



SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

Roman Catholic Church

MARCH 27, 2022 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Saturday, April 2nd:

- 5:00PM - Fr. Dennehy

Sunday, April 3rd:

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

DAILY MASS:

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

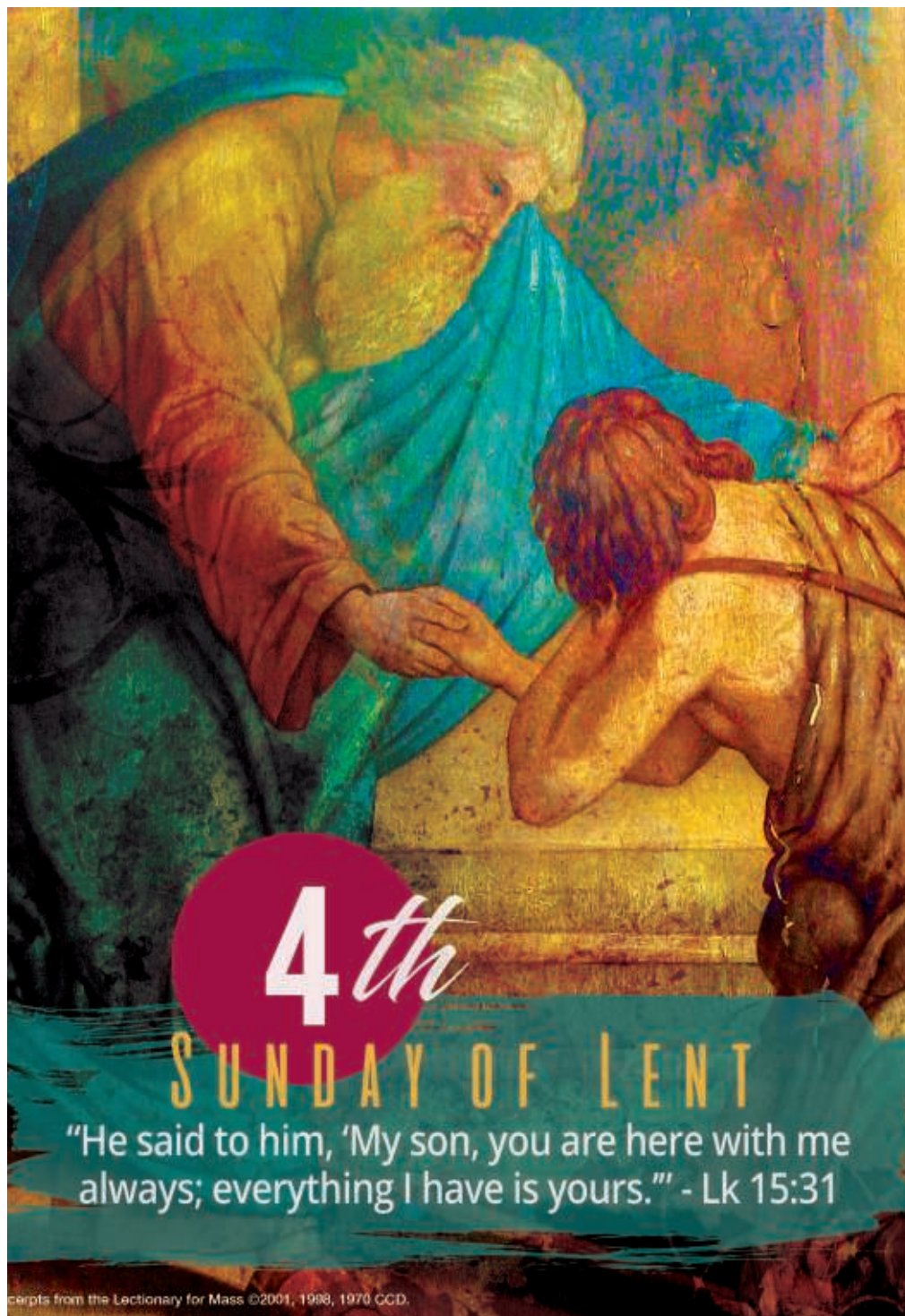
RECONCILIATION:

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:
Every Wednesday during Lent at 7PM
Second Saturdays at 3PM



A MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID



NEWS & UPDATES

Pastoral Visitation of the Most Rev. Elias Lorenzo

I think it is safe to say that Bishop Elias Lorenzo's Pastoral Visitation last weekend was a success! We are super grateful for his presence among us. In all honesty, it is unfortunate that the Archdiocese and its officials aren't always seen in the most positive light. Bishop Elias' visit, I truly believe, has helped to recast the Archdiocese in a positive light. He prayed with us, listened to us, and even shared a meal with us...yes, the wonderfully delicious St. Joseph Table!

