

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Parish Office:

Monday - Thursday 9am until 1pm
Sundays: 9am until 11am

Parish Pastoral Council.....Meets 2nd Wednesdays at 5:45pm
Finance Council.....4th Wednesday at 5:45pm
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.

September 20, 2020

MASS SCHEDULES

10:00 am Mass live streamed on
St. James Facebook only
(access through www.sjtac.org)

Temporarily

Sunday Masses 8am, 10am, and 12pm
Seating is limited so you must contact the church office to reserve a seat for which mass you would like to attend.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

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

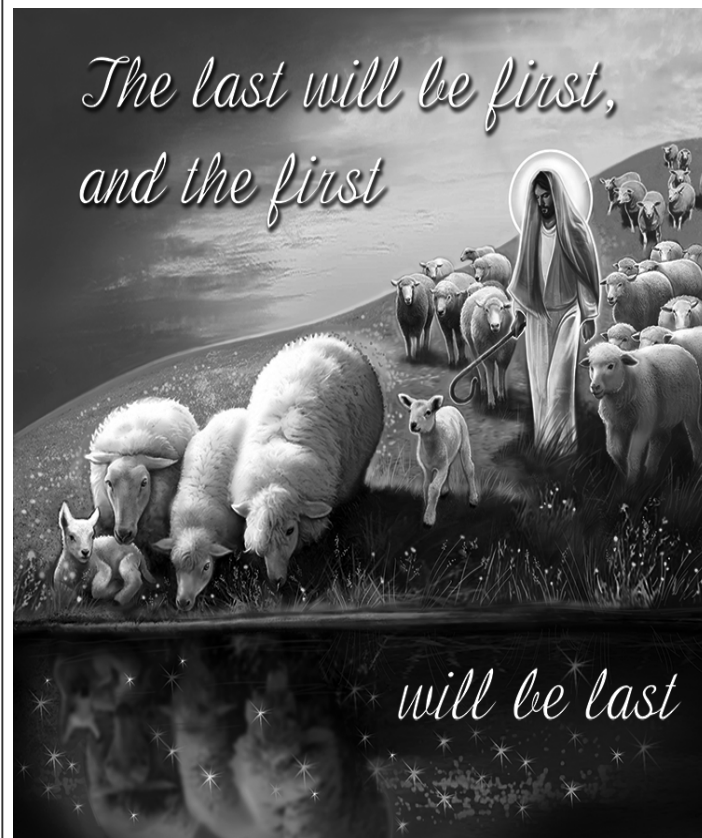
~ Sunday, September 20, 2020 ~
~ Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~

DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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**St. James Live Stream Sunday Mass at 10am
with Fr. Binoy (St. James facebook - access sjtac.org)
for those who are unable to attend one of the
three masses on Sunday.**

**The Bishop of Las Vegas issued a Decree
(dated August 24, 2020) for dispensation from obligation
of attending Mass until September 27, 2020**

We continue to encourage those with vulnerable health conditions, the elderly or those who are uncomfortable to continue to participate via live streaming.

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.

Marshall Bergeron
Yakkia Comminey
Anthony Canapa
Sue Canapa
Barbara "BJ" Lynch

Norma Savage
Joe Neal
Robert Smith
John Holmberg
Cindy Wallace

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

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

September 13, 2020

Online giving for the week August 31 - September 6: **\$1,510.00**

Ordinary Offering	\$ 3,715.00
Outreach/Poor	\$ 70.00
Land Debt:	\$ 130.00

Online giving on our website www.sjtac.org.

**You may also mail in your offerings
1920 N Martin Luther King Blvd
Las Vegas, NV 89106**

If you would like to use **your debit/credit card** for your weekly offering, please call the church office (Mondays are good to call in your donations). You can also set up automatic deposits from your bank to the church. Thank you for your contributions. Please consider including your St. James family when planning your will.

