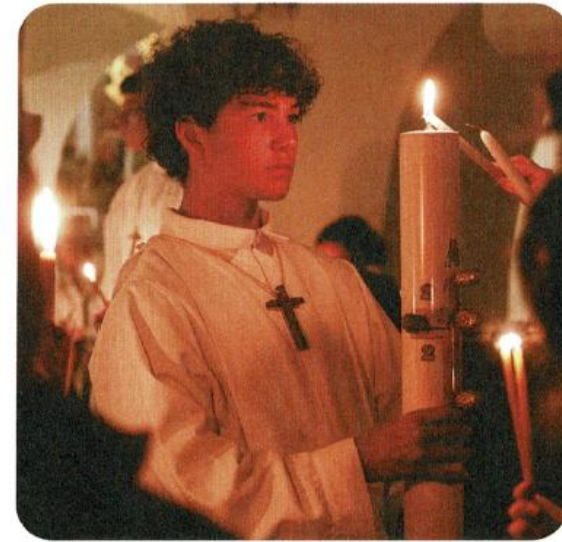


Dear Padre,

I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?

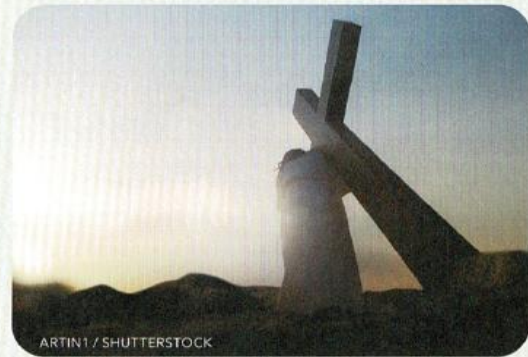
When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death.... But today, there is a war.... Christ bore his cross to free us from the dominion of evil. He died so that life, love, peace may reign.... What victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?

ANGELUS, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022

Monday

April 14
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

April 15
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

April 16
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

April 17
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrim Mass:
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9
Rv 1:5-8
Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

Friday

April 18
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

April 19
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Ex 14:15-15:1
Is 54:5-14
Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Rom 6:3-11
Lk 24:1-12

Sunday

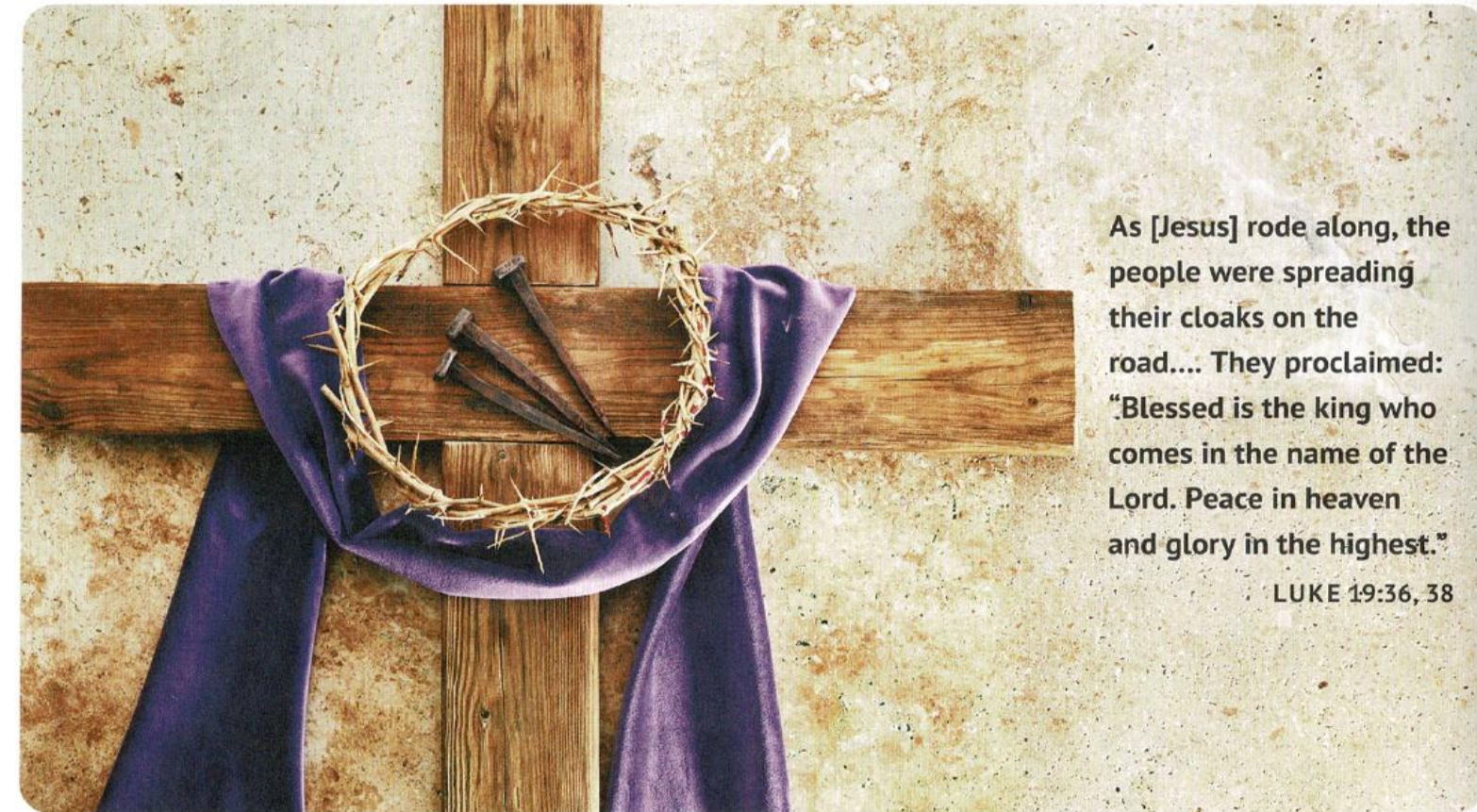
April 20
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)

