OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
As members of Christ’s family, through St. James the Apostle Parish, we:

WORSHIP the Lord by proclaiming His Word and celebrating His Sacraments,

GROW by learning more about God’s loving plan for us,

RESPOND to the call of Christ by sharing our talents, gifts and our love,

REACH OUT to the universal community by loving and serving our neighbors.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil | 4:00 P.M.
Sunday | 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Monday - Thursday Daily Mass | 8:00 A.M.
Friday Communion Service | 8:00 A.M.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE
On the Holy Day | 8:00 A.M., 12:15 & 7:00 P.M.
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

CONFessions
Saturday | 2:30 - 3:30 P.M.
Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy week and is a day of triumph. Jesus enters Jerusalem with cheers and fanfare as people shout, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” It will be just a few days later than many of those same people will be shouting, “Crucify Him!” Palm Sunday reminds us of the fickleness of the human spirit. At times, we may find ourselves praising God and at other times trying to keep as far away from Him as possible. Certainly God calls people to be faithful to Him at all times and not just when things are going well.

Jesus may have felt a warm welcome as He came into Jerusalem, but all along He knew that this was the place where He would be arrested, tortured and crucified. He also knew that in being faithful to His Father, He would rise from the dead here. Even in the greatest worry and sorrow, Jesus would be consoled by His Father’s presence. When we have worry and suffering in our lives, let us go to the Lord. Let us put ourselves in His care and trust that in His own way, we will be cared for.

Please come and celebrate our Lord’s passion, death and resurrection this week by attending our Holy Week services*. This is the most important time in the church year. What better way to walk with our Lord than by coming together with your parish family and participating in the beautiful and spiritually moving liturgies of Holy Week.

Father David

*At the time of the deadline for this edition, it looks as if we will be unable to celebrate the sacred three days of the Triduum gathered together in our church. However, plans are in the works that you will be able to access the liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, celebrated by Fr. David in the church via our St. James YouTube Channel, St. James the Apostle Glen Ellyn. Please visit our website www.stjamesge.org for a direct link to our channel and stay tuned to your Flocknotes from St. James for the complete details as they continue to unfold.
THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH AT 1:00 P.M.

Dear Parishioners,

In this most challenging of times, I am ever so grateful for your ongoing personal support and prayers. It is moments such as these that give solid evidence of our Christian witness. While we are very sensitive to pastoral needs, we are also called to address charitable and practical concerns. Some suggestions are as follows:

- being attentive to your neighbor’s needs, especially the elderly or others who may be at risk; checking on them and helping them as best you can
- calling me if I can be of some assistance to you

We have a wonderful St. Vincent de Paul Society in the parish and although not everyone can be helped as we would like, much good does indeed take place due to the generosity of those who support this worthy organization.

The Diocese of Joliet has established an emergency fund. In unusual circumstances, direct contact can be made to the Diocese through the Office of the Bishop at officeofthebishop@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Regarding the financial commitments of the parish, we will do everything possible to continue to retain and support our parish and school employees. To this end, I humbly ask you to keep current on your parish commitment. I know this is not possible for some. At the same time, there may be others who are in a position to contribute an additional sum to their ordinary gift. In the end, I am sure you will do the best you can.

Another way of giving is through the “on-line” method. It is easy and convenient, especially when the parish offices are closed. You may click the link below to give on a one-time basis or sign up for e-giving on a more regular basis. https://gp.vancopayments.com/gpo/#/6993f0ab-5c86-4804-b0b2-00e0247. You will also find a direct link to online giving on our parish website in the header, “Donate to St. James the Apostle Parish”

If you prefer not to give online, contributions to the parish may be mailed to St. James the Apostle Parish, 480 S. Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. You may also drop off your contribution in the lock box outside the Ministry Center door. Both the mail and lock box will be checked daily.

I also would like to mention that our Catholic school and religious education programs are being adapted in such a way that while the parish facilities are closed for the time being, on-line learning will continue to assist our children in meeting expectations to move on to the next grade level this coming fall. Understanding that family situations may be difficult, it is asked that you keep as current as possible with tuition and other payments.

Finally, I wish you all to know that you are remembered daily in the Masses I am celebrating privately and in my own prayers. I have a plaque on my desk that reads, “Father David, Trust me. I have everything under control. Love, Jesus.” I encourage you to insert your own name, and allow Jesus to speak those words of comfort to you. In the end goodness will triumph.

If you wish to send me your prayer requests, you may do so at: prayerrequests@stjamesge.org. Thank you and may Our Lord Jesus bless you always!

