



SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

**THE LORD IS
KIND AND MERCIFUL,
SLOW TO ANGER,
RICH IN
COMPASSION.**

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Today's Readings

First Reading

Let go of anger and resentment; forgive others as God forgives you, remembering His mercy and your own need for forgiveness.

Sirach 27:30–28:7

Second Reading

Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord; Christ died and rose so He could be Lord of all.

Romans 14:7-9

Gospel

Jesus teaches that we must forgive others repeatedly, just as God mercifully forgives us, warning against withholding forgiveness from others.

Matthew 18:21-35

"Then Peter came up and said to him, 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'"

Matt. 18:21-22

Dear Friends,

The Scripture readings today have a way of causing me some discomfort. The mandate to forgive others for wrongs they have done to me – not just once, but "seventy times seven times" makes it crystal clear that we are to forgive. Occasionally I hear things like "I will never forgive her for what she did to me," or "that's unforgivable."

Understandable enough. Often people can do terrible, painful things to others, leaving bitterness and resentment. Sometimes those people are ourselves. And what about forgiving seventy times seven times? Must we forgive people 490 times? Is that the upper limit? There are a couple ways to understand these words of Jesus;

70 x 7 is a symbolic number, indicating that we must constantly forgive, not just 490 times, but as often as necessary.

The number 7 is also used as a word for "covenant." The number seven (sheva) is deeply tied to a covenant and an oath because the Hebrew words for "seven" and "to swear an oath" (shaba) share the exact same root letters, essentially

meaning "to seven oneself" or to bind oneself in complete, finished wholeness. Does forgiving bind us more deeply to the covenant God has made with us in Jesus Christ?

The failure or inability to forgive means that we are holding onto anger and bitterness after a hurt. It is not good for our own spiritual and emotional well-being. The Lord invites us to release the resentment and anger in order to receive some peace. Forgiveness does not mean excusing bad behavior, pretending it never happened, or letting someone hurt you again. It means releasing the heavy emotional grip the event has on you.

We hear the words of Jesus at the Last Supper: "This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." The Lord's invitation is to forgive and to receive forgiveness. What a grace!

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

Please Note:

Regularly scheduled Confessions will not take place on Wednesday, September 30 due to another parish event taking place in the church. Thank you for your understanding.

NEWS & EVENTS

P.A.D.S.

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EST. 1989



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The Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council #4483

Will collect for their annual

Intellectual Disability Drive

September 12-13 at St. James

The Knights will accept cash,
or you may donate using the QR code.



If you have any questions, please contact
Bob Gedmin at (847) 721-5635.



CHILDREN'S FORMATION MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 @ NOON

A SPECIAL TIME FOR CHILDREN TO PRAY AND GROW IN FAITH.

Once each month we have a special Sunday Mass where your family can serve in a unique way.

Families are invited to greet at Mass, present the gifts of bread, wine and water to the altar, distribute bulletins after Mass, serve on the altar and read the first and second Scripture readings.

The Parish Youth Choir leads music at most Children's Formation Masses.

UPCOMING DATES: SEPT. 20, OCT. 18, NOV. 15



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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FAMILY FIND IT!



Kneeling

We sit, kneel, and stand during Mass. Each posture has a special meaning! When you kneel, close your eyes, and fold your hands, you are defenseless. We give all honor and glory and trust to God! We quiet our bodies and our voices to adore Him.

DO IT!

Pray with your whole body!

STAND: I am ready to pray and follow!

SIT: I hear God and think about His Word.

KNEEL: I adore Christ!



Mass Postures
with Fr. Brice



Adoration at His Feet
Come sit with the Blessed Sacrament on the 29th after community dinner at 5:30pm.

READ IT!

Proverbs 3:5-6

Isaiah 26:3-4

CCC 1378



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Baby Bulldogs ages 0-4, this one's for you! Come play, laugh, and mingle. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be part of a St. James family to join. Bring a friend along!

