



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

FEBRUARY 13, 2022 | THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Hours: Mon-Fri 8AM-3PM
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, February 12th:
5:00PM - Fr. Santos

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Sunday, February 13th:

- 8:00AM - Fr. Santos
- 10:00AM - Fr. Dennehy
- 12:00PM - Fr. Santos

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:
February 19th at 3:00PM
*(Transferred from 2nd to
3rd Saturday this month)*



6TH

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed is the one who trusts in
the Lord, whose hope is the Lord."

- Jeremiah 17:7

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



Lectors Ministry Workshop

This past Tuesday I met with our Lectors for a workshop. The workshop functioned as a time to regroup and refocus on this immensely important ministry in our parish. I am wholeheartedly grateful for their faithfulness to the Word, our parish, and the ministry in which they are invited to participate.

As Catholics, for too long we underestimated the presence of God in the Sacred Scriptures. We can be sure that each time we read the Scriptures or hear the Scriptures proclaimed in the liturgy, God's spirit is dynamically at work. God's Word is living and true as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

It is crucial that each time the lector proclaims the Word of God in the liturgy, he or she come prepared to deliver that Word. Friends, do we, as hearers of the Word, come prepared to listen to the Word at Mass?

National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day

The observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 13) are opportunities to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

Shape each time I meet with an engaged couple preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, I point out that every healthy marriage, no matter what stage it's in, needs to maintain some measure of romantic love, date-nights, spontaneous gift giving, and words & actions of affirmation.

Just as people have different personalities, though, different marriages do too, and most marriages don't maintain that full force "romantic" feeling forever. And we should not expect them to. When people mix up married love with romantic love, they wrongly feel that their marriage is in decline when the romance begins to fade. There are fewer rose-petal baths and more college tuition invoices. There are no more love songs and an awful lot of day-to-day drudgery. Fading romance in a culture that tells couples they can quit when it gets hard, leave when they "fall out of love," or their spouse "doesn't make them happy anymore," is a recipe for discouragement and the kinds of negative, selfish thoughts that can lead to divorce.

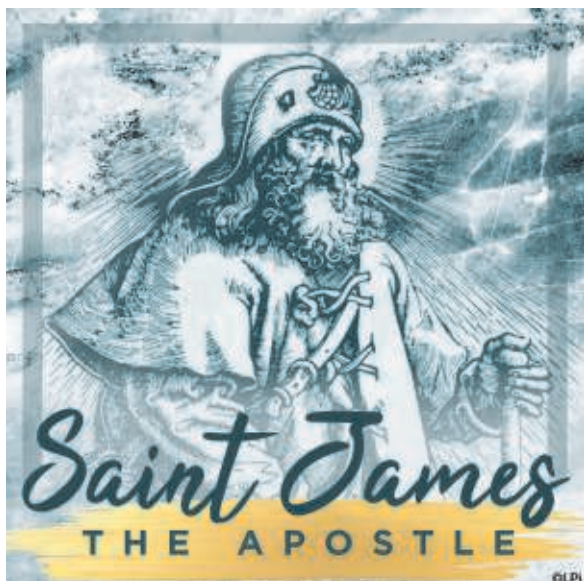
This week may be a blessed opportunity for all married couples to recall the great power in the Sacrament of Marriage.

In those moments when you're looking for some much-needed assistance in your marriage from the Big Guy above, try this simple prayer (W.I.T. Prayer):

Lord, do this **W**ith me, do this **I**n me, do this **T**hrough me.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"...We should provide the facts about the importance of marriage as a matter of child welfare and economic aspiration. As a society, we have launched highly effective public education campaigns on much less momentous issues, from smoking to recycling... For now, the decline of marriage is our most ignored national crisis..." -Time Magazine



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

Responsorial Psalm 1

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins . . . But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

LENT
a time to prepare



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

7:30AM Mass

3:30PM Liturgy of the Word

7:00PM Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent at 12:00PM and 7:00PM

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

An opportunity to declutter our lives, make space for God, and to gather and grow with each other. We hope you will journey with us!

Sign-Ups beginning this weekend, February 12 & 13
Small Groups beginning the week of February 28

For information, contact:
smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



10:00AM Sunday Mass at Saint James will now be livestreamed on our website! For those who are physically apart from the Saint James community, you are welcome to join us spiritually!

Visit www.saintjamestheapostle.org and click the Livestream button on the front page to access the video feed.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Second Saturday: February 19th at 3:00PM



Coming Soon: SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP



Saint 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 at prescottjw11@gmail.com.

Second Collection: February 19/20 Central & Eastern Europe Collection

In Eastern Europe, in the Caucasus region, the small country of Georgia nestles between Armenia and Russia. In 1921 Georgia was taken over by the Red Army and became one of the first countries to be incorporated into the Soviet Union. After 70 years of oppression under the Soviet regime, the Georgian people declared independence in 1991, and the Church entered a new era of freedom.

