



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



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MARCH 29

2026

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Today's Readings

Procession

Jesus enters Jerusalem humbly on a donkey; crowds praise Him as the promised Messiah King.

Matthew 21:1-11

First Reading

God's servant listens obediently, speaks encouragement, endures suffering without shame, trusting God's help and remaining steadfast in mission.

Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading

Christ humbled Himself to death, then was exalted; every knee will bow and confess Him as Lord to God's glory.

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel

Jesus is betrayed, arrested, tried, mocked, crucified, and buried; though innocent, He suffers willingly, fulfilling Scripture and accomplishing salvation through His sacrifice.

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Dear Friends,

If we had "high holy days," as Judaism does, they would be this week. The week begins with the triumphal entry of Jesus into the Holy City Jerusalem, where he is treated as a visiting king.

The crowd, waving palm branches, acclaims Jesus as the Son of David. The palm branch is a symbol of victory, triumph, peace, and eternal life originating in the ancient Near East and Mediterranean world.

The crowd shouts "Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna is often thought of as a declaration of praise, similar to hallelujah, but it is actually a plea for salvation. The Hebrew root words are found in Psalm 118:25, which says, "Save us, we pray, O LORD!" The Hebrew words *yasha* ("deliver, save") and *anna* ("beg, beseech") combine to form the word that, in English, is "hosanna."

As we read through the Passion according to St. Matthew, we relive the events of Holy Week (also known as Triduum). On Holy Thursday we recall the Last Supper when Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist and the priesthood.

Good Friday commemorates the arrest, trial and conviction of Jesus and his death sentence. We recall his humiliation and mockery as he is tortured and nailed to a cross. As he offers his life to the Father, in the greatest act of love in the history of the universe, our salvation is secured.

I ask you to walk with Jesus through the traumatic, heart-wrenching and moving events of the week. Our Triduum liturgies are, in my experience, the most beautiful liturgies of the year. The Lord's deep love for his father and for us is made present here and now in these magnificent rites.

And then, the culmination of all – the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May God bless you abundantly during these "high holy days."

Fr. Ed



EASTER

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Thursday: April 2

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30PM (livestreamed)

Good Friday: April 3

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30AM

Traditional Stations, 12:00PM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3:00PM (livestreamed)

Good Friday Taizé and Veneration of the Cross, 7:30PM

Holy Saturday: April 4

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30AM

Blessing of Easter Baskets, 12:00PM

Easter Vigil, 7:30PM (livestreamed)

Easter Sunday Masses: April 5

In the Church:

8:00AM

10:00AM (livestreamed)

12:00PM

In the Parish Center:

8:15AM

10:15AM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Moms Plus
2026

Next Meet Up

Friday, April 10

In the Teen Room (LL Church)

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Monthly meetups for moms and kids take place in the Teen Room in the church basement on the second Friday of each month.

Evening Speaker Next Date:

Thursday, April 30 @6:30 p.m.

Please contact Rachel Lucas or Mary Jo Elsey to be added to our email list or for more information
momsplus@stjamesah.org

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05 MAY
DINNER
AT 5PM

FORMATION
TO FOLLOW

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MORE
HERE



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EACH TIME YOU APPROACH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT REMEMBER THAT IT HAS BEEN
ENCOUNTER
WAITING FOR YOU FOR TWENTY CENTURIES FOR THIS PERSONAL MEETING WITH GOD



04.03.26 | 7:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING

TAIZÉ SERVICE

INVITE IGNITE PRAY

a night of song, prayer, candlelight and
veneration of the cross



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UPCOMING EVENTS

St. James Church & School Present the Annual
Blessing of Easter Baskets and

Easter EGG HUNT

For walkers-3rd grade

Register by
April 1



Bring a family Easter basket to be blessed and
share that basket as a family on Easter.

