



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

The angel

showed me the holy
city Jerusalem
coming down out of
heaven from God.
It gleamed

WITH THE SPLENDOR OF
God.

REVELATION 21:10-11

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25

2025



Today's Readings

First Reading:

If you keep free of these,
you will be doing what is
right.

(Acts 15:29)

Psalms:

O God, let all the nations
praise you!

(Ps 67)

Second Reading:

The city had no need of
sun or moon to shine on
it, for the glory of God
gave it light, and its lamp
was the Lamb.

(Rv 21:23)

Gospel:

"Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do
I give it to you."

(Jn 14:27)

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God.

Revelation 21:10

Dear Friends,

The Google definition of the word apocalypse, "In Ancient Greek, "apokalypsis" (ἀποκάλυψις) means "revelation" or "uncovering." It refers to something being revealed, disclosed, or laid bare, especially in the context of supernatural or divine information being made known."

The final book of the Bible, Revelation, is also known as the Apocalypse. Many people associate the word with destruction or damage on a catastrophic scale. Many interpret this book as predictions or prophecies of the end of the world. But our Catholic understanding of the Book of Revelation focuses on the visions John received of the Heavenly liturgy, of which our liturgy on earth is a foretaste and a reflection.

Pope Leo XIV spoke eloquently last week about the Eastern liturgy, calling attention to the need to recover the sense of mystery expressed in Eastern liturgies; the importance of rediscovering the sense of the primacy of God and of mystagogy; and the need for, "penance, fasting, and weeping for one's own sins and for those of all humanity." He highlighted the

"medicinal" value of Eastern traditions of spirituality that combine, "the drama of human misery with wonder at God's mercy."

A question we can ask ourselves as we attend the Mass and worship God is this: Who is the primary actor in the liturgy? – actor not in the sense of theatre, but in the sense of the One who is performing the action. Jesus is the primary actor in the Mass. His sacrifice of self is made present. He gives Himself lovingly to the Father, and invites us into that sacrificial act. Herein is the mystery, the transcendence, the supernatural which is at the heart of the liturgy.

My hope is that over the coming months we will dive more deeply into this reality of the Church's worship of God, and learn to unite ourselves more intimately with the exchange of love between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

Memorial Day Notes

In observance of the holiday, the Parish Office will be closed this Monday, 5/26.

There will be one daily Mass at 7:30 am; the noon Mass is cancelled.

NEWS AND UPDATES

PLEDGE BY JUNE 2

We invite each family to prayerfully consider a commitment to our campaign and **submit their 5-year pledge by June 2.**

You can return your completed pledge card in any of the following ways:

- **At Mass:** Place it in the offertory basket by Sunday, June 1
- **Parish Office:** Drop it off during office hours
- **By Mail:** Use the pre-addressed envelope included in your mailing
- **Online:** Make your pledge online by scanning the QR code

Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity!



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More Info:
Kathryn Coughlin
stjamesvbs@stjamesah.org



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Fill a box, feed the hungry, this summer



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Mercy Boxes will be distributed after all Masses on the weekend of May 24-25. The boxes will come unassembled, with a list of food items needed attached to the box.

Filled boxes are due back to St. James on Sunday, June 8 from 8 am - Noon.

Return boxes to the school parking lot on the West side of the street.



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PARISH UPDATES

Summer SENIOR LUNCHEON Wednesday, June 11

11:00 am – 1:00 pm
in the Laramie Room

Speaker: Len Marturano, Attorney | Topic: Estate Planning

RSVP by Friday June 6
Contact Carly White at
224.345.7213 or cwhite@stjamesah.org

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enKindle speaking series

At enKindle on Tuesday, May 13, Fr. James Presta presented on the many titles of Mary, encouraging us to reflect on which of her titles has been meaningful in our own lives. He discussed how she is revealed to us Biblically as well as through her many apparitions. We pray that we may grow closer to our Mother Mary so we may increase in virtue, holiness, and discipleship and follow her call to prayer, penance, and the sacraments.



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PARISH NEWS

TO THE PEOPLE AT ST. JAMES,

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COMPASSION GO ABOVE AND BEYOND!

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OWN TIME AWAY FROM YOUR
OWN FAMILIES.

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FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THANK YOU 🍀

P.A.D.S.

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it to serve one another as good
stewards of God's varied grace.
1 Peter 4:10

Together during the 24/25 PADS season, St. James has...

- Contributed over 4,000 volunteers hours of service
- Provided 31 nights of shelter and meals
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Whatever you did for
one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of
mine, you did for me.
- Matthew 25:40

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VOLUNTEER

Have fun while serving your community!

