

# 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 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 Deacon 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



Dear Parishioners/Friends of St James Major

I am writing to thank you for all that you have given to the course of Christ's Mission in St James Major Parish in 2018. The ministry of our church changes lives both in our church and in the wider community, for example assisting to pay bills and offering food to the needy in our community. There is much for which we as a church can be grateful, and we continue to look forward to an exciting and yet challenging New Year, 2019.

I would like to thank all of you for your contributions in kind and in cash. You all are working very hard until now to keep this church running. I would like to request you to continue. I know how challenging it is to be a Christian, especially Catholic, in our own times. Yet I watched the efforts of you all during my five months here as your pastor of St James Major. I found it incredible the quality of faith that is available and the potential we have available to us. I look forward to seeing what comes in the future and hope we are able to connect with even the smallest member of our parish family. What a privilege it is to be a part of such an amazing faith journey, filled with such amazing people!

I want you all to know how much I enjoyed working with you since I have been here and how proud I am to have been a small part in joining such a wonderful faith tradition like St. James Major. It warms my heart to know that our church lived to be a hundred years in the coming year 2020. For me, it is really the right time to step out of the normal ways to rebuild and renew ourselves spiritually and faithfully. It will always be one of the highlights of our centenary celebration. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.



## 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 Church**

**Why was Jesus baptized?** Jesus was baptized by St. John the Baptist. This baptism was not meant to remove sin. It was the starting point of Jesus' public ministry. At the time of Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him and the voice of God the Father was heard saying "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased." This act tells us directly that Jesus is the Son of God, a member of the Blessed Trinity; but it also identifies Jesus with us, by submitting to baptism as an example for us to follow. Jesus' baptism shows us His humanity, and our following His example unites us with His divinity. Our baptism is the sacrament which makes us eligible to receive the other sacraments. Jesus did not have original sin and our baptism removes that sin which we inherited from our original parents, making us brothers and sisters with Christ.

### SECOND HARVEST HELPLINE

The Second Harvest Helpline is a toll-free number that assists community members with public assistance applications (SNAP, CCAP, Kinship Care, FITAP, and Child Support), emergency food assistance, and referrals for specialized services and programs. Those in need of services can call 1-855-392-9398 for assistance. Second Harvest Community Advocates are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and can assist English and Spanish-speaking clients over the phone or schedule a meeting in-person.



The **SJM Guild** will meet after Mass Sunday, January 13, in the work sacristy. This organization supports the works and activities of the Knights of Columbus and assists where needed in the parish and community. If you are interested in joining, please come to the meeting.



The **Gentilly Knights of Columbus** will meet Sunday, January 13, in the Parish Cottage after the 10:00 Family Mass. All Council 2925 members are urged to attend.



### A Stewardship Moment

*"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but He Who is mightier than I is coming...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'"* LUKE 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus—the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself in Stewardship to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



### Pastoral Council Meeting

The **Pastoral Council** will meet Thursday, January 17, 6 pm, in the Rectory. If you are a member of this group, please make every effort to attend the meeting.

# Mass Intentions



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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

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

And for the repose of the souls of

- +Laniche & Anita Prevost
- +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr.
- +Rita B. Moliere
- +Henry & Iola Oliver
- +Salvadorine Davidson
- +Rochelle Age
- +Arthur Vega
- +Christina Baham
- +Hilery Rodriguez
- +Wilma Johnson

**MONDAY, JANUARY 14**

8:30 am Communion Service

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:30 am Thanksgiving-St. Joseph Altar Group  
 +Jospeh Chevis  
 +Stephanie Sierra  
 +Family of Shirley Frederick

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16**

8:30 am +John & Beulah Kastner

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

8:30 am +Louisa Rondeno

"We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but His grace transforms us and makes us new."

Pope Benedict XVI

**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, 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 you or your relatives on the prayer list.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- 14 Monday **WEEKDAY**  
Hebrews 1:1-6; Ps 97; Mark 1:14-20
- 15 Tuesday **WEEKDAY**  
Hebrews 2:5-12; Ps 8; Mark 1:21-28
- 16 Wednesday **WEEKDAY**  
Hebrews 2:14-18; Ps 105; Mark 1:29-39
- 17 Thursday **ST. ANTHONY**  
Hebrews 3:7-14; Ps 95; mark 1:40-45
- 18 Friday **WEEKDAY**  
Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78; Mark 2:1-12
- 19 Saturday **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY or WEEKDAY**  
Hebrews 4:12-16; Ps 19; Mark 2:13-17
- 20 Sunday **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Isaiah 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



### Lectors & Commentators

- Jan 12 Montrelle Sinegar, Gaynell Marchand
- Jan 13 Denise Thomas, Kitty Montz



### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

- Jan 12 Michael Sinegar, Kerry Winder
- Jan 13 Mona Johnson, Evangeline Richard

## Our Men and Women in the Service

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

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

### Church Support



**OFFERTORY COLLECTION (December 22-23)**

First Collection .....	\$ 1910.00
Second Collection .....	574.00
	<u>\$ 2484.00</u>

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION (December 24-25)**

Christmas Collection .....	\$ 1618.00
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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION (December 29-30)**

First Collection .....	\$ 2107.00
Second Collection .....	582.00
	<u>\$ 2689.00</u>

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION (December 31-January 1)**

First Collection .....	\$ 772.00
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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION (January 5-6)**

First Collection .....	\$ 2452.00
Second Collection .....	691.00
	<u>\$ 3143.00</u>

Thank you for your support!