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May 17, 2026 7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension of the Lord

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Mass Schedule May 2026

Monday: 8am @
St Joachim

Tuesday: 8:15am @
St. James

Wednesday: 8:15am @
St. Joachim

Thursday: 8am @
St. James

Friday: 8am @
St. Joachim

Saturday 4pm
(1st & 3rd weekend @
St. James; 2nd & 4th
weekend @
St. Joachim)

Sunday: 8am @
St. Joachim
10am @ St. James

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 18 @ St.
Joachim

Tuesday, May 19: Joan
Knott

Wednesday, May 20: @ St.
Joachim

Thursday, May 21:
Snead/Coffey Families

Friday, May 22: @ St.
Joachim

Saturday May 23:
@ St. Joachim

Sunday May 24: Leroy &
Faye Jarvis & Family

Mass Intentions are \$10.
Please call the office or
drop by to schedule them.

CONFESSIONS

**Saturday 3:15-
3:45pm**

**Prior to
Saturday
evening Mass or
by appointment**

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May 24th Seventh Sunday of Easter

Lector:

Saturday 4pm:
 Sunday 10am: Jamie Warden

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 4pm Sunday 10am
 C: Diane McGirl
 L: Mary Roy
 R: Danny Mueller

Servers

Saturday 4pm:
 Sunday 10am: Vincent Pashia

Music:

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

Daily Mass Lectors

Tuesday May 19: Catherine Dickey
Thursday May 21: Judy Wright
Thursday May 26: Mary Campbell
Thursday May 28: Vicki Thurmond
Tuesday June 2: Joyce Politte
Thursday June 4: Rhonda Politte

**If you cannot be available for your scheduled day, please notify the parish office. Thank you!

May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter (The Ascension of the Lord)

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

Weekly Collection 05/10/26

Envelopes:	2190.00
Loose:	359.00
Online Giving	300.00
Maintenance:	110.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	449.00
Votives:	4.00
Easter Offering	20.00
Catholic Communications	35.00

Total Giving: \$3467.00
 # of Contributors: 35
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Heavenly Dusters

Jeanne DeGonia 5/22
 Diane Mull 5/29
 Bobbie Heifner 6/5
 Mary Campbell 6/12

Altar Linens

Diane McGirl 5/18
 Bobbie Heifner 5/25
 Glenna Whitten 6/1
 Bobbie Heifner 6/8

Money Counters

Becky & Rhonda 5/19
 Pat & Tina 5/26
 Mary Ann & Donna 6/2

FROM THE OFFICE:

I have schedules made up for all ministries (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Heavenly Dusters & Altar Linens). These are available upon request for those who like to plan ahead. If you are unavailable for a specific date, please try to find someone to take your spot. I will do my very best to accommodate travel plans and any other special requests but I am human & make mistakes from time to time. I ask for your grace.

~~Vicki Thurmond, Parish Secretary

St. James Picnic News
Our Picnic is June 7, 2026

GUN RAFFLE

Join the fun!!!!
 Tickets will be sold starting March 1 until the drawing after Mass on May 16, 2026. There are 4 guns being raffled. Cost of the tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Please see Don Thompson or Paul & Nedra Villmer for tickets. They will be selling the tickets after the Masses.

PLACEMAT ADS

Spots are filling up for our placemats for the picnic. Don't miss out on your spot!
 1. Small size- \$30
 2. Medium size- \$60
 3. Large size- \$120
 . Please contact Kim Coleman if interested at 314-808-2207 or email kcoleman2@elara.com.

BINGO PRIZES

We are accepting prizes for the bingo games. Please drop off donations in the back of church or to the office.

PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS

We need your help selling raffle tickets for the picnic. They are available in the back of church in a basket. Please take some and help us sell the tickets. They can be turned in at the office, through the collection basket or to Don & Jamie Thompson. There are great prizes available! \$1.00/each or 6 for \$5.

BOTTLE GAME

We are asking all to bring a "bottle of...?" (examples; shampoo, wine, ketchup, mustard, pickles, lotion, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, syrup, 2 liter soda, honey, jelly, vanilla, cooking oil, etc.) that we will use for this fundraiser. We would ask that you please make sure when you are making your purchase for these items to please check the expiration date on any perishable food items.

COUNTRY STORE

We are collecting items for the country store. Baked goods, canned goods, craft items, Home decor, starter plants, Anything unique or homemade.

YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE OR IN THE BASKETS IN CHURCH



May 17th

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new."

