



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

JANUARY 16, 2022 | THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Saturday, Jan. 22nd:
5:00PM - Fr. Kuizon

Sunday, Jan. 23rd:
7:30AM - Fr. Kuizon
9:00AM - Fr. Santos
10:30AM - Fr. Dennehy
12:00PM - Fr. Santos

DAILY MASS:

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM
Saturday: 8:00AM
U.S. Holidays: 8:30AM

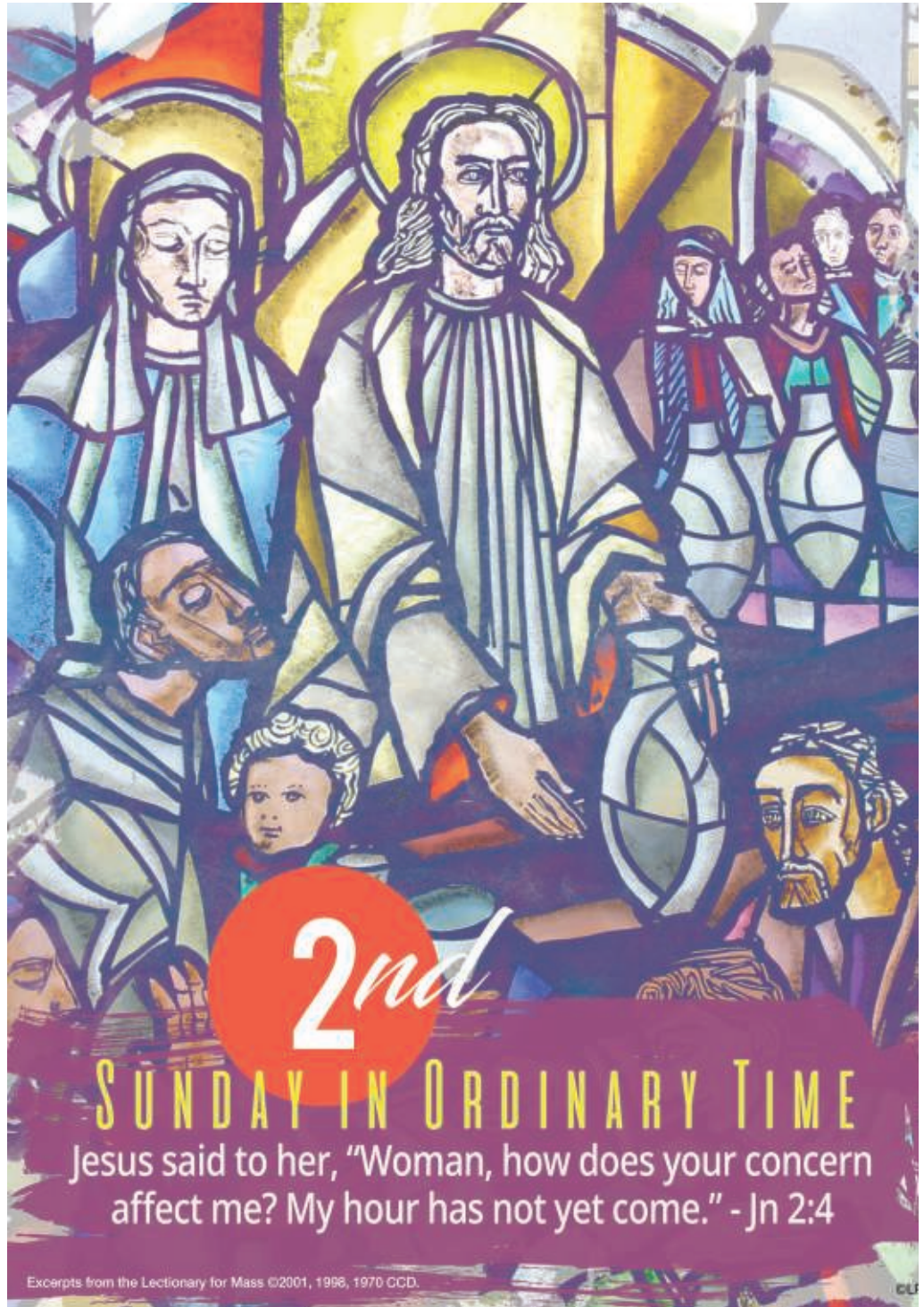
RECONCILIATION:

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:
Second Saturday of the
Month at 3:00PM



A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



NEWS AND UPDATES

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2022:

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I hope that you will join me in supporting this crucial program of the Archdiocese of Newark!