Luke 19:28-40 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.... They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

LUKE 19:36, 38

The Emptying Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can't fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God's gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tell of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life. We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today. ●

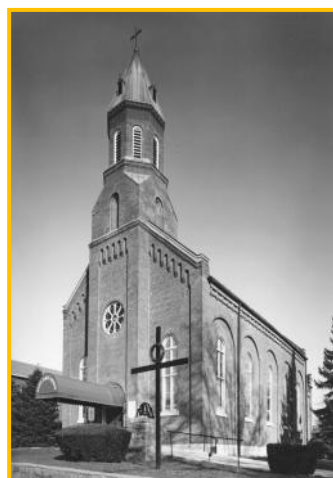
Reflect

How does my faith help me through times of emptiness?

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St. James Parish Family

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APRIL 2025

Mass Schedule

St. Joachim	Mon:	8:00 AM
St. James	Tues:	8:15 AM
St. Joachim	Wed:	8:15 AM
St. James	Thurs:	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Fri:	8:00 AM
St. James	First Sat:	8:00 AM
St. James 1st & 3rd	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. Joachim 2nd/4th	Sat:	4:00 PM
St. James	Sun:	8:00 AM
St. Joachim	Sun:	10:00 AM

*HOLYDAY SCHEDULE:

Please check the Bulletin for Mass Times.

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Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM;
prior to Sat evening Mass
Or by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF

April 14, 2025	8AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Apr 15 TUE	8:15AM Dan Declue
Apr 16 WED	8:15AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Apr 17 THU	8:00AM Oscar "BOB" Pashia
Apr 18 FRI	8:00AM Mass @ St. Joachim
Apr 19 SAT	8:00 PM Aona Declue
Apr 20 SUN	8:00AM Lisa Rolens

APRIL 6th, 2025

Envelope.s.....\$	2325.00
Loose.....\$	1055.00
Votive.....\$	25.00
St. V.....\$	348.00
Maintenance.....\$	50.00
Online giving.....\$	35.60
Flowers...\$	175.00



April 19th & 20th, 2025
Lectors

Saturday @ 8:00 pm Sunday 08:00 am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Check the entry way @ Church

EASTER

Servers
Sat: 8:00 pm
Sun: 8:00 am

Music:
Sat: 4:00 pm. Chala
Sun: 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun: 10:00 am **Anita Govero or The Little Way Band**

St Vincent DePaul April collection: Personal hygiene products, laundry soap, or household cleaning supplies.

Faith, Hope, and Charity

April Heavenly Dusters
Jeanne Degonia 4/11-4/18
Glenda Farrow 4/25-5/2

April Alter Linens
Glenda Farrow 4/14-4/21
Connie Scott 4/28-5/5

April 13: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion- Praise and glorify the name of Jesus

Missionary Discipleship - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: Praise and glorify the name of Jesus

In today's reading from Luke on the Procession with Palms the crowd, including his disciples, were praising and glorifying the name of Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem. The Pharisees demanded that Jesus reprimand His disciples but Jesus replied, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Then, Paul reminds us in his letter to the Phillipians that every knee will bend and "every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Unfortunately, we hear in the reading of the Passion that Jesus's Apostles became fair-weather friends. One betrayed Jesus, one denied Jesus, none of them prayed with Him in the garden, and John was the only Apostle with him at the foot of cross. Can you imagine how Jesus felt about this? Can you put yourself in His place? The good news is that this gives all of us hope, because with Jesus there is always a resurrection. We all push Jesus aside in our lives and we forget to praise and glorify Him to those around us. However, if even his Apostles, who are now all saints did this, then we have cause for great hope. As we enter into Holy Week we can ask ourselves: "How do I praise and glorify Jesus by my words and actions?"



