



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

FEBRUARY 20, 2022 | THE SEVENTH 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, February 26th:

- 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday, February 27th:

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

DAILY MASS:

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

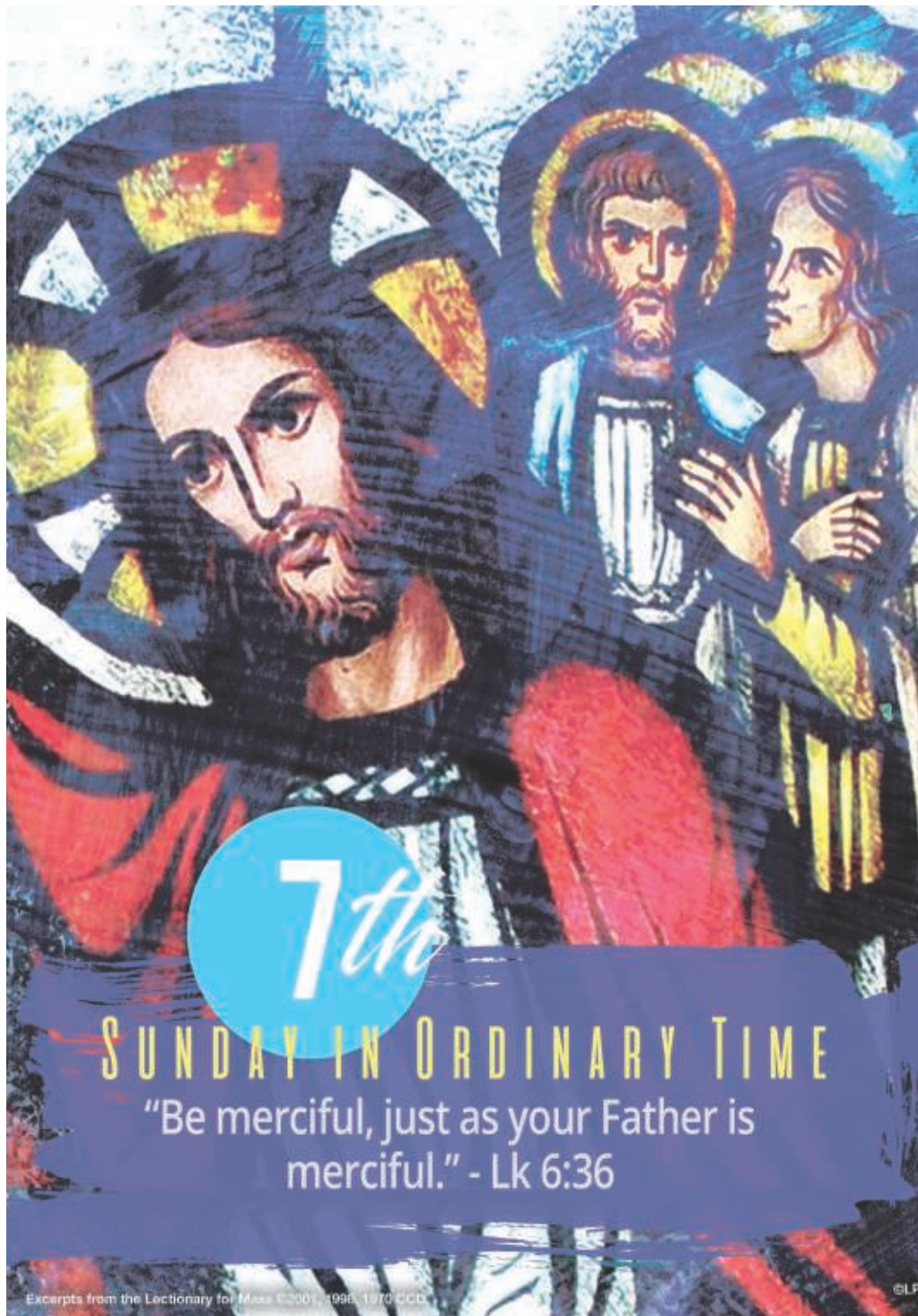
RECONCILIATION:

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

DEVOTIONS:

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

Eucharistic Adoration:
Second Saturday of the
month at 3:00PM



A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus teaches the Golden Rule, "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31), but immediately takes it one step further, telling his disciples to "love your enemies and do good to them." I would say that there is no commandment of Jesus which has caused so much discussion and debate as the commandment to love our enemies.

