a donation to help our parish, please visit  
our GoFundMe page:*

[https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/  
archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us](https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us)

**Select Team: Saint James the Apostle, Springfield**  
*(all donations are gratefully accepted)*



## MASS INFORMATION

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

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

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

### **DAILY MASS**

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

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

### **NOVENA**

**Monday Evenings ~ 6:30PM**

**Facebook / Zoom**

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**By Appointment**



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Due to the ongoing need for social distancing, there are no group baptisms at this time.**

**The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated individually.**

**Please call the rectory to schedule your infant's baptism.**



## SACRAMENT 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

*Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director ~ Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative Assistant*  
Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

A big shout out to the parents and children in the Family Faith Program! Although this year was not what we expected, by the example of living your faith, the children have had the best teachers possible walking their faith journey with them! Despite the challenges, the feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive for the Family Faith Program. We will continue to work closely with the parents and give assistance as needed to the children as they complete the curriculum.

There is still time to join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00PM.

Although we are limited in the in-person gatherings, our parish offers a host of virtual opportunities for us to come together during this Lenten Season. We hope you will join us.

Just a reminder, everyone is welcome to join the parish community on YouTube or Facebook to unite our prayers through the Holy Rosary and Novena. The Rosary is live-streamed every Monday evening at 6:30PM during Lent and 7:00PM during Ordinary Time. Check the parish website or Facebook for additional information.

### Prayer of St. Patrick

***The strength of God  
pilot us,  
the wisdom of God,  
instruct us,  
the hand of God  
protect us,  
the word of God  
direct us.***



**YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**  
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

### Feast of Saint Joseph

**An Italian Mass will be  
Celebrated**

**Saturday, March 20, 2021**

**At 10:30AM**

**All are welcome!**

## MESSAGE FROM FR. JOE

### Regarding Attending Mass during Covid-19

Dear Fellow Saint James Parishioners:

It is great to be back together in church for Mass, but things are a little different. Senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are encouraged to remain at home and watch the Sunday online 10:30AM Mass, which we will continue to live-stream.

If you do come to church for Mass, please remember the following:

1. You must wear a mask to enter the church and you must keep your mask on, at all times while in the church, including during Mass.
2. As you go from the Gathering Area into the church, please use the appropriate door to enter and exit the church.
3. Please observe the one-way aisles, which are marked with blue tape on the floor.
4. You must maintain social distancing while in the church.
5. Half of the pews have been taped off to maintain social distancing. There are pieces of blue tape on each pew where you can sit. They are also on the floor by the back walls for those who prefer to stand. This area is also marked for social distancing.
6. Family members can sit together, but everyone else must sit 6 feet apart.
7. The weekly collection baskets will not be passed from parishioner to parishioner. They will be on the baptismal font. Please drop in your donation as you enter or exit the church.
8. There is no procession of the bread and wine ("bringing up the gifts").
9. Please do not shake hands when sharing the sign of peace. Instead, wave, nod, or bow slightly.
10. There are three Communion stations: one in the center, one by the organ, and one by the ambo. The ushers will direct you to maintain social distance.
11. Hosts can no longer be placed directly on a parishioner's tongue by a priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister. You must receive the Host in your hand and place it on your tongue. There is no receiving from the Cup.
12. When it is your turn to receive Communion, approach the priest or deacon, receive the Host in your hand, step aside, raise or lower your mask, and place the Host on your tongue. Immediately replace your mask over your mouth.
13. The candles in the Gathering Area have been turned off and they are taped.
14. There are no printed bulletins. Bulletins are posted online on the parish website.
15. The Worship books have been removed from church. You may bring your own booklet, iPad or iPhone to use during Mass.
16. You will also notice that everything that can be touched has been removed from the church. There is no Holy Water.
17. Once Mass is over, please quickly exit the church so that the pews can be sanitized for the next Mass.
18. If you want to socialize with others whom you may not have seen in a while, please do so outside of church and not in the Gathering Area.

If you have any questions or are unsure of what to do while in church, please ask an usher. I ask your patience as we attempt to navigate through all of this. We realize this is a very different situation for all of us. It can work if we work together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Stay safe!

Fr. Joe

## PARISH INFORMATION

St. James the Apostle Church

JOIN US

# ROSARY & NOVENA

EVERY MONDAY at 6:30 P.M.