St. Joseph Table

A big thanks to our Parish Life ministry for their work in organizing the effort of the St. Joseph Table. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Battaglia for the cured meat trays and pastries. Carmela Fusco provided delicious homemade zeppoli and orange salad (who ever thought fresh orange and olives would go so well together!). Vicki Sarracino generously provided the delicious bread and, along with Jill Vecchione, made the awesome stromboli.

In addition to Parish Life and the event's special contributors, a big thanks to the many others who assisted with setup and clean up...in the words of St. Joseph, "Un grande ringraziamento a tutti coloro che hanno contribuito a rendere l'evento così memorabile"...LOL!

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

I'm not sure if you remember, but a few years back the media mogul Ted Turner, founder of CNN and many other cable channels, described Christianity as a "religion for losers."

And like wisdom out of a fool's mouth, he was dead right, and St. Luke would agree! What Turner offered as an insult, St. Luke, in his Gospel and in the parable of the Prodigal Son, offers us as consolation.

You see; Yes, Christianity is indeed for "losers." ...

And that's because at some point in our lives we experience loss. All kinds of loss...Loss of money and security, loss of friendships and loss of confidence, loss of self-esteem and self-worth, the loss of life and the loss of Love.

Christianity is for those who have lost their way.

It's for those who have lost hope.

It is for the one who has lost a job and for the one who has lost a friend.

It's for the one who has lost his/her health and it is for the one who has lost his/her wits, and the many other things we lose on the journey of life.

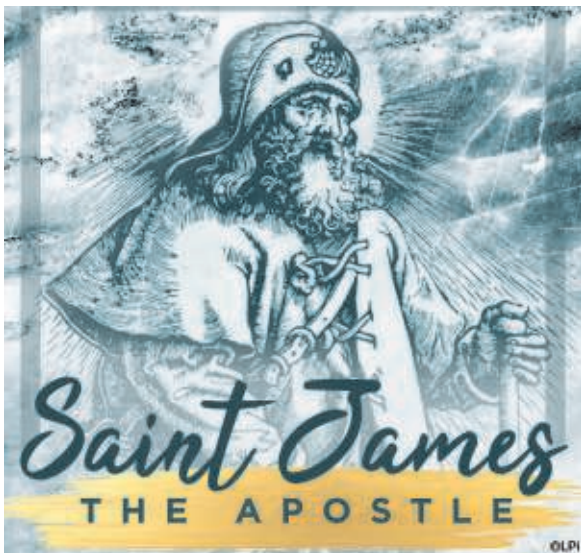
So, yes, Christianity is for the losers of this world. And today's Gospel parable is meant to touch and fill the heart of every loser in a special way.

Whether you've lost a little or you've lost everything, the invitation from today's Gospel is for everyone to FIND what God the Father so generously offers to each and every one of us - His Mercy and Love.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us."

—Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430)



SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover.

Responsorial Psalm 34

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

"But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found!"

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER *at Saint James the Apostle*



PALM SUNDAY

April 9 and 10

Saturday Vigil at 5:00PM
Sunday Mass at 8:00AM,
10:00AM and 12:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY

April 16

No Morning Mass,
no Reconciliation, and
no 5:00PM Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

April 14

Mass of the Lord's
Supper at 7:30PM
Night Prayer at the
Repository at 10:00PM

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 16

Mass begins at 7:30PM in
front of the Church with
the blessing of the New
Paschal Candle and Fire

GOOD FRIDAY

April 15

Children's Stations
of the Cross at 10:00AM
Good Friday of the
Lord's Passion at 3:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17

8:00AM, 10:00AM,
and 12:00PM

LENT CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 28th at 7:00PM

The season of Lent is a very fitting time to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Just like the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son from this Sunday's Gospel, God waits for us not with condemnation but with great love and mercy. He rejoices at the return of his children, no matter how long they may have been away from Confession. You are invited to come receive God's grace in this sacrament and return to the Lord, whose arms are always open wide for you. He delights in showing mercy (Micah 7:18).