With your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE), the Church in Georgia has worked through the network of parishes to expand medical services to respond to the needs of these remote villages. Many of our brothers and sisters who live in these villages now have access to qualified nursing services, doctors, and medication. Your generosity is balm for the wounds of an abandoned people. You are bringing the light of Christ and strength of his healing so they know that they are not forgotten. Thank you for your generosity!

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 at 8:00PM on:
**February 23,
March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20**

For more info, contact Jo Ann Andrasko at jahocswim@gmail.com or 973-768-6222

Because of Covid concerns, all meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Please email Jo Ann directly for the Zoom link.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



SUNDAY
3.13.22
7:00-8:30PM

An evening of
prayer, music,
and reflection
led by the
Franciscan Friars
of the Renewal

at St. Bartholomew Church in Scotch Plains

Space is limited,
please sign up
through the QR
code below:



SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: "A LISTENING CHURCH"

Pope Francis has called for the people of God and clergy to convene and work together to listen and discern a vision for the future of the Church. Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road together. The Synod on Synodality is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be.

There are three questions that we are asked to pray over and consider. The Synod Prayer is on the back of the flier:

- How is this "journeying together" happening today in your parish?
- How are we "walking together" as a Church, and what steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?
- How are we "walking together" as the Archdiocese of Newark, and what steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?

There will be a number of ways for you to share your answers:

- The different ministries here at Saint James will be working together to answer the questions.
- You can share your answers on our website: saintjamestheapostle.org.
- You can reach out to one of us with your answers at: pastoralcouncil@saintjamestheapostle.org.
- You can send a written response to the Rectory in care of "Synod."

Additional information regarding the Synod, as well as a video message from Cardinal Tobin can be found on the Archdiocese website at: www.rcan.org.

As we begin our listening and sharing, we invite you to consider what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do, reflect and prepare your thoughts on each question. We are asking that you send us your responses by March 15th, 2022.



Robin Melleno | Ana Prescott | Nancy Starzynski
pastoralcouncil@saintjamestheapostle.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OFFICE: (973) 376-2061

FAX: (973) 376-4079

Today is World Marriage Day. As we pray for this vocation, we also give thanks to our parents for partnering with us in the faith formation of their children. Also today we welcome the Emmaus and Family Faith families to the 10:00AM Mass. We will discuss Ash Wednesday and the celebration and traditions of Mardi Gras.

No classes for Grades 1-6 this week.

8th Graders meet in the church on Tuesday evening.

Spotlight ON FAITH

Q. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a Church?

A. Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

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SACRAMENTS AT SAINT JAMES



BAPTISM

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

RECONCILIATION

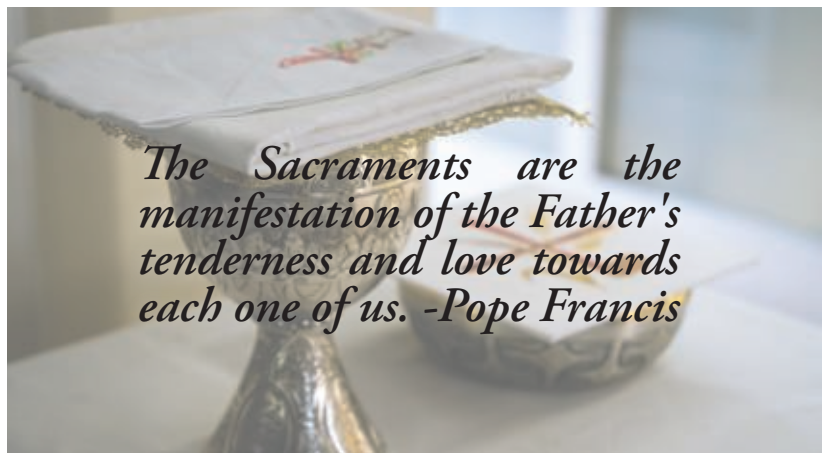
4:00PM on Saturdays
or by appointment.

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.



