

SAINT JAMES THE LESS PARISH

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Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

John 14:23



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Religious Services

Morning Prayer

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm (Sp.), 5:00 pm

Confession

Thursday 4:30 pm, Saturday 3:00 pm or by Appointment

Holy Rosary

First Saturday 3:40 pm; First Sunday 9:40 am and 1:30 pm (Sp.) of each month

Adoration

On Thursdays, Adoration will be held in the Church from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. All are welcome to come for any amount of time. Confession from 4:30 to 4:50 pm.

Parish Mission Statement

St. James the Less Parish is a Christian Community of the Roman Catholic tradition. Our Parish Community is dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus, and as the people of God, are called to further the mission of Jesus. We will do this through the Word, Liturgy, Sacrament, Music, Ecumenism, Evangelization, Religious Education of our Children, Prayer and the Honoring of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will deepen our knowledge, skills and understanding of our Faith. We will be Faith based. Above all, we will foster Love by example and serve the needs of others to work towards economic and social development for all people.

A message from Fr Juan C. Gaviria

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

For working conditions Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Parish's Monthly Prayer Intention

This month, we pray a prayer of gratitude for the election of a new Pope, to lead us in the footsteps of Christ in accordance with God's will.

Stewardship Scripture Reflection

May 25, 2025 - 6th Sunday of Easter

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (JOHN 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

Ministry Schedule May 31st and June 1st

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
Saturday 4:00pm	Lois Castrovine	Charlotte Klecan	Nathan & Nevin Panichiyil
Sunday 8:00 am	Carmen/Misael Ortiz	Elaine Slabinski	Sammy & Lucas Ortiz
Sunday 10:00 am	Judy Pugliese	Michele Raimondi	Henry & Sean Alvarenga
Sunday 2:00 pm	Sonia Rodriguez	Lidia Daniels	Brandon Tlapale, Gael Reyes, & Hailey Herrera
Sunday 5:00 pm	Ryan Dunn	Christine Holmes	Kayla, Madelyn & Tyler Dunn



Requestors attending a Mass intention who wish to bring up the offertory gifts should notify an usher prior to the start of Mass.

MONDAY, May 26 | *Saint Philip Neri, Priest*

8:30 AM + Shawn Hoskins

R/B: Pat & Ed Moke

TUESDAY, May 27 | *Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*

8:30 AM + Restituto Balmaceda

R/B: Cabredo Family

WEDNESDAY, May 28

8:30 AM + Sophie Wetzel

R/B: Wetzel Family

THURSDAY, May 29 | *THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD*

8:30 AM + Robert Hudak

R/B: Eileen Pross & Family

FRIDAY, May 30

8:30 AM + Jessica Talnagi

R/B: Mom & Dad

SATURDAY, May 31 | *VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

4:00 PM + Loretta Bongo

R/B: Donna & Steve Maguire

SUNDAY, June 1 | *THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (OBSERVED)*

8:00 AM + Frank & Minnie Sasso

R/B: Phyllis & Gary Rediker

10:00 AM + Dominic & Josephine Nicastro

R/B: Connie & Angie (Daughters)

2:00 PM + Jose Bonifacio

R/B: Family

5:00 PM + Henry Acierio

R/B: Lisa Conti



"The Lord loves our brothers and sisters who are ill. With trust let us pray to him that he will comfort them with his grace."

David Adesso, Claudia Adesso, Kristen Aikens, Neil Armorer, Barbara Boyer, Denis Brady, Len Caglianone, Joe Conti, Charles Ferrito, Janice Gervasi, Finnley Hanway, Ellie K., Rev. Brian McCormick, Eileen R., Irene Resnick, Tony Rondinelli, Grace S., Peggy Schiller, Bill Sharp, Annette Sowa, Rev. Louis Stingel, Richard G. Tittel, Antoinette Tumas, Cathy Valendo

IMPORTANT

If you wish to add a name to the list in the **2025** bulletins, please call the Parish Office. 2025 names will be added and remain on the list for 60 days. Please notify the office if you wish to remove it sooner, or by the 15th of the ending month if you wish to keep the name on the list.

To add or remove someone on the sick list, please contact the Parish Office at 732-521-0100 or via email at jamestheless1800@gmail.com.



Week of May 26

MONDAY/LUNES

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a

TUESDAY/MARTES

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY/MIÉRCOLES

Acts 17:15, 22 -18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

THURSDAY/JUEVES

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

FRIDAY/VIERNES

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

SATURDAY/SÁBADO

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

SUNDAY/ DOMINGO

Acts 7:55-60 Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26



Baptism: Parents who wish to have their child baptized need to call the Rectory. Preparation classes are required and are by appointment only.

Sponsors and Godparents: Church law mandates that a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic over the age of 16. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (if married), and leads a life compatible with Church teaching. **We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.** Mass attendance is confirmed by envelope use. Please call the parish office to obtain a sponsor letter or for additional information.

Matrimony: Couples contemplating this Sacrament must contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance. All couples planning marriage must attend Pre-Cana classes or Engaged Encounter.

Ministry of the Sick: Parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Rectory.

Religious Education Classes: For information on Religious Education classes, please contact our Religious Education office at 732-521-1188. **Registration is now open.**

OCIA (formerly RCIA): Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the Parish Office for more information about the Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults which begins in September and runs through the following Easter.

Una carta de Rev Juan C. Gaviria

Esta sección del capítulo 14 del evangelio según San Juan, resume los temas de apertura del discurso de la última cena: la vida cristiana no se configura por la ausencia de Dios, sino a partir de su segura presencia; la presencia de Dios supera a la ansiedad de su ausencia y dicha presencia es la semilla de un futuro basado en el amor y no en el miedo.

