



# SAINT JAMES PARISH

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Luke 13:7a

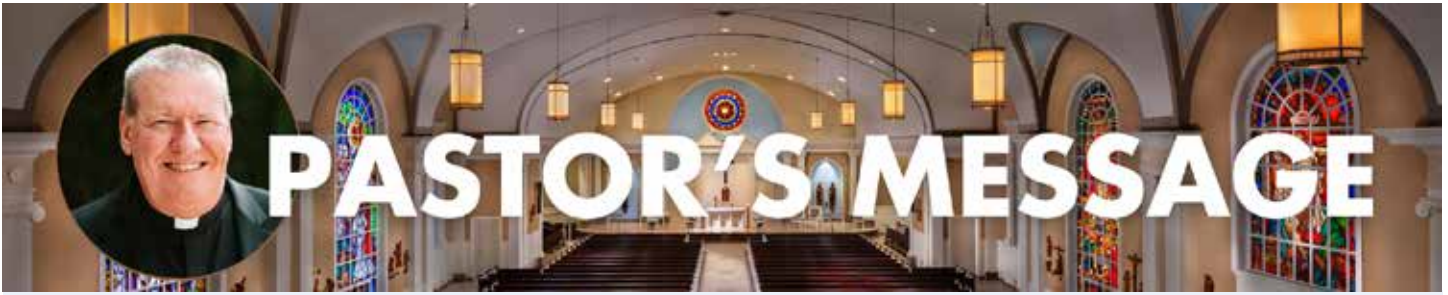


MARCH 23

2025

*BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.  
MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.*

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



## Today's Readings

### **First Reading:**

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you."

(Ex 3:14)

### **Psalm:**

The Lord is kind and merciful.

(Ps 103)

### **Second Reading:**

These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come.

(1 Cor 10:11)

### **Gospel:**

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

(Lk 13:5)

Dear Friends,

Lent is a time of reflection, sacrifice, and renewal. One of the key questions we are invited to consider during this sacred season is: what is the cost of discipleship? To truly follow Jesus means that we must be willing to change - transforming not just our actions, but our hearts. Discipleship is not passive; it requires commitment, discipline, and sometimes, great personal cost.

Jesus himself spoke about the tragic collapse of the Tower of Siloam in Jerusalem, where many lost their lives. This event reminds us that suffering and loss are part of our human experience, but it also challenges us to consider what we are willing to sacrifice in our journey of faith. What does it cost us to follow Christ? Often, it means letting go of comforts, habits, or desires that pull us away from God. True discipleship requires us to put aside selfishness and seek a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Him.

As we continue through this Lenten season for the next month, we are called to embrace the spiritual disciplines of fasting, prayer, and care for the poor (almsgiving). These practices help us realign our hearts with God's will, opening us to His grace and mercy.

Last Sunday, our catechumens and candidates for full communion with the Church took a bold step in their faith journey by participating in the Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral. The Cardinal welcomed the following individuals to continue on the path of discipleship:

Enxthi (Angie) Asan

Denise Connor

Gavin Coyle

Chris Filpi

Frances Filpi

George Filpi

Tama Filpi

Diane Frank

Michael Frank

Kylee Rayne Hoffman

Hussein Nazzal

Jason White

As these candidates and catechumens prepare to receive the sacraments at Easter, let us hold them in prayer, supporting them as they, too, answer the call of discipleship.

God Bless You,

Father Ed

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

## **Holy Thursday: April 17**

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.

## **Good Friday: April 18**

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.

Traditional Stations, 12:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday Taizé and Veneration, 7:30 p.m.

## **Holy Saturday: April 19**

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.

Blessing of Easter Baskets, 12:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m. (reception to follow)

## **Easter Sunday: April 20**

In the Church:

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Mass

In the Parish Center:

8:15 a.m. Mass

10:15 a.m. Mass



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The  
Passion of Christ

SUNDAY  
APRIL 6

2:00 pm & 6:00 pm  
St. James Church  
Admission Free

We are thrilled to host the Live Theater Production Company as they bring us their "Passion of Christ" play on April 6. Please note that beginning on Saturday April 5 there will be lighting and other equipment located throughout the worship space and the sanctuary. Temporary floor coverings will be placed in certain areas to protect our beautiful floors. We hope you will attend one of these powerful performances!



