ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"BUILDING FOR GOD'S GLORY"

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Sunday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Office is closed on Fridays and Saturdays

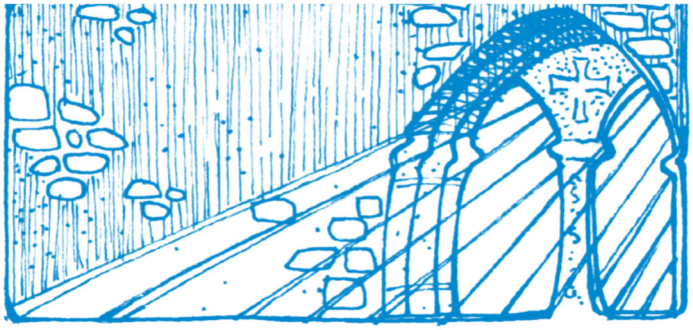
Parish Pastoral Council……...Meets 2nd Wednesdays at 5:30pm
Finance Council……..……..4th Wednesday at 5:30pm
Choir……..Practice each Thursday at 6:59pm
Women's Auxiliary.....……..2nd Sunday following 11:00am Mass
Knights of Columbus……..……3rd Saturday at 11:30am
Knights of Peter Claver……4th Saturday at 9:30am
Knights of Peter Claver-4th Degree…….. 4th Saturday at 12pm
Gracious Ladies-4th Degree…….……...1st Saturday at 11am
Ladies' Auxiliary of Peter Claver...…….....3rd Sunday at 12:45pm
Spiritual Enrichment Committee..1st Saturday every other month 10am
Sandwich Making Ministry…….1st & 3rd Sunday following 8am Mass
Free Lunch for Neighbors...……Wednesdays at 10:30am
(sponsored by the KPC and Ladies Aux)
Nevadans for the Common Good (*Interfaith*)…….4th Thursday at 5:30pm
Special Events ..... Revival in February
Gospel/Jazz Brunch 3rd Sunday in October

Not Listed: Bible Study Group, Outreach, Liturgy Committee, Junior Knights and Daughters of Peter Claver. Please see bulletin for dates and time.

March 17, 2019

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday 8 a.m. *(Community Choir)*
& 11a.m. *(Gospel Choir)*
***Reconciliation (Confessions)**: By Appointment*
Please call the office



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Wedding Information – Please contact the office 6 months in advance and before any dates are considered.

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Baptismal Information – Please contact the office 3 months in advance and before any dates are considered.

~~ Sunday, March 17, 2019 ~~
~Second Sunday of Lent~

STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1).

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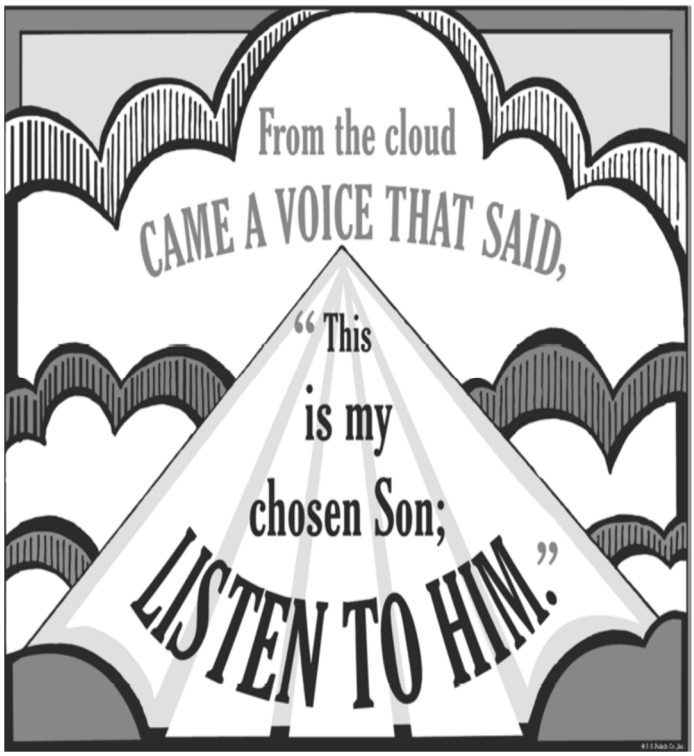

St. James Parishioners—We want to keep all parishioners informed of parish activities and other important information regarding our community. **Email** is a great way to communicate with you. We will try to minimize the number of emails sent out. If you are currently not receiving any of the St. James emails, please check with the parish office to see if we have your correct email on file. *Thank you!*

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in the Catholic Faith, in order to build up the reign of God, the mission of St. James the Apostle Catholic Church is to live out the message of Jesus Christ by worshipping God by serving the world.