PARISH EVENTS & MINISTRIES



Breakfast with the EASTER BUNNY

Continental Breakfast with Game and Crafts
Outdoor Egg Hunt (weather permitting)

St. James Gym
Saturday April 9th
10am - 12pm

\$10 Adults/\$5.00 Children 3 & Up
Children must be accompanied by an adult

*Reserve your seat
by March 31st!*



Fill out below and return to the Rectory or Religious
Education Office with payment by March 31st.
Make checks payable to "Saint James the Apostle Church"

Name:

of Adults:

Phone Number:

of Children:

For more information send an e-mail to
parishlife@saintjamesparish.org

Bethlehem Handicrafts

After Masses on April 2nd and 3rd

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their hand-made olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the church after all Masses next weekend, April 2nd and 3rd. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

Save the Date: Casino Night

May 14, 2022 | 7:00-11:00PM

Buffet Menu | Cash Bar | \$75 per person
Blackjack, Roulette, 3 Card Poker, and more
Play money, 50/50 and prizes!

All proceeds will benefit Saint James the
Apostle Parish.



**PRAY EVERY DAY
THIS LENT WITH**

Hallow

the Catholic Prayer
& Meditation app!

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 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 Catholic prayers and meditations, mental health content, spiritual and uplifting music, prayers in Spanish, prayers for kids and families, resources to help you learn about the faith, and more.

You can access our parish subscription at 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 and join in the #PRAY40 Challenge!



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. 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.

April 6 & April 20 at 8PM on Zoom

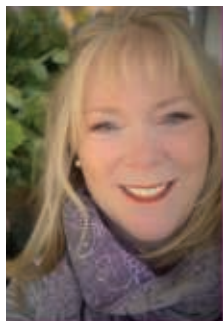
Contact Jo Ann Andrasko with any questions or to sign up: jahocswim@gmail.com or 973-768-6222

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The Power of Yes!

A FRIDAY YES FOR SUNDAY JOY
EVENING RETREAT FOR WOMEN
With Colleen Kelly-Rayner

Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00-9:30PM
at Holy Spirit Church in Union, New Jersey



With Mary as our model, let's break open the power of our YES to God. Colleen Kelly Rayner is an incredibly moving speaker whose message of Eucharistic devotion is so necessary to all of us. If you feel a longing in your heart, an unsettledness, or you just want to grow in your relationship with Christ, come listen to Colleen's witness of Christ's unending presence in our lives.

With the presentation there will be uplifting music, time for adoration and refreshments.

Contact evangelization@rcan.org with any questions.

Milestone Anniversaries

CELEBRATION AT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Cardinal Joseph Tobin will be celebrating Milestone Anniversaries celebrated during the 2022 year at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

5th & 25th Anniversaries:
April 24, 2022 at 3PM

50th Anniversaries:
May 15, 2022 at 3PM

LENT 2022

Reflect. Repent. Restore.

Holy Rosary

Every Monday at 7:00PM

Lenten Holy Hour and Evening Prayer

Every Wednesday at 7:00PM

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 12:00PM and 7:00PM

Lenten Confessions

Monday, March 28th at 7:00PM
(No Rosary on this Evening)

Chrism Mass

Monday, April 11th at 8:00PM at the
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
in Newark

FAMILY LENT RESOURCES



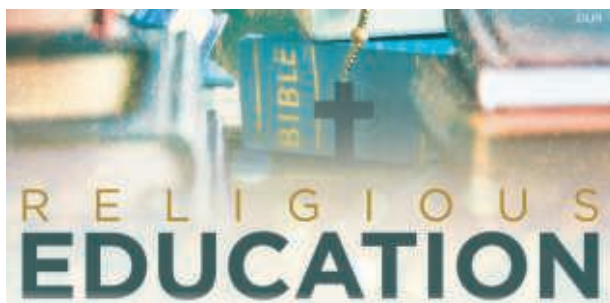
Scan the QR code with
your mobile device for re-
sources on living Lent as a
family!

For a full list of Lent offerings, events
and resources, please visit the Lent
page on our website:

saintjamestheapostle.org/len-2022

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart" . . . For he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting in punishment.

Joel 2:12-13



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As we enter into the fourth week of Lent we hope your journey is going well. Tomorrow, Monday, March 28 at 7:00PM is another occasion for you and your family to join us in our parish Lenten Penance Prayer Service with the opportunity for individual confessions. When we live and model the faith for our children, it not only reinforces our own need for forgiveness but becomes a part of their spiritual life.

Please see the Parish Events and Ministries pages in this bulletin for other ways your family can strengthen your Lenten journey this year.