In the church gathering area and Online



[www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/](https://www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/)

*Has your child been baptized but not catechized or received their sacraments?*



*Are they of school age and not yet baptized?*

*Do you have a special needs child needing  
catechesis?*

Please call or email the Religious Education Office.

Parishioners are encouraged to bring your iPhone and/or iPad to Mass with you to access the weekly bulletin and follow along with the readings and sing the hymns!

To access our parish website go to: [www.SaintJamesTheApostle.org](http://www.SaintJamesTheApostle.org)

Go to the bottom, right side of the website and click either the parish bulletin or click the USCCB website.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK LENTEN REGULATIONS

1) The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday Night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

**On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

**Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to Fast.**

**On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten.** Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2) The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3) The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4) **The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

*\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*





## SUNDAY READINGS ~ March 14, 2021

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> to receive daily Scripture Readings

#### FIRST READING: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

En aquellos días, todos los sumos sacerdotes y el pueblo multiplicaron sus infidelidades, practicando todas las abominables costumbres de los paganos, y mancharon la casa del Señor, que él se había consagrado en Jerusalén. El Señor, Dios de sus padres, los exhortó continuamente por medio de sus mensajeros, porque sentía compasión de su pueblo y quería preservar su santuario. Pero ellos se burlaron de los mensajeros de Dios, despreciaron sus advertencias y se mofaron de sus profetas, hasta que la ira del Señor contra su pueblo llegó a tal grado, que ya no hubo remedio. Envío entonces contra ellos al rey de los caldeos. Incendiaron la casa de Dios y derribaron las murallas de Jerusalén, pegaron fuego a todos los palacios y destruyeron todos sus objetos preciosos. A los que escaparon de la espada, los llevaron cautivos a Babilonia, donde fueron esclavos del rey y de sus hijos, hasta que el reino pasó al dominio de los persas, para que se cumpliera lo que dijo Dios por boca del profeta Jeremías: *Hasta que el país haya pagado sus sábados perdidos, descansará de la desolación, hasta que se cumplan setenta años.* En el año primero de Ciro, rey de Persia, en cumplimiento de las palabras que habló el Señor por boca de Jeremías, el Señor inspiró a Ciro, rey de los persas, el cual mandó proclamar de palabra y por escrito en todo su reino, lo siguiente: "Así habla Ciro, rey de Persia: El Señor, Dios de los cielos, me ha dado todos los reinos de la tierra y me ha mandado que le edifique una casa en Jerusalén de Judá. En consecuencia, todo aquel que pertenezca a este pueblo, que parta hacia allá, y que su Dios lo acompañe."

The word of the Lord .....

**R. Thanks be to God!**

La Palabra del Señor.....

**R. ¡Gracias a Dios!**



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

Refrain



R. Ten piedad, oh Señor, porque hemos pecado,  
ten piedad, oh, Señor, porque hemos pecado.

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy,  
because of the great love he had for us,  
even when we were dead in our transgressions,  
brought us to life with Christ,  
by grace you have been saved,  
raised us up with him,  
and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ  
Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the  
immeasurable riches of his grace  
in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.  
For by grace you have been saved through faith,  
and this is not from you; it is the gift of God;  
it is not from works, so no one may boast.  
For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for  
the good works  
that God has prepared in advance,  
that we should live in them

Hermanos:

La misericordia y el amor de Dios son muy grandes;  
porque nosotros estábamos muertos por nuestros  
pecados, y él nos dio la vida con Cristo y en Cristo.  
Por pura generosidad suya, hemos sido salvados.  
Con Cristo y en Cristo nos ha resucitado y con él  
nos ha reservado un sitio en el cielo. Así, en todos  
los tiempos, Dios muestra, por medio de Jesús, la  
incomparable riqueza de su gracia y de su bondad  
para con nosotros.  
En efecto, ustedes han sido salvados por la gracia,  
mediante la fe; y esto no se debe a ustedes mismos,  
sino que es un don de Dios.  
Tampoco se debe a las obras, para que nadie pueda  
presumir, porque somos hechura de Dios, creados  
por medio de Cristo Jesús, para hacer el bien que  
Dios ha dispuesto que hagamos.

The word of the Lord .....

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## Gospel Acclamation

Praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!      ¡ Alabado seas, Señor Jesucristo, Rey de gloria sin fin!

Priest / Deacon: The Lord be with you.....

***R. And with your Spirit...***

Sacerdote / Diácono: El Señor esté contigo ...