Please bring non-perishable
food items to be blessed
and donated to the
Wheeling Township Food Pantry.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

12:00 -12:15 p.m. Blessing of baskets in the church

12:15 -1:30 p.m. egg hunt & pictures with the bunny

Location: south grass adjacent to the church parking lot

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save the date
ST. JAMES VBS 2026



JUNE 8-11
9:00am-12:00pm

JUNE 12 - family picnic
5:30pm - 7:30pm

REGISTER
APRIL 1
Cost: \$75

Contact Kathryn Coughlin
for more info
stjamesvbs@stjamesah.org

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Come Rest a While

Parish Pilgrimage to Marytown

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." - Mark 6:31

Pilgrimage for Franciscan Year
NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

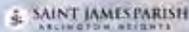
Saturday, April 25

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch)



stjamesah.org/marytown-pilgrimage/

Questions? Contact Kathy Smigiel at smigiel41@mst.com



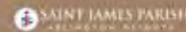
Men of St. James



**MASS AND
BREAKFAST**
APRIL 25 AT 7:30



stjamesah.org/masbreakfast/



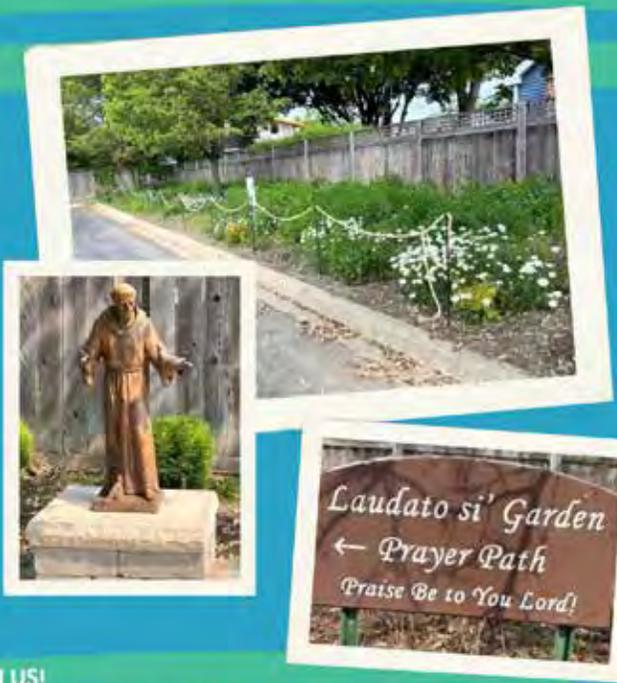
Getting to Know

EARTH SHEPHERDS

at St. James

LAUDATO SI' NATIVE GARDEN

Many years ago, through donations from parishioners, religious groups and scouts the Earth Shepherds' volunteers of all ages created a native garden to honor God's creations and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* (which means "Praise to you, my Lord"). It is located in the NW corner of the school parking lot. The garden serves as a model for utilizing green space to feature native plants, local biodiversity and pollination. The area shines with growth and beauty from June through August. It is meant as a sacred place to connect people with God's handiwork. It is a place for prayer, for growth and learning. Come and sit by the St. Francis statue to pray, contemplate, and marvel!



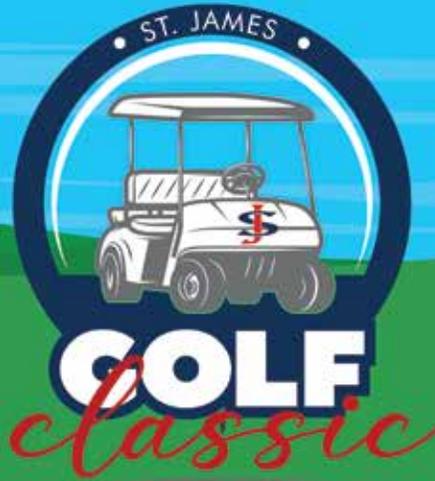
COME JOIN US!