Classes for 1-6 grades resume this Tuesday, March 29th for both virtual and in-person learning as well as our seventh graders.

If your child is not currently registered in our Faith Formation Program or entering first grade in September, please contact the Religious Education Office for registration information.

Spotlight ON FAITH

Q. Why do we go to Confession?

A. Another term for the Sacrament of Confession is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We go to this sacrament not only to confess our sins, but to be reconciled with God. Of course, this begs the question, "If I can pray to God on my own, why can't I be reconciled to God on my own?" In the seven sacraments, we recognize the importance of community. Sacraments like baptism or matrimony happen in the context of the wider church to remind us of the communal impact of our lives. We are not alone in our walk of faith! We don't need to confess our sins in front of the whole community – thank God! But going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored.

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SACRAMENTS AT SAINT JAMES



BAPTISM

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

RECONCILIATION

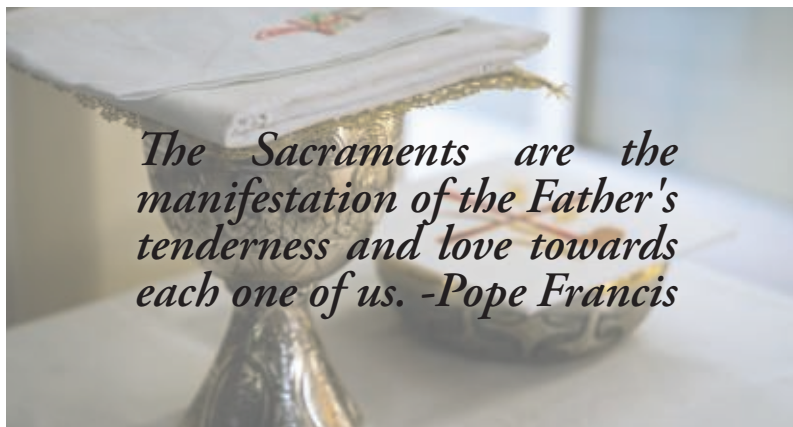
4:00PM on Saturdays
or by appointment.

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, MARCH 26

5PM Vigil: John Montana
r/b Janice Montana

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00AM: Sr. Joanne Jankowski
r/b Inneo Family
Ronnie Fusco
r/b Carmela

10:00AM: Eleanor McCusker
r/b Family

12:00PM: For the People of Saint James

MONDAY, MARCH 28

7:30AM: Bernard Cunningham
r/b Patrick Corbett Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

7:30AM: Charles Denney
r/b Yannazzone Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

7:30AM: Mercedes Agatep
r/b Aguinaldo Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

7:30AM: Thomas Mannos
r/b Lauren & Michael Quick

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

7:30AM: James Bratcher
r/b Ray Huff

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

8:30AM Eutiche & Marie Philantrope
r/b Micheline Philantrope

5PM Vigil: Mary & John Ostrowski
r/b Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00AM: Patricia Stalker
r/b Stalker Family
Bruno David
r/b Patricia David

10:00AM: Barbara Germinder
r/b Barbara Dlugosz

12:00PM: Bernie LoMacchio and
James & Eleanor Carney
r/b Patty & John Carney

SANCTUARY LAMP:

For the People of Saint James



BREAD & WINE:

In Memory of Raymond Alberti
r/b Joan Scelfo

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, Dana Kelley, Dexter Kennedy, Art Kistler, Irene Kurpieski, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Toni Ann Marabello, Maria Martino Fender, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Andres Montero, Timothy Morgan, Martin Muguerza, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Berit Phair, John Reiss, Ben Rumer, Anthony S., Richard Salort, Alice Serrao, Jack Silbert, 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 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

The Story of the Prodigal Son



Gospel

Everything you have is a gift from God - your body, your mind, your food, your clothes - everything! Sometimes people become proud, and they think they have earned God's gifts. Sometimes people run away from God and they waste God's gifts. Just remember, it is never too late to run back to God. Every good gift comes from God.

