

SAINT JAMES' CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bulletin
for the week of
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The Parable of The Wheat and the Seeds

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Daily Masses

Monday thru Friday
7:30 a.m.
Saturday
8:00 a.m.

**All daily Masses are in
the Rectory**

Schedule of Masses

Sunday Obligation
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. (Español)
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. (Español)
6:00 p.m. (Español)

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**
7:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
In the Rectory Chapel
Benediction
8:00 p.m.
Acompañe a Jesús
Sacramentado en
oración,
de lunes a viernes de
7:00 a 8:00 de la noche
en la Capilla de la
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Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Closed on
Federal Holidays

****Bulletin Deadline****

Wednesday Noon
Pre-approved by
the Pastor



Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

Spanish Catholic Center Food Package Assembler and Distributer

Join Catholic Charities at their Spanish Catholic Center location in DC to assist with the weekly food distribution taking place every Wednesday. Volunteers who are screened and cleared will assemble grocery packages for pick up and distribute them as needed.

Sign up here: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/covid-19-volunteeropportunities/>

A total of 67 food banks in the Archdiocese that need help. Many types of assistance are needed.

Sew Face Coverings

We are striving to serve our community and keep our staff and clients safe, by following guidelines from the CDC and local public health officials. Right now, we need your help by making sewn face coverings to protect our employees at community food distributions programs and homeless shelters. Get information and sign up here: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/covid-19-volunteer-opportunities/>

WOULD YOU LIKE TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH DURING THE WEEK?

Tune into our local Catholic radio station 1160AM WMET, part of the Guadalupe Radio Network, an EWTN affiliate. There's something for everyone: Holy Mass, Divine Mercy, Q&A, music, morning shows and much more... You can hear us on your radio at 1160AM, via free IOS and Android apps on your smartphone and at GRNOnline.com 24 hours online Catholic Radio station in English, Spanish, and Italian at <http://www.radiomaria.us/>.

The Jubilarian Mass is scheduled for November 22, 2020.

Location: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held in the Fall of 2020 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The registration deadline has been extended to September 30.

If you would like to participate, please call your parish office with your information before the September 30 deadline. Couples registered after the deadline will be accepted, but will not receive an invitation and their names will not appear in the Jubilarian program due to printing deadlines.

The dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Days of obligation remains in effect and you may have to make the difficult decision to remain at home even as we offer public Masses. Those with COVID-19 or exposed to it, as well as those with upper respiratory or flu like symptoms or underlying medical conditions, the sick, the elderly, those who are living with or in the presence of any individual at risk, or those that still do not feel comfortable being in a public setting, we ask that you consider staying at home.

There are no virtual Masses from St. James at this time.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

A Letter from Fr. Pablo Bonello

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to continue the meditation on baptismal priesthood by reading texts taken from the teachings of the last Popes, starting with Pius XII (1939-1958).

He tells us that even though the Passion of Jesus is powerful to give salvation directly, still, God didn't want it this way; He wills our free cooperation. And we cooperate by receiving the sacraments, especially the Eucharist:

The cooperation of the faithful is required so that sinners may be individually purified in the blood of the Lamb. For though, speaking generally, Christ reconciled by His painful death the whole human race with the Father, He wished that all should approach and be drawn to His cross, especially by means of the sacraments and the eucharistic sacrifice, to obtain the salutary fruits produced by Him upon it. (Encyclical Mediator Dei, 78).

I know that Jesus is Savior of all men and women; but how does He become **my** Savior? How does the Passion of Christ apply to me? In two ways: through faith and the sacraments. Neither faith without sacraments, nor sacraments without faith. That's why Jesus said to the Apostles: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mk 16:15-16). Jesus mentions two realities: faith and sacraments. It is the way of participating in the work of redemption: by receiving the sacraments we take part in the mystery of salvation; by believing, we take part in this mystery in an active way. Then the life of Christ is given to us, as Pius XII explains:

Through this active and individual participation, the members of the Mystical Body not only become daily more like to their divine Head, but the life flowing from the Head is imparted to the members, so that we can each repeat the words of St. Paul, "With Christ I am nailed to the cross: I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me. (Gal 2:20)" (Mediator Dei, 78).

At Mass we connect with Jesus –and Jesus crucified; at Mass we exercise our faith; at Mass the sacrifice of the Lord is given to us; at Mass we change into the likeness of Christ.

Perhaps our particular times do not allow us to attend Mass *physically*; however, we can be present *spiritually*. How? **Through our intention**, which is an act of the will guided by the intelligence. Thanks to the *intention* (from Latin *tendere-in*), we *tend* to God. Our **intention** works through faith and charity. Faith shows us Who we move to; charity strengthens us in such a way, that we can really go to Him. Then, and only then, we will see that nothing will separate us from Jesus and His Church –not even the virus, ha!

And this is what matters.

Have a blessed Sunday!!

Fr Pablo Bonello



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