

He said to his disciples,

"Why are you so afraid?

Do you still have no faith?"

Mark 4:40

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APRIL 18 2021



He descended into hell.



We've been saying it for weeks now as we recite the Apostles' Creed during Sunday liturgies. I bet this line makes some cringe even to the point of preventing people from saying it. So we should ask: what could this statement possibly mean, and why has it been enshrined in our creed?

The first thing to be said is that "hell" here is not referring to the state of eternal damnation that we as Catholics believe to exist, even if perhaps no one is enduring it (since the Church has never once definitively affirmed that any person is in this hell).

Rather, "hell" in the Creed is referring to what in Hebrew is Sheol or in Greek Hades—basically the "realm of the dead" or the "underworld," where people weren't really alive but just shadows of sorts. It's important to note that by and large in the Old Testament, hell is death because death separates a person from all other people and from God, since God's love doesn't seem to penetrate the realm of the dead. This hell may be likened to a feeling of intense loneliness, the complete opposite of togetherness or communion.

Therein lies the important point. We see that Jesus endured this utter separation and loneliness. Think of his cry from the cross: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? In letting himself be brought into this state of radical isolation, he is showing us that in fact God's love does penetrate even the realm of the dead, something thought to be impenetrable. He's reversing the Old Testament understanding that death = hell, and he's revealing that even in death there is life, since his love now dwells even there.

If he hadn't gone to the very lowest place (lowest in the sense of most isolated, not in a physical sense), his love would have a limit, and our own death would be true isolation. But knowing that Christ died our death is knowing that there's a divine partner waiting to accompany us through our own death, whenever that happens.

That's why we shouldn't be afraid. And even more, it's why we shouldn't shudder when we profess that he descended into hell.

WORSHIP & LITURGY

Please enjoy our St. James Parish Children's Choir singing "What A Beautiful Name" directed by Parish Children's Choir Director, Natalie Conseur.

Audio and Video by John Towner.

https://youtu.be/LU7bUgCLmx8



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Gospel Reflection for Kids

April 18 - Third Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:35-48

Today's passage continues the story of the two disciples who encountered the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus. They told the rest of the disciples that they saw Jesus. Jesus appeared to all of them, and they were terrified. Even though Jesus let them touch His wound, they still did not recognize Him until they shared a meal with Him, and He spoke words that helped them to understand the scriptures.

Thinking back now, was there a time this past week that troubled your heart? In what areas of your life do you need greater faith?



LIFETEEN





SUNDAY, APR 18 | Virtual Small Groups (Email Christina Hudson chudson@stjamesah.org for more information)

SUNDAY, APR 25 | Mass, Dinner & 4-Way Capture the Flag

PHOTO: Flag Football Night 2019

PARISH NEWS

Dear St. James Parishioners,

In a few days, thanks to your incredible generosity, work will begin to refurbish our bell tower and steeple. After nearly seventy years of service calling us to Mass, playing hymns, tolling for our departed loved ones, and telling us the time of day, it is time to do some structural repairs and cosmetic updating. The work is expected to take about three months to complete. Below is some information that you may find useful regarding the project:



- Scaffolding will be installed approximately the week of April 12 and will be located on all four sides of the bell tower.
- Work will begin the week of April 19, pending permit from the village.
- A small area of the parking lot between the church and the rectory will be fenced off for use as a staging area; eight parking spaces in this fenced area will not be available.
- The northwest door to the church will have a protected tunnel in the scaffolding; that door will remain available for entry into and out of the church.
- During workdays, the Arlington Hts. Rd. doors will not be open for use. And to keep us safe, the area outside these doors will be roped off and the doors inside the church will be cordoned off, as well.
- The Arlington Hts. Rd. doors will be available on non-workdays and on weekends.
- Normal work hours will be 7AM-3:30 PM; no work is planned for weekends.
- There will typically be two or three crew members on-site as space is very tight in the work area.
- The work crew will access the bell tower using the scaffolding vs. through the church.
- Construction noise will cease during Masses, wakes, funerals, and any other liturgical events in the worship space.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns during the project at 224.345.7207 or mhahn@stjamesah.org. I humbly ask for your prayers and patience as this project gets underway.