*The Sacraments are the
manifestation of the Father's
tenderness and love towards
each one of us. -Pope Francis*

MASS INTENTIONS, PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

5PM Vigil: Louise Driscoll
r/b the Aguinaldo Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

***NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00AM: Joe Driscoll
r/b Anne & Ed Fanning
10:00AM: Paul Centamore
r/b Family
12:00PM: Ernie Reedy
r/b Wife & Children

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Memorial of St. Cyril

7:30AM: For the People of Saint James

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:30AM: John Montana, Jr.
r/b Janice Montana

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30AM: Thomas G. Mannos
r/b Theresa & Michael Quick

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30AM: Alex Melleno
r/b Children

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30AM: Lidia Patuto
r/b Dean & Maryann Anderson

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

***NEW MORNING MASS TIME

8:30AM Ann Datzko
r/b Hayes Family
5PM Vigil: John Montana, Sr.
r/b Janice Montana

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

***NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00AM: Albert Martin
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly
10:00AM: John Collins
r/b Roethlin Family
12:00PM: Daniel Raimondo
r/b Evelyn Raimondo-Kaiser &
Marianne Van Volkenburgh

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.



SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James

BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL:

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, 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 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, 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 DIE

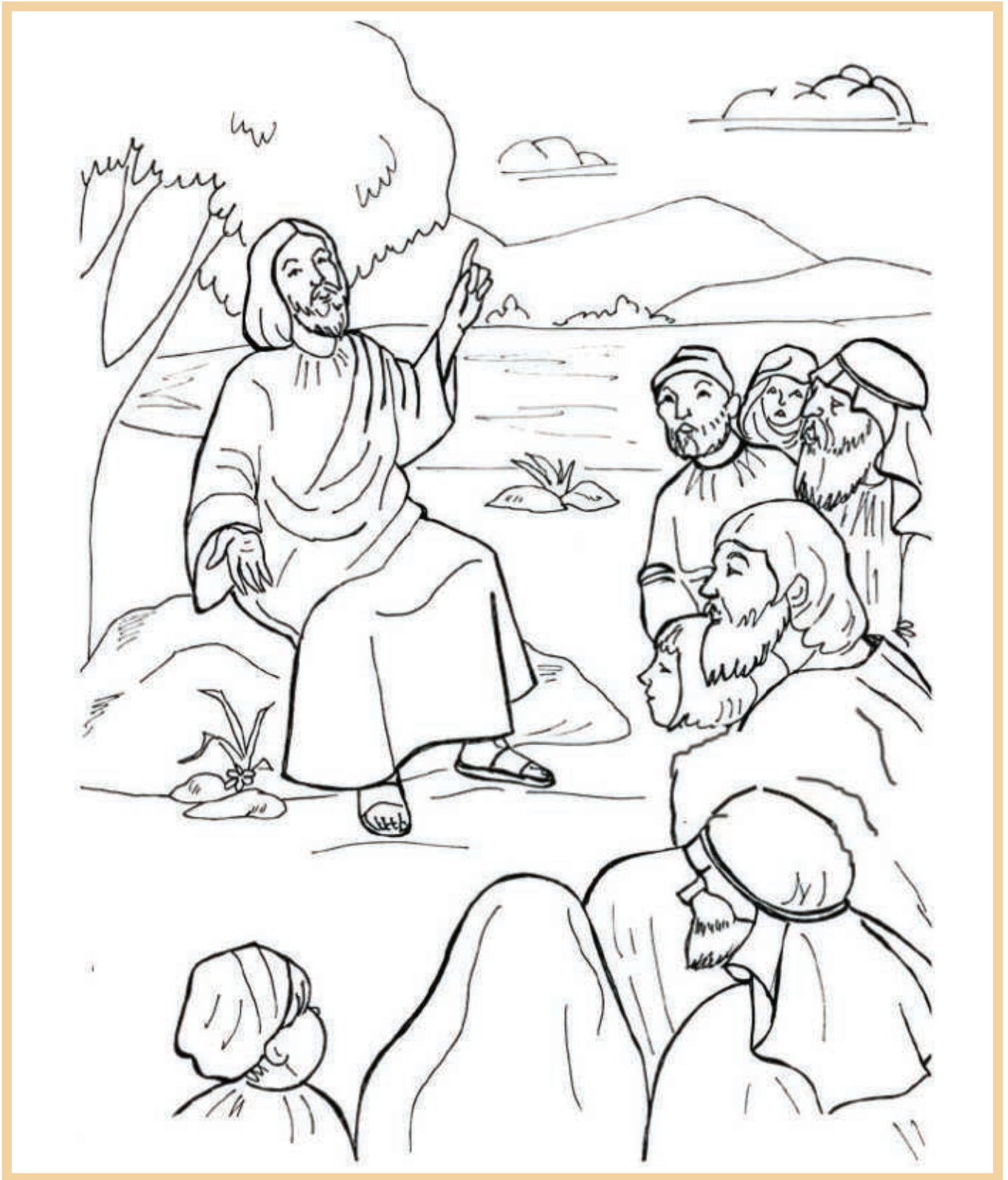
MaryAnn Bujnowski
Margaret DeGeorge
Reverend Robert P. Nestor
Maria Salgado
All who have died from Covid-19.