Mondays from 8:30-9:30am @ St. James School

Oct. 5
Nov. 2
Dec. 7
Jan. 11

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Mar. 1
Apr. 5
May 3



Please register and enter through the main office doors.
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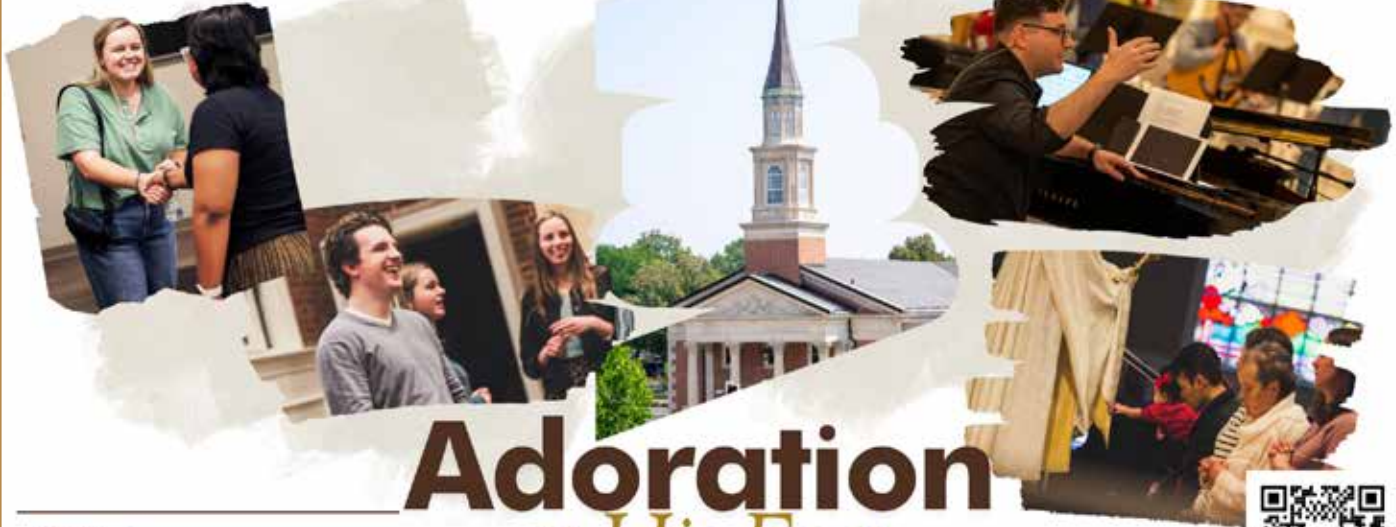
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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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Let us know you're coming!

EXODUS
world service

Courage and Connection Gallery: **Stories of Refugee Neighbors**

Educational Presentation
Sunday, October 4 | 1:15-2:30 pm

St. James Parish (Laramie Room)
820 N Arlington Heights Rd
Lunch provided!

Join us for this special event led by
an Exodus staff member. You will:

- See powerful images that highlight the resilience of refugees and dive deeper into the real-life stories behind the portraits.
- Learn about refugees' connections with volunteers who walk beside them and opportunities to serve.



This event will reveal the stories behind the portraits. The gallery will be available for viewing September 28-October 4.



Scan to register for the event!
Registration is encouraged, but not required.

QUESTIONS? Contact Jody May
jody.may@exodusworldservice.org | 847.514.5924

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MEDITATION RETREAT

Saturday, October 10

9am-4pm

St. Viator in Arlington Heights

RETREAT WILL INCLUDE:

Mass

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Lunch

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HONORING FULTON J. SHEEN

Dear Friends,

Many of you know that Venerable Fulton J. Sheen is scheduled for beatification on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, MO. He will become "Blessed Fulton J. Sheen," and will be just one step away from Sainthood. My wife, Susan, and I will be in attendance for this historic moment for Catholic Americans and Catholics around the world!

