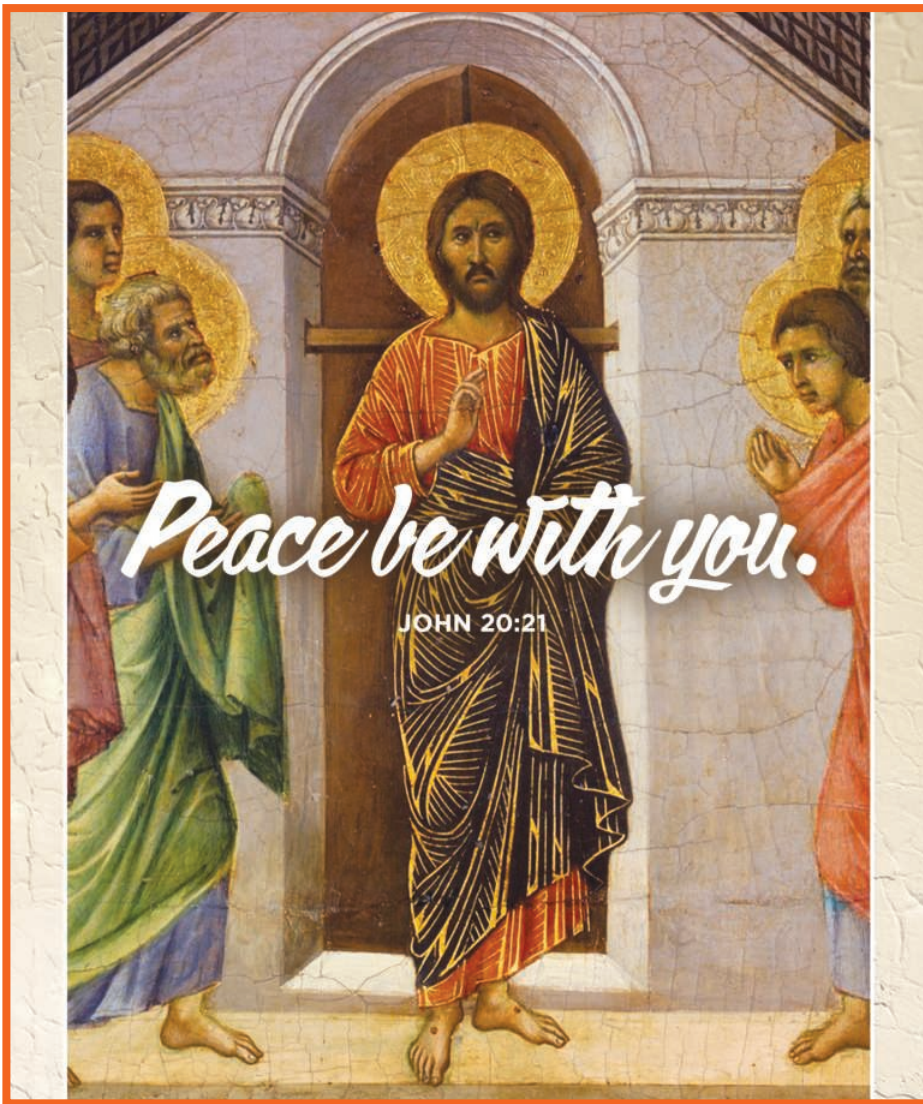


# SAINT JAMES THE LESS PARISH

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## Parish Office Summer Hours:

Monday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday-Thursday, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Closed Friday**

Religious Education: 732-521-1188

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R.E. Office Hours: Monday to Thursday  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm (and by  
appointment)

## Adoration

On Thursdays, Adoration will be held in the Church from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. All are welcome to come for any amount of time. Confession from 4:30 to 4:50 pm.

## Religious Services

### **Morning Prayer**

Monday - Friday 8:15 am

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday 8:30 am

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm (Sp.), 5:00 pm

### **Confession**

Thursday 4:30 pm, Saturday 3:00 pm or by Appointment

### **Holy Rosary**

First Saturday 3:40 pm; First Sunday 9:40 am and  
1:30 pm (Sp.) of each month

## **Parish Mission Statement**

St. James the Less Parish is a Christian Community of the Roman Catholic tradition. Our Parish Community is dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus, and as the people of God, are called to further the mission of Jesus. We will do this through the Word, Liturgy, Sacrament, Music, Ecumenism, Evangelization, Religious Education of our Children, Prayer and the Honoring of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will deepen our knowledge, skills and understanding of our Faith. We will be Faith based. Above all, we will foster Love by example and serve the needs of others to work towards economic and social development for all people.