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The Chicago suburb of Oak Lawn had a problem - motorists weren't coming to a complete stop at stop signs. So, in 2007 the mayor came up with a creative solution. He added a second, smaller octagonal sign to the town's 50 or so stop signs that read:

"STOP...And smell the roses"
"STOP...No really, you gotta stop"
"STOP...Or I'm Telling Your Mom,"
"STOP...In the naaaame of love." (Too early???)

And – it worked!!! People stopped at the stop signs. The additional signs were so imaginative and humorous people laughed and obeyed the Stop sign. Everybody laughed... except the Illinois Department of Transportation which deemed the signs violations of the Federal Uniform Traffic Control Act; they threatened to withhold funds if the signs weren't removed. Sadly, the Mayor had to comply. The mayor believed that if he could just get the motorists to pay attention, then he could get his message across. The message was to STOP! It was an important message... he was using special signs to get his message across.

In our Gospel this weekend we're told: Jesus did this (changing water into wine) as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. One scholar went through the Gospels and found at least 35 different miracles/signs that Jesus did during His ministry. Jesus performed a whole lot more MIRACLES during His ministry. These 35 or so that are in the Gospels were intended to teach us something. They were like SIGNPOSTS showing us God's message. In other words, the miracles that Jesus did were intended to get people to: PAY ATTENTION! They're meant to help us see the Son of God for who He was... that He is the one we need to listen to!

Friends, the signs that we see in today's Gospel are meant to get an important message across. As you begin a new week, allow the first of Jesus' SIGNS to stay with you this week. Follow the example of Mary. Have faith and trust even when you don't understand. If you want Jesus to turn water into wine in your life, you've got to provide Him with the stone jars.

Finally, do what Jesus tells you to do. Live how He asks you to live...then keep an eye out for His SIGNS which are manifestations of His power and love for you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

When Christ changed the water into wine by his power, the crowd rejoiced Today, it is at the banquet of the Church that we are all seated, for the wine is changed into the blood of Christ, and we drink it with blessed joy, glorifying the great bridegroom.

—Romanus, fifth-century musician

(cont) A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL UPDATE

We have received official notice from the Springfield Board of Education that their use of the St. James School will officially end on January 15, 2022. Working with Mrs. Rachel Goldberg, Superintendent, Mr. Michael Plias, Walton Principal, and Mr. Dave Walker, Facilities Manager for Springfield Schools, has been a pleasure. The St. James community is grateful for the opportunity to temporarily lease our school. A big thanks to the teachers, staff and, most especially, the students for their presence among us these past few months. The entire Walton School community is in our prayers as they return to their school building.

MR. DAN PALKO'S RETIREMENT

A MESSAGE FROM MR. PALKO:

It is with a heavy heart and mixed emotions that I am submitting my letter of resignation as Director of Music Ministry at Saint James the Apostle Church. The 15+ years that I had the opportunity to serve Saint James has been wonderful. I began my tenure here as the organist with Janet Natale and returned to Saint James as the Music Director. I have thoroughly loved working with our talented parish choir, staff, and especially Father Joe Barone and our new Administrator, Father David Santos.

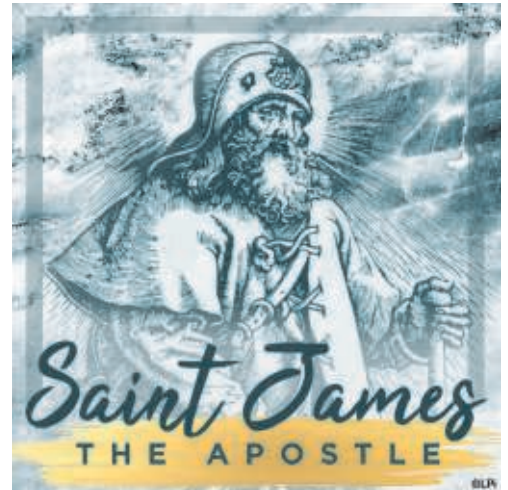
However, after serving the church for 55 years, I feel it is time to retire and begin a new chapter in my life. I am looking forward to spending more time with my family, working on my paintings, creating icons, and teaching neighborhood children to play the piano. I am also looking forward to celebrating the Christmas Season together with you, my parish family. My last day serving Saint James will be January 16, 2022.