Why Register In the Church

Many people attend Mass here at our church, but are not *registered parishioners*. It is important to be registered and use your offering envelopes so that if you ever request a letter, whether it's for being a godparent, sponsor, marriage, confirmation, tax statement or any other purpose, we can check our records and see that you attend Mass here. This would also benefit you if you would like to have your child enrolled in next year's Religious Education Program. If you are not registered in the church, we cannot issue or sign any type of letter stating that you are a member of the parish, even if you attend Mass here. If you would like to register and **receive offering envelopes**, you must complete our registration form. You may also use the parishioner's updated form (green) located on the church lobby shelf for any **changes** to your address, email or phone number.

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!*

Schedule of Events

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Beginning the first Sunday in October 2020, we will return to our regular schedule Masses on Sunday, 8 am and 11 am. However, until further notice we will maintain our 50 seat limit. Please call the office each week if you are planning to attend mass.



Pray for each other during this period of uncertainties

**Know the Registration Deadlines and
Important Dates for Mail-in and Early voting for our
November 3, 2020 Election**

[https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/election/Pages/
RegisterToVote.aspx](https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/election/Pages/RegisterToVote.aspx)

Rental Assistance for Clark County residents. Please call Salvation Army at 702 870-4430.

Mass Intentions for the week

**September 20, 2020
Presider's Personal Intentions**

- 8 am:** Erus Matanguihan†
10 am: People of the Parish
12 pm: Gabriela Turrado & Gonzales Family
 (health and healing)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13;
 Psalm 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13;
 Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44;
 Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9;
 Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;
 Luke 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11;
 Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
 Luke 9:7-9
Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; P
 Psalm 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
 Luke 9:18-22
Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9 — 12:8;
 Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
 Luke 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ezekiel 18:25-28;
 Psalm 25:4-9;
 Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5];
 Matthew 21:28-32



St. James Land Status

Initial Loan: \$375,783.88

Monthly Payment of \$3,788.75 (began Dec. 2012)

Est. Balance as of August 31, 2020: \$43,033.00

17th Annual Gospel Jazz Brunch Virtual Event October 18, 2020 at 1:30 pm.

All are invited to join us on your computer, phone or IPAD to celebrate our seventeenth Annual Gospel/Jazz Brunch with song, dance, raffle and silent auction. The proceeds from this event will be used to enhance our outreach programs and continue our ministry in this community.

We are asking for your support in our fund-raising effort by advertising in the St. James Souvenir Journal. Submit your ad by **September 18, 2020**. We also need donations of new items that can be used for our Silent Auction. Please call the parish office 702-648-6606 on how to donate your items. You may also purchase raffle tickets 6 for \$25. **1st Prize**—iPad, **2nd Prize**—Money Tree (valued over \$500) and **3rd Prize**—TV. Thank you for your support.



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17TH

ANNUAL

GOSPEL/JAZZ VIRTUAL BRUNCH

Join by phone, tablet or computer

SUN OCT 18
1:30 PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

LAVONNE LEWIS, CHAIRPERSON
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“Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving” —Isaiah 55:7b

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

The Faith Formation Office hours:
Tuesday thru Thursday ~ 9:00am-1:00pm

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

If you are seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for your child, there are some specific requirements that must be completed before this sacrament can be received. Please contact Ms. Eagan in the Faith Formation office.

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.



Rite of Baptism

Today, we welcome into the Church, through the waters of Baptism, the following candidates:

Child – Roman Ignacio Guerrero Dominguez

Parents – Juana Dominguez and Sergio Guerrero

Child – Alondra Itzel Serrano

Parents – Maricruz Dominguez and Daniel Serrano

The St. James community congratulates you and stands ready to support you in your journey of faith.

