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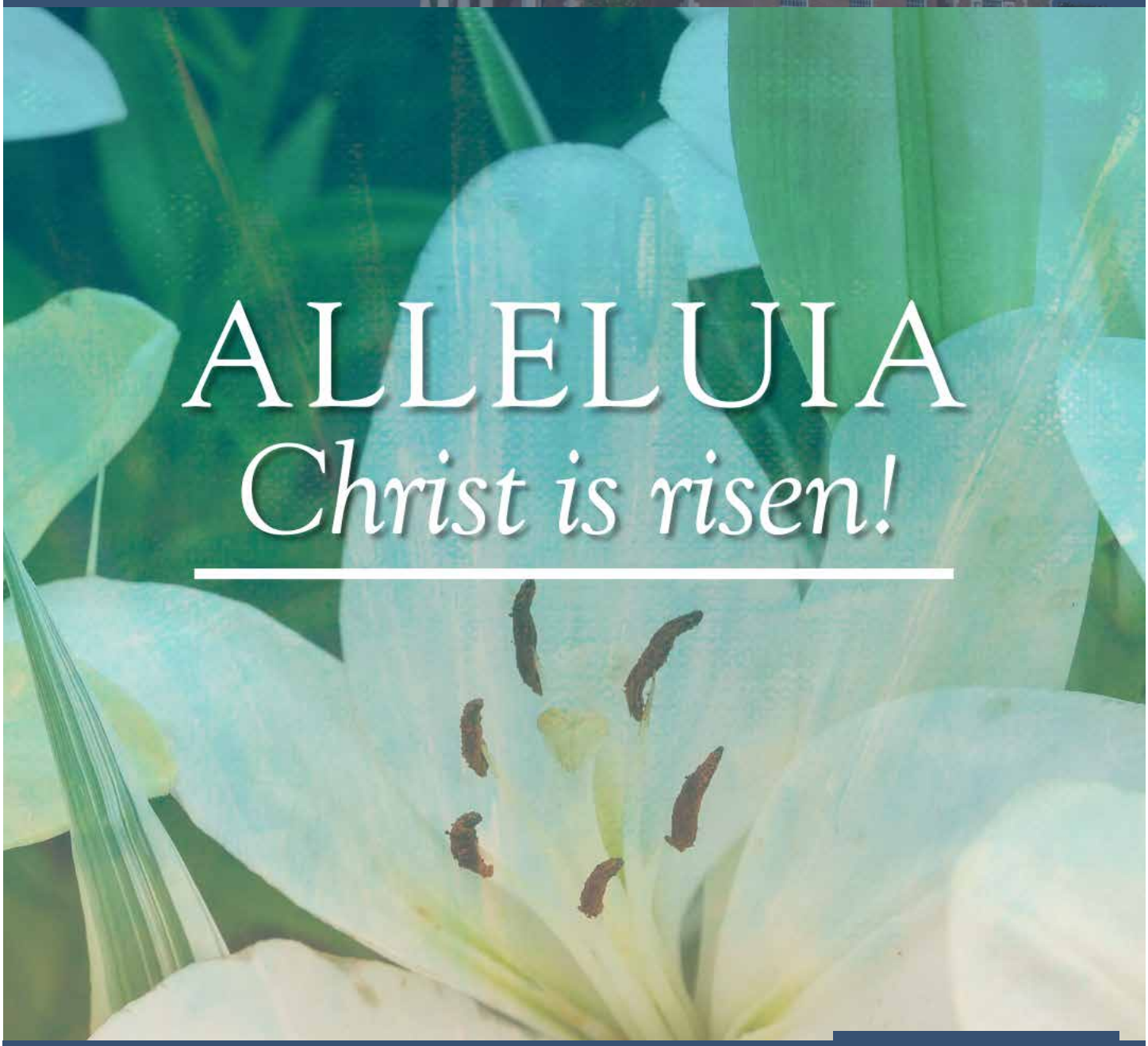

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Today's Readings

First Reading
God shows no partiality; Jesus' life, death, and resurrection bring forgiveness of sins to all who believe in Him.
Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading
Seek things above where Christ is; your life is hidden in Him.
Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel
Women find Jesus' tomb empty; an angel announces His resurrection. Jesus appears, tells them not to fear, and sends them to share the good news.
Matthew 28:1-10

Happy & Blessed Easter!

Fra Angelico (1400-1455), "Resurrection of Christ and Women at the Tomb" (1440-41), Fresco, Convento di San Marco, Florence

"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." (Pope Benedict XVI)

A future for every human being... Without Christ, there is no hope for us. With Him, who is raised from the tomb, there is a future – a future bought with his life, offered on the Cross in the most momentous act of love in the entire universe.

No matter what problems and challenges we face – and there are many – in the end the Resurrection of Jesus Christ conquers all.

Easter Blessings to all of our parishioners and guests.

Fr. Ed

Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

For anyone who is curious about the Catholic faith, "The Table" meets the second Sunday of each month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Teen Room (LL of the church). This is a time to ask questions and engage in conversation with others. The next meeting is April 12th. All are welcome!