Estos versos bíblicos también contienen algunos otros temas del discurso de despedida: la relación de Jesús con su Padre y la relación entre Jesús y sus discípulos que permite a estos últimos conectarse con el Padre. Jesús promete enviar a un Intercesor, quien les recordara a los discípulos todas las enseñanzas de Jesús y les traerá paz.

Jesús prepara por adelantado a sus discípulos sobre su ausencia, de modo que ellos perseveren en su fe y no se sientan solos hasta su regreso al Padre. Luego de estas apariciones posteriores a la resurrección, Jesús permanecerá con sus discípulos, de manera muy diferente a traes de los siglos.

De manera como nuestras celebraciones pascuales llegan a su fin, la liturgia nos recuerda que Cristo sigue con nosotros a través del Espíritu Santo, quien nos enseña todo lo que debemos de saber, nos recuerda lo que Jesús nos enseña y nos trae la paz.

REFLEXION BIBLICA SOBRE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

25 de mayo de 2025 - Domingo 6º de Pascua

"... No se turben sus corazones ni tengan miedo." (Juan 14:27)

Nuestra comprensión humana es limitada y no es suficiente para entender el inmenso poder de Dios. En lugar de confiar en Dios, a menudo pensamos que podemos controlarlo todo. ¿Quiere hacer reír a Dios? Cuénteles sus planes. La próxima vez que lo invada la preocupación, la ansiedad o el temor, dele gracias a Dios por lo que Él le ha dado y confíe que Dios tiene un plan mejor para usted. Haga de Dios su primera escogencia y no su último recurso.

Novena to the Holy Spirit (Spanish)



La Novena al Espíritu Santo se rezará diariamente desde el viernes 30 de mayo hasta el sábado 7 de junio a las 7 PM, excepto el domingo 1 de junio, que se rezará a la 1 PM.

Stay in Touch For Upcoming Events!

Interested in upcoming events at St James? Sign up for [Flocknote](https://flocknote.com) and receive regular communications on upcoming masses & services. Sign up to receive news via email and/or text.

There are 3 ways to sign up:

1. Scan the QR code below
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The Ascension of Our Lord Prayer

O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Savior and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labor diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work. ~ *Amen*

Weekly Collections

May 10-11, 2025

1st collection \$6,082

2nd collection \$1,672

Next week's 2nd Collection: Capital Improvements

May 11-12, 2024

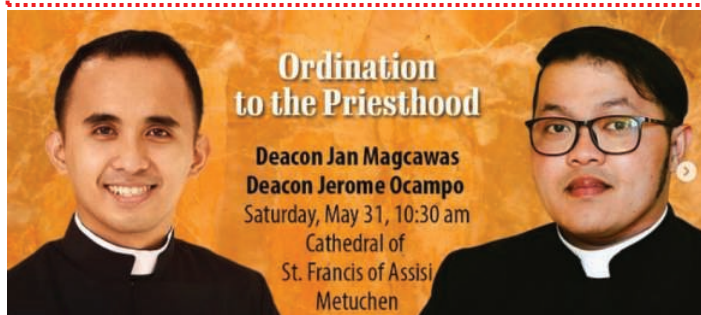
1st collection \$6,633

2nd collection \$1,858

Congratulations Confirmandi 2025

Confirmed in Christ

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Kaitlyn Mary Calleja	Frank Joseph Masiello
Joel Michael Cholula	Mason Joseph Munzing
Mark John Conde-Vilchis	Sofia Faith Nuccio
Brandon Gregory Craparotta	Angelo Martin Olachea
Yareli Rosa Cruz Sanchez	Mia Francis Pena
Jake John Fiordaliso	Olivia Katharine Perdoni
Melanie Mary Garcia	Vincent Michael Perna
Antonio Anthony Grajeda	Julia Faustina Pirog
Hailey Teresa Herrera-Cruz	Vihaan Pio Ramesh
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Food Donations

The next food collection at St. James will be during the weekend of May 31/June 1.

Items needed include: Pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly, tuna fish, tomato products, pasta, soup, diapers—all sizes, rice & beans, cereal, ketchup, mustard & relish.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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This Week on Formed Week of May 25, 2025



Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

This captivating film highlights St. Philip Neri's great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. Watch this film to learn more about the famous Apostle of Rome.



St. Augustine of Canterbury | Catholic Saints

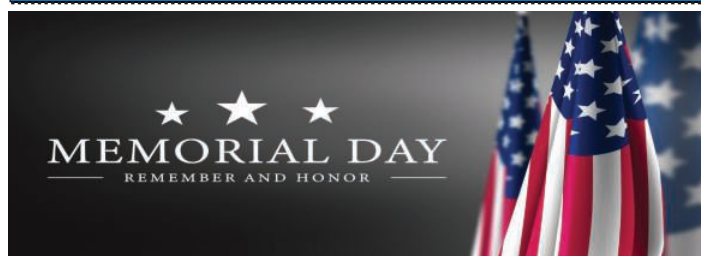
St. Augustine of Canterbury is often called the 'Apostle to the English'. A great missionary, St. Augustine was pivotal in converting the Anglo-Saxons to the Catholic faith. Join Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss this great saint and his witness to Jesus Christ.



St. Bede the Venerable | Catholic Saints

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss the holy life and witness of St. Bede the Venerable.

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The Parish office will be closed on **Monday, May 26th** in observance of Memorial Day. We remember and honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



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