I wish the parishioners of Saint James continued success as they witness and spread the good news of the Gospel and praise God with Joyful song! God Bless!!!

FROM FR. DAVID:

I would like to offer a profound THANK YOU to Dan Palko, Director of Music Ministry, for sharing his gifts and musical talent here at St. James the Apostle Church. During our short time working together, Dan has proved to be an extraordinary musician and man of deep faith. In our conversation regarding Dan's decision to retire from music ministry, I assured Dan that the staff, the St. James Community, and I are so grateful for the time he served as Director of Music Ministry among us. I know that you will join me in praying that the Lord may bless Dan as he begins a new and exciting chapter of his life.

Friends, I ask for your patience during this time of transition. I have been working on temporary solutions to keep our music program going until we are able to conduct a more extensive search. In the meantime, if there is someone you know who is available and interested in a position as Director of Music Ministry, please have them contact me directly.



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm 96

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

NEW 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.

Grief is unique to each person, and journeying through it can be painful, lonely, and confusing, but it can be comforting to share this journey with others. Our group will meet at 8:00PM every other week. 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.

The meetings will be held:
**January 26, February 9 & 23,
March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20**

For more information contact
Jo Ann Andrasko
jahocswim@gmail.com
or call 973-768-6222

Because of Covid concerns, there is an option to meet in person at St. James or via Zoom.

Coming Soon: SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

St. James is preparing to launch a Saturday morning Men's Group. The group will be meeting monthly on Saturday morning to share in fellowship and discuss the Gospel passage for that weekend. The informal gatherings will provide any adult male an opportunity to connect with other guys while at the same time connecting with his faith through Scripture. If you are interested in participating or want more info, please reach out to John Prescott via email (prescottjw11@gmail.com).

LENT 2022

Lent will be here before we know it - plan ahead and take advantage of this great opportunity to grow in faith and community!

JOURNEYING TOGETHER LENT SMALL GROUPS

Beginning the Week of February 28
Sign-Up Weekend February 11 / 12

For information contact:
smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org

LENT is an opportunity to **DECLUTTER** our lives,
To make **SPACE** for **GOD**,
To **GATHER & GROW** with each other...
We hope you will journey with us!

A Message from Catholic Charities:

ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received a payment of **\$1,390** as a result of your generosity to the Donation Bins at your Church from June 1st, 2021 to November 30th, 2021. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in a similar program throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to show the compassion of Christ to 48,053 individuals served in 84 programs at 26 sites (FY 20/21). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OFFICE: (973) 376-2061

FAX: (973) 376-4079

Yesterday our children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their parents attended a virtual retreat. We are looking forward to seeing your “sheep” when we celebrate the sacrament on Saturday, January 29.

The 8th graders meet this coming Tuesday for class in the Church. Grades 1 through 6 will resume classes on Tuesday, February 1st.

Spotlight ON FAITH

Q. What is holy water and why do we use it?

A. Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God’s grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!

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SACRAMENTS AT ST. JAMES



BAPTISM

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

RECONCILIATION

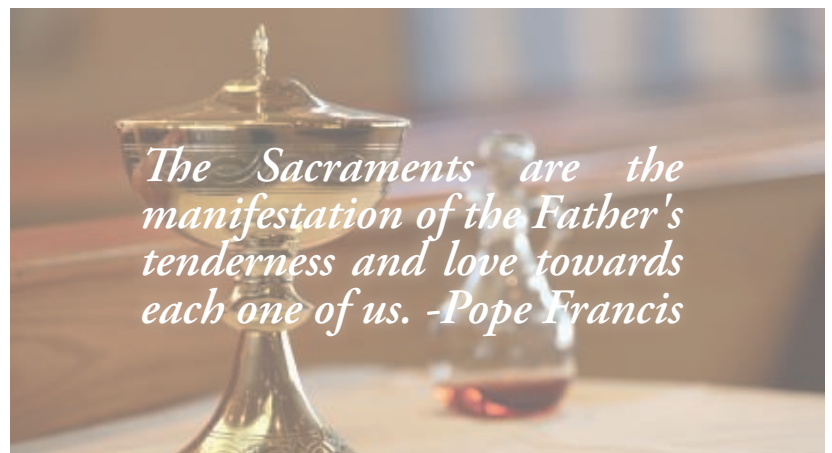
4:00PM on Saturdays
or by appointment.

