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Most Reverend Bishop Efren V. Esmilla in residence

Reverend Andrew Laboratorio, Parochial Administrator

Mark Salvatore, Permanent Deacon

MASSES

Weekend

Saturday Evening 5:00

Sunday

AM

8:30

10:30

PM

12:30

FILIPINO MASS

1st & 3rd Sundays

Bilingual (English and Tagalog)

2nd & 4th Sundays

English

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:00 AM

Holy Day Masses

8:00 AM

7:00 PM

DEVOTIONS - SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Except Wednesday

7:30 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday

7:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help

Saturday

4:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday

8:00 am Morning Prayer

First Friday of the Month

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary)

7:00 p.m. Mass

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday immediately after the 8:00 am Mass until 4:30 pm ** Except Thursday until 12:30 pm.

Every 3:30 pm, we have Holy Hour and on Thursday 11:30 am with Benediction

Eloise Gonzales, Coordinator 215-208-0648

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Saturday 4:20 - 4:50 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or impaired by age are invited to contact Father Andrew to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Those who are unable to join in celebrating Sunday Mass will be visited by Father Andrew and by parish Ministers for Communion. If a hospitalization is to take place, please request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after Sunday/ Saturday Vigil Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents planning on the Baptism of a child are asked to contact Father Andrew to make arrangements. Baptism is administered on Saturday morning or after the 12:30 Mass or within the Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to marry at St. James Church are asked to contact Father Andrew at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements and attend the marriage Pre-Cana classes.

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday through Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Director, Religious Education, Jeanna Lane

Business Manager, Jackie Padua

Music Director, Frank Klose

Secretary, Doreen Walker

Maintenance Supervisor, John Vanet

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Father Andrew Laboratorio, James Amons, William Kiefer, Daniel Kovatich, Jeanna Lane, Eloise Gonzales

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Father Andrew Laboratorio, Ferdie Aczon, Hermie Aczon, Michael Foell, Charles Halpin, Imelda Tan, Frank Wlodarczyk

PARISH REGISTRATION

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO REGISTER IN OUR PARISH. PLEASE CALL AND MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH FATHER ANDREW.

Please note that the Sunday bulletin is submitted to the publisher the Sunday before the bulletin date. Please submit all requests to Father Andrew by that Thursday for approval.

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Readings #1216

Entrance Antiphon: *Ps 13 (12):6*

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Entrance Hymn:

767 Love Divine, All Love Excelling

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
The Lord is kind and merciful.

Offertory Hymn:

893 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Communion Antiphon: *Ps 9:2-3*

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Communion Hymn:

1008 I Am the Bread of Life

Recessional Hymn:

904 They'll Know We are Christians

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (UNITY PRAYER)

My Adorable Jesus,
 May our feet journey together,
 May our hands gather in unity,
 May our hearts beat in unison,
 May our souls be in harmony,
 May our thoughts be as one,
 May our ears listen to the silence together,
 May our glances profoundly penetrate each other,
 May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen.

Message from Father Andrew

I would like to present to the parish community our finances for the year 2024. From January 1- to December 31, 2024, the parish total income was \$465,836.64. A total of \$293,960.92 came from the regular weekend collection. The regular weekend collection from parishioners makes up 63% of our total income. The rest of the income came from fund raising, donations and rentals. Your generosity to Saint James Church is greatly appreciated.

Our total expenses for the year 2024 was \$373,339.49. It includes the \$83,624.35 expense for the repair of the school roof. At the end of the year, our total net income is \$92,487.15. This is the available amount for our operating expense as we begin the year 2025.

The financial statement shows us that our regular monthly income (weekend collections) covers only about 65% of our total monthly expenses. Unfortunately, our parish has no reserve fund for emergency purposes. As I mentioned few weeks ago, the school boiler needs to be replaced. Likewise, our HVAC in the church requires another major maintenance so it will be ready for the summer. We are working diligently to get good estimate on these projects. I am grateful to Mr. William Kiefer, parish finance chair and Jackie Padua, our business manager, for being on top of these matters.

In the coming weeks, members of our finance council will talk about our plans and goals in the future. Meantime, I am humbly asking for you prayers and active support to our parish ministries. Please pray for me as I keep all your intentions in mine. God bless us all and this wonderful parish of Saint James!

*The Adoration
Candle this week is
dedicated to
+ Rogelio
Sajul*

If you wish to dedicate the Adoration Candle for someone, please notify the rectory or drop an envelope with your offering in the basket. \$5.00 offering is requested.

If you wish to participate in the ancient tradition of providing the bread and wine for our liturgies as a memorial for your family or your deceased loved ones, please notify the rectory or drop an envelope with your offering in the collection basket. \$10.00 offering is requested.



