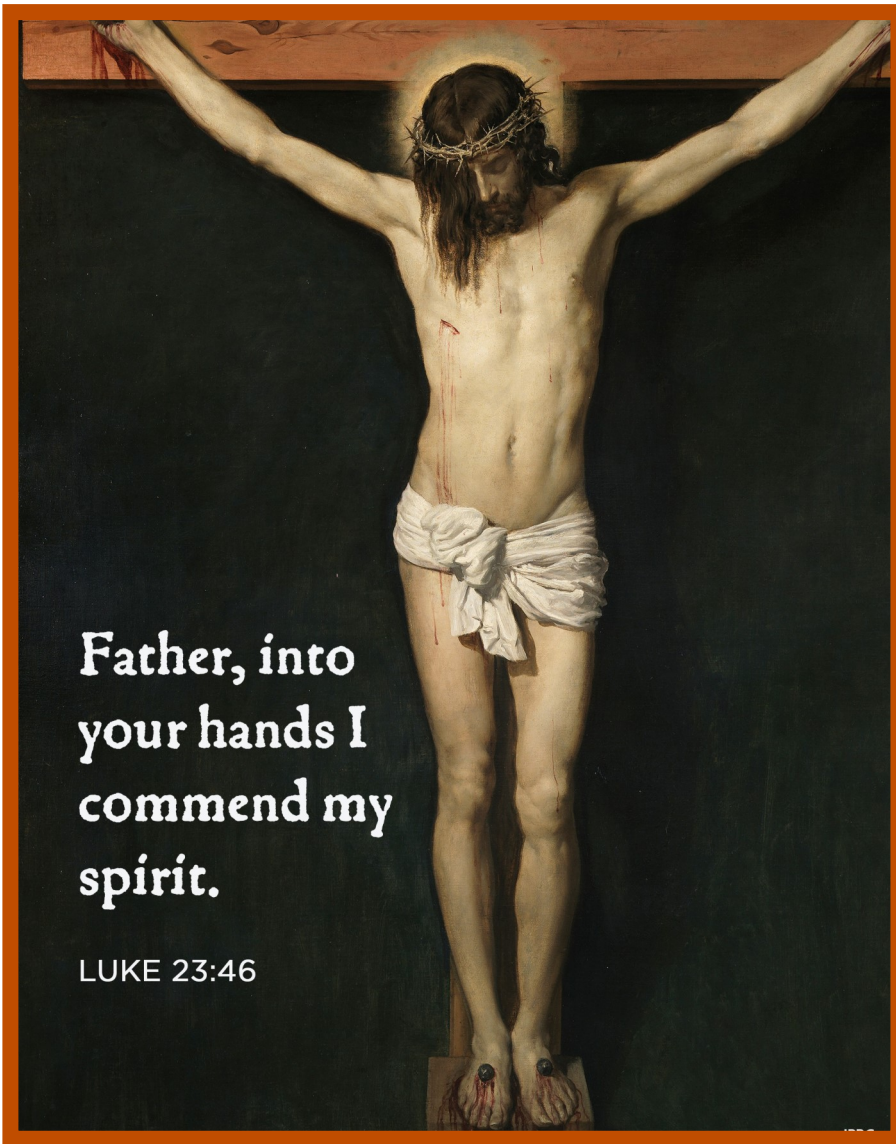


April 13, 2025

SAINT JAMES THE LESS PARISH

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9:00 am to 1:00 pm (and by
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Religious Services

Morning Prayer

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm (Sp.), 5:00 pm

Confession

Thursday 4:30 pm, Saturday 3:00 pm or by Appointment

Holy Rosary

First Saturday 3:40 pm; First Sunday 9:40 am and
1:30 pm (Sp.) of each month

Adoration

On Thursdays, Adoration will be held in the Church from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. All are welcome to come for any amount of time. Confession from 4:30 to 4:50 pm.

Parish Mission Statement

St. James the Less Parish is a Christian Community of the Roman Catholic tradition. Our Parish Community is dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus, and as the people of God, are called to further the mission of Jesus. We will do this through the Word, Liturgy, Sacrament, Music, Ecumenism, Evangelization, Religious Education of our Children, Prayer and the Honoring of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will deepen our knowledge, skills and understanding of our Faith. We will be Faith based. Above all, we will foster Love by example and serve the needs of others to work towards economic and social development for all people.