LETTER FROM THE CARDINAL

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop
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Easter 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Before the proclamation of the gospel at the Easter Vigil liturgy, there is a deeply powerful and moving moment. It is the joyous triple Alleluia. It not only signals the end of our penitential observances but it expresses our passage with the Lord through his passion, death, and burial. Alleluia is our joyful shout of triumph for as Christ rises from the dead, so do we.

Yet, we may find that our Easter joy has been dampened this year in the face of the daunting challenges of war, the upheavals experienced by migrant families, the great turbulence and polarization in our political life, and the myriad uncertainties about our future and the future of our children. Can we sing Alleluia and mean it?

Experiencing those sentiments myself I am drawn to Saint Paul's words to the Thessalonians. In a moment of suffering loss, confusion and grief he wrote: "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died." (1Thessalonians 4:13-14)

Listen carefully to Paul's words. He tells the Thessalonians that they can grieve and that they can experience struggle and loss. But they must not grieve or suffer as those who have no hope, as those who do not believe that Jesus died and rose and will take us to himself. Like the Thessalonians, we do not ignore or deny the suffering and grief we are experiencing, but we are not held captive to this moment nor to this world. We hold fast to Christ our hope who draws us into a future defined and shaped by his Resurrection.

So, sisters and brothers, let's not hold back our shouts of joy. Let us sing with gusto our Alleluia for it bears witness to our enduring hope in Christ's Resurrection. It inspires us to do what we can to allow his risen life to take hold of and shape our lives and to empower us to reach out to our wounded world. A blessed Easter to all of you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Card. Cupich

Archbishop of Chicago

EASTER REMEMBRANCES

~ 2026 ~

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Mrs Pat Buckley	Jane Underys
Marcin Bukowski	Anna & Kathy Bukowski
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John DeHoff, Sr.	Patti DeHoff
Robert and Mary Deranleau	Joseph and Lisa Urban
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Phyllis & Harold Diez	Victoria Diez
Michael Femal	Jane Femal
Michael Femal	Katherine, Christopher, Allison & Elizabeth
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Bernard Giovanelli	Michael and Aireen Schweitzer
Nenita Guevarra	Tagal Family
Jeffrey Helminski	Helminski Family
Erwin & Rosemary Herz	Joanne, Michael, Angela, Jeff, Allison & Crey
Erwin & Rosemary Herz	Herz/Marozza/Farella Families
Erwin & Rosemary Herz	Lombardi/Bankes Families
Members of Holzer Family	Eva, Betty & Rose Holzer
Helena Jochaniewicz	Anthony Jochaniewicz
Stephen Kelly	Erin, Dave, Ryan & Kaitlyn Mattes
Steve Kelly	Eileen & Family
Mieczyslaw Kosciuk	Cathy & Ernest Kosciuk
Isabella Kosciuk	Cathy & Ernest Kosciuk
Buddy & Ann Kozel	Adele Krueger

In Memory Of	Remembered By
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Felix & Bertha Krueger	Adele Krueger
Philip Krueger	Adele Krueger
Richard & Mary Landgraf	Arleen Roberts
Raimundas Lapšys	Raminta Lapšys and Family
Michael Lenihan	The Powers/Lenihan Families
Gladys Lenihan	The Powers/Lenihan Families
Jerry Maas	Peggy Maas and Family
Lorraine & Max Mack	Gayle & Jim Gambill
John Malone	Jeanne, Meghan and Erin Malone
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Jeanne & George Miller	Amy & Dave McMurray Family
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Gayle Pacelli	Danita A. Schmidt & Family
Donald Powers	The Powers/Lenihan Families
Shirley Powers	The Powers/Lenihan Families
Michael Powers	The Powers/Lenihan Families
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Gladys and Edward Sowa	Katie Sowa
Cindy Swanson	Charles Swanson
Carmen Swanson	Charles Swanson
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Regina Szczepaniak	Cathy & Ernest Kosciuk
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Andrew Szott	The Kragh Family
Christine Tansor	Joseph and LIsa Urban
Christopher Tartik	Valerie Seaholm
Gary Tatje	Joan, Nicole, Dan, Erik & their families
Al Underys	Jane Underys Family
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Francis Vlazny	Dorothy Vlazny
Jayne Weingart	The Powers/Lenihan Families

Thank you to everyone who donated. Your generous gifts in memory of loved ones helped us decorate the church for Easter.

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 church, 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

THIS MONTH

Men of St. James

MASS AND BREAKFAST

APRIL 25 AT 7:30

stjamesah.org/mojbreakfast/

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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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Saturday, April 25

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: $25 (includes lunch)

stjamesah.org/marytown-pilgrimage/

Questions? Contact Kathy Smigiel at smigiel41@msn.com

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For more information, please contact:
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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

SAINT JAMES PARISH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Save the Date
Summer Intensive

June 8- 19, 2026
9:00am - 2:00pm Monday - Friday

The Summer Intensive Program is offered as an alternative to the traditional Tuesday night program held during the school year. This program is for students in grades 3-5 who have already made the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Each week we will spend time building community, learning about our faith and practicing our faith in service to others. We will have time for fun summer activities, while fostering spiritual growth through interactive lessons and opportunities for prayer.