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

FOR THE KIDS

Blessed are You



Gospel

Luke says that God will take care of your needs. If you are hated and others make fun of you for his sake, he may bless you with friends. If you need a bed to sleep on, he may provide it. If you need food to eat, he may send you food. If you are hurt, he may send a doctor to care for you. If you need money, he may help you to earn it.

Prayer

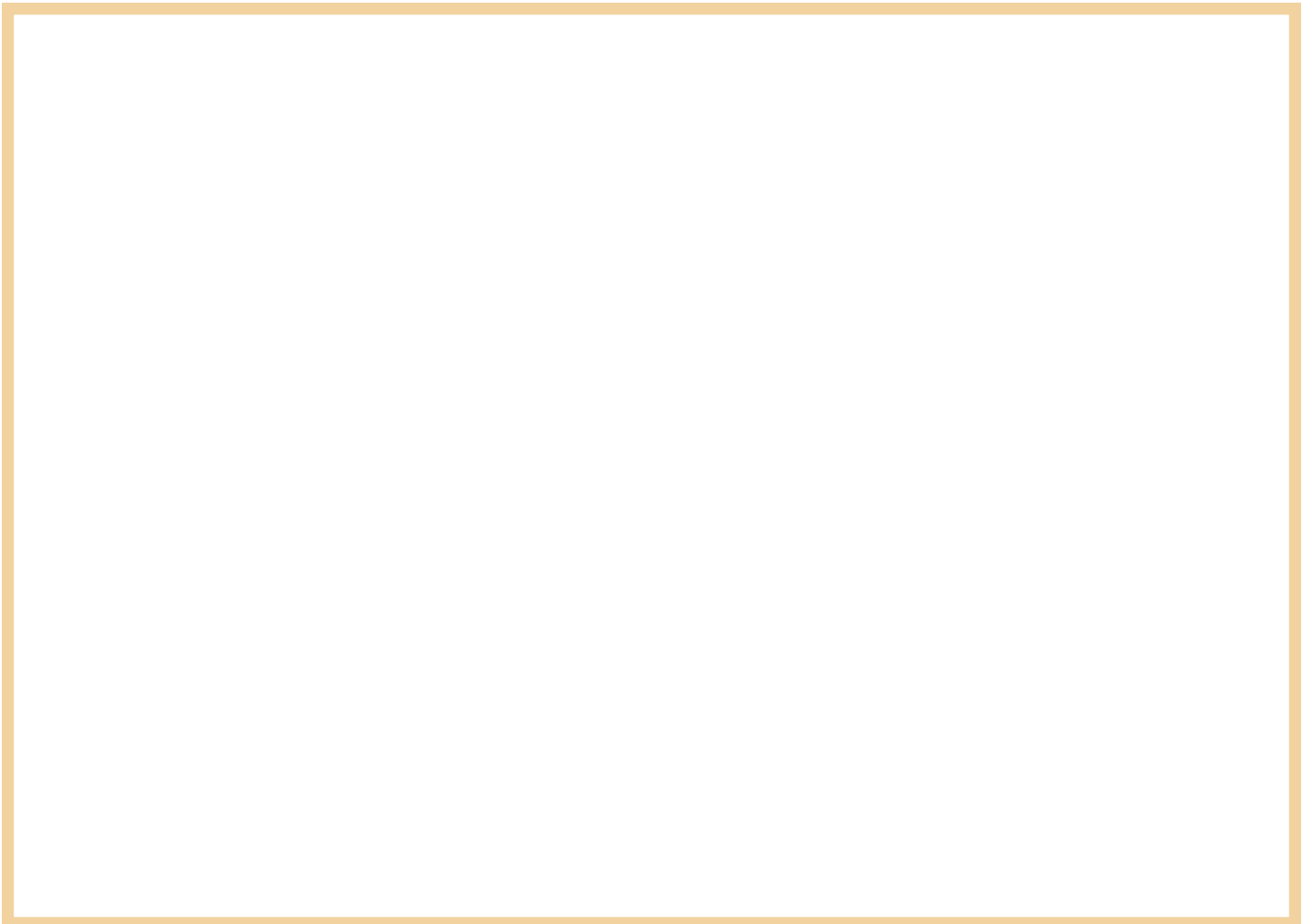
Lord, show me ways to share with a smile.

Mission

If I receive money for a gift, I will share it with someone in need.

Draw

Draw a picture of you sharing something with your friend.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals for February 5 & 6

Church Collection:	\$8,234.00
Online Collection:	\$2,920.00
TOTAL:	\$11,154.00

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.

EVERYDAY
Stewardship 

February 13th, 2022

"Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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!



FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Did you know? Funds raised above our 2022 Annual Appeal Goal come back to the parish. If you haven't already, please make your pledge today.

Remember... Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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