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. David J. Hankus, D.Min., Ph.D.
COMMUNICATIONS FROM BISHOP PATES ON THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, 3/26/20

Across the world, our people have raised questions regarding the forgiveness of sins. In order to address these inquiries and to bring peace to the victims of coronavirus and their caregivers, the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Vatican recently released two documents. They are:

1. Note from the Apostolic Penitentiary on the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the current pandemic, 20-03-2020
2. Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary and the granting of special indulgences to the faithful in the current pandemic, 20-03-2020

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced an aide for the Church in the United States to assist in implementing the guidelines of the documentation from the Apostolic Penitentiary. This complete aide can be downloaded at the bottom of this communication.

The essence as it applies to the faithful is as follows:

“...given public restrictions, the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation with either individual or general absolution may not be possible. This will make some of the faithful anxious, especially during this Lenten season of penance.”

To help in this, the Holy See, through the Apostolic Penitentiary, has offered two recourses for the faithful:

a) “Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by votum confessionis, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (cf. CCC, no. 1452).”

Perfect contrition requires

• the love of God
• the sincere desire for forgiveness
• the ardent commitment to receive the sacrament of reconciliation when available

b) “The gift of special Indulgences is granted to the faithful suffering from COVID-19 disease, commonly known as Coronavirus, as well as to health care workers, family members and all those who in any capacity, including through prayer, care for them.”

• this is a time of suffering, especially for those who have contracted COVID-19. As such, it may be a time for us to “rediscover the same redemptive suffering of Christ” (Salvifici doloris, 30).” Trusting in Christ,
• a Plenary indulgence is “granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father’s intentions), as soon as possible.”
• “Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: ‘Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends’ (Jn 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions.”

o An indulgence is “the expression of the Church’s full confidence of being heard by the Father when— in view of Christ’s merits and, by his gift, those of Our Lady and the saints— she asks him to mitigate or cancel the painful aspect of punishment by fostering its medicinal aspect through other channels of grace” (John Paul II, General Audience, September 29, 1999).

o A plenary indulgence removes all the temporal punishment due to sin (CCC, 1471).”
#### We Offer Our Prayers

- Emas Abdelsayed
- Nicholas Affatato
- Olivia Aliga
- Antonia Ambuhmyog
- Mike Asani
- Jason B.
- Jennifer Baker
- John Benton
- Enzo Bernabei
- Karen Bjanki
- Lydia Boyer
- Glenys Brown
- Ken Buchheit
- Mac Arthur Butler
- Neil Carey
- Michael Chachula
- Rose Chachula
- Natalie Chavez
- Adam Chrzaistik
- Anthony V. Coco
- Agapita Collo
- Joel L. Collo
- Maxine Coman
- Myrna Comstock
- Bishop Conlon
- Mary Ann Contafio
- Annette Cooke
- Donna Cooke
- Rosemarie Cooke
- Nora L. Cote
- Frank Cruz
- **Chris Danly**
- Sue Davis
- Charlie Demory
- Georgianna Demory
- Tony DeMory
- Nick DiFruscolo
- Jodi Dombuch
- Melinda Dragevich
- Phoebe Fajardo
- Mary Lou Fehlen
- Mary Ellen Finnane
- Bernie Finnegan
- Sarah Fitzgerald
- John Flanycz
- Johnny Feng
- Alex Fosco
- Larry Foster
- James Frasier
- Vanessa Frazier
- Rob Fruit
- Darlene Galgan
- Edward Galvin
- Don Michael Grabiec
- John Graff
- Robert Gunter
- Susan Hagensee
- Sharon Harbert
- Lucille Highsmith
- Jay
- Josh Hobson
- John Jackson
- Gail Johnson
- Ellen Johnston
- John Keating
- Josephine Kellogg
- Patricia Klein
- Marie Kohler
- Alan Kurpiwski
- Peter Lajoie
- Frances Lang
- Greg Lealkeon
- Joan Lealkeon
- Robert Lenger
- Felomina Legada
- Woody Lindauer
- Zosimo Lim
- Ellen Lloyd
- Todd Lohereny
- Mac
- Fr. Art Maher
- Mel Marini
- Louise McIntyre
- Louis Montana Sr.
- Leticia Moreno
- Mary Motto
- Art Moxley
- Geri Moxley
- John Mulcare
- Joseph Mulcare
- Pat Mulcrom
- Jean Murphy
- Fr. Jim Murphy
- John Murray
- Nada Nadar
- Nik Nguyen
- Ted O'Brien
- Edwin Obien
- Karl Obien
- Peggy O'Reilly
- Fr. John Ougler
- Carolyn Patterson
- Charmaine Patterson
- Patricia Patterson
- James Pelletiere
- Samantha Pelletiere
- Toni Pereira
- Debbie Phillips
- Ernesto Pojas
- Milagros Pojas
- Thomas Radic
- Roberta Rainville
- Cora Redu
- Gabrielle Reese
- Peter Regula
- Jordan Richards
- Angela Rinaldi
- John Rossi
- Rose Rudnick
- Colleen Sabel
- Christiana Salameh
- Steven Salata
- Carol Sandowski
- Joe Sansone
- Natalie Jane Santos
- Sharon Sassone
- Bobbie Saverino
- Gilly Saverino
- Russ Schauer
- Glenn Schroeder
- Fr. John Sebahar
- Mary Sherwood
- Wanda Shupak
- Cindy Smetsana
- Margo Smetsana
- Marie Sobiecki
- Dexter Sonrirk
- Grace Stsii
- Joan Szabo
- Mike Taurmina
- Maria Tomczak
- Bruce Tompkinson
- Patricia Tompkinson
- Ronald Townslen
- Frank Trambina
- Fred Tsai
- Nora Tsai
- Joan Taros
- Joseph Turos
- Gabriella Urban
- Andrew Urrtisti
- The Urrtisti Family
- Zoraida Vazquez
- Florencio Vergeldedios
- Socorro Vergeldedios
- Alexander Joseph Yec
- Rosita Yee
- Chok Yu
- Donna Wagner
- Carol Williams
- Ann Wilson
- Mary Winter
- Paulette Wolkski