What's on the Calendar???

Apr 11: St. James Fish Fry
Clarity House

Apr 14: St V Mgt 6pm

Apr 16: St V Truck

Apr 18: Good FRIDAY

Apr 19: Food Pantry

Apr 20: EASTER (Resurrection of the Lord)

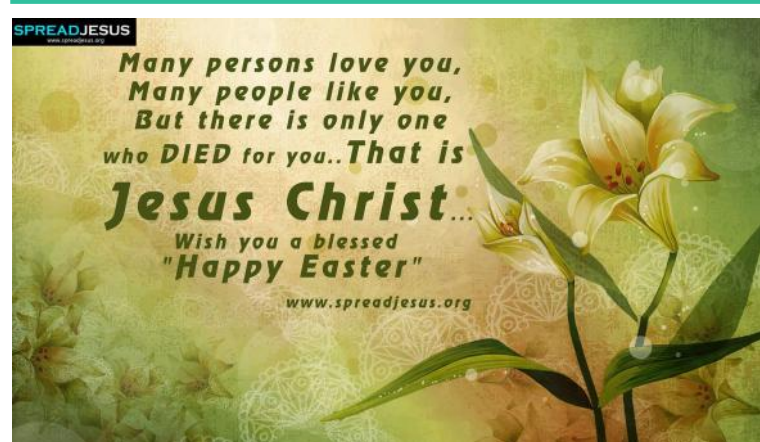
Apr 22: Earth Day

Apr 23: PSR

May 1: National Day of Prayer

May 9: Clarity House

May 13: Parish Council Mgt 5:30
KC hall mgt 6:30



St. James Adoration will now be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month instead of the 1st Thursday of the month. You can contact the office for any questions.

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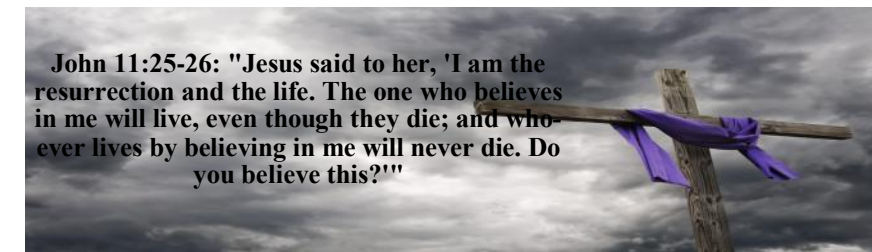
The Boy from Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis

Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan on the path to sainthood. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

Featuring personal stories from those who knew him in real life, this documentary goes beyond the headlines to reveal the heart of a boy who saw Jesus in everyone and never missed an opportunity to love. His simple yet profound faith continues to touch lives, proving that sainthood is for all of us.

Be inspired by Carlo's true story and discover that holiness is possible in daily life.

- GO to : <http://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code 63664
- Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you are in!



John 11:25-26: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"

Sorry for the Change of office hours once again.....
The office will resume the old hours Tuesday-Thursday 8-2
Please be patient with me and forgive me for the change.
Thanks, Katie

We have order some Word Among Us books and they will be put in church, if anyone is interested in ordering more we could take up a donation to pay for them. Contact the office if this is something the parishioners want. Thanks

Decorating for EASTER is Saturday April, 19th @ 9am
Any help would be appreciated.

With our picnic approaching quickly we are going to start taking donations for bingo prizes!! Please contact Laura Allen ,Geraldine Heifner or the Church office if you would like to donate.

We are still accepting BOTTLES for the Picnic also.
(PLEASE CHECK DATES)

The Placemats for the dining room are going to be a little different this year...instead of just asking businesses to purchase spots we are going to add a memorial (In Memory Of) . Anyone can purchase a spot (prices differ) . You can even add pictures. For more information contact Kim Coleman 314-808-2207.

St. James PSR NEWS

April Classes
April 23rd Class
April 30th Frist Communion Practice @ 6pm 2nd Grade Only

Contact **Laura** at 573-366-5235 with any questions.