***R. Y con tu Espíritu ...***

Priest / Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John....

***R. Glory to you O Lord ....***

Sacerdote / Diácono: Una lectura del Santo Evangelio según Mateo ...

***R. Gloria a ti, oh Señor ...***

*with your thumb, make a little sign of the cross, first on your forehead; then on your lips; then on your heart*

*con el pulgar, haga una pequeña señal de la cruz, primero en la frente; luego en tus labios; luego en tu corazón*

## GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a Nicodemo:

“Así como Moisés levantó la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna.

Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo, que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna.

Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él.

El que cree en él no será condenado; pero el que no cree ya está condenado, por no haber creído en el Hijo único de Dios.

La causa de la condenación es ésta:

habiendo venido la luz al mundo, los hombres prefirieron las tinieblas a la luz, porque sus obras eran malas.

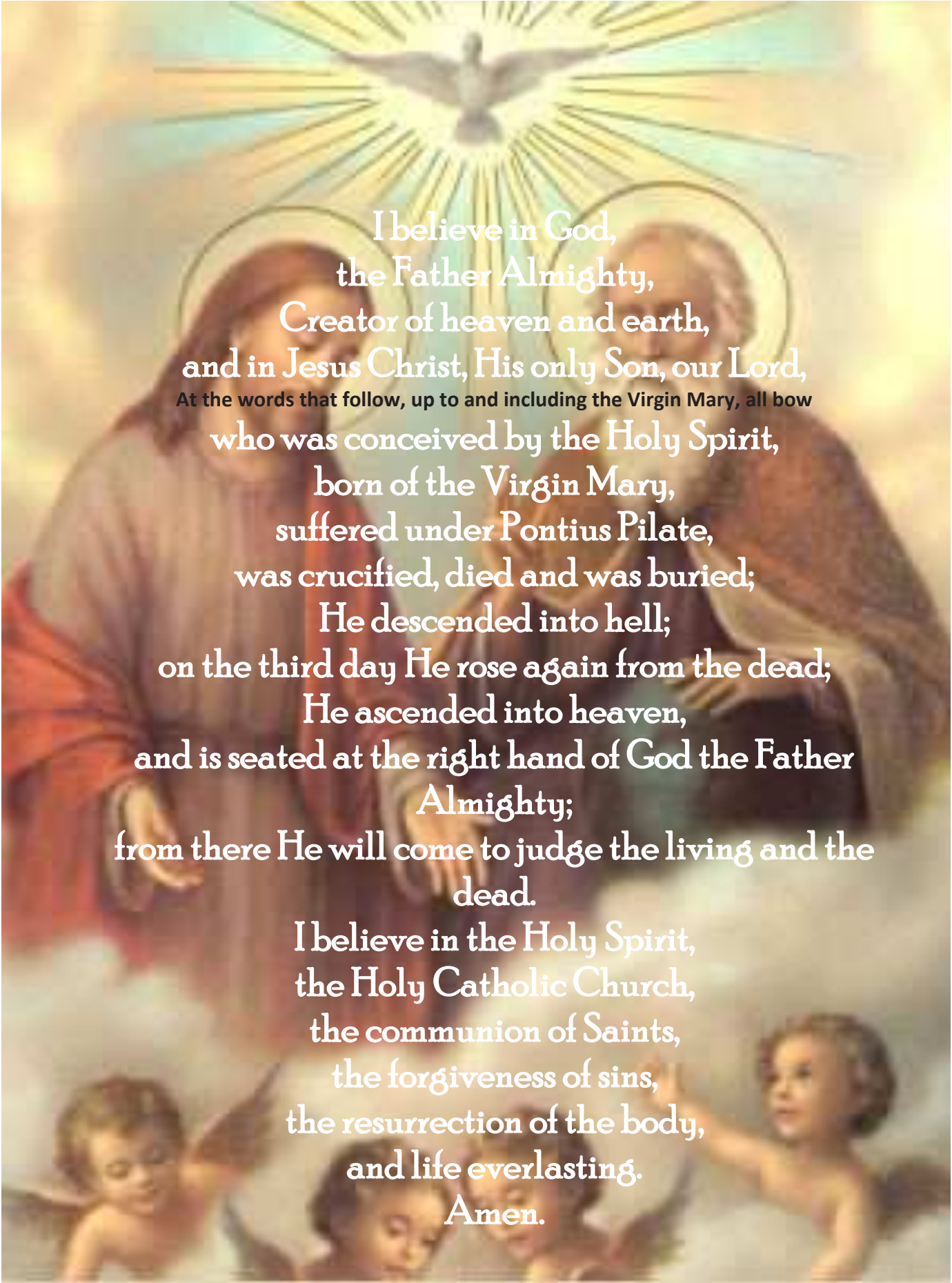
Todo aquel que hace el mal, aborrece la luz y no se acerca a ella, para que sus obras no se descubran.