Pray for ...

Bobbye Boxx
Anthony Canapa
Yakkia Comminey
Cheryl Lewis
Shirley Morris
Vernon Richardson
Catherine Tasker
Ava Urrea

If you would like to add a family member to our prayer list, you may do so by contacting the parish.

Weekly Offering

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St. James needs to collect **$ 7,500.00** each week in order to meet our operating expenses. Please help us meet this goal

ASH Wednesday, March 6, 2019
Catholic Charities: $1,045.81

March 10, 2019

Ordinary Offering:	$ 7,082.60
Outreach	$ 125.00
Land	$ 2,460.00
Flowers	$ 300.00
Gift Shop	$ 117.00

May God Bless your generosity
Please don't forget to include your envelope number

Reminder: *If you would like to use* ***your debit/credit card*** *for your weekly offering, please stop by the church office. You can also set up automatic deposits from your bank to the church. Thank you for your contributions.*

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE
Please visit St. James webpage for online giving
sjtac.org

Lenten Regulations

NORMS FOR FASTING AND ABSTAINING FROM MEAT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Roman Catholic Church, the norms on **fasting** are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Schedule of Events

Sunday: **March 17, 2019**
Mass ~ 8:00 am
RCIA Session ~ 9:15 am
CC Group Celebration ~ 9:15 am - 10:30 am
Fingerprinting ~ 9:30 am - 10:30 am
Mass ~ 11:00 am ***(Gospel Choir)***
Liturgy of the Word f/Children during 11am Mass
Confirmation ~ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
KPCLA Mtg ~ 12:45 pm

Thursday: **March 21, 2019**
No Bible Study
Gospel Choir Practice ~ 6:59 pm

Friday: **March 22, 2019**
Stations of the Cross (Women's Auxiliary) 6pm

Saturday: **March 23, 2019**
Women's Auxiliary Rummage Sale
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

We offer prayers to those who will be attending the Los Angeles Religious Conference in Anaheim, CA. May they have a safe and successful conference.

LENTEN REVIVAL 2019 with
FR CHESTER SMITH as the REVIVALIST
THEME: "FORGIVENESS"

God's Grace is all that is needed to lead to forgiveness. These 40 days of Lent are "Primetime" and reading scripture can lead to prayer, almsgiving and forgiveness.

Fr. Chester gave us several scriptures to help us through our Lenten journey. So take out your Bibles and read these passages to help you find your way to forgiving yourself and forgiving others: Luke 22; Ephesians 1 & 2; 2Corinthians 1 & 2; Romans 1 & 2; Colossians 3:12; Sirach 9 & 10; Psalms 91; Ephesians 4; Matthew 5 & 6; Genesis 11; Colossians 5; Luke 23:40-49; and Exodus 3:10-14.

Fingerprinting Schedule
March 17th 9:30 am-10:30 am
Please pick up a fingerprint package at the church office and complete prior to your arrival

Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

St. James the Apostle's 2018 assessment is **$31,661**. We received pledges in the amount of **$27,790** from 69 parishioners and have payments of **$6,140.** We are encouraging our 300 registered households to participate in making this a successful ***"In Your light we are light."*** appeal.

"No gift is too small and no gift is too large!" The ministries that this campaign funds allows us together as a church to reflect the light of Christ in many ways.

Thank you for your prayers and continuous support.

Mass Intentions for the week

March 17, 2019
8:00 am: Pearl Aikens†
11:00 am: Jose Vasquez and People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Daniel 9:4b-10;
Psalm 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;
Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Luke 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20;
Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16;
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10;
Psalm 1:1-4, 6;
Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;
Psalm 105:16-21;
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;
Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15;
Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12;
Luke 13:1-9
Alternate readings (Year A):
Exodus 17:3-7;
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9;
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;
John 4:5-42
[5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets today to help support the seminarians. Please see one of the Knights after Mass for further details. Thank you
Phillip Gay
Holy Apostles

Lobby Bulletin Board and Information Shelf
Please do not place any materials on the lobby bulletin board or the information shelf unless approved by the pastor.