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Ministry Leaders & Catechists
SUMMER
 —DAY OF—
REFLECTION
 The three vicariates will join forces again this summer for an opportunity for anyone who works or volunteers in parish or school ministry to gather for a day of renewal in Christ.
Save the Date
 23 | July | 2026
 9:00am-3:30pm
 Mercy Retreat and Conference Center
 Registration Opens in May

MAY CROWNING 2026

Dear Padre,

I am scared of the end times and predictions of these dates. I feel saved, but I don't truly know if I would be accepted into heaven. What are the Catholic teachings on the end times/rapture?

No one but our heavenly Father knows the precise time of our Lord's return. (See Mark 13:32-37.) If this uncertainty about when Jesus will return evokes more apprehension than anticipation, it doesn't help that prophets of doom make predictions based on a distorted understanding of apocalyptic literature in the Bible. An example of this literary form includes the Book of Revelation. It contains elements of a final judgment and cosmic struggle between good and evil written in highly symbolic and imaginative language; however, it wasn't intended to provide a literal description or timeline of how the world ends. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, St. Paul also uses apocalyptic imagery to say that all the faithful will be "caught up" ("rapt up") to meet the Lord at his Coming. Some use this single text to vividly imagine true believers being "raptured" from the earth and escaping the destruction of humankind at the end times, but it's a misinterpretation. For Catholics, these apocalyptic passages offer hope and guidance: despite the powerful forces of evil, Christ will overcome. His death and resurrection already ushered in the last age. We don't know how long this age will last before the final consummation, hence the need to be watchful and prepared. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

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Wednesday May 20 Easter Weekday Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19		

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Where are you...when the poor are blamed for their poverty, forgotten and discarded, in a world that values profit more than people? [W]here are you in a hyper-connected life where loneliness corrodes social bonds and makes us strangers even to ourselves?... Fraternity...means rediscovering the face of the other...the very image of God in the face of the poor, the refugee, and even the adversary.

ADDRESS TO MEETING
ON FRATERNITY, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025



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THE COUNCIL'S CORNER

Our next meeting is August 11 @ 5:30pm. Our next Fifth Sunday brunch will be on August 30th.

***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ERIC AUBUCHON @ 314-605-6268**

St. James PSR NEWS

As our PSR year comes to an end, I find myself so very thankful our teachers, our students, our families, our Knights of Columbus, our church family, our pastor, and more in so many ways. St. James PSR has grown this year in numbers, and because of this we have grown in our faith. We had several young ladies confirmed and three sweet 2nd graders made their 1st communion. I know I speak for Mrs. Jamie Thompson and Mrs. Laura Allen as well when I say it is an honor and privilege to serve our Lord as we grow our parish youth. As we look forward to, we are already talking about summer work with teachers and students. At the beginning of the year, we aspired to grow our kiddos "Poco a poco". This is an Italian phrase meaning little by little or gradually. I feel like we have lived this and will continue to live this mission through the summer and into the fall. Thank you for all your support and faith. It really does take a village and I am blessed to part of this village.

From Dr. Melissa Cordia

Ladies Sodality

Our next meeting is Aug. 4. The hall pantry & cleaning day is rescheduled for Aug. 10. We would like to organize a garden committee to plant flowers in the containers around the church grounds. All parishioners are invited to come bless our church with your gardening skills.

Bobbie Heifner, President

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The St. James Food Pantry served 124 families (313 individuals & 60 seniors 65yrs old and up) on Saturday April 17. Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers! Our mission thrives because of you!

"Extend your mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping."

St. Vincent de Paul

*St. Vincent de Paul collection:
Canned meat, canned chili w/meat,*

NEW ONLINE GIVING PORTAL

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/StJamesCatholic/member/login>



Parish Calendar

May 18: Rural Clinic here

May 20: Parish Office will be closing @ 12pm

May 23: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am

May 24: Blessing at the Cemetery of the new Divine Mercy Sign and the Cemetery after 10am Mass

June 4: OCIA Bible Study at St. Joachim 6:30pm
Biblical Walk Through The Mass:
Everyone invited!

June 6: First Saturday 8am Mass with Adoration & Benediction

June 7: PARISH PICNIC 11AM-4:30PM

June 9: Knights of Columbus 6:30pm
Adoration & Benediction 9am-4:45pm

June 12: Clarity House Rosary & Mass 6pm

June 13: Men's Faith Sharing Group 7am

June 15: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6pm

From Father Tony:

We are in need of Adult Altar servers for Daily Mass and to serve with the children on Sunday Masses. Volunteers need to be married in the church (if married) and attend Prevent and Protect Training.