En cambio, el que obra el bien conforme a la verdad, se acerca a la luz, para que se vea que sus obras están hechas según Dios.”

**Priest / Deacon:**

The Gospel of the Lord  
**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

El Evangelio del Señor  
**R. ¡Alabado seas, Señor Jesucristo!**



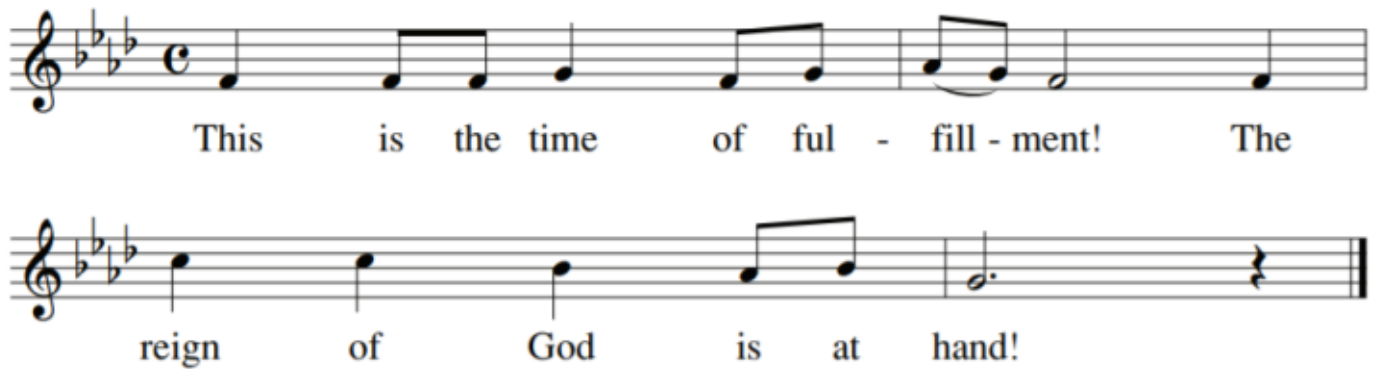
I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

Amen.

## HYMN OF GATHERING

### This Is the Time of Fulfillment

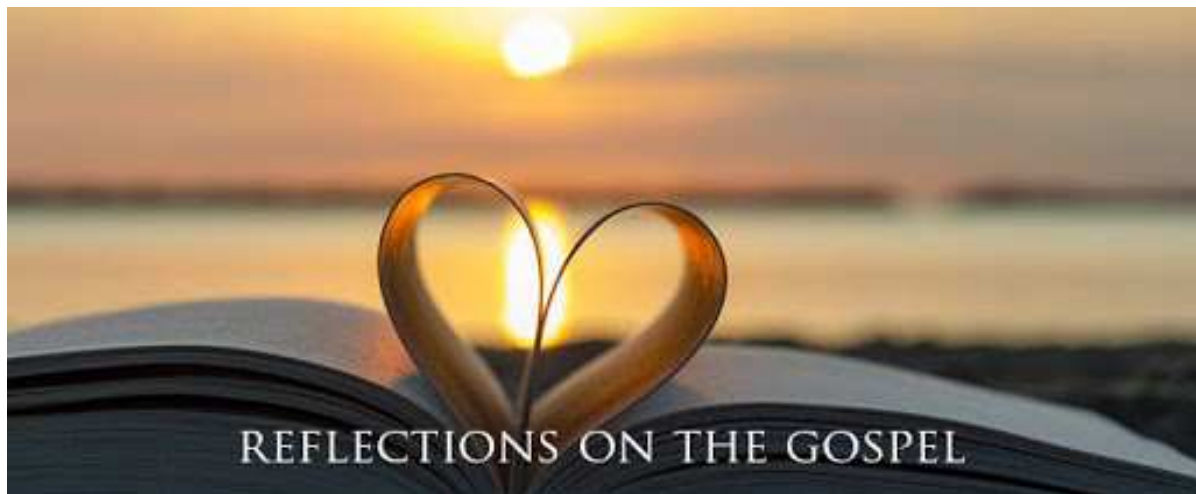


Text: Mark 1:15, James J. Chepponis, b.1956

Tune: James J. Chepponis, b.1956

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John 3:14-21

Jesus shows us the paradox of love and judgment. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief or we can love the light of God's truth, beauty, and goodness. If our love is guided by what is true, and good and beautiful then we will choose for God and love him above all else. What we love shows what we prefer. Do you love God above all else? Do you give him first place in your life, in your thoughts, decisions and actions?