A message from Fr Juan C. Gaviria

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum, three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan. We hear this echoed again in Luke's description of the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of Judas' betrayal, saying that the Son of Man "goes as has been determined."

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. We will hear these events proclaimed again during the Triduum when we read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

Throughout Luke's Gospel we see that Jesus' words and actions proclaim the Kingdom of God. This motif continues throughout Luke's passion narrative. Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

As throughout Luke's Gospel, however, the disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Following the meal, the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus takes the opportunity to distinguish the meaning of leadership in the Kingdom of God from the forms of leadership seen in the world.

Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as active and vocal throughout his passion. When one of the disciples strikes the high priest's servant, Jesus heals the man, an event reported only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stops the disciples' protest against his arrest by noting that this is the "time for the power of darkness." Jesus engages and responds when brought before the Sanhedrin; his words speak about the "power of God" that will bring about the reign of the Son of Man. When questioned by Pilate, Jesus responds with just one phrase; yet before Herod, Jesus refuses to speak.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfillment the Kingdom of God.

Stewardship Scripture Reflection

April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Parish Prayer Intention for April

In April, we continue with prayers, fasting, abstinence, and more mortification, in preparation for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord.



If requestors are in attendance for a mass intention and wish to bring offertory gifts to the priest, please advise the usher before the start of mass.

MONDAY, April 14

8:30 AM + Benjamin Sian-Nuss

R/B: Sian Family

TUESDAY, April 15

8:30 AM + William Schilling

R/B: Family

WEDNESDAY, April 16

8:30 AM + Pietro Garibaldi

R/B: Linda & Skip Hudlow

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

8:00 PM Easter Novena for the people of Saint James

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20

8:00 AM Easter Novena for the people of Saint James

10:00 AM Easter Novena for the people of Saint James

12:00 PM Easter Novena for the people of Saint James (Spanish)



Week of April 14

MONDAY/LUNES

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

TUESDAY/MARTES

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY/MIÉRCOLES

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY/JUEVES

Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

FRIDAY/VIERNES

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

SATURDAY/SÁBADO

Gen 1:1—2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a; Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Lk 24:1-12

SUNDAY/ DOMINGO

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9



Baptism: Parents who wish to have their child baptized need to call the Rectory. Preparation classes are required and are by appointment only.

Sponsors and Godparents: Church law mandates that a sponsor for baptism and confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (if married), and leads a life compatible with Church teaching. **We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.** Mass attendance is confirmed by envelope use. Please call the parish office to obtain a sponsor letter or for additional information.

Matrimony: Couples contemplating this Sacrament must contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance. All couples planning marriage must attend Pre-Cana classes or Engaged Encounter.

Ministry of the Sick: Parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Rectory.

Religious Education Classes: For information on Religious Education classes, please contact our Religious Education office at 732-521-1188.

OCIA (formerly RCIA): Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the Parish Office for more information about the Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults which begins in September and runs through the following Easter.



"The Lord loves our brothers and sisters who are ill. With trust let us pray to him that he will comfort them with his grace."

David Addesso, Kristen Aikens, Neil Armorer, Bishop Bootkoski, Barbara Boyer, Denis Brady, Len Caglianone, Joe Conti, Charles Ferrito, Janice Gervasi, Finnley Hanway, Ellie K., Ronnie Kreutzer, Rev. Brian McCormick, Charlie Miller, Rosie Miller, Eileen R., Irene Resnick, Tony Rondinelli, Peggy Schiller, Bill Sharp, Annette Sowa, Rev. Louis Stingel, Richard G. Tittel, Antoinette Tumas, Cathy Valendo

IMPORTANT

If you wish to add a name to the list in the **2025** bulletins, please call the Parish Office. 2025 names will be added and remain on the list for 60 days. Please notify the office if you wish to remove it sooner, or by the 15th of the ending month if you wish to keep the name on the list.