## A message from Fr Juan C. Gaviria

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We previously heard today's Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

### Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

**That the world might grow in compassion:** Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

### Parish's Monthly Prayer Intention

As many prepare for vacations in June, we pray that all will remember to keep the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Corpus Christi uppermost in our minds and hearts, as both are celebrated this month.

## Stewardship Scripture Reflection

### June 8, 2025 - Pentecost Sunday

*"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."* (JOHN 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your mind, heart, and soul affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

## Ministry Schedule June 14th and June 15th

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server(s)
Saturday 4:00pm	Peggy Hughes	Rosemary Iannacone	Nathan & Nevin Panichiyil
Sunday 8:00 am	Matthew Densen	Anne Mendoker	Sammy & Lucas Ortiz
Sunday 10:00 am	Carol Damiani	Linda Talnagi	Henry & Sean Alvarenga
Sunday 2:00 pm	Janet Lopez	Lidia Daniels	Angelo Olaechea, Brandon Tlapale & Stacy Vazquez
Sunday 5:00 pm	Jennie Ludas	Barbara Cooper	Kayla, Madelyn & Tyler Dunn



Requestors attending a Mass intention who wish to bring up the offertory gifts should notify an usher prior to the start of Mass.

**MONDAY, June 9** | *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

**8:30 AM** + Joseph Helou  
R/B: Family

**TUESDAY, June 10**

**8:30 AM** + Beatrice Latkanic  
R/B: Granddaughter

**WEDNESDAY, June 11** | *St. Barnabas, Apostle*

**8:30 AM** + Constantino (Nino) Donato  
R/B: Skip & Linda Hudlow

**THURSDAY, June 12**

**8:30 AM** + Brian Krahe  
R/B: Pat & Ed Moke

**FRIDAY, June 13** | *St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

**8:30 AM** + Theresa & John Plisko  
R/B: Arlene

**SATURDAY, June 14**

**4:00 PM** Father's Day Novena

**SUNDAY, June 15** | *THE MOST HOLY TRINITY*

**8:00 AM** Father's Day Novena

**10:00 AM** Father's Day Novena

**2:00 PM** Father's Day Novena

**5:00 PM** Father's Day Novena



*"The Lord loves our brothers and sisters who are ill. With trust let us pray to him that he will comfort them with his grace."*

David Addesso, Claudia Addesso, Kristen Aikens, Neil Armorer, Barbara Boyer, Denis Brady, Len Caglianone, Joan Conover, Joe Conti, Charles Ferrito, Janice Gervasi, Finnley Hanway, Ellie K., Rev. Brian McCormick, Eileen R., Irene Resnick, Tony Rondinelli, Grace S., Peggy Schiller, Bill Sharp, Annette Sowa, Rev. Louis Stingel, Richard G. Tittel, Antoinette Tumas, Cathy Valendo

### **IMPORTANT**

If you wish to add a name to the list in the **2025** bulletins, please call the Parish Office. **2025** names will be added and remain on the list for 60 days. Please notify the office if you wish to remove it sooner, or by the 15th of the ending month if you wish to keep the name on the list.

To add or remove someone on the sick list, please contact the Parish Office at 732-521-0100 or via email at [jamestheless1800@gmail.com](mailto:jamestheless1800@gmail.com).



**Week of June 9, 2025**

**MONDAY/LUNES**

Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 Jn 19:25-34

**TUESDAY/MARTES**

2 Cor 1:18-22 Ps 119:129:133, 135 Mt 5:13-16

**WEDNESDAY/MIÉRCOLE**

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mt 5:17-19

**THURSDAY/JUEVES**

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 5:20-26

**FRIDAY/VIERNES**

2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Mt 5:27-32

**SATURDAY/SÁBADO**

2 Cor 5:14-21 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Mt 5:33-37

**SUNDAY/ DOMINGO**

Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15



**Baptism:** Parents who wish to have their child baptized need to call the Rectory. Preparation classes are required and are by appointment only.

**Sponsors and Godparents:** Church law mandates that a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation be an **active** Confirmed Catholic over the age of 16. An **active** Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, **attends** Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (if married), and leads a life compatible with Church teaching. **We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.** Mass attendance is confirmed by envelope use. Please call the parish office to obtain a sponsor letter or for additional information.