#### Worship Ministries

**Holy Week**

- **Monday:** Is 4:21-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- **Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- **Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- **Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- **Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- **Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bced, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
- **Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

#### Saints and Special Observances

- **Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- **Monday:** Monday of Holy Week
- **Tuesday:** Tuesday of Holy Week
- **Wednesday:** Wednesday of Holy Week
- **Thursday:** Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
- **Friday:** Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday): Fast and Abstinence
- **Saturday:** The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night; Holy Saturday

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**Parish Prayer List**

If you would like to add a name to the parish prayer list, please contact Rubi at: rubi@stjamesge.org or call her at 630.469.7540, ext. 201. Thank you!
POSITIVE ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE RIGHT NOW

It is the prayer of Fr. David and the St. James staff that you are remaining safe and healthy, figuring out a sort of ‘new normal’, while always remembering that the Lord is near and His love never changes. Although we are apart physically at this time, the faith family of St. James has never been closer spiritually. Your light and love continue to shine brightly in these tough times and it is such an encouragement to so many. Based upon some suggestions you’ve taken the time to generously offer, we would like to offer some (hopefully) helpful resources of positive actions we can take right now during this time when we are asked to shelter-in-place. We will send updates via Flocknote 3x a week with more suggestions. May God bless you and keep you close to His heart.

WATCH MASS ONLINE

While there are a plethora of Masses being offered on various social media platforms, here are a couple you can connect to on the internet:

- Daily Mass with Bishop Pates at our Diocesan Cathedral, live at 11:30 a.m. or accessible anytime afterward. HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/C/DIOCESEOFJOLIETIL
- Daily Mass with Word On Fire from Bishop Barron’s chapel. The video will be posted below at 8:15am ET each day. HTTPS://WWW.WORDONFIRE.ORG/DAILY-MASS/
- The Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word offer the Mass each day from the EWTN Chapel. HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/SHOWS/SUNDAY-MASS-LIVE

PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Commemorate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ by praying the Stations of the Cross using images of the beautiful stations from the private chapel in the seminarians’ residence at Mundelein Seminary.

- OR for something less traditional, download the new Stations of the Cross resource from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops based upon the recent pastoral letter against racism. A rich Lenten reflection, this prayer resource can help open our hearts to the persistent sin of racism and the call to help overcome it. HTTP://WWW.USML.EDU/DIGITAL-STATIONS-OF-THE-CROSS-ONLINE/

READ THE DAILY READINGS

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers the Daily Readings here: HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/INDEX.CFM

SEND FR. DAVID YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS

Fr. David will lift up your weekly prayer requests each Sunday afternoon at the private Mass he will offer. Send an email with your requests for the week to: prayerrequests@stjamesge.org by Sunday at 12 Noon.

PRAY THE ROSARY


PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET


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LENTEN REGULATIONS: Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
[ STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR TODAY ]

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and needed!

Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

Please note these deadlines as you prepare to submit your articles:

Date of Edition ......................... Deadline
Sunday, April 19 ......................... MON., 04/06

Articles may be submitted to lisa@stjamesge.org

How You Can Still Contribute to St. James (while the church and offices are closed)

We have been getting the question a lot these days as to how and where you can make your sacrificial contribution to the parish. Thank you for asking! Your generous is greatly appreciated and needed.