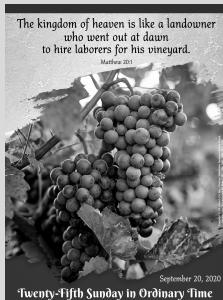


BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Month of September

Sept 01: John Narvaiz, Nicole Okeke
 Sept 02: LeiLani Bass
 Sept 03: Darcy Bechtel
 Sept 04: Margaret Cambell
 Sept 06: Uche Nwokike, Ana Marquez
 Sept 07: Jessie Garcia
 Sept 08: Linda Davis-Sanders
 DeAndre Wiggins-Williams Jr.
 Sept 09: Rose Daniel, Catherine Tasker, Martine O'Neil,
 Estefania Valladares
 Sept 10: Jennifer Watson, Djoko Susilo, Tobias de Santiago
 Anniv: Ernest & Yvonne Huey
 Sept 11: Beatrice Smith, Carol Duplessis
 Sept 12: Cynthia Cruz, Trussier Tasker, Lanette McAfee
 Sept 13: Pearl Yarbrough
 Sept 15: Cheryl Spurlin
 Sept 16: Henry Fairfax, Terry Cupit
 Sept 18: Noah White, Cindy Wallace, Maria Rodriguez
 Sept 19: Naomi Wade
 Sept 22: Ramona Morgan
 Sept 23: **Anniv:** Pat & Jim Fautt
 Sept 24: Kemara Smith, Vinita Lavizzo,
 Anniv: J.D & Eva Streeter
 Sept 25: E. Lavonne Lewis, Merlita Phillips
 Sept 26: Ashley Willis, Marie Garcia
 Sept 27: **Anniv:** John & Myrna Narvaiz
 Sept 28: **Anniv:** Kirby & Birdie Ray
 Sept 29: Mattie Blackshear, Thomas Groce
 Sept 30: Robert Lynch, Kirby Ray,
 Anniv: William & Cheryl Lewis

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



Catechetical Sunday

Today, the Church, worldwide, commissions all those who have answered the call to catechize those who are seeking to become Catholic and those who want to learn more about the faith. We want to recognize our Catechists here at St. James and thank them for saying, "Yes:"

Francisco Alemar
 Patricia Bell
 Rhonda Hooper
 E. Lavonne Lewis
 Danelle Marek
 Thomas Nicholson
 Birdie Ray
 Mary Schirling
 Amy Urrea
 Annalean Young

Gladys Alemar
 Pamela Graham
 Stacey Hunter
 Carolyn Malone
 James Marek
 Martine O'Neil
 Phyllis Rose
 Sonja Smith
 Shirnice Villano

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.



2020 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

Our 2020 CSA continues. If you are prepared to make a pledge, please complete a pledge card and place it into the offering basket or mail directly to the Diocese. If you need to take time to pray over any pledge you are contemplating, please take a card with you and return or mail it as soon as you have decided. Please keep in mind that St. James' obligation this year is **\$36,485.00**. **We have received pledges in the amount of \$41,930.00 from 77 parishioners and have payments of \$35,207.50.** Any funds received by the Diocese over and above our obligation will be returned to St. James for our use. **Thank you for your participation and support.**

Church's Media Notice

From time to time, photos may be taken at various church and/or ministerial events given at St. James and may appear on our social media. If you do not want your photo to appear on St. James' social media, please inform the parish office.

~~ Priest's Message ~~

My Dear Parish Family,

I truly understand that we are a family. I can feel it and experience your love and warmth. I thank you so much for considering me a part of your family. I am really touched by your generosity and kindness. The best example of your generosity was our recent school drive for which many of you donated. We were able to buy more than 29 chrome books which benefited our children in the parish as well as our neighbors. We, the St. James family, are committed to serve our Lord and love our neighbors.

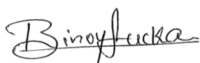
As you know this year's Gospel Jazz Brunch is fast approaching. I have heard great things about this event. I know you have experienced it for the past 16 years. I am looking forward to it although it will be different this year. I have seen that so many people work hard to make this event successful. Unlike other years, this year we will not sell an entry ticket for the event. The reason is that I would like to make it available for all our parishioners. You are most welcome to login to our Facebook page or to the Church's web site and watch the entire event at 1:30pm on October 18, 2020.