This July, be part of the St. James Theatre production!
We're seeking:

- ushers
- concessions volunteers
- scenic painters and set builders

To learn more, Contact:

- Ushers & Concessions: Katie Sowa - ksowa@stjamesah.org
- Painters & Set Builders: Lauren Orf - producer@stjamestheatre.org



<https://bit.ly/StTheatreUshers>



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Mark your calendar for "Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical" July 10-20 at St. James!

MINISTRY AND PARISH NEWS



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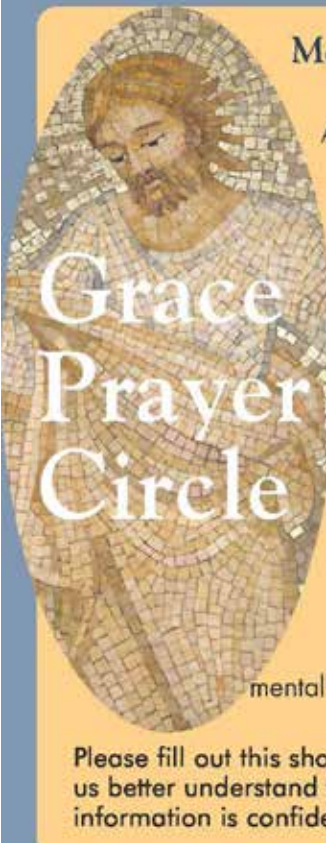
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Meeting Mental Health With Grace

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Wednesday, June 4th
7:00 - 7:30 pm
Location: St. James School Chapel

This month's topic:
The Power of
the Holy Spirit

Join us to pray for those
living with mental health
concerns and their
loved ones.

Submit prayer requests to:
847-253-5390 or
mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org

Please fill out this short survey to help
us better understand your needs. All
information is confidential.




Some give by going. Others go by giving.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Thank you for your support and
prayers of our St. James teens as they
prepare to go on mission this summer.

**Support our Teens
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Trip Objectives

- Grow in faith - Help teens connect with God through prayer, Mass & reflection.
- Serve others - Make an impact by helping people in need.
- Foster community - Create strong friendships rooted in faith & shared experiences.
- Build leadership skills - Give teens chances to step up & take on leadership roles.
- Live the Gospel - Put Catholic values into action through service & love.



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YOUTH FORMATION

Live our Parish Mission: To Be Disciples and Make Disciples

Join Our Youth Formation Leadership Team!

Catechists - Religious Ed (K-5th Grade)

- Teach the faith through weekly Tuesday night classes
- Guide students in learning about God's love and Catholic tradition
- Help form the next generation of young believers

Contact:

Bethany Larson
blarson@stjamesah.org

CORE Team - EDGE & Life Teen (Middle & High School)

- Be an authentic mentor for middle and high school students.
- Support teens with faithful presence and honest conversation.
- Walk with them as they grow in relationship with Christ and become disciples.

Contact:

EDGE: Dora Mendoza
dmendoza@stjamesah.org
Life Teen: Josh Jones
jjones@stjamesah.org

Mentors - Grades K-12 (Serving Children with Special Needs)

- Support each child's faith journey with love
- Create a welcoming, inclusive space for families
- Support sacramental prep for children with additional needs

Contact:

Kathryn Coughlin
kcoughlin@stjamesah.org



PATH TO SUNDAY

Our readings for this Sunday reveal the radical, countercultural call of Christianity: to live in love and peace—not the superficial kind, but the real, gritty, divine kind.

If being a *hippie* is about love and peace, then Catholics, through Christ, are the *über hippies*. But not by the world's definition. Jesus redefines love as *agape* (self-giving, sacrificial, faithful action), not just emotions or romance. As Jesus says, "Whoever loves me will keep my word," love is obedience rooted in relationship. To love Jesus means choosing daily discipleship - intentional actions, sacrifices, and the humility to love even when we don't feel like it.

This love leads to peace - but again, not the world's shallow version of peace, as in the absence of conflict or a detente. Without addressing underlying issues, such absences quickly end in renewed conflicts. The Hebrew word for peace is *shalom*; it means right relationship, right relationship with God, with oneself, and with others. When there are right relationships all around, then there is true and lasting peace. Jesus is the source of true peace because He is the reconciliation between heaven and earth.

In the second reading's vision of the heavenly city, there's no temple because God and the Lamb dwell with the people. All is in right relationship - perfect peace.

Being Catholic, then, means living out this divine love and peace in a world that worships idols: comfort, consumerism, and self.

True discipleship is countercultural. It's resisting gossip, greed, and indifference. It's

why we gather on Sundays, why we sacrifice, why people should sense something different - right relationship - when they encounter the people of St. James Parish.

Discipleship isn't a trend. It's a revolution of love. In Christ, we are called not to blend in, but to stand out - as the true lovers and peacemakers of the world.