St. James Land Status
Initial Loan: $375,783.88
Monthly Payment of $3,788.75 (began Dec. 2012)
Est. Balance as of February 28, 2019: ***$164,683.98***

MINI GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPEN
LOCATED IN THE GATHERING SPACE

Small gift items for special occasions
All proceeds go to the Church!
THANK YOU!

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

The Faith Formation Office hours:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays ~ 9:00 am -3:00 pm
Thursdays ~ 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

March Calendar

17 - RCIA Session ~ 9:15am
17 - Catechism Classes "GROUP CELEBRATION"- 9:15am
17 - Confirmation Classes ~ 1:00pm
24 - RCIA Session – 9:15am
24 - NO CATECHISM CLASSES
31 - RCIA Session ~ 9:15am
31 - Catechism Classes ~ 9:15am
31 - Confirmation Classes ~ 1:00pm

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

If you would like to have your child baptized or would like to be married in the Church, you must complete the preparation process. Contact Ms. Eagan in the Faith Formation office for details.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you are 18 years of age or older, or know someone who is, and would like to become Catholic, the Church has a special program to help you through this process. Also, if you were baptized into the Catholic faith but have not received your Sacraments of Confirmation or First Eucharist, this program is for you as well.

Please contact Ms. Eagan in the Faith Formation office for more details.

Catholic Services Relief – Rice Bowl

"ENCOUNTER ANNET"

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?
Visit **crsricebowl.org** for more.

Master, it is good that we are here

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

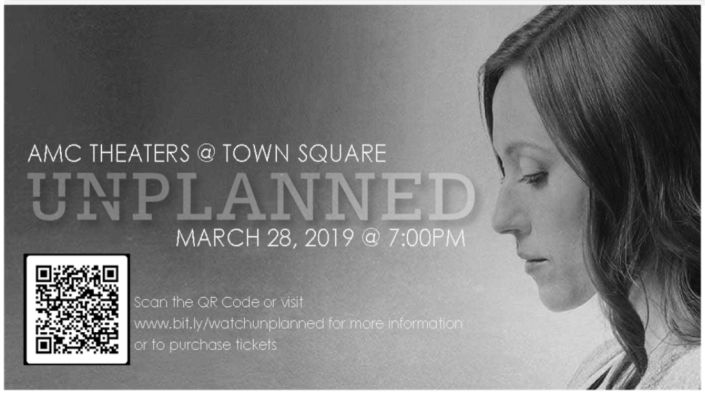
Month of March

Mar 03: Donald Bernard
Mar 04: Elizabeth Trantham
Mar 05: John Culliver
Mar 06: Jeanne Schuldt
Mar 11: Aurora Hernandez
Mar 12: Susan Nwogbe, Ricardo Clavel, Jacqueline Garcia
Mar 13: Cecilia Garcia, Yahaira Fuentes
Mar 15: **Anniv**: Dr. Jerome & Dr. Maria Nwokike
Mar 16: Yvonne Huey, James Lucero
Mar 18: Chinasa Ceaser, Robert Shack
Mar 20: Brenda Dumas, Bridget Hughes
Mar 21: Yakkia Comminey
Mar 24: Shawina Tims, Hermenia Shoals, Joycelyn Jones
Mar 25: Jacqueline Jones
Mar 27: Richard Garcia, Richard Lozo
Mar 28: Barbara Lynch, Emeka Nwokike
Mar 30: Julia Occhiogosso

If your birthday or anniversary date is missing and you are a registered parishioner, please contact the church office.

40 days of Life

FIRST CHOICE PREGNANCY SERVICES
860 E. SAHARA, LAS VEGAS 89104
Further information: ***40daysoflife.com/Las-Vegas***



Did you know that the Dominicans have a Third Order, too! Known as Lay Dominicans, these followers of St. Dominic strive to grow in spirituality by showing their love and service to their parish family and the community at large. Through prayer and study, they are able to grow in the ways of St. Dominic, St. Thomas, and St. Catherine of Siena. Come and learn more about the Lay Order of Preachers. The group meets the last Saturday of each month at UNLV Newman Center.