*Lord Jesus Christ, your death brought life for us. May your love consume and transform my life that I may desire you above all else. Help me to love what you love, to desire what you desire, and to reject what you reject.*



# HYMN DURING COMMUNION PROCESSION

## Take and Eat This Bread

Refrain



Take and eat this bread. Take and drink this cup.



This is my bod - y and my blood.



When you eat this bread, when you drink this cup,



you live in me and I in you.



you live in me and I in you.

Verses



- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. This is the bread   | come down from heav-en; |
| 2. Gath - ered as one  | a - round one ta - ble, |
| 3. With - in our hands | we hold the mys-t'ry,   |
| 4. Come all who thirst | for life e - ter - nal, |



D.C.

this is the cup of our sal - va - tion.  
sent forth to wit - ness to sal - va - tion.  
dy - ing and ris - ing to sal - va - tion.  
come to the ta - ble of sal - va - tion.

Text: Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958  
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# HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

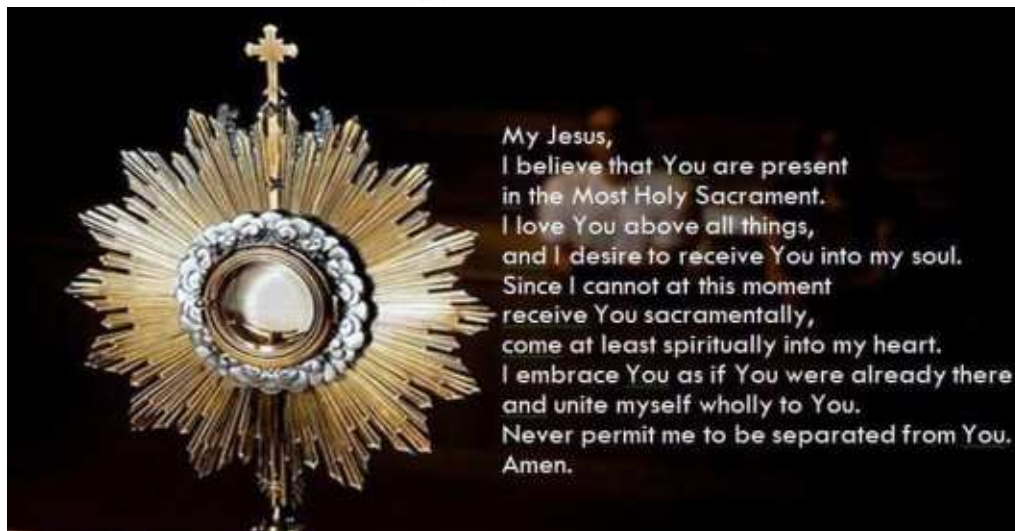
## Jesus, Remember Me

Ostinato Refrain

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.  
Spanish: Je - sús, re - cuér - da - me cuan - do en - tres en tu Rei - no.  
Polish: Je - zu, w kró - les - twie Twym wspom - nij na swo - je - go słu - gę.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.  
Je - sús, re - cuér - da - me, cuan - do en - tres en tu Rei - no.  
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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community, 1981  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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## NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING: [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#) ~ SECOND READING: [Hebrews 5:7-9](#)

GOSPEL: John [12:20-33](#)