To add or remove someone on the sick list, please call the Parish Office at 732-521-0100, or send an email to: jamestheless1880@gmail.com.

Una carta de Rev Juan C. Gaviria

Este domingo, llamado de la Pasión, es el primer día de la semana santa. Jueves, viernes y sábado santo son llamados Triduum, tres días que son el punto culminante del año eclesial. Hay dos evangelios proclamados en la misa de hoy. El primer evangelio, proclamado antes de la Pasión con palmas, nos habla de la entrada triunfante de Jesús en Jerusalén. Montado en un burrito, Jesús es aclamado por la multitud quienes lo bendicen y aclaman. Este evento es narrado en los cuatro evangelios.

El evangelio de San Lucas es el único que reporta el diálogo entre Jesús y los fariseos a la entrada de Jerusalén. La respuesta de Jesús en este evento, muestra que todo es parte de un plan divino. Escuchamos ese eco en el evangelio de San Lucas durante la última cena cuando Jesús habla de la traición de Judas.

En la liturgia de la palabra de este Domingo los hechos de la pasión de Jesús son proclamados en su totalidad. En leccionario C, leemos la pasión según san Lucas. Jesús aparece en total control de los hechos de la última Cena, en la medida en que traspasa las llaves del reino a sus discípulos. Jesús da la bienvenida a la cena pascual anunciando que esa será la última hasta la llegada del Reino de Dios.

Al igual que en todo el evangelio de San Lucas, los discípulos muestran poco entendimiento del reino que Jesús anuncia. Luego de la última cena, los discípulos discuten sobre quién es el más importante. Jesús aprovecha la oportunidad para distinguir el significado del liderazgo en el Reino de los Dios y su diferencia con el liderazgo del mundo.

Jesús inicia una conversación con Simón y predice su negación. Jesús luego instruye a sus discípulos para prepararse a sí mismos para los hechos que vienen. Luego de ese momento, Jesús está a cargo de los eventos y circunstancias que siguen.

En la medida en que Jesús ora, el mismo es probado. En el jardín de los olivos, un ángel es enviado para fortalecerlo, para enfrentar los momentos que vienen.

En el evangelio de San Lucas, Jesús es retratado como muy activo y muy vocal durante toda la pasión. Cuando uno de los discípulos le pega una bofetada a un siervo del sumo sacerdote, Jesús lo sana. Este hecho solo es narrado en el evangelio de San Lucas. Jesús frena las protestas de sus discípulos contra su arresto, diciendo que “este es tiempo del príncipe de las tinieblas.” Cuando Jesús es interrogado por el sanedrín, él habla del reino de Dios. Cuando se le cuestiona por parte de Pilato, Jesús responde con solo una frase, pero ante Herodes, se niega a hablar.

Cuando San Lucas describe el camino de la Cruz y la crucifixión, el evangelista llama nuestra atención sobre muchos hechos no reportados en los otros evangelios. Durante el evangelio de Lucas, vemos como el evangelista resalta el papel de las mujeres que acompañaban a Jesús. Ahora en su camino al calvario, Jesús habla a las mujeres que caminan con él. Solo San Lucas reporta las palabras de Jesús sobre el perdón desde la cruz. Solamente San Lucas reporta el diálogo entre Jesús y el buen ladrón. Finalmente, en contraste con los evangelios de Marcos y Mateo, San Lucas reporta las palabras de abandono dichas por Jesús en la cruz. Jesús, en total control de su proceso de muerte, encomienda su espíritu al Padre y muere en la cruz.


A través de la semana santa, continuaremos reflexionando en los eventos de la pasión y muerte del Señor. En la medida en que meditamos es estos hechos, nos preguntamos por el significado de las frases dichas por Jesús. Por medio de su obediencia y sufrimiento, él se revela a sí mismo a nosotros, como el Hijo de Dios y lleva a cabo el cumplimiento del Reino de Dios.