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen is from my hometown, Peoria, IL. In fact, Fr. Paul Stein also has relatives in the Peoria

Telethon each year along with the mayor of Peoria, Jim Maloof. And behind the scenes, Vic served at the Chancery Office for the Diocese of Peoria.

Because of his involvements in television and with the Diocese of Peoria, my father was honored to be asked to serve as chaperone for Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, who was visiting Peoria in 1966 for an ecclesial event at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, the parish where he was first assigned.

My father shared an amazing story about this day with Bishop

Sheen. For television, time on the clock is always a primary concern. Bishop Sheen, having been a veteran of television broadcasts for years with his program, "Life Is Worth Living," knew this concern for time. He told my father, "Vic, my homily during this mass will be eleven minutes and eighteen seconds."

My dad thought, "Okay... how does he know that?"

When Bishop Sheen had

concluded his homily, my dad went over to the television crew and asked them how long Bishop Sheen went. You guessed it! Eleven minutes and eighteen seconds, on the dot!

My father loved telling that story!

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen loved to tell stories, too. By the time Sheen "retired" from his television show, "Life Is Worth Living," back in 1957, he had an estimated audience of 30 million.

Raymond Arroyo wrote in the foreword to Sheen's autobiography, *Treasure In Clay*, that Pope Pius XII once referred to Sheen as "a prophet of the times."

Arroyo adds, "(Sheen was) before Mother Angelica, Pat Robertson, and Joel Osteen."

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen made two resolutions on the day of his Ordination to the priesthood in 1919: 1) He would offer the Holy Eucharist every Saturday in honor of the Blessed Mother to solicit her protection on his priesthood. 2) He resolved to spend a continuous Holy Hour every day in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Sheen quotes St. Paul, who wrote, "We are transfigured into his likeness, from splendor to splendor" (2 Cor 3:18). Sheen adds in *Treasure In Clay*,

"We become like that which we gaze upon . . . Sitting before the Presence is like a body exposing itself before the sun to absorb its rays. Silence in the Hour is a tête-a-tête with the Lord. In those moments, one does not so much pour out written prayers, but listening takes its place. We do not say: 'Listen, Lord, for Thy servant speaks,' but 'Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth' (1 Sam 3:9)."

Sheen can be heard on Relevant Radio 950 AM at 1pm each weekday, and his videos are on the Relevant Radio app. Monsignor Jason Gray, Executive Director of the Archbishop Sheen Foundation in Peoria, IL, recently stated that, "Sheen has a following among younger people to rival those with a living memory of his broadcast career. I think it is because Sheen had a message of faith in the midst of challenges that is timeless...Sheen knew about the anxiety of the human heart and he answered that trial with a message of hope – a message as needed in today's world as in the 1950s and 1960s."

JMJ,

Deacon Johnny Burnett



That's my father, Vic, at the bottom of the photo. Venerable Fulton J. Sheen is just above, to the right.

area, and two of our former St. James Staff members, Courtney Bernhardt and Kevin Byrnes, live and work in Peoria. Kevin now works for the Diocese of Peoria.

Back in 1959, my father, Vic Burnett, took a television job in Peoria. I tell people who never knew him, "He was the 'Tom Skilling' of Peoria and the tri-county area." He worked in both television and radio, and both formats required that you knew and respected the reality of time.

Above all, my father, Vic, was a devout Catholic. Vic was host of the St. Jude

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Over 50 Group

Lunch gathering at
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Wednesday, September 23 at 11:30 a.m.

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Attendance limited to 25 people, so get
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RSVP by Sept 21 to Mary Jo 847-259-3560
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Men of St. James



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 7:30 AM

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- 6pm - Free, waste-free dinner
- 7pm - Campfire

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Questions?

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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions & Observances

Saturday, Sept. 12

5:00 Kevin & Patrick Houlihan
Bob Duffer
Albert & Louise Fiorita
Raimondo & Aldo Coppola
Pasquale & Vita Coppola
Iris Notto (2nd Anniv.)