## HYMNS:

Gathering Hymn: This Is the Time of Fulfillment

Communion Procession: In Every Age

Hymn of Sending Forth: Lift High the Cross

# FEEDING THE HUNGRY

*Mrs. Claire Bernstein & Mrs. Joanne Roethlin*

<b>SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH</b>  <b>LENT 2021 HELPING THE HUNGRY</b>  Supporting Bridges, Family Promise and local food pantries		<b>MONDAY, MARCH 22</b>  <b>Drop off from 5:00–6:30 PM</b>
<b>BAGGED LUNCH:</b> Place the items below in gallon-sized ziploc bag <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sandwich, no condiments, labeled</li><li>• Piece of fruit</li><li>• Individual pack of cookies/protein bar</li><li>• Small water bottle</li></ul>	<b>TOILETRY PACK:</b> Place the items below in gallon-sized ziploc bag <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toothpaste &amp; Toothbrush</li><li>• Deodorant</li><li>• Small hand sanitizer &amp;/or wipes</li><li>• Optional: individual tissue pack, comb</li></ul>	<b>SNACK PACK:</b> Place the items below in gallon-sized ziploc bag <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Granola or protein bar</li><li>• Individual fruit cup</li><li>• Small water bottle or juice box</li><li>• Napkin and spoon</li></ul>

On March 22, the Helping the Hungry Ministry will be collecting bagged lunches, toiletry packs and snack packs. The collection will support Bridges in Summit, Family Promise, and local food pantries.

**We will collect the items at the Church from 5:00-6:30 PM.**

Please use this SignUp Genius link to participate:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4aadae2ea4f94-helping3>

*And as a reminder, on **Good Friday, April 2**, we will be collecting non-perishable items outside the Church from 10-11:30 AM. More details to follow.*

Please contact either Joanne or Claire with any questions about the collections, or with any assistance you might need with the SignUp Genius process:

Joanne Roethlin: [jroethlin@yahoo.com](mailto:jroethlin@yahoo.com) or Claire Bernstein: [clairebbernstein@gmail.com](mailto:clairebbernstein@gmail.com)

## March 22 Collection Details:

**Bagged lunches.** Brown paper bag or gallon-sized Ziploc bag containing the following:

- individually wrapped sandwich
- small water bottle
- fresh piece of fruit (i.e. orange)
- small/individual pack of cookies or granola bar

**Snack packs.** Gallon-sized Ziploc bag containing the following:

- granola bar or protein bar
- small water bottle or juice box
- fruit cup with spoon

**Toiletry packs.** Gallon-sized Ziploc bag containing the following:

- toothbrush/toothpaste
- small bottle of hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes
- deodorant
- optional: individual tissue package, comb

# *Year of* **ST. JOSEPH**



## **POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH**

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.*



# RESPECT LIFE

*Ms. Pat Sullivan*

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." (Pope Francis)

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to "be merciful like the Father."

So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting two upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion.

Retreat dates are May 14-16, 2021 (English) and April 23-25, 2021 (Spanish).

Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2) or e-mail

[Cheryl.riley@rcan.org](mailto:Cheryl.riley@rcan.org) (English)

[elvinedoderaquelinfo@rcan.org](mailto:elvinedoderaquelinfo@rcan.org) (Spanish)

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

\* All Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed

## **Lent – Sacrifice – Donation Bins – Any Connection?**



Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we move closer to Christ, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any unwanted items to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin located on the property?

If you do, you have made the connection.



**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Scotch Plains NJ invites you to:**

# **DIVE INTO YOUR FAITH THIS LENT!**

**Join our five part Zoom speaker series: 7 – 8:30pm each Tuesday of Lent**

## **Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> – What is Catholicism?**



**Dr. Jeffrey Morrow** is Professor of Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University. He will help us explore the gift of our Catholic faith; a convert to Catholicism, he brings a wonderful perspective on this gift.

## **March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Faith & Science: Truth Cannot Contradict Truth**



**Dr. Stacy Trasancos** is Executive Director of the St. Philip Institute of Catechesis and Evangelization for the Diocese of Tyler and a teaching fellow for the Word on Fire Institute. Initially trained as a scientist, she will reveal the harmony of faith and science.

## **March 9<sup>th</sup> – Made in the Image & Likeness of God: The Dignity of Human Life**



**Sr. Magnificat Rose** entered the Sisters of Life in 2013. she studied theology at the University of St. Thomas and served with NET ministries. Sister will consider the fundamental dignity of human life and share her joy working for its protection.

## **March 16<sup>th</sup> – The Family as a School of the Presence of God**



**Dr. Joseph P. Rice** is Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University. Dr. Rice is a specialist in the philosophical thought of St. Pope John Paul II. He will examine the role of the family in revealing God's presence.

## **March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Living as a Catholic in Challenging Times**



**Dr. Ralph Martin** is Professor of Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to serve as a consultor to the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization and for the World Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization. Dr. Martin will highlight the challenge of living a Catholic life in a secular world.