Thank you! Please call or email the office if interested or need more details.



"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. While in heaven He is also with us; and we while on earth are with Him. He is here with us by His divinity, power and love."

St. Augustine

MATRIMONY MOMENTS

WEEK #3 - Uniting in Christ's Bond of Love

5/17/26 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." (John 17:11)



Couple Prayer:

Father, as You are one with Your Son, make us one in heart, mind, and body. Pour matrimonial grace into every act of love so we will mirror Your perfect unity each day. Amen.

Marriage Motivation Tip:

Choose one "Trinity-inspired" action daily: Pray an Our Father holding hands around a crucifix or pray a decade of the Rosary hand-in-hand. Or, if you have an argument, decide ahead of time to hold hands with a crucifix together while in the heat of the debate. Take daily small steps to live the oneness Christ prayed for in your marriage.

Couple Conversation Question:

Where do we already experience the beautiful oneness of our sacrament; and in what area of life can we try to choose deeper sacrificial love this week?

Pope Leo XIV General Audience May 13, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters, in our catechesis today we contemplate Mary, whom the final chapter of the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium* recognizes as *model*, *perfect member*, and as *mother*. Docile to the Father's will, her son's work of redemption and the promptings of the Holy Spirit, Mary is the *model* of what the Church is meant to be. Her unconditional "yes" shows us how to be *members* of the Church. As our *mother* by grace, she is the one to whom we can turn with filial trust, in the certainty of being heard, protected, and loved. In a special way, Mary cooperated in the work of salvation, through obedience, faith, hope, and ardent charity, to restore through her Son, the supernatural life of souls. Let us be challenged by Mary's example of humility, active faith and obedience. Let us generously respond in love, magnifying God in our hearts, and receiving strength from the sacraments. Let us ask Mary to help us be faithful disciples of her Son.

MONDAY

May 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY

May 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY

May 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY

May 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30;
23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20,
30-31
Jn 21:20-25

SUNDAY

May 24
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13
Jn 20:19-23

Good News!

May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Acts 1:1-11 / Ephesians 1:17-23 / Matthew 28:16-20

MIGUEL DULICK

Even by the Ascension, after forty days of eating and drinking with the resurrected Lord, the obtuseness of the Apostles still frustrates Jesus. In Acts, they're ready for a fight, "to restore the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1:6). Matthew reports that "they worshiped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:17). Pentecost cannot come soon enough, when they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and all will be made known.

So the next nine days are crucial. The apostles and other disciples, 120 persons in all, prepare for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual retreat, the original "novena." Only then can the apostle go and "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus, who brought heaven down to earth in the Incarnation, now ascends, taking earth up to heaven, with his resurrection. Saint Paul gives us a hint of how special this interchange is when he wishes for the Ephesians to receive from Jesus "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Ephesians 1:17).

Our own obtuseness can block the Holy Spirit when we think we have all the answers. When I first preached in Honduras, in the village where I live, I was so prepared. I said everything I could think of, all that I had learned in my courses for a masters degree in divinity. But then, when I heard the prayers and insights of poor and simple folks, supported by a rich, personal knowledge of the Lord himself, I cut my sermons in half and let the "saints," as St. Paul liked to call the people, finish the job. Thank you, Holy Spirit! •

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Interested in Becoming Catholic? (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

*OCIA will take a break during the month of May but will offer *Biblical Walk Through the Mass* with Dr. Edward Sri in the Incarnate Word Center on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. during the summer. Mark the dates on your calendar: June 4 and 18, July 9 and 23, August 6.

Everyone is invited to participate.

*Formal OCIA classes will resume August 20. If interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, call St. Joachim or St. James rectories or Vicki Thurmond (573-854-1257).

This Week On Formed

Saint Rita

St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!

The Ascension | Sacred Art

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Saint Rita of Cascia: The True Story

A compelling docu-drama that tells the whole story of the amazing life of St. Rita of Cascia, the very popular saint who lived in Italy in the 14th century. Famous as the patroness of hopeless situations, St. Rita dealt with many very difficult and tragic events in her life. Through it all she developed a profound faith in God that was the source of her great strength, and why she is such a popular saint for all those dealing with difficult events in their own lives.

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Submit your prayer intention:

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- At the parish office
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