Prayer

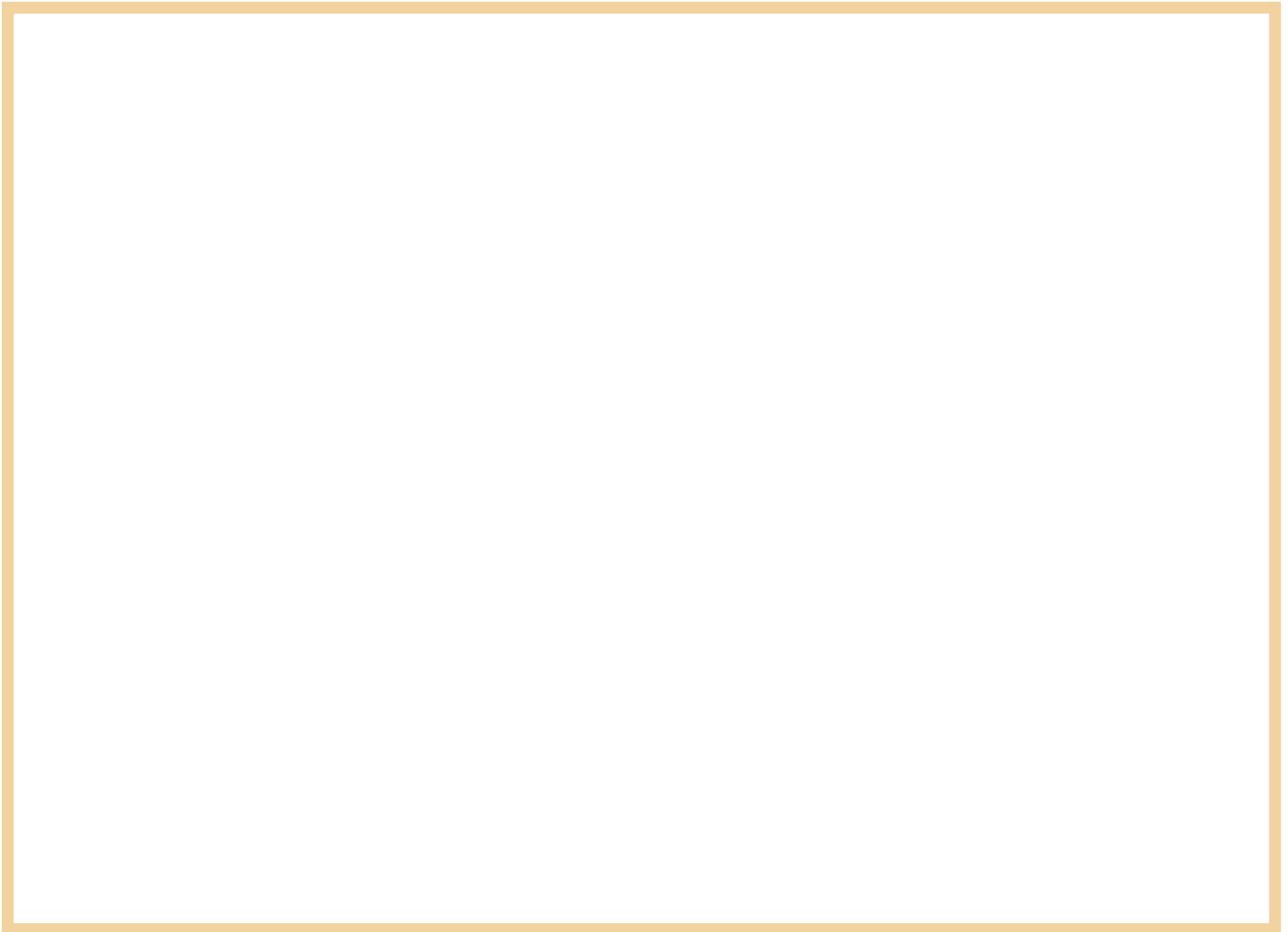
Dear God, help me to be truly thankful for all that you have given me.

Mission

Name three good things that God has given you. Say "thank you" to God for those gifts in a prayer.

Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus giving you a hug.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection Totals for March 26 & 27

Church Collection:	\$ 6,828.00
Online Collection:	\$ 2,930.00
TOTAL:	\$ 9,758.00

Black & Indian Collection \$ 610.00

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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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.



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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

Did you know?... 100% of the funds donated to the Apostle in Action Charity Fund are used to help those in need right in our own neighborhood. You can donate to this parish-based fund at any time but look for a special collection on Holy Thursday.

Remember... There are 5 benefits of Giving
Giving makes us feel happy.
Giving is good for health.
Giving helps social connection.
Giving evokes gratitude.
Giving is contagious.

STATUS REPORT FOR ST. JAMES | Annual Appeal
03/12/2022 114 PLEDGES



● RECEIVED ● PLEDGED ● GOAL: \$49,600



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