Sincerely, Deacon Matt Hahn

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Week 4: July 11-16, 2021

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For more information and to register, please visit: chicagopriest.com/events/totus-tuus/parent-information-registration

We are so excited to announce that we have Totus Tuus at St. James this year: July 11-16.
Camper registration is now live. Please note that we are directing everyone to the Vocation Website, where parents, staff and volunteers can learn more about Totus Tuus.

Join us for camp this year!



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Women of St.James invite all women of the parish to

BINGO FOR BABIES in support of Aid for Women

April 28, 2021

7 - 9 p.m. - Zoom Event



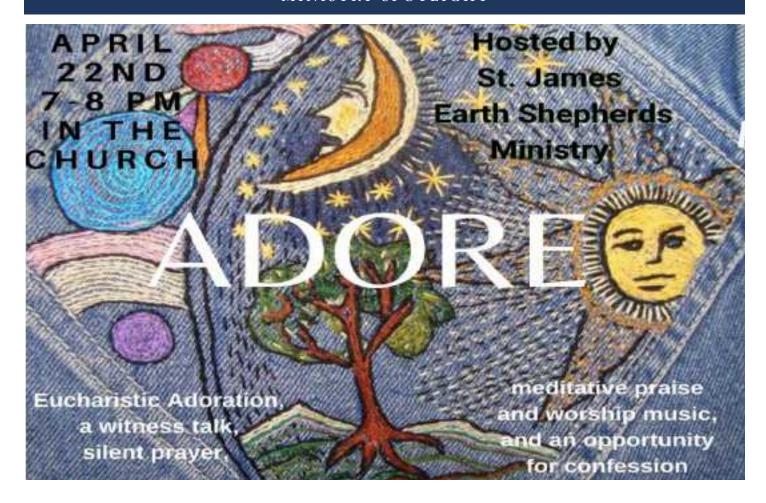


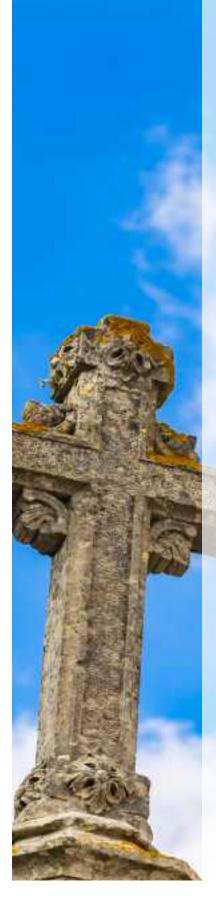
Let's play some BINGO for a good cause! We'll gather to socialize and learn how our ministry will be supporting Aid for Women through a virtual baby shower. All adult women are welcome—so invite your friends and family!

Aid for Women helps thousands of women each year in the Chicago metropolitan area who find themselves facing unexpected pregnancies. Each woman is provided with the emotional, practical and spiritual support that she needs to choose life for her unborn baby and to provide a better future for her and her child. Our life-affirming services are offered free-of-charge.

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT





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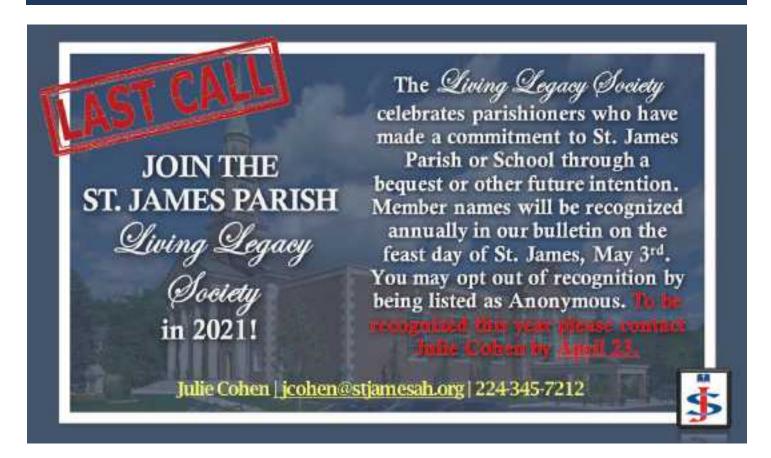
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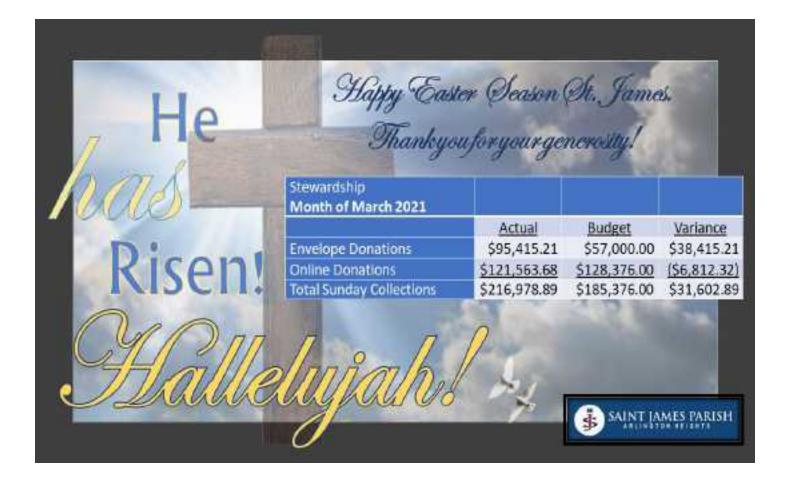
We are pleased to offer Moving
Forward in Hope, a monthly series of
evening prayer, connection, and hope.
Our goal is to create a safe place for
those living with or those caring for
someone with mental health concerns
to come together to pray and share
with one another.