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, JANUARY 15

5PM Vigil: John Montana
r/b Janice Montana

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30AM: For the People of Saint James

9:00AM: Gaetano D'Agostini
r/b Family

10:30AM: Colin Dorney
r/b Barbara & Al Daly

12:00PM: James F. Carney
r/b Patty & John Carney

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

8:30AM: Kathleen Congema
r/b Gary & MaryEllen Capron

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30AM: Sally Aufiero
r/b Gina Nazzaro

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30AM: John Montana
r/b Janice Montana

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30AM: Linda Marino
r/b Karen & Jim Bonocorda

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30AM: Joseph Camaligan Dorneo
r/b Vinvente Ilagan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00AM Joseph Camaligan Dorneo
req. by Vincente Ilagan

5PM Vigil: Joe Driscoll
r/b Diane Listowski

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

7:30AM: Frank Oberlies
r/b Sister

9:00AM: Bernard Cunningham
r/b Marcy & Dominic Lege & Family

10:30AM: Patricia Filipowicz
r/b the Kotulich Family

12:00PM: Filomena Palermo
r/b Patty & John Carney

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

PLEASE NOTE: Mass on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 17th, will be celebrated at 8:30AM.



SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of St. James

BREAD AND WINE:

For the People of St. 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, 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, Carmen Lombardi, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazarisi, 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, Rose Sinopoli, 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 BAPTIZE

Joseph Maiorana III

A TIME TO DIE

For all who have died from Covid-19.

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



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: January 22nd, 2022

*"In every child . . . and in every person . . . we see the image of God's glory."
- Pope Francis*

REFLECT

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. —Psalm 139

PRAY

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Amen.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

WEDNESDAY, JAN 19 - THURSDAY JAN 27

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join thousands of Catholics in prayer nationwide! Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more via email or text.

Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



SPOTLIGHT ON PRAYER

**Adult Faith Formation Live Zoom Course
Tuesday, Jan. 18 and Wednesday, Jan. 19
6:00-9:00PM**

"Church Alive: As The Church Prays." This course looks at the experience of the Church alive and in communion with God through the witness of the Sacred Scriptures and the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Part 4, on prayer. We will have the opportunity to be that praying Church as a part of this course."

Presenter: Fr. John Gordon

Fr. John, current interim Secretary for Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Newark, is a popular conference speaker, retreat director, and maintains an active ministry of spiritual direction. Fr. John has served in a variety of assignments in both schools and parishes.



Visit rcanfaithformation.org or scan the QR code with your mobile device for more info and registration.

You Are Mine: LGBTQ Parents & Allies Support Group at Little Flower

Find a space for respectful conversation where parents, family members and allies of LGBTQ Catholics can share their joys, concerns and faith.

When: Thursday, January 20th at 7:00PM and every 3rd Thursday of the Month

Where: Little Flower Church, Lower Level (park behind church), 310 Plainfield Ave, Berkeley Heights

**"I HAVE CALLED YOU BY
NAME: YOU ARE MINE."**

Isaiah 43:1



FOR THE KIDS

Jesus at the Wedding at Cana



Mission

What does Jesus tell you to do in his Word, the Bible? Find out by reading the Bible for 15 minutes a day with your family. You could start by reading the Gospel of Luke.