Registration opens April 1st!

Contact: blarson@stjamesah.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

SteppingStones

OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions & Observances

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday
All Easter Masses offered for the people of the parish

Monday, April 6
7:30 Helena Jochaniewicz
Brad Steinke

Tuesday, April 7
7:30 Ann McCabe*
Marion Hoover

Wednesday, April 8
7:30 Dr. Ricardo Cruz
Tim Speck
12:00 James Small

Friday, April 10
7:30 Charles Fitzgerald
James Ray, Jr.
Janet Hynes
*indicates living

Please pray for our sick

Noreen Naselli
Nicolas Leonardo
Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Evelyn Mutzabaugh
Lucille Krajnik
Marty Galis

Wedding Banns

I. Steven Hill and Denise Connor

Celebrant Schedule, April 11-12

5:00	Fr. Michael
7:00	Fr. Ed
8:30	Fr. Ed
10:00	Fr. Paul
11:30	Fr. Paul
2:00	Fr. Michael (Divine Mercy)
5:00	Fr. Ed

Readings for the week of April 6

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

While It Is Still Dark

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

If you are a person who is religious in any way, chances are that at some point, someone has asked you to give a reason why.

I meet lots of people who identify as spiritual but not religious, lots of people who are more comfortable splashing in the shallow end of belief but hesitating to wade into the more uncertain depths of doctrine. So when they ask the question "Why do you believe what you believe?" it usually comes out as "Why do you go to church?"

They want to know why I come to this specific place at this specific time. What am I expecting to happen?

We read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb "while it was still dark." I imagine she could not sleep. She was traumatized. Grieving. Confused. Angry, perhaps. Doubting? Maybe. It's possible. We cannot know what was in her heart.

We only know what she did. We only know where she went. And we know that it was dark, that the light of Easter's dawn had not yet pierced the sky.

Often, I am grieving when I go to church, or angry, or confused, or all three. I have gone many times with a doubting and resentful heart.

Because, you see, it is still dark. The dawn of eternity, which will illuminate all understanding, has not yet even begun to creep across my horizon.

My answer to the question, when I am asked, is that I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again.

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PARISH INFORMATION

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

Grief Support Group

What are we all about:
Our grief support is a ministry at St. James for conversation and friendship with others who have also experienced a loss.
Our group meets twice a month.

For more information, please contact:
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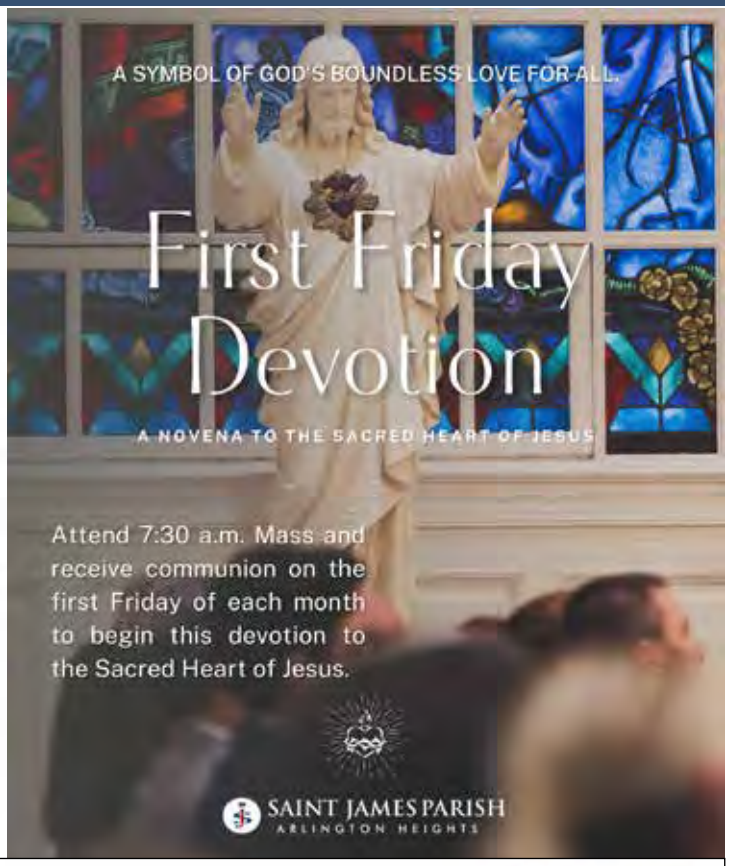

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Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Choir & Organ
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Contemporary Choir
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Contemporary Choir
Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Praise & Worship Ensemble

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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.

HOLY HOUR - Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the church for procession of the blessed sacrament, evening prayer, and rosary

FIRST FRIDAY - Devotion to the Sacred Heart after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on the first Friday of each month

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

THE ADORATION CHAPEL - Open to the public, M-F from 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Sat & Sun 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Or sign up for a time at **adorationpro.org/jamesil**

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