Co-leaders - Cathy McQuillan - cathymcqu@icloud.com / Jan Gedmin - jangedmin@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE



THURSDAY 18 JUNE

MAKRAY MEMORIAL GOLF CLUB

Thank you, St. James

Thank you to our pastor, Father Ed, for inviting Fr. Chuck Dahm to preach again at St. James, and parish staff, for announcing and facilitating his return. We are grateful, too, to those who donated monies to Fr. Chuck's ministry, Domestic Violence Outreach. Because of your generosity, his efforts to address relational violence will continue.

Everyone deserves to be in safe, healthy relationships. If you or someone you know may be in an abusive relationship, a path to safety exists. Get help. National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-SAFE.



Learn more about how you can help:

You are invited to attend a tri-parish meeting for those interested in furthering Fr. Dahm's work here in Arlington Heights. We will gather at 6:30PM, Wednesday, April 8, at Our Lady of the Wayside's Parish Center 434 W. Park St. All are welcome. For further information, contact Pat Kellen at 847-226-9842.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Holy Thursday April 2, 2026

The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion. Adoration will be held in the following parish at listed times in no particular order.

- 10:00 pm | St. Edna | 2525 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL
- 10:00 pm | St Alphonsus | 411 N Wheeling Rd, Prospect Heights, IL
- 10:00 pm | Holy Archangels Parish at St. Hubert Church | 729 Grand Canyon Street, Hoffman Estates, IL
- 10:30 pm | St. Raymond | Lincoln St & Elmhurst Ave, Mount Prospect, IL
- 11:00 pm | Holy Family | 2515 W Palatine Rd, Inverness, IL
- 11:00 pm | St. Mary | 10 N Buffalo Grove Rd, Buffalo Grove, IL
- 11:45 pm | Our Lady of the Wayside | 434 West Park Street, Arlington Heights, IL
- Midnight | St. Thomas Becket | 1321 N Burning Bush Ln, Mt Prospect, IL
- Midnight | St. James | 820 N. Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL
- Midnight | St. Thomas of Villanova | 1201 E Anderson Dr, Palatine, IL
- Midnight | Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament | St. Julian Eymard Church location (601 Biesterfield Road, Elk Grove Village)
- Midnight | St. Theresa | 455 N. Benton Street, Palatine, IL
- Midnight | St. Emily Parish | 1400 E. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect IL
- Midnight | St. Joseph the Worker | 181 W Dundee Rd, Wheeling, IL

Meeting Mental Health
With Grace
A mental health ministry through
St. James, St. Edna & Our Lady of the Wayside

Grace Prayer Circle

Wednesday, April 1
7:00 - 7:30 pm
St. James School Chapel

Join us to pray for those living with mental health concerns and their loved ones. Submit prayer requests at:
847-253-5390 or
mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org



Support the next generation of parish priests



Join Cardinal Cupich, Fr. John Kartje, Bishops, religious, seminarians, and friends of Mundelein for a joyful evening. Evening highlights: formal dinner, live auction, performance by Mundelein Seminarian Choir, panel discussion with honorees, paddle raise.

Live auction items | In-person bidding only:

- Lunch & private tour of NYC's St. Patrick Cathedral with Archbishop Ron Hicks
- Christ & the Cosmos catered dinner with Fr. John Kartje, USML Rector/President, who holds doctorate degrees in Scripture (Catholic University of America) and astrophysics (University of Chicago)
- Special Mass with Fr. Jason Malave
- Exclusive, private viewing of Cardinal Mundelein's prestigious Americana Collection & lunch at the Cardinal's Villa

Special Honorees:

As Those Who Serve Award



Fr. Jason Malave
Pastor, Queen of Apostles

Christo Gloria Award



Matt & Christi Marcheschi
FOCUS Missionaries

Thursday, April 16, 2026
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Lincolnshire Marriott Resort

Tickets \$400 general / \$250 under 40

Sponsorships available



Scan the QR code for more information & tickets.