Presented by:



UPCOMING EVENT

1 APRIL

DINNER AT 5PM

FORMATION AT 6PM

ADORATION AT 6:30PM

TO  
**LEARN  
MORE**

SCAN THE QR CODE



[STJAMESAH.ORG/ENCOUNTER/](http://STJAMESAH.ORG/ENCOUNTER/)

EACH TIME YOU APPROACH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT REMEMBER THAT JESUS HAS BEEN

# ENCOUNTER

WAITING FOR YOU FOR TWENTY CENTURIES FOR THIS PERSONAL VISIT FROM YOU.

## PRAYER AND REFLECTION



### COME AND PRAY WITH US

#### Soup & Stations of the Cross for Mental Health

Join us: Friday, March 28 at Our Lady of the Wayside for a special Stations of the Cross to pray for those affected by mental illness. Soup will be served at 6pm with Stations of the Cross starting at 7pm.

#### We need your help.

Please help us better understand your needs through filling out this very short survey. All responses will be confidential. Scan the QR Code or reach out to us at 847-253-5390 or [mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org](mailto:mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org). Thank you.



A MINISTRY FOR ST. EDNA, OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE AND ST JAMES

## MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

This Lent Be

# Forgiven

### Extra Dates for Confession:

Monday, April 7 from 7-8:30 pm at Our Lady of the Wayside, A.H.

Tuesday, April 8 from 3-5 pm at St. Edna, A.H.

Wednesday, April 9 from 7-8:30 pm at St. Mary, B.G.



not sure how to go to confession?

← scan here for a guide

[bit.ly/confession-guidebook](http://bit.ly/confession-guidebook)



...MAY GOD GIVE YOU  
PARDON AND PEACE,  
AND I ABSOLVE YOU  
FROM YOUR SINS...

# MINISTRY EVENTS



## Women's **Welcome**

**4.26.25**

*all-day retreat*

Register Today



[stjamesah.org/womens-welcome-retreat](http://stjamesah.org/womens-welcome-retreat)

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Evening speaker:   
Rev. James Presta  
Pastor at St. Emily Church



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# THEATRE MINISTRY

## Recap: Audition Workshop



*Take the stage this summer!*



SCAN TO SIGN UP FOR  
AUDITIONS

ST. JAMES THEATRE PRESENTS

ROALD DAHL'S

# Matilda

THE MUSICAL

JULY 10-13 | JULY 17-20

AUDITIONS MARCH 31 AND APRIL 2

Questions?

[producer@stjamestheatre.org](mailto:producer@stjamestheatre.org)



SENIORS



St. James Evangelization team hosted the Seniors for their spring luncheon, March 12. The event included Bingo with Catholic Trivia. A delicious luncheon was provided by Nino's.

On March 17, The Over 50 group learned about Pope Francis' calls to action from Fr. Bill while enjoying pot luck lunch. Fr. Stein judged the soda bread contest.

Over 50 Group

Stations of the Cross  
Fridays during Lent  
4:00 pm  
in the church.

All are welcome

Call Geri with any  
questions.

847-398-2097



Please  
Note:  
**EARLY DEADLINES**  
For the Bulletin

HOLIDAY	DATE	DEADLINE
Palm Sunday	4/13 issue	Friday, 4/4
Easter	4/20 issue	Wednesday, 4/9

Please email all bulletin requests to  
Natalie Conseur  
[nconseur@stjamesah.org](mailto:nconseur@stjamesah.org)

**Easter Remembrances**  
DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 7 FOR NAMES TO BE PRINTED IN THE EASTER BULLETIN

If you would like to create a tangible remembrance of a loved one, you are invited to help fund the Easter season décor in the church. A donation of \$25 per remembrance would be appreciated. Contributions received by Monday, April 7 will have their names printed in the Easter bulletin. To participate, please scan the QR code or visit [www.stjamesah.org/easter-remembrances](http://www.stjamesah.org/easter-remembrances) and fill out the form there to request and donate.