Note that Jesus isn't telling them just to passively tolerate them, but to actively do kind things for them. This is as countercultural now as it was then. It asks us to look at our enemies as God does: with mercy and love.

Friends, none of us is sinless, immune from judgment or condemnation. How often have we seen a public figure denounce a person or a group, or heard a friend bad-mouth someone else? Let us realize that the reverse could happen just as easily.

Our challenge is to reconcile with those we want to condemn, giving others the mercy God gives us.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Mercy is the image of God, and the merciful are, in fact, a God dwelling on the Earth. As God is merciful to all, without distinction, so the merciful must share benefits equally.

—Rabban Youssef Bousnaya, 10th-century Syrian monk

NEW AT SAINT JAMES - PRAY EVERY DAY THIS LENT!



INTRODUCING...

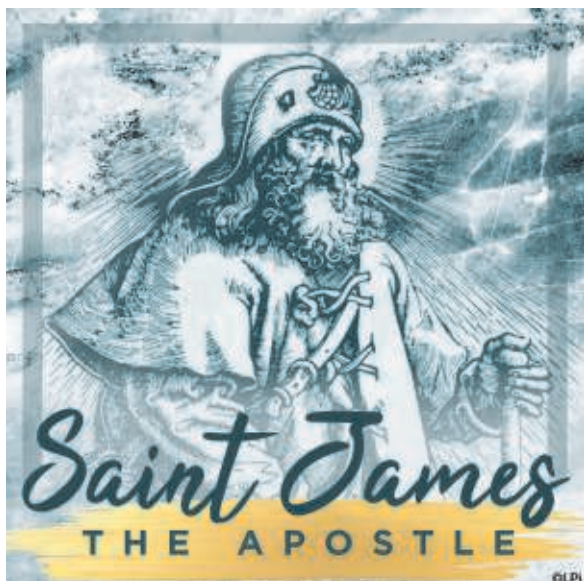
Hallow

St. James has partnered with the Hallow Catholic app this Lent to provide every parishioner FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content - including the #Pray40 Challenge featuring daily Lenten meditations on Jesus' Last Seven Words from His Cross.

Hallow can help you incorporate prayer into your daily life this Lent, especially if you feel like you don't have time. You can pray along with a Rosary on your commute, listen to the daily Gospel readings and a reflection while you're making coffee in the morning, and listen to a Bible story as you're preparing for bed at night. Hallow is a tool that will make prayer easy - and if you don't really know where to begin with prayer, Hallow can help!

Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes over 3,000 audio-guided sessions designed to help you grow closer to God. Hallow Plus includes prayers in Spanish, prayers for kids and families, resources to help you learn about the faith, and more. You can download the app from this landing page: hallow.com/holydaypackage. Search for "Saint James the Apostle in Springfield" to gain access to all the features of the app. You can also scan the QR code here with the camera on your mobile device to sign up.





SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: 1 Sam. 26

The Lord will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the Lord delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the Lord's anointed.

Responsorial Psalm 103

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 15:45-49

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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!

Contact the email address below to sign up.
Small Groups will begin the week of February 28th.

For information, contact:
smallgroups@saintjamesparish.org



2022 LENTEN REGULATIONS - ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

1. 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, March 6, 2022** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.**

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



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Spring Boutique Sale

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26
11:00 AM - 4:30PM

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

SAINT JAMES CHURCH PARKING LOT
45 SOUTH SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD NJ

Bring Friends

Join us for a fun day of shopping

Proceeds to benefit St. James Parish

Huge variety All brand new spring items

CASH Only

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.

These informal gatherings will provide men of the parish 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.

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

This week the Emmaus Group meets in the school building and attends the 10:00AM Mass. Grades 1 through 6 do not have class this week. Eighth Graders meet Tuesday evening in the church.

We wish you all a very happy Presidents' Day – enjoy the long weekend!

Spotlight ON FAITH

Q. Why do Catholics pray to Saints?

A. We really don't pray to saints as much as we ask them to pray with and for us. In the same way we ask other people to pray for us, we ask saints for their intercession and their spiritual assistance. So just as I ask my friend to pray, I can also call upon St. Peter, St. Augustine, and St. Catherine and ask their intercession and their prayers. We believe that because the saints are already in heaven they are close to our Lord and can petition him on our behalf for the graces and needs that we have.