COMING SOON

St. James, St. Edna and St. Mary invite you to a

Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, April 12 at St. James

1:00-2:00 PM

Confession

2:00-3:00 PM

Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

3:00-4:00 PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction &
Confession (until the last penitent)

Join us in watching "Divine Mercy, No Escape" on Friday
April 10 at 6:30 pm in the Laramie Room, followed by
some Q&A with Fr. Michael Grzesik to learn more
about the Divine Mercy Message



Schedule for Divine Mercy Novena (in the church)

- April 3, after the Good Friday Morning Prayer at 7:30 AM
- April 4, after the Saturday Easter Vigil morning prayer at 7:30 AM
- April 5, Easter Sunday at 3 PM
- April 6, Easter Monday at 3 PM
- April 7, through the 11th at 3 PM

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions & Observances

Saturday, March 28

5:00 Joseph Lang
Kevin & Patrick Houlihan
Rose Gaughan

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

7:00 MJ Healy
Judy Schmueser
8:30 James O'Leary
Kevin O'Leary
Rosemarie O'Leary
Sr. Dorothy Wotiska
10:00 Gretchen & Bill Cronin
John Vincent
Robert "Bob" Williams
Rose Gaughan
11:30 For the people of the parish

Monday, March 30

7:30 John F. Kordek
12:00 For the people of the parish

Tuesday, March 31

7:30 For the people of the parish
12:00 Mark Taylor
Jane Tennant

Wednesday, April 1

7:30 Eugene Tham (1st Anniv.)
Meggan McDermott
Dr. Ricardo Cruz
Patricia Cooper
12:00 Timothy Downes

Thursday, April 2 Holy Thursday

Friday, April 3 Good Friday

Saturday, April 4 Holy Saturday

Celebrant Schedule for Holy Week

April 2 | Holy Thursday at 7:30 pm Fr. Paul

April 3 | Good Friday at 3:00 pm Fr. Michael

April 4 | The Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm Fr. Ed

April 5 | Easter Sunday

8:00 Fr. Ed
8:15 Fr. Michael (in parish center)
10:00 Fr. Paul
10:15 Fr. Ed (in parish center)
12:00 Fr. Michael

In Loving Memory

Ruth Cormier

Recent Baptisms

Zane Jackson Ryan, child of James Ryan & Hunter (Harper) Ryan

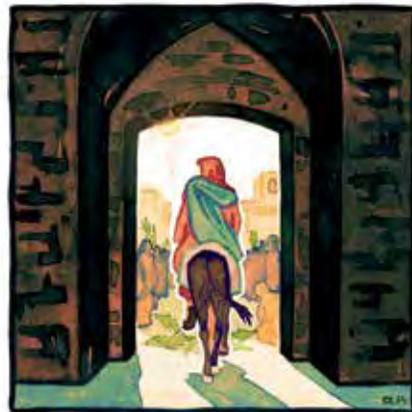
Luke Oliver Dziarkowski, child of
Kamil Dziarkowski & Amanda (Small) Dziarkowski

Please pray for our sick

Noreen Naselli
Nicolas Leonardo
Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Evelyn Mutzabaugh
Owen Patricoski
Ebrahim Sojoodi
Sharon Sojoodi
Mary Ann O'Brien
Adam S.
Dunsten Dsouza
Mary Kirwan
Barbara Reed
Ashley Abraham

Readings for the week of March 30

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2-17/Heb 4:14-5:9/Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2/Ps 104:1-35/Gn 22:1-18 /Ps 16/Ex 14:15-15:1
Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/



And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." (Matthew 2:11)

PARISH INFORMATION

DON'T FALL BEHIND

STAY CURRENT WITH THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

AND WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

SCAN HERE TO
JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST



PARISH GROUPS AND APOSTOLATES

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 Group 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 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 Group 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

Mondays with Mary small group of men who pray the Rosary every Monday morning in the Teen Room at 7:00 a.m., then attend Mass together. New members are welcome. A remote option is available for those unable to attend in person. mike_smigiel@msn.com

Over 50 Social Club provides social outings, speakers, and parties 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 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 Group 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 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. respectlife@stjamesah.org

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.