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The Best Way to Receive Updates from St. James the Apostle Parish

During these difficult times we want to do our best to stay connected with you to provide you with spiritual resources and updated information as it becomes available.

If you are not yet connected to Flocknote, the email service through which we send out the most important of information, please send an email to Lisa Gilligan: lisa@stjamesge.org and she will sign you up to receive them.

Our website is updated regularly as well. Visit www.stjamesge.org to stay up to date.

On Facebook, we share inspirational resources and stories from many Catholic outlets you may find helpful. Be sure to follow our page, St James the Apostle Parish in Glen Ellyn Illinois.

On Twitter you can follow us at: St James Glen Ellyn.

Be assured of our continued prayers for all of our parishioners at this time.
Boy oh boy have we been challenged these past few weeks! We have been offering our teens & their families many opportunities to build their faith using resources like Zoom. But this week, the Holiest Week of the year - be sure to live-stream Masses, pray together as a family, and read Scripture together. Also, remember that through St James we offer Formed as an additional outlet for families to keep up with strengthening faith.

Remember that even though we are apart physically, I am still here for your teen and your family. Please reach out with prayer requests, concerns, just to say HI!, or to share funny stories.

Email gina@stjamesge.org, check us out on Facebook at St. James the Apostle Youth Ministry OR follow us on Instagram at stjamesgeym. Praying for your whole family!

Thank You Members of St. James
Many thanks to the members of St. James for their generous support. February was a difficult month. Demand was up and food quickly flew off the shelves. Your generous food and monetary donations were quickly put to use. We serve many who do not earn enough to meet all their obligations and also feed their families. Your donations help alleviate their burden. The pantry is very thankful to have such strong support.

Pandemic Update
As all of us are adjusting our patterns and habits to be as safe as possible in midst of the pandemic, the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry wants to communicate some of the changes it has made and new needs due to the current situation.

Families and Younger Persons Needed for Stocking Shelves
As many of our regular volunteers are seniors and are in self-isolation, we are asking younger people and families with children to consider giving some time to help stock our shelves. We will be at a minimum of people within the pantry at these times and are adhering to all hygienic suggestions. Please consider helping fill in while our regulars take extra caution.

Donations are Needed
We are in great need of shelf stable food items such as Mac and cheese, canned fruits, veggies and tomatoes, dry pasta and beans, etc. Your donation would act in much the same way. Come to the food pantry and just drive into the parking lot... Call 630.469.6988 ... And we will come outside and retrieve your food so you too will be able to avoid entering inside the building. We are accepting donations between 9 am - 1 pm Monday through Friday. Should you need other drop off arrangements, please give us a call, 630.469.8668.

Check the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry website: https://www.glenellynfoodpantry.org/ for the latest updates and information about when you can drop off non-perishable donations, or how you may make a financial contribution.
Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > April 6 - 12, 2020

APRIL 06/MONDAY
8:00 A.M.
Grace Bellino
REQ. BY LEA SMETANA
Margaret Jenkins
REQ. BY THE NIECES

APRIL 07/TUESDAY
8:00 A.M.
For the Parishioners

APRIL 08/WEDNESDAY
8:00 A.M.
Leo Mladic Sr.
REQ. BY MARY ANN OBLAK

Lillian & Russ Nosek
REQ. BY THOMAS & BARBARA LAURO

APRIL 09/HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 P.M.
Mass of the Lord’s Supper

APRIL 10/GOOD FRIDAY
3:00 P.M.
Passion of our Lord
7:00 P.M.
Stations of the Cross

APRIL 11/HOLY SATURDAY
12:00 P.M.
Blessing of the Easter Baskets

8:00 P.M.
Easter Vigil
Special Intention of the Celebrant

APRIL 12/EASTER SUNDAY
7:00 A.M.
Margaret Johnson
REQ. BY THE VOPENKA FAMILY
9:00 A.M.
Dorothy Vercruysse
REQ. BY THE VERCURYSE FAMILY
11:00 A.M.
For the Parishioners

—Please Note: Fr. David will offer private Masses for all intentions each day—

THIS WEEK@ST. JAMES

06/MONDAY
07/TUESDAY
08/WEDNESDAY
09/THURSDAY
Holy Thursday
Online with Fr. David—watch our website/Flocknotes for details
10/FRIDAY
Good Friday Online
with Fr. David—watch our website/Flocknotes for details
11/SATURDAY
Easter Vigil Online
with Fr. David—watch our website/Flocknotes for details
12/SUNDAY
Easter Sunday
Mass Online with Fr. David—watch our website/Flocknotes for details

Please note the schedule above is scheduled to change as we continue to stay updated with appropriate directives to protect the health and well-being of our parishioners. Please check our website, stjamesge.org for the most updated information about our schedule. Thank you!

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