We are enclosing 12 raffle tickets with this letter for you to purchase to support the event. We have three wonderful prizes in the raffle -first prize is a gift card tree valued at over \$500, 2nd prize is an IPAD AIRE and 3rd prize is a television set. All you need to do is purchase the raffle tickets. The tickets are six (6) for \$25.00 or \$5 each. If you want all twelve tickets just send \$50.00 to the church and your numbers will be entered into the drawing.

I also would like to share the financial status of the St. James family. I know you have always contributed to our needs. This year, in order to meet our budget, we will have to take \$40,000.00 from our savings. We are trying our best to reduce our operating expenses. Our goal is to raise this \$40,000.00 through different fund-raising programs and the only major fundraising program we have is our Gospel Jazz Brunch.

I know we are all struggling due to this pandemic, therefore I am asking you to please donate whatever you can to our church family either by buying or selling raffle tickets, donating through our website or just increasing your weekly contribution. We appreciate all your support.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Binoy Akkalayil Lucka, O.S.S.T
Administrator

Blessings of the Pets

Saturday, October 3, 10:00 am
Please bring your pets to our
St. James parking lot. Also, don't
forget your pet poop bag.



RE-Opening Procedures and Guidelines Bishop George Leo Thomas has continued the dispensation from the Obligation to attend Sunday Mass to remain in effect until further notice.

We continue to encourage those with vulnerable health conditions, the elderly or those who are uncomfortable to continue to participate via live streaming. We will continue our live streaming of the 10am mass.

We are limited to 50 participants per mass, which includes Priest, staff, and volunteers. To accomplish this, we have added a third mass. The mass schedule is 8am, 10am and 12pm. Parishioners must contact the office, via phone or email to reserve a seat for the mass by providing your name, contact information, which mass you would like to attend, and how many people will be attending with them. Parishioners must make a reservation each week. There will be NO standing reservations. If a parishioner's mass choice is full, they will be given the option to attend one of the other masses if there is space available. Once a mass reaches full capacity, it is closed for that Sunday. A sign will be posted outside the main door indicating: *The Church has reached full capacity in accordance with Government guidelines and Mass has commenced*

Upon Entering:

Everyone will need to sanitize their hands prior to entering the sanctuary. Temperature screening may be done at that time.

We will use only the main entrance. The north door (facing Mario's) will remain locked. Parishioners may not enter through that door, exit only. Parishioners will be checked at our main entrance to ensure that those who did reserve a seat, have their seat. **YOU MUST ARRIVE ON TIME** The doors to the sanctuary will remain open during mass but the entrance door will be closed when mass commences. **Once Mass begins, there will not be any late entries and a sign will be placed on the door advising the late comers. We asked you to remain seated during the duration of the Mass.**

Seating: Seating will be available based on social distancing. The entry door will open 15 minutes prior to the start of mass. If you arrive earlier than the 15 minutes, you are encouraged to wait in your vehicles until the doors open. All attendees over the age of 10 are to wear a mask. Parents with children under the age of 10 are to use their discretion regarding the use of masks for their minor children under 10.

We encourage you to take care of your bathroom needs before coming to Mass. However, if it is an emergency please know that the restrooms will be limited to two people at a time, to continue social distancing.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER has cancelled all in-person weekends for this year. However, we have exciting news! There is a way for couples, priests and religious to join a virtual WWME experience from the comforts of their home. This experience will be in 7 sessions beginning on **Monday, October 5th** and end on **Monday October 26th**. The sessions will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 7pm - 9:30pm. The content of the sessions will be the same as given on in-person weekends. Maybe you can join us on this virtual experience. It is a great opportunity for priests to join because there are no weekends involved. Check <http://www.wwme.org/> and <https://moments4marriage.org/> for more information. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Don and Wink Flanders & Fr. Binoy Akkalayil
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