Gospel

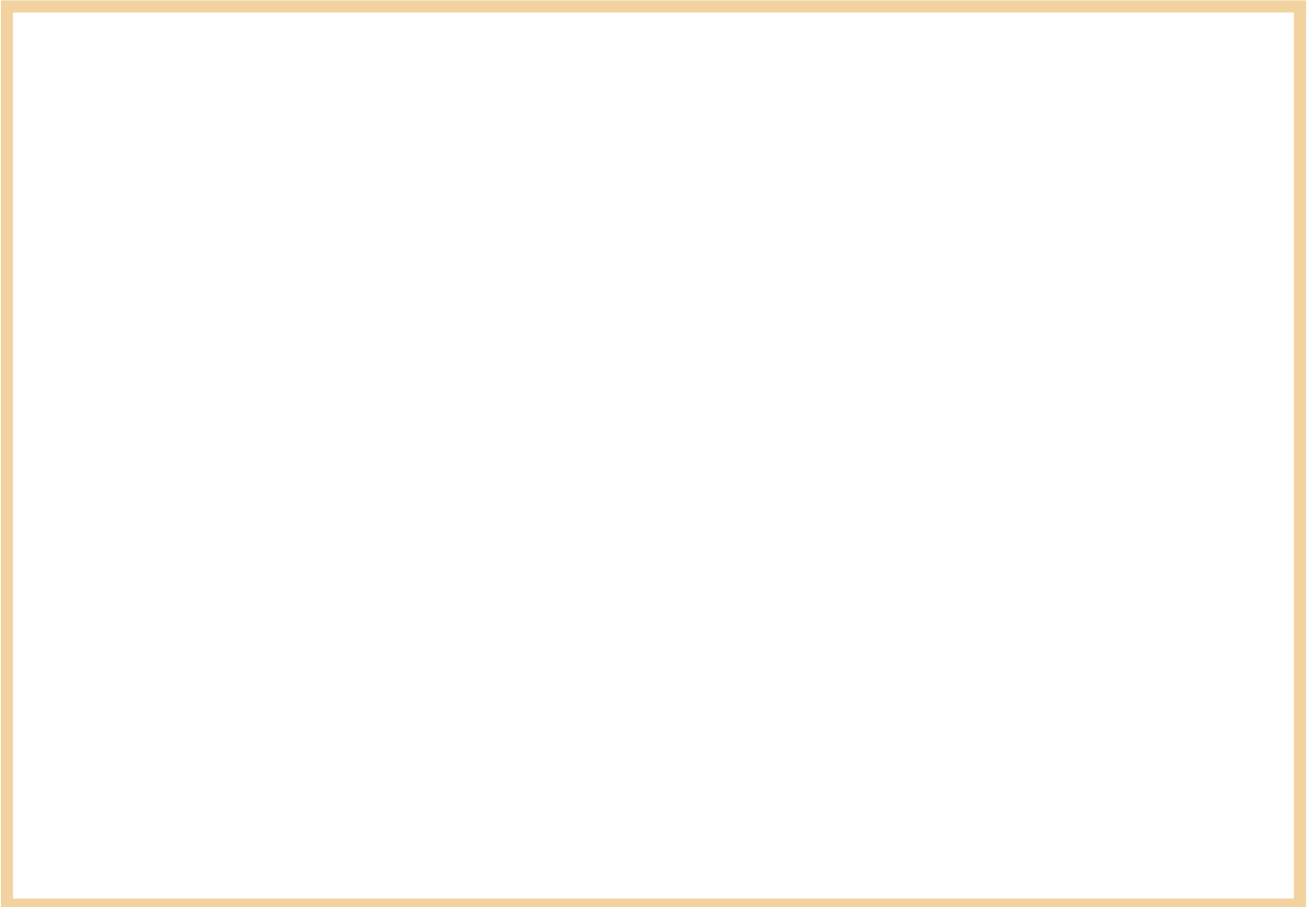
Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew that Jesus could help. She told the servers: "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing that any of us can do!

Prayer

Dear God, help me to do everything that you ask of me.
I know that you can do anything!

Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus with his disciples at their friends' wedding.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals for January 8 & 9

Church Collection:	\$6,810.00
Online Collection:	\$3,080.00
TOTAL:	\$9,890.00

Christmas Collection

Budgeted amount:	\$49,000.00
Collected:	\$46,090.00
Amount needed to reach budget:	\$3,000.00

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!

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

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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.



FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Welcome to the Finance Council Corner! Look here each week for info and tips from the Finance Council.

Did you know?... The role of the Finance Council is to be an advisor to the pastor of the church on financial matters and assist the pastor with long-range financial planning and administration. As a Finance Council, we are committed to support and assist Fr. David in improving the financial wellbeing of our church. Wishing you all much health, joy, and peace throughout the new year!

From the Finance Council: Rita Lombardi, John Pflug, Janet Petino, John Mailley, Mike Quick, Dennis McNany



January 16th, 2022

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

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