REFLEXION BIBLICA SOBRE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

13 de abril de 2025 - Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor

“Pedro, te digo que hoy mismo, antes de que cante el gallo, tres veces negarás que me conoces.” (Lucas 22:34)
¿Cuántas veces ha escuchado a alguien hacer un comentario despectivo acerca de Dios o de nuestra fe Católica? ¿Como reaccionó? ¿Permaneció callado para no causar molestias? ¿O, porque no quería que los demás pensaran negativamente de usted? ¿O, porque pensó que no sabía lo suficiente acerca de la fe Católica? Ore para tener la valentía de hablar y entablar una conversación respetuosa cuando se presente la oportunidad de hablar acerca de nuestra fe. Comparta con alegría su fe con los demás.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA (SPANISH)

Viernes, Abril 18 th	8:00 pm	La Novena de la Divina Misericordia se rezará del 18 al 26 de abril. Todos los días se celebrará en la iglesia excepto el jueves 24 de abril. Consulte el calendario para más detalles.	
Sábado, Abril 19 th	6:30 pm		
Domingo, Abril 20 th	11:30 am		
Lunes, Abril 21 st	7:00 pm		
Martes, Abril 22 nd	7:00 pm		
Miércoles, Abril 23 rd	7:00 pm		
Jueves, Abril 24 th	7:00 pm (in Parish Hall)		
Viernes, Abril 25 th	7:00 pm		
Sábado, Abril 26 th	7:00 pm		
Domingo, Abril 27	3:00 pm		

Weekly Collections

April 5th and 6th:

1st Collection - \$5,998.00

2nd Collection - \$3,139.00 (Maintenance Fund)

Thank You

Next week's 2nd Collection will be for the Diocesan Assessment.



In observance of Holy Week, the Parish office will be closed on Holy Thursday April 17th, Good Friday April 18th, and Easter Monday April 21st.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

St James parish has a subscription to FORMED. To access the site, go to <https://signup.formed.org> and enter our parish name to begin the sign up process for your **free** account. It's a fabulous resource for Catholic videos, lectures and children's resources. Here are three suggestions for the upcoming week.

The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

"The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ" is a filmed presentation of a live theatrical production that movingly recreates the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry.



The Jewish Roots of Holy Week

Holy Week is the holiest week of the year. But why do we call the entire week "holy"? Does anything important happen on the days between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday? Follow Scripture scholar and professor Dr. Brant Pitre as he walks through each of the seven days of Holy Week, and explains how the words and actions of Jesus on the last seven days of His life are deeply significant, relevant, and rooted in the Old Testament. Enter Holy Week and make it your most life-changing week yet.



And for our children...

Holy Week & Easter Special | Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids

Based on the award-winning Bible! Join Minno kids Margot, Lexi, Miguel, and Logan as they continue their journey through Jesus' life and learn the story of Easter. This gentle retelling—from Jesus' miracles to the greatest miracle of all—His resurrection, will help kids understand why Jesus came to earth to be our Savior and our friend.



McQUILLEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Completed Scholarship Packets are due back to the rectory no later than April 16th by 10:00 am.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited on Sunday, April 27 at 9:40 am before the 10 am Mass. All are welcome to attend.



May Crowning of the Blessed Mother



The Rosary Altar Society invites you to recite the Rosary and celebrate the May Crowning of the Blessed Mother on Thursday, May 1st at 6 pm in the Rosary Garden.

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity

Jesus gave us a perfect example to follow, constantly demonstrating love and care for those around Him. Much of the work that is done through our Church to advocate for respect for life, consoling those who are in hospital or prisons, and providing for the poor and vulnerable depends on the sharing of our financial resources through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

St James Knights of Columbus Fish Fry



St James Knights of Columbus annual Fish Fry takes place every Friday during Lent, through Good Friday, **April 18**.

The Fish Fry is held from **5:00-8:00pm** at **83 E Lincoln Ave, Jamesburg**. Dine in and take out available.



The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl initiative is in ending on Easter Sunday. Please return your Rice Bowl in the collection basket or the Rectory during office hours. Proceeds from the Rice Bowl will reach 250 million people with lifesaving support. Even a small contribution will make a big difference in the lives of those in need.



Knights of Columbus Council #6336

83 E. Lincoln Avenue, Monroe
1st & 3rd Monday of every month 8:00 pm



St. James Columbiettes

2nd Monday of every month 7:00 pm
except July & August