Reflection Questions:

- How do I actively live out love as an intentional action in my daily life, especially when it's difficult or inconvenient?
- What areas of my life are not in "right relationship" with God or others, and how might Jesus be calling me to restore peace there?
- In what ways am I called to be countercultural as a disciple of Jesus, and how can I more boldly reflect His love and peace in a world that often values the opposite?

For more scripture reflections visit stjamesah.org/path-to-sunday/

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 24

5:00 Patrick & Kevin Houlihan
Helen Marie Bailitz
Agnese Mastrangelo
Vera Panatta

Sunday, May 25 6th Sunday of Easter

8:30 Deacon Pierce Sheehan
Tyler Davis
Doris Whitson
Dorothy Laub

10:00 For the people of the parish

11:30 Steve Brown
Rick McCafferty

Monday, May 26 St. Philip Neri, Memorial Day

7:30 Marion McDermott
Jeff Moroney

NO MASS AT NOON ON MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday, May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury

7:30 Lorraine Stewart (1st Anniv.)
Philip Krueger

Wednesday, May 28

7:30 Karin Drew Calfas
Patricia Flynn

Thursday, May 29 St. Paul VI

7:30 Dennis Marks (1st Anniv.)
John Glasstetter

Friday, May 30

7:30 Matthew Petrillo

Saturday, May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 Pat Kielty (1st Anniv.)
Parneetha Yeruva

Readings for the week of May 25, 2025

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

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

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

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

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

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

Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53

In Loving Memory

Joseph Lang
Barbara Miller

Please pray for our sick

Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Mike Lenz
Richard Fung

Rose for Life

In loving memory of Helen Bailitz and her daughter, Helen Bailitz

Wedding Banns

Il. Ben Bucher & Katrina Mira

Recent Baptisms

Nora Layne Chua, child of
Kevin Chua and Jamie (Taaffe) Chua

Helen Pearly Liz, child of
Alberto Liz and Julia (Frank) Liz

Sophie Marie Lochner, child of
Lance Lochner and Meredith (Farrugia) Lochner

Laena Pearl Herriges, child of
Joseph Herriges and Ana (Rodriguez-Suarez) Herriges

Grace Siobhan Corrigan, child of
Edward Corrigan and Alyssa (Burkert) Corrigan

Ethan Darryl Jacobs, child of
Brennen Jacobs and Jaclyn (Lorek) Jacobs

Mia Katharine Noel, child of
Derek Noel and Christina (Moretti) Noel

Elaina Jean Noel, child of
Derek Noel and Christina (Moretti) Noel

Celebrant Schedule, May 31-June 1

5:00 Fr. Paul

7:00 Fr. Ed

8:30 Fr. Ed

10:00 Fr. Michael

11:30 Fr. Michael

5:00 Fr. Paul

PARISH INFORMATION

Beyond Sunday be
Forgiven

Sacrament of
Confession:
Thursdays 6pm
Saturdays 8am

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

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

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

Loaves and Fishes Ministry provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.
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

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

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

Moms Plus provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James.
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.
tconseur@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

PADS Outreach provides safety, temporary shelter and services to the unhoused.
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

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

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

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

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

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Devotions, Explained!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Lady of Perpetual Help refers both to a title conferred upon the Blessed Mother as well as to a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages.

Painted on wood, the original icon has a Byzantine style and depicts the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child. She is flanked by St. Michael and St. Gabriel, who hold the instruments of Christ's passion, including a spear, nails and the Crown of Thorns. In the image, Christ seemingly leans into his mother's embrace for comfort and strength as he contemplates these objects.

The icon is thought to have originated in Crete, but for 300 years was venerated in the Church of San Matteo in Merulana in Rome. Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the image to the Order of Redemptorists, who moved it to the Church of St. Alphonsus. He later established the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on June 27.

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Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smart-phones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

— Father John Muir

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St. Paul the Apostle Parish (Gurnee) - May 28, 2:00 pm

Holy Family Parish (Inverness) - May 29, 1:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Parish (LaGrange) - June 10, 2:00 pm

St. John XXIII Parish (Evanston) - June 12, 11:00 am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (Glenview) - June 17, 2:00 pm

St. John of the Cross Parish (Western Springs) - June 24, 2:00 pm

Old St. Mary Parish (Chicago) - June 26, 2:00 pm

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish (Oak Lawn) - July 8, 11:00 am

Register online: www.ivcusa.org/chicago

Or call Program Manager Cathy Buescher: **201.407.6052**



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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Mon.- Sat. 7:30 am; Mon. & Wed. also at Noon

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

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 5/26

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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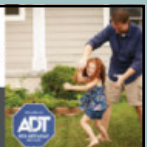
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