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# OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## Mass Intentions

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### Saturday, March 22

5:00 Stephen Morganthaler (1st Anniv.)  
Julia Luczak  
Henry Blazej  
Pasquale & Vita Coppola

### Sunday, March 23 3rd Sunday of Lent

7:00 For the people of the parish  
8:30 Richard Lyons (33rd Anniv.)  
John Micheli  
John Kordek  
Pat Gasey (1st Anniv.)  
Ron Schaefer (6th Anniv.)  
10:00 Vittoria Nudo  
Donald A Smith  
Diane Balas Oltendorf  
Jim McNamara  
11:30 Mark Farrar  
Eli Favale  
Monse Arce  
Carmen Santiago  
5:00 Flora Baxter

### Monday, March 24

7:30 Kevin Callahan (1st Anniv.)  
Maurice Healy  
12:00 Maurice Healy  
Jack Gavin  
Quinnlan Shields

### Tuesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 Gerald Garlick (1st Anniv.)  
Brent Viola  
Rosalie Constertina  
Wilmer "Bill" Martin

### Wednesday, March 26

7:30 Sean Danaher  
Lorraine Trippiedi (1st Anniv.)  
Margaret Ruane Mulcahy  
Vincent E. Villinski  
Frank & Victoria Bosco  
David Quirsfeld  
12:00 Louise Lindemann (3rd Anniv.)

### Thursday, March 27

7:30 Philip Krueger  
Jim Roller  
Bill Roller

### Friday, March 28

7:30 Thommen Simon (26th Anniv.)

### Saturday, March 29

7:30 M.J. Healy  
Gary Tatje (8th Anniv.)

## In Loving Memory

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Geraldine Kelly  
George Mazurek

## Please pray for our sick

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Andy Kaplan  
Lucy Detlefsen  
David Crowdus  
Norine Naselli  
Richard Fung  
Raimundas "Ray" Lapsys  
Our Holy Father, Pope Francis

## Recent Baptisms

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**Ava Sophia Longueil**, child of  
Timothy Longueil and Jacqueline (Gonzalez) Longueil

**Lillian Lorraine Wollney**, child of  
Michael Wollney and Eileen (Mazanek) Wollney

**Lee Allen Butler**, child of  
Trevor Butler and Stephanie (Valerio) Butler

## Celebrant Schedule, March 29-30

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**5:00** Fr. Paul  
**7:00** Fr. Michael  
**8:30** Fr. Michael  
**10:00** Fr. Ed  
**11:30** Fr. Ed  
**5:00** Fr. Paul

## Readings for the week of March 23

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**Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/  
Lk 13:1-9 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn  
4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**Next Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## PARISH INFORMATION

# DON'T FALL BEHIND

STAY CURRENT WITH THIS WEEK'S EVENTS  
AND WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

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JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST



### PARISH MINISTRIES

**Earth Shepherds** provides opportunities to learn about the relationship between Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and our responsibility to be stewards of God's Creation. [sjearthshepherds@gmail.com](mailto:sjearthshepherds@gmail.com)

**Grief Support Ministry** is about helping with your grief. Are you struggling with a loss? Having a hard time coping? We meet twice per month. Please email the address below for more details. [griefsupport@stjamesah.org](mailto:griefsupport@stjamesah.org)

**Jr. Ambassadors** is a group for all children of St. James to practice their faith in service to others and as an example of our Catholic faith to everyone. Jr. Ambassadors act as representatives and promoters of our faith while learning about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and Catholic Social Teaching. [kcoughlin@stjamesah.org](mailto:kcoughlin@stjamesah.org)

**Loaves and Fishes Ministry** provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood. [stjameslandf@gmail.com](mailto:stjameslandf@gmail.com)

**Men of St. James** provides opportunities for Christian fellowship through social, spiritual and service activities for men of the parish at least 21 years of age. [msj@stjamesah.org](mailto:msj@stjamesah.org)

**Mental Health Ministry** provides support, education and awareness to our parish communities on issues related to mental health. Strives to provide resources of support, education and hope. [tsherva@gmail.com](mailto:tsherva@gmail.com)

**Ministers of Care** bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to leave their homes or are in care homes. Ministry volunteers must complete a mandatory training session and follow Archdiocesan guidelines. [ministryofcare@stjamesah.org](mailto:ministryofcare@stjamesah.org)

**Moms Plus** provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James. [momsplus@stjamesah.org](mailto:momsplus@stjamesah.org)

**Music Ministry** We strive to create music that is rich with quality, enthusiasm, and participation. Join one of our ensembles to be part of our musical community. [tcenseur@stjamesah.org](mailto:tcenseur@stjamesah.org)

**Over 50 Social Club** provides social outings, game days, cards, speakers, parties, current events/news and spirituality to any parishioner over the age of 50. [stecstan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stecstan@sbcglobal.net)

**PADS Outreach** provides safety, temporary shelter and services to the unhoused. [st.james.pads@gmail.com](mailto:st.james.pads@gmail.com)