Fr. Daniel Roland, OP is the Spiritual Director of this group of lay Dominicans. If you would like more information on the Lay Order of Preachers or how you can join, please call UNLV 702.736.0887.

Victim Advocacy Number

If you believe you are a victim of sexual and/or physically abused, please call our 24hr-hotline at 702-235-7723.

~~ Pastor's Message ~~

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. James the Apostle,

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL!

Our Lenten Revival with the theme ***"Forgiveness"*** was another success! Many thanks to our Spiritual Enrichment Committee for organizing and putting together all that went into this year's Revival. Thanks to all those who provided the "soups" and stuff before the evening sessions! Thanks to all of you who were able to participate in the evening sessions. And thanks to our own St. James Gospel Choir who ended up doing triple duty this past weekend! Our Monday evening session had a significant increase in attendance over Sunday evening.

And, last but not least, thanks to Fr. Chester Smith, SVD, our revivalist, for leading us on the journey toward more genuine forgiveness!

As I mentioned at the conclusion of the Monday evening session, ***Forgiveness*** is a work of God. We have the option of choosing to let God lead us to forgiveness, or we can ignore God's invitation. May the rest of our Lenten Season provide us with whatever is necessary to let forgiveness bring about healing to our broken lives, relationships, church, communities, families, workplaces, and the list can go on. Forgiveness is a work-in-progress. Be patient with the process! We only need worry if we refuse to let God help us move toward sincere forgiveness. May God's forgiveness of us move us to do the same for others.

OUR NEW YAMAHA CLAVINOVA IS PAID OFF!

A couple of weeks ago I offered an opportunity for anyone who wanted to help us purchase a new Clavinova. I'm happy to announce that we have received $3,800 from four donors, and the Clavinova is all paid off and totally ours! A sincere thanks to our donors and to all of you who offered prayers that hearts would be open to contribute. Never underestimate the power of prayer!

Peace always,

Fr. James Michael Jankowski
Pastor

P.S.: Are your Lenten sacrifices still a secret between you and God alone?

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

If you have suffered a loss because of the choice of abortion, you can find healing and reconciliation at the upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The retreat will be held **March 22-24** and it is held in both English and Spanish. Many women and men suffer silently in Mass each Sunday, many confess more than once, and yet still carry the burden of shame and grief that goes unspoken.

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. For more information about our upcoming April 13-15th, 2019 **Retrouvaille Weekend program**, contact registration team: John & Paula @ (702)812-8873 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com

Nineteenth Annual Nevada Clay Guild
Empty Bowl Benefit
Helping to Feed the Hungry in Las Vegas
Sat March 30th 1130 am—1:30 pm
Green Valley High School Cafeteria
460 Arroyo Grande Blvd. Henderson, NV
Adults: $25
Children & All Students $15
Additional Bowls: $15
www.lvcw.org/emptybowl.htm
Or call for info: Julia Occhiogrosso at 702 234 0755 or
Donna Potter at 702 461-3398

Respectfulness in the Sanctuary and the Vestibule

Please refrain from talking during Mass. Also the vestibule is an extension of the Sanctuary when Mass is going on. There are parishioners and little ones in the vestibule who want to participate in the Mass but need to sit in the vestibule. If there is a need to discuss other matters, please do so outside.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Annual Lenten Women's Retreat
Saturday, March 30, 2019. 8 am—3 pm
St. Viator Catholic Community
2461 E. Flamingo (at Eastern) Las Vegas
$10 (retreat, breakfast & lunch)
RSVP: 702-630-2173

2019 Schedule for Lent and Easter

Stations of the Cross (Fridays 6:00 pm except Good Friday)

3rd Week - March 22 – Women's Auxiliary
4th Week - March 29 - Youth
5th Week – April 5 – Knights of Columbus (hot soup at 5:30 pm)
6th Week – April 12 – (Choirs)
7th Week – April 19 - Deacon James & community **- 3:00 pm**

Holy Week Schedule

April 14: Palm Sunday (regular Mass schedule)
April 16: Chrism Mass (Guardian Angel) - Tuesday, 6:00 pm
April 18: Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 pm
April 19: Passion of the Lord (Good Friday Services) – 7 pm
April 20: Easter Vigil Mass - 7:30 pm (Gospel Choir)
April 21: Easter Sunday Mass - ***10:00 am*** *(one Mass on Easter)*
Easter Egg Hunt following Mass