

St. James Major Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Anticipated)
Sunday: 10:00 am
Monday – Friday: 8:30 am (in Chapel)

Holy Hour: First Friday following the 8:30 am
Mass.
Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays after Mass

Confessions

Saturday: 3:15 – 3:45 pm
And by request

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

New Parishioners: Welcome to the Parish!
Please complete a registration form (found on
the tables at the doors) and introduce yourself
to the priest.

Baptisms: Please contact the Priest or Dea-
con to arrange for a seminar and time for the
Baptism.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made
at least six (6) months in advance of the date of
the wedding. Please contact the priest before
committing to any other arrangements.

Funerals: Please contact the church as
soon as the need arises and before making
any arrangements with the funeral parlor.

The Pastor's Corner



The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, August 15

In the United States, it is a holy day of obligation. What is the Assumption of Mary? The Assumption of Mary is the teaching that: The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. What level of authority does this teaching have? This teaching was infallibly defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950 in the bull *Munificentissimus Deus* meaning, Most Bountiful God. It is a matter of faith that has been divinely revealed by God and that has been infallibly proposed by the Magisterium of the Church as such. Does that mean it is an “ex cathedra” statement and that we have to believe it? Yes. Since it is a dogma defined by the pope (rather than by an ecumenical council, for example), it is also an “ex cathedra” statement, one delivered “from the chair” of Peter. Because it is infallibly defined, it calls for the definitive assent of the faithful. Note that all infallibly defined teachings are things we are obliged to believe, even if they aren’t defined “ex cathedra”. The bishops of the world teaching in union with the pope (either in an ecumenical council or otherwise) can also infallibly define matters, but these aren’t called “ex cathedra” since that term refers specifically to the exercise of the pope’s authority as the successor of St. Peter. (It’s Peter’s *cathedra* or “chair” that symbolizes the pope’s authority.) Does the dogma require us to believe that Mary died? It is the common teaching that Mary did die. Why should Mary die if she was free from Original Sin and its stain? Being free of Original Sin and its stain is not the same thing as being in a glorified, deathless condition. Jesus was also free of Original Sin and its stain, but He could—and did—die. How can we apply this teaching to our everyday lives? According to Pope Benedict XVI: By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful. Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon. We may be sure of it: from on high, Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, reassures us with her motherly hand. Supported by awareness of this, let us continue confidently on our path of Christian commitment wherever Providence may lead us. Let us forge ahead in our lives under Mary’s guidance.



Registration August 19 & 26 After Mass

All students in kindergarten through 11th grade who are not attending a Catholic school should be enrolled in the Parish School of Religion (PSR). It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to see that their children are attending parish religious education classes and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Classes are held in the school Sunday mornings, beginning at 8:30 and ending with students attending the 10:00 Family Mass.

When registering, please bring proof of previous religious education and a copy of child’s baptism certificate to keep in the office file.



A Stewardship Moment

“Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise...”

EPHESIANS 5:15

A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

Be an Active Parishioner!

There are many ways you can become an active member of your parish. Below are some suggestions:

- ◆ Join a liturgical ministry: Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Lector
- ◆ If you’re in elementary school (3rd grade or higher), middle school or high school, become an altar server
- ◆ Volunteer to bring up the Offertory gifts during Mass
- ◆ Lead the rosary before Mass
- ◆ Become an usher/greeter
- ◆ Teach in the Parish School of Religion
- ◆ Join the SJM Guild or Sodality
- ◆ Help with church upkeep by joining the Altar Society
- ◆ Join the Knights of Columbus (men only)

If you are interested in any of these ministries, contact the pastor or deacon or call the parish office at 304-6750 during office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm.



Welcome

No matter where you are from, what you do, what your current family, marital or life situation...

No matter your personal history, age, background, race or political affiliation...

No matter your religion or self-perceived relationship with God or the Church...

We are very happy you are with us at St. James Major Catholic Church.

Mass Intentions



Each Mass is offered for the intentions of all present and for the following:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

10:00 am Intentions of all our parishioners who are ill, those who have asked for prayer

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| +Dolores & Ralph Schaefer, Sr. | +Arthur Collins |
| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. | +Rochelle Age |
| +Hartley & Grace Ward | +Florine Johnson |
| +Isadore Dunnaway, Sr. | +Lloyd Rousseve |
| +Michael Clavo, Jr. | +Elma Alvis |
| +Cyprienne Guerrero | +Jessie Grigsby |
| +Aldwin I. LaMothe | +Ernestine Maney |

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

8:30 am +Leona Bernard

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30 am +Joseph Chevis
+Ricky Harleaux
+Laawrence Dejan Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30 am +Poor Souls in Purgatory (P.L.)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30 am +Virida Daniels

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30 am +Arthur Vega

Please pray for them: Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Gloria Mitchell, Denise Thomas, Audrey Wilson, Gail Wright, Nadine Rochell, Gloria Harris, Gertrude Harris, William Mitchell, Maggie Haney, Dominic Carmouche, Loretta Parent, Walter Glapion, Yvonne Bechet, Gerald Mercadel, Sr., Susan Lauterbach, Thais Ardoin, Russell Jordan, Denise Rachal, Herbert Briant, Sr., Irene Ward, Theresa Jupiter, Marguerite Ragas, Irma Springer, Wilbert Clementin, Sr., Byron Williams, Jr., Kim Stovall, Michelle Irwin, Dennis LeBlanc, Betty Reynolds, Jill Courseault, Meredith LeBlanc and Clarence, Robert and Buster Mitchell.



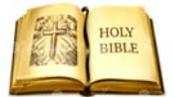
Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially those who are homebound or in hospitals, nursing homes and hospice. Please notify the rectory of the change in status of your relatives on the prayer list.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| 20 Monday | ST. BERNARD
Ezekiel 24:15-23; Deuteronomy 32; Matthew 19:16-22 |
| 21 Tuesday | ST. PIUS X
Ezekiel 28:1-10; Deuteronomy 32; Matthew 19:23-30 |
| 22 Wednesday | QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Ezekiel 34:1-11; Ps 23; Matthew 20:1-16 |
| 23 Thursday | ST. ROSE OF LIMA or WEEKDAY
Ezekiel 36:23-28; Ps 51; Matthew 22:1-14 |
| 24 Friday | ST. BARTHOLOMEW
Revelation 21:9b-14; Ps 145; John 1:45-51 |
| 25 Saturday | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY or ST. LOUIS or ST. JOSEPH CALASANZ or WEEKDAY
Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Ps 85; Matthew 23:1-12 |
| 26 Sunday | 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69 |

Lectors & Commentators

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| Aug 18 | Michael Sinegar, Greer Adams |
| Aug 19 | April Lauterbach, Denise Thomas |



Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

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| Aug 18 | Janice James, Montrelle Sinegar |
| Aug 19 | Mona Johnson, Marlin Gusman |



Please remember to pray for our men and women who are serving in the armed forces, especially:

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| SSgt Bryan Stovall, Jr., USMC | PO2 Melissa Flot, USN |
| CPL Darren Brazley, Jr., USA | PVT Robert Cook, USA |
| SSgt. Anthony Montz, USAF | Alvin Benjamin, USN |
| SSgt. Davin Hornsby, USAF | A1C Andrew Montz, USAF |
| SGT Robert Lambert, USA | |

Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light is burning this week for the intentions of the Carmouche family.



Church Support



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (August 11-12)

First Collection	\$ 2349.00
Second Collection	673.00
	<u>\$ 3022.00</u>

Please support your parish!