### **Important Information:**

- Young Adults through Senior Citizens are invited to participate
- Internet access is needed for Zoom sessions
- There is no cost, but registration is required
- Click here to register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AADA92CA5F94-dive>

**Questions:** Email [maryclinton@ihmparish.net](mailto:maryclinton@ihmparish.net) or [engagingdisciples@ihmparish.net](mailto:engagingdisciples@ihmparish.net) or contact IHM Nazareth Center Office @ 908-889-2100.

*\*This speaker series is brought to you through the collaborative efforts of IHM's Engaging Disciples Initiative and the IHM Faith Formation Office! ☺*

# Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life Study Set

by Marcellino D'Ambrosio Jeff Cavins and Edward Sri



*Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life* is a ten-week study program presented by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri. Filmed on-location in the Holy Land and anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels, this study explores the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today.

This 10 session Study Set includes:

- **The Full-Color *Jesus* Workbook** – Provides session overviews, home reading assignments, engaging study questions, responses, and talk notes for the video presentations.
- **The *Jesus* Timeline Chart** – A visual overview of the life of Jesus plus a summary of Catholic beliefs concerning Christ.
- **The *Jesus* Book** – Provides a detailed overview of Jesus' life and times.
- **Online Access for One Year** – Immediate access to the ten study videos and the online workbook.

## Dates – Times – Location

Starting Wednesday, March 10, 2021

7:00pm on Zoom with discussion following

10 Wednesday sessions

## Cost – Registration

\$29.99 for the Study Set, see above


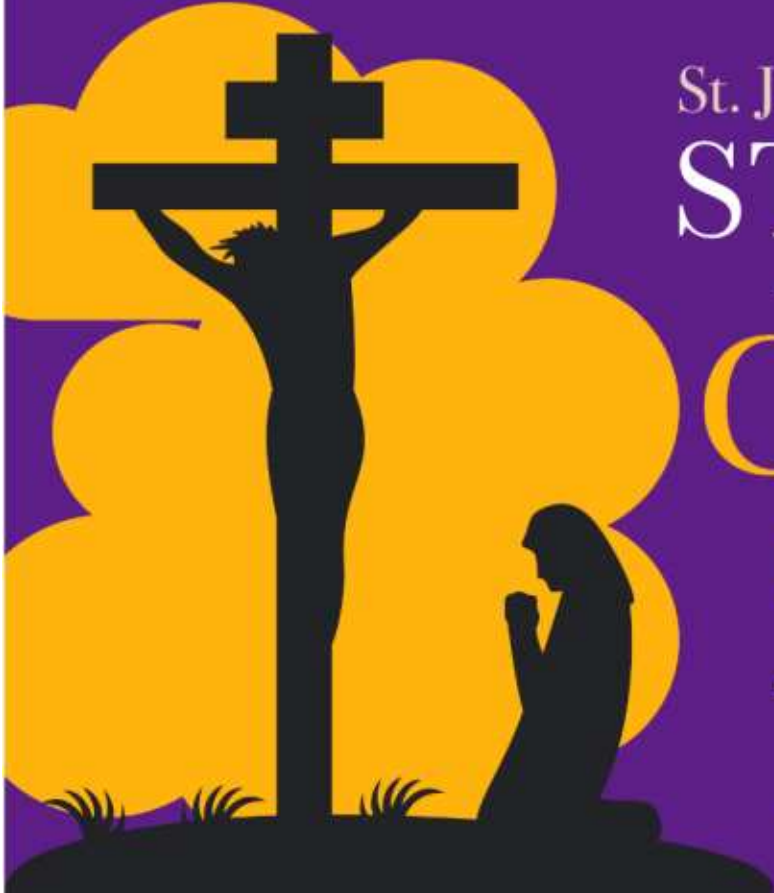
Contact Geri Ann Kazimar 908-370-2318 with questions

Visit [Ascensionpress.com](https://Ascensionpress.com) to learn more. Under Bible Study

The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us know a lot about him already, how well can we say that we really know him?

*Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life* is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around him as you come to know and love him in an ever deeper and more intimate way.



St. James the Apostle Church

# STATIONS — of the — CROSS

Every Friday of Lent  
— 7:00 PM —

Join us in person or via livestream on  
our Facebook page and YouTube channel

## ARE YOU RECEIVING EMAILS FROM SAINT JAMES PARISH?

The parish routinely sends out emails to parishioners that contain information about the parish and parish events.