**Matrimony:** Couples contemplating this Sacrament must contact the Parish Office at **least one year in advance.** All couples planning marriage must attend Pre-Cana classes or Engaged Encounter.

**Ministry of the Sick:** Parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Rectory.

**Religious Education Classes:** For information on Religious Education classes, please contact our Religious Education office at 732-521-1188. **Registration is now open.**

**OCIA (formerly RCIA):** Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the Parish Office for more information about the Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults which begins in September and runs through the following Easter.

## Una carta de Rev Juan C. Gaviria

El tiempo de Pascua concluye con la celebración de hoy, la fiesta de Pentecostés. Hoy celebramos el descenso del Espíritu Santo sobre colegio apostólico reunido en Jerusalén: este hecho marca en inicio de la Iglesia. La historia de pentecostés la encontramos en el libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, que es la primera lectura de hoy. La narración del evangelio de San Juan también describe este hecho. Es suficiente saber que, luego de su muerte, Jesús cumplió su promesa de enviar a sus discípulos un abogado, quien les diera a ellos la posibilidad de ser sus testigos a través del mundo. Habíamos escuchado este hecho en el segundo domingo de pascua. En esa oportunidad, también escuchamos el pasaje donde Jesús se aparece a Santo Tomás. Allí nos invitaron a reflexionar sobre la realidad de creer o no creer.

En el contexto de la fiesta de pentecostés, esta lectura nos recuerda la conexión integral entre los regalos de paz y perdón y la acción del Espíritu Santo. Jesús saluda a sus discípulos con el regalo de la paz. Luego les comisiona a continuar el trabajo que ha comenzado, “como el Padre me ha enviado, así los envío yo a ustedes.” En la medida en que el les inspira el Espíritu Santo, Jesús envía sus discípulos a continuar su misión de trabajar por la reconciliación por medio del perdón de los pecados.

Este evangelio de hoy no recuerda que la Iglesia es llamada a ser la presencia conciliadora en el mundo. La presencia reconciliadora de Cristo se celebra en la vida sacramental de la iglesia. En el sacramento del bautismo, somos lavados del pecado original y nos convertimos en nueva creación en Cristo. En el sacramento de la reconciliación, la Iglesia celebra la misericordia de Dios en el perdón de los pecados. Esta presencia reconciliadora es también una forma de vida para los cristianos. En situaciones de conflicto, somos agentes de paz y armonía en medio del mundo.

### REFLEXION BIBLICA SOBRE CORRESPONSABILIDAD

#### 8 de junio de 2025 - Domingo de Pentecostés

*“Pero el Consolador, el Espíritu Santo, a quien el Padre enviará en Mi nombre, Él les enseñará todas las cosas, y les recordará todo lo que les he dicho.” (Juan 14:26)*

El materialismo de nuestra sociedad nos atrae a concentrarnos más en lo que queremos que en lo que Dios quiere para nosotros. El relativismo de nuestro mundo nos dice que debemos ser tolerantes con todas las cosas, que no hay una verdad absoluta. Ore al Espíritu Santo para que transforme nuestras vidas y guie nuestros pensamientos, palabras y obras. Lo que pone en su mente, su corazón y su alma afecta sus acciones. Ponga cosas buenas dentro y saldrán cosas buenas.

#### Summer Giving Reminder

As we enter the summer months, we kindly remind you that our parish expenses continue even when many families are away. Your regular support is vital to keeping our ministries, programs, and facilities running smoothly. Please consider setting up recurring online giving or dropping your envelope off before you travel. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our parish. Have a safe and blessed summer!

#### Stay in Touch For Upcoming Events!

Interested in upcoming events at St James? Sign up for [Flocknote](#) and receive regular communications on upcoming masses & services. Sign up to receive news via email and/or text.

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1. Scan the QR code below
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3. Visit [stjamestheless5.flocknote.com](http://stjamestheless5.flocknote.com)



#### Special Prayer for Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Glory be to the Father, Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son, Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

#### Weekly Collections

May 24-25, 2025

1st collection \$6,748

2nd collection \$1,065

Next week's 2nd Collection: Maintenance Fund


May 25-26, 2024

1st collection 5,917

2nd collection \$1,623

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<b>Goal:</b>	\$70,000.00
<b>Total Pledged &amp; Received:</b>	\$44,592.80
<b>Amount Received:</b>	\$38,066.55
<b>Over/(Under) Goal:</b>	(\$25,407.20)
<b>Percent of Goal Pledged:</b>	63.70%
<b>Percent of Goal Received:</b>	54.38%



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