But why ask the saints for prayer? Why do we believe it is possible? One of the four marks of the Church (that we pray in the creed) is that the church is one, along with holy, catholic, and apostolic (CCC §811ff.). The Church—past, present, and future—is united in faith, purpose, and mission; we are one body, and in Christ all time and all people are united. This is the great communion of saints that highlights the unity of the body of Christ. As Jesus tells us in the synoptic Gospels, our God “is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive” (cf. Lk 20:38; Mt 22:32; Mk 12:27). When we pray, we do so in union with the whole Church: saints and sinners, present and past, in solitude or community. We are one.

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SACRAMENTS AT SAINT JAMES



BAPTISM

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

RECONCILIATION

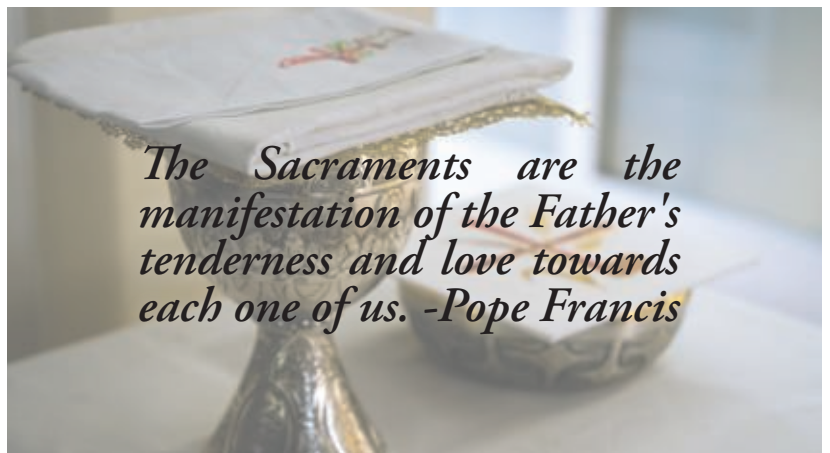
4:00PM on Saturdays
or by appointment.

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 19

5PM Vigil: John Montana, Sr.
r/b Janice Montana

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

President's Day

7:30AM: Edward J. Graziano
r/b Joseph Graziano

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Memorial of St. Polycarp

7:30AM: Maria & Goichino Zotti
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:30AM: Stephen Ciccone
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:30AM: Dudley Burlew
r/b Ed & Ann Fanning

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30AM Alfonso Medeiros II
r/b Olympia Lau
5PM Vigil: Jose Aguinaldo
r/b the Aguinaldo Family
Maria Del Mauro
r/b Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00AM: William Sincowitz
r/b Linda & Bob Donnelly
Barbara Germinder
r/b Mary Albright
10:00AM: Pasqualina Pacifico
r/b Daughter & Family
12:00PM: Paul Mendelsohn
r/b Silverio Baranda

SANCTUARY LAMP:

In Memory of Ray Cerreto
r/b the Cerreto Family

BREAD & WINE MEMORIAL:

In Memory of Norma Tsirikos
r/b the Cerreto Family



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 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 BAPTIZE

Logan Dow, Connor McCrea,
Samantha Laraway, Ren Rosenbruch

A TIME TO MARRY

Kevin Scott & Brittney Papa

A TIME TO DIE

Joseph Nahirny, Gabriella Stopper,
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

Lord, Hear Our Prayer.

FOR THE KIDS

Give and You Shall Receive



Gospel

Today you receive a big box of toys in the mail. A note says, "You can keep these or give them to the needy. Love, God." There is a baseball, basketball, computer game, dollhouse, kite, skateboard, and a yoyo. You hear Jesus say, "If you give to others, you will be given the same amount in return." So you decide to keep three and give four away. God is happy.