If you are not receiving these emails, you are missing out!

Please email the Parish Publicity Committee at [publicity@saintjamesparish.org](mailto:publicity@saintjamesparish.org) to have your email address added to our email list.

## 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)





## THE PRAYER CORNER

*"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose..."*



### INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

At the *General Intercessions* we pray for the sick. Our prayers for the sick are very important, especially in critical times of sudden illness, surgery or worsening condition. We will continue to pray for and mention the names of the sick. When the condition improves, please call the Rectory so that the name can be removed from the list.

### COMMUNION AT MASS

If you cannot walk up the aisle to receive Holy Communion and do not want to sit in the first pew, please let one of the ushers know and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will come to you at the end of the procession and administer the Body & Blood to you.

### RECEIVING COMMUNION

A reminder that during the Covid-19 restrictions, the Eucharist can only be received in the hands. It is good to remind ourselves of the reverence needed when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

When we approach the altar please remove any gloves beforehand.

Remember to bow slightly without being ostentatious and reply "Amen".

If communion runs out, please wait in line for the Minister to return.

*The ushers are available to assist you during the reception of Holy Communion and before / after Mass.*

### *A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus*

*Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.*

*May those who are infected receive the proper treatment  
and the comfort of your healing presence.*

*May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded  
from the onslaught of the virus.*

*Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.*

*Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure,  
that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.  
Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,  
and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

***Amen.***

Source: [www.LoyolaPress.com](http://www.LoyolaPress.com)

## A TIME TO BAPTIZE



## A TIME TO WED



## A TIME TO HEAL

Pat Anelli, Ginnie Attanasio, Monina Avella, Joyce Bauman, Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Leo Brady, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Lucia Cocuzza, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Carmela DeSarno, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Sean Findley, Berta Franco, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Joan Hobson, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Eddie Jenna, Irene Kurpieski, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Maryann Leach, 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, 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., Joe Policastro, Berit Phair, John Rendeiro, John Reiss, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Justin Sequeira, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, Debbie Staib, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski

## A TIME TO DIE

Maria M. Junco,  
and all who have died from Covid-19

## A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, PFC Paul Devine, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki, 1Lt. Steven Rogacki, LCPL Nick Wheeler



## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**5:00PM (SATURDAY)**

Carol House ~ *Bob House*

**7:30AM**

Arnold Giordano ~ *Religious Education Staff*

**9:00AM**

Charles Impellizzeri ~ *Theresa & Michael Quick*

**10:30AM**

Vincent Pettrigiani ~ *Ann & Family*

**12:00PM**

Alfonso Cacciatore ~ *Eugenia Reedy*

**MONDAY, March 15**

**7:30AM**

Alfonso Ragonese ~ *Angela Ragonese*

**7:00PM**

Amelia Montana ~ *Family*

**TUESDAY, March 16**

**7:30AM**

Robert Weller ~ *Carol & Howard Balfour*

**7:00PM**

Ilene Runo ~ *Children*

**WEDNESDAY, March 17**

**7:30AM**

Maria Rosa Ferreira ~ *Daughter, Maria Gouveia*

**7:00PM**

Brian Palestis ~ *Cynthia, Matthew, Jr. & Neighbors*

**THURSDAY, March 18**

**7:30AM**

Michael Pierson Bongiovanni

~ *Bongiovanni Family*

**7:00PM**

For the People of Saint James

**FRIDAY, March 19 Saint Joseph**

**7:30AM**

Joseph Hennessy ~ *Family*

**SATURDAY, March 20**

**8:00AM**

Theresa Blasi ~ *Family*

**10:30AM (ITALIAN MASS) Saint Joseph**

Pasquale & Elisabetta Iannelli

~ *Anna & Sylvester Circelli*

**SUNDAY, March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**5:00PM (SATURDAY)**

Florence Impellizzeri ~ *Theresa & Michael Quick*

**7:30AM**

Gerald Ragonese ~ *Angela Ragonese*

**9:00AM**

For the People of Saint James

**10:30AM**

Alfred Lavacca ~ *Roethlin Family*

**12:00PM**

Sandra Labayen ~ *Gaston Family*



## 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

Vincent Genco ~ *Nancy Caputo*



### BREAD

Vincent Genco ~ *Nancy Caputo*

## **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.**