Sunday, Sept. 13

8:00 Marty Galis
JoAnn Ignoffo
Dolores Kelly
10:00 John Vincent
Marietta Walsh
Linda Stanek
James Murphy
12:00 Marie Noel
James Murphy
Michael Purcell
5:00 For the people of the parish

Monday, Sept. 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 Marsha Clark
John F. Kordek
Patricia Rago
12:00 Jozefa Bezruczko
Tom & Dolores Morgan

Tuesday, Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30 Phillip Zurawski (1st Anniv)
Roger Samson
Gene Dougherty

Wednesday, Sept. 16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

7:30 Dr. Ricardo Cruz
Emigdio Tandoc, Jr.
12:00 Judith Eckert
Maureen Pope

Thursday, Sept. 17 St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen

7:30 Catherine Sabay
Meggan McDermott
Marilyn O'Neill

Friday, Sept. 18

7:30 Anna Marie Pietrolonardo
Sherman Wade

Saturday, Sept. 19 St. Januarius

7:30 Fr. Steven Dambrowski
Genevieve Waller
Cornelius Vanderwiel
Fr Robert Joseph Switanowski OFM CONV.

In Loving Memory

Roy Kukla
Anthony Adams
George P. Mahony

Please pray for our sick

Andy Kaplan
Lucy Detlefsen
Sr. Joanne Grib
Eva Templin
Carl Laub
Mary Tomczik
Susan Stengren
Barbara Seaman
Owen Patricoski
Patrick McGushin
Doria Casanas

Wedding Banns

III. Joseph Rocco LaSalvia & Girolama Marilena Camastra
II. Erik Tiscareno & Yzabelle Tud

Recent Baptisms

Julietta Marie Raygoza, child of
Miguel Raygoza and Elizabeth (Szalay) Raygoza
Murphy Bourbon Croswell, child of
Lucas Croswell and Jemma (Fasanella) Croswell

Readings for the week of September 14

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/Jn 19:25-27
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12-22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1-15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Celebrant Schedule September 19-20

5:00 Fr. Ed
8:00 Fr. Ed
10:00 Fr. Ed
12:00 Fr. Bill Zavaski
5:00 Fr. Bill Zavaski

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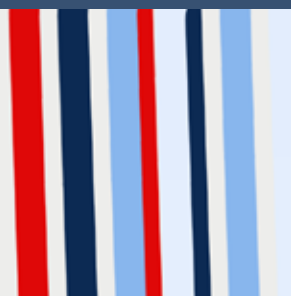
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Grief Support Group is about helping with your grief. Are you struggling with a loss? Having a hard time coping? We meet twice per month. Please email the address below for more details.
griefsupport@stjamesah.org

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.
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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.
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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



What do Catholics believe about end-of-life?

Compassion Care

Now and at the Hour of Our Death

Every human life is a sacred gift from God, deserving of love and protection from conception to natural death. Our response to suffering is accompaniment with **compassion + care, now until the hour of our death.**

A new law allowing physician-assisted suicide (effective Sept. 12, 2026) goes directly against our teaching that everyone is deserving of dignity, love and care through every stage of life.

Every person has dignity. Our worth is never judged by our age, health or ability.

Compassion means walking together. No one should face serious suffering or death alone.

Love never abandons. The Church accompanies individuals with prayer and compassionate care. **We're here for you if you are: facing a serious illness, caring for a loved one, making difficult medical decisions or seeking guidance rooted in Catholic teaching.** You are not alone.



Visit Catholic
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www.ilcatholic.org to:



- Understand more about the new law
- Find Frequently Asked Questions
- Research care options:
 - Palliative and hospice care
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— 1 Corinthians 16:14

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Mon. - Sat. 7:30 a.m. | Mon. & Wed. 12:00 p.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Praise & Worship Ensemble

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Traditional Choir & Organ

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Choir

Sunday 12:00 p.m. Contemporary Music

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.

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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 - First Wednesday of the month 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

FIRST SATURDAY - Rosary & Devotion to Our Lady after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on the first Saturday of each month

CONFESSION - Wednesdays 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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