**Parish Pastoral Council** serves as a representative body of the St. James parish community, guided by the Holy Spirit. [PPC@stjamesah.org](mailto:PPC@stjamesah.org)

**Peace & Justice Ministry** educates the faithful on the Catholic social teachings, supports and complements parish ministries and empowers people to transform lives and society, both locally and globally. Meets the last Tuesday of each month.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** creates a wide variety of shawls for anyone in need of prayers or blessings. We pray as we knit or crochet, and meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month to bless the fruits of our labors. [prayershawlministry@stjamesah.org](mailto:prayershawlministry@stjamesah.org)

**Respect Life Ministry** strives to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death. [mschoney@astound.net](mailto:mschoney@astound.net)

**Stepping Stones** raises awareness, promotes understanding and prevents relational violence by educating communities and providing referrals to victims and survivors of emotional, financial, physical and sexual abuse. (IL Domestic Violence Helpline: 877-863-6338), [steppingstones@stjamesah.org](mailto:steppingstones@stjamesah.org)

**St. Vincent de Paul** provides emergency, short-term financial help for anyone living within the parish boundaries. For information on volunteering for or using this service, call the Parish Office followed by x8517. All requests kept confidential.

**Women of St. James** provides support to Catholic women who are committed to growing and sharing their faith through sisterhood and service. [wosjministryleads@gmail.com](mailto:wosjministryleads@gmail.com)

Beyond Sunday  
**Pray** with us

Holy Hour on  
Thursdays at 6pm

evening prayer | rosary | benediction | confession


# YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

WILLOWS ACADEMY PRESENTS

## THE VIRTUES AS SUPERHABITS

Thursday, March 27th


In this Willows Academy keynote, Dr. Andrew Abela will discuss St. Thomas Aquinas' system of virtues and how parents can foster the superhabits that lead to lasting joy and improved physical, mental, and emotional health in their families.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**DR. ANDREW ABELA**

6:00 PM Wine and Cheese | 7:00 PM Keynote  
Willows Academy | 1015 Rose Ave, Des Plaines, IL

For more information and to RSVP visit [willowsacademy.org/event/andrew](http://willowsacademy.org/event/andrew)



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*Ray's Great Gifts*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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### Friday Fish Fry Dinners

**March 21 & 28**  
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A Rabbi, an Imam, a pair of Priests, and a learned Woman walk into a gym...

## No Joke!

Join us this Lent and hear what leaders of different faiths have to say as they honestly discuss issues all congregations face today.

Share a simple soup supper at 6:00 pm  
Then, pull up a chair at 6:30 pm and listen as our panel of experts pumps you up in St Raymond's Gym!

### Thursday, April 10, 2025



Register on iVolunteer using the QR CODE  
Sign up to bring a crockpot of homemade or store-bought soup!  
Questions ? Contact [jillheinking@gmail.com](mailto:jillheinking@gmail.com)



St. Raymond De Penafort Parish Life Center (Gym) Door 26  
Lincoln Street and I-Oka Ave, Mount Prosepect




*A Ministry to Catholic Women*

## Ladies, Come Join Us!



### Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**  
**9AM - Noon**  
**Early-Bird RSVP - \$30**

Location: St. Mary's Catholic Church  
10307 Dundee-Huntley Rd Huntley, IL 60142



*Sister Jaime Mitchell*

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Beyond Sunday  
**Worship**  
with us during the week

**Lent Daily Mass**  
Monday - Saturday at 7:30am  
Monday - Friday at Noon

## LAST RITES/ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call (224) 345-7200 ext. 8510 (24 hours a day, seven days a week)

## MASS SCHEDULE

Lent Daily Mass: M-F 7:30 am & Noon  
Sat. 7:30 am

Saturday 5:00 pm Praise & Worship Ensemble  
Sunday 7:00 am Cantor and Organ  
Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Choir & Organ  
Sunday 10:00 am Contemporary Choir  
Sunday 11:30 am Contemporary Choir  
Sunday 5:00 pm Praise & Worship Ensemble

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

## SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

**BAPTISM** - Please call the Parish Office with preferred date at least one month in advance.

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

**HOLY HOUR** - Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the church for procession of the blessed sacrament, evening prayer, rosary

**CONFESSION** - Thursdays at 6:00 pm & Saturdays at 8:00 am

**THE ADORATION CHAPEL** - open to the public,  
M-F 6:30 am - 8:30 pm; Sat & Sun 6:30 am - 6:30 pm  
or 24 hours a day for committed adorers.

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