Prayer

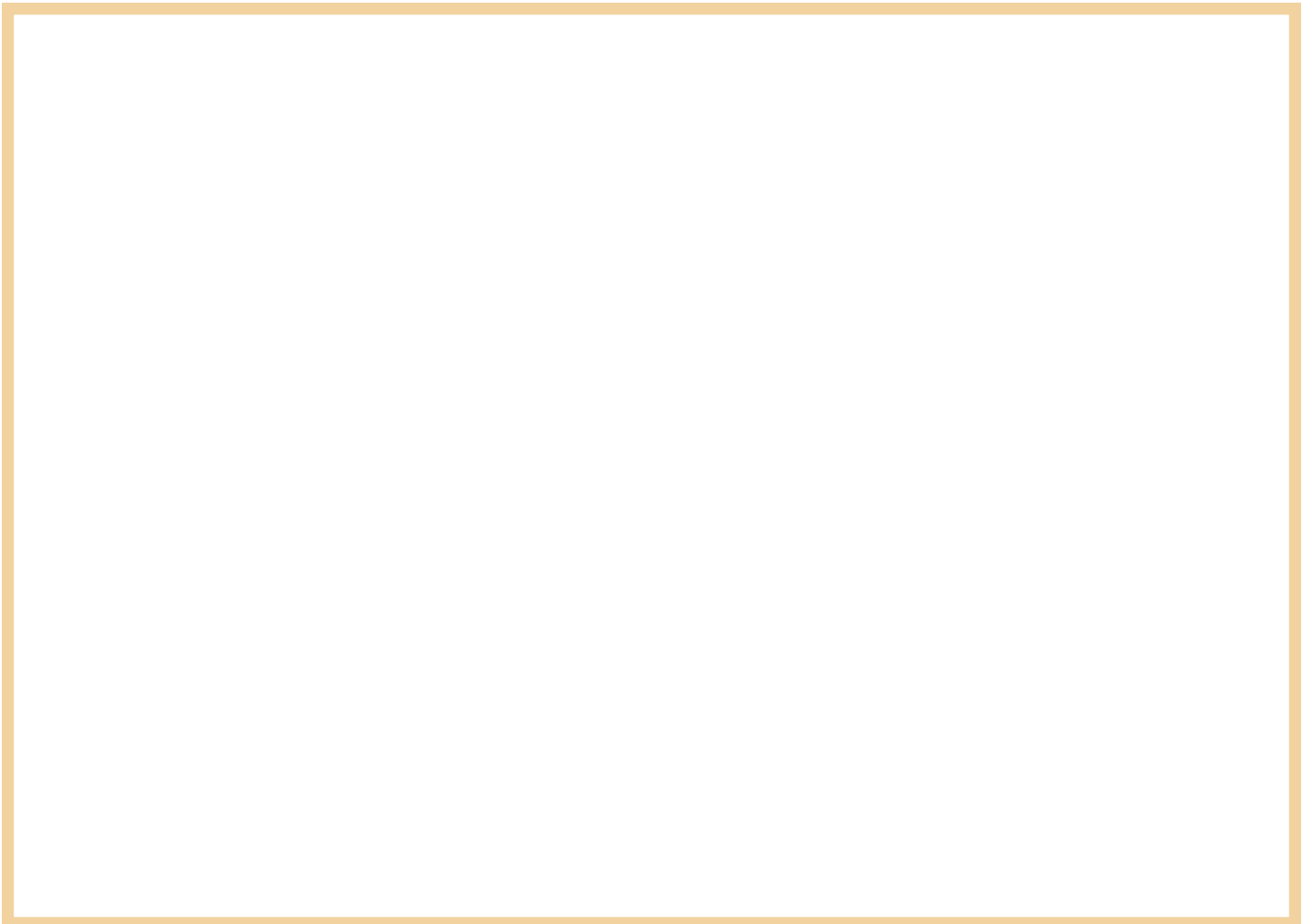
Lord, help me to share the good things I have with my family and friends.

Mission

When I receive a new toy, I will give one toy away to someone in need.

Draw

Draw three toys. Put a star over the ones you are willing to share.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals for February 12 & 13

Church Collection:	\$5,573.00
Online Collection:	\$2,497.00
TOTAL:	\$8,070.00

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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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 20th, 2022

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (Luke 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

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



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



P.F.C.

Parish Finance Council

FINANCE COUNCIL CORNER

Thank you to all who have made their 2022 Annual Appeal pledge so far. We're halfway to our Parish Goal, which we need to achieve by June 30th.



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