The Table meets the second Sunday of each month after the 10:00 am Mass in the Teen Room (LL of the church). For anyone who is curious about the Catholic faith. This is a time to ask questions and engage in conversation with others.

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

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

Aid for Women
SPRING LUNCHEON
2026

Thursday, May 7 | Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, IL



Guest Speaker:
Mark Schultz
Platinum-Selling, Award-Winning Singer and Songwriter



Invocation:
Fr. Wayne Watts
Pastor of Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish, Wilmette



Scan for details & registration

helpaidforwomen.org/luncheon2026

ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

WHO WILL STAND UP?

A Catholic Perspective on current US Immigration Policy

Begin Holy Week by learning from Fr. Corey Brost about **the Catholic Church's response to our current immigration policy** and what our faith asks of us in this moment.

Monday, March 30
7pm - 8pm
St. Raymond Community Room

Fr. Corey will weave through this discussion his experience with the Viator House of Hospitality, Catholic Social Teachings, and Sacred Scripture's call for justice, compassion, and hope.



How to find the St. Raymond Community Room:

Enter through main church doors on Euclid Ave, go down the rampway to the right.



Free Will Donation:
Gift cards to *Aldi* for donation to Viator House of Hospitality

HOSTED BY: **RACIAL JUSTICE LEARNING GROUP**
Learning to actively promote racial tolerance, overcome prejudices, and resist discrimination is a re-education process for many. Becoming aware of where we can grow in our call to love one another as God loves us can help God heal and change us. With God, we can open our hearts to hearing and heeding this call.

Friday, April 3

Good Friday
Stations of the Cross
at a Des Plaines
Abortion Center

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. On Good Friday join in a solemn prayer service for all the victims of abortion—the children, mothers, and fathers.

WHAT: Led by Deacon Johnny Burnett (St. James) and Deacon Mark Duffey (St. Thomas), pray an ecumenical "Stations of the Cross," reflecting on Jesus' suffering and death for the salvation of each human life.

WHEN: Good Friday, April 3, 10 am

WHERE: American Women's Clinic,
110 S. River Rd, Des Plaines

****Park in Lions Forest Preserve lot across the street.****

INFO: Maria Goldstein at NWFL526@gmail.com

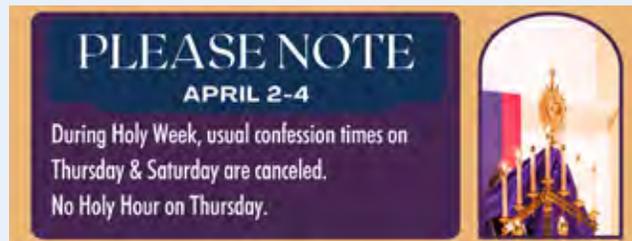
www.NorthWestFamiliesforLife.weebly.com





HOLY WEEK: MAR. 30 - APR. 5

Daily Mass: Mon. Tues. Wed. 7:30 a.m. & Noon
 Thursday 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 Thursday 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Friday 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 Friday 3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 Saturday 7:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Easter Mass in Church
 Sunday 8:15 a.m. Easter Mass in Gym
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Easter Mass in Church
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. Easter Mass in Gym
 Sunday 12:00 p.m. Easter Mass in Church



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please note, the parish office will be closed on Good Friday (April 3) and Easter Monday (April 6).

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office (224) 345-7200 as soon as possible when your loved one is dying or has just begun hospice. Please use extension 2 after hours. The Anointing of the Sick may be administered to those dying as well as those who are not dying but are dealing with serious illness, major surgery, or advanced age. (The Last Rites includes Anointing, as well as Confession and Communion.) A person may be anointed more than once if needed.

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

BAPTISM - Please contact the Parish Office with a preferred date one month in advance.

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

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