We know connection is paramount to mental health and well-being. These virtual meetings will cover relevant topics and be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Moving Forward In Hope Tuesday, April 27th 7-8pm Click <u>HERE</u> to register

Questions?: Deacon Tom Lambert tlambert@ourlmc.org





WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick

Anna Kneesel, Jesus Ramirez, John Miller, Mary Womeldorf, Bruce Swanson

Rose For Life

The Rose For Life was donated by Marilee Cripe in thanksgiving for her son Daniel.

Wedding Bans April 23, 2021

Tim Wheeler & Kristie Eickhoff April 24, 2021

Kenneth Decal & Jennifer Jarrin

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday April17/18

Catherine Sabey, Emily Serafin, Richard and Catherine Lyons

Monday, April 19th

Debra Grego, Gus Heybrock, Chuck and Mary Heybrock, Irene Gawron, Tim O'Neil (2nd anniv), Ryan Popp (9yr Anniv), Cornelius Vanderwiel Jr.

Tuesday, April 20th

Larry Gorey, Jay Burger, William Conrath, Carlos Platon, Querubin Delos Reyes, Donald Vick

Wednesday, April 21st

Robert Rogers (1st Anniv), James Coy, Antoinette Pietrolonardo, Josepina Cordero Cardenas

Thursday, April 22nd

Joanne Crowdus Pierce, John La Monica, J.T. Foley, David Lindemann, Rosemary Brasher (64th Anniv)

Friday, April 23rd

Jason Michael Saccone, Georgia Czajkowski

Saturday 7:30am April 24th

Helen Marie Bailitz

In Loving Memory

Sr. Elaine Tworek (SLW) is survived by her sister Dorothy (Jack) Greene, her brothers Marc J. Tworek and Jim J. Tworek. Her 15 Nieces and Nephews, 37 Great-Nieces and Nephews and 32 Great Great-Nieces and Nephews.

Patrick Tortorello is survived by his nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

The new St. James Grief Support Ministry is about addressing your grief.

Are you struggling with a loss?

Having a hard time coping?

Join parishioners like yourself for conversation and sharing.

Contact: griefsupport@stjamesah.org and we will get back to you with details.

WEEKLY READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4). **Second Reading** — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a). **Gospel** — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,

17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;

Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 **Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69 **Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;

1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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Weekend Masses - All Masses are in the Church

Saturday 5:00pm Contemporary Sunday 7:00am Traditional Sunday 8:30am Traditional Sunday 10:00am Contemporary Sunday 11:30am Contemporary 5:00pm Contemporary Sunday

Weekday Masses (Church)

Monday - Saturday Mass at 7:30AM

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am—8:00pm Friday 9:00am—4:00pm Saturday & Sunday 9:00am—1:00pm

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Marriage - At least six months prior to your wedding date please contact the Parish Office about setting a date.

Reconciliation - Thursday - ADORE -Fucharistic Adoration and Confessions -7PM-8PM

& Saturday – 8-9AM following daily Mass

ADORE - Join us Thursdays in the Church for Eucharistic Adoration, procession of the blessed sacrament, a witness talk, meditative praise and worship music, silent prayer, and confession.



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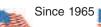
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