MASS Intentions

Saturday 02/22/2025
5:00 St. James Parishioners

Sunday 02/23/2025
8:30 St. James Parishioners
10:30 St. James Parishioners
12:30 St. James Parishioners

Monday 02/24/2025
8:00 St. James Parishioners

Tuesday 02/25/2025
8:00 St. James Parishioners

Wednesday 02/26/2025
8:00 St. James Parishioners

Thursday 02/27/2025
8:00 + Jerry Smith

Friday 02/28/2025
8:00 + Helene Spause

If you wish to have a Sanctuary Candle burn for a full week in memory of a loved one, please notify the rectory or drop an envelope with your offering in the basket. \$5.00 offering is requested.



PRAY for the sick

Hugh Bailey, Judy Beahn, Anna Beans, Bishop Herbert Bevard, Patty Biddle, Anthony Bonannoi, Andrea Cardwell, Phylis ChiarLanza, Barbara Cohen, Patricia Edinger, Nolan Forst, Pat Geisler, Vincent Gonzalez, Katie Green, Liam Hagadorn, Joseph Holland, Matthew Kelly, John Knowlton, David Korba, Heather Korba, Sam Kuchna, Stella Lukiewski, Mary MacFarland, Sally Maida, Janet Mair, Colleen McKeever, Bob McNulty, Ryan McNulty, Kate McManus, Shane Metto, Frank Nerney, Ralph Naccarato, Eddie O'Connell, Irvin Quinn, Joseph Reilly, Bernadette Sanchez, Salvatore Sioani, Joe Stanton, Gale Trusky, Ally Turner, Frank Walsh, Karen Walsh, Frank Wlodarczyk, John Vogl
Remembering those serving in the military
Timothy Bride, Lt. Nicholas J. Thomas, Sgt. 1st Class Glenn Schumacher, Tom Chlebda, SSG Owen Ochs, Major Peter Shayhorn, Sgt. Daniel Steenstra, Ben Clifton, Thales Nesio Freitas, Lt. Shannon Smith, Gy. Sgt. Dan Reilly, Regan Loughney Air Force Academy

<i>March 1/2</i>	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	12:30 PM
ALTAR SERVERS		Daniel Kovatich	Matthew Arguelles	Gigi Pabustan Anton Asistido
COMMUNION MINISTERS	A. Mahoney E. Gonzales	R. Smith D. Wlodarczyk	M. Fittery M. Goodman	Hermie Aczon Norma Jamil
LECTORS	E. Callery D. Campbell	J. Parisi R. Tan	J. Amons J. Kolen	Ferdie Aczon Amelow Tabuena
MUSIC MINISTRY	Ashley Kristi		Frank, Greg, Kristi, Choir	Marriage Encounter

**NOURISHING OUR FAITH:
 “IT’S A CATHOLIC THING”
 PARTS OF THE MASS**

In the Roman Rite, the Mass is made up of two principal parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It begins with the Introductory Rites and ends with the Concluding Rites. Another way of dividing a Mass is into its “ordinary” parts—those texts which, with some variations, are part of the Mass on a daily basis—and its “proper” parts—the texts of prayers and selection of Scripture readings proper to the specific feast, feria or other occasion being observed. (USCCB)

Let us learn and understand the “ordinary parts” of the Mass (from Catholicshare2025)

As Mass begins, we gather in the church, silently preparing our hearts for worship. The priest processes to the altar, and the congregation stands. With the Sign of the Cross, we are reminded of our baptism and of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Greeting

The priest greets us with phrases like “The Lord be with you,” to which we respond, “And with your spirit.” This back-and-forth mirrors passages from the Bible, such as Ruth 2:4, affirming that we are in the presence of God.

The Penitential Act

In this part, we admit our sins and ask for God’s mercy. This moment of contrition prepares us to receive God’s word and the Eucharist. The Bible tells us that if we confess our sins, God is faithful to forgive (1 John 1:9). The Kyrie (“Lord, have mercy”) is often repeated here.

The Gloria

The Gloria is a hymn of praise sung on Sundays (except during Advent and Lent) and on special feasts. Phrases like “Glory to God in the highest” echo the angels’ announcement of Jesus’ birth (Luke 2:14). *(To be continued at the next bulletin)*

20 Week Club

There will be a drawing each week for 20 weeks. If your ticket is drawn, you win \$100 for that week. Your ticket is then put back into the pot for additional chances to win. With 20 drawings, you could win up to \$2,000!

There are more 20 week club tickets in the church. Each ticket is being sold for \$20.00.

CONGRATULATIONS...

February 15th winner will be posted next week.

St. James Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by the Event Planning Committee

Date: Sunday March 23rd, 2025

Time: 9am-12pm

Place: St. James Social Hall

Cost: Adults \$11 , Kids \$6

Price includes: pancakes, sausage, OJ, and coffee
 If you cannot attend, please consider a donation.
 Forms will be available at the Church exits in the next couple of weeks.

Adoration Schedule

February 3rd - March 4th

There will be one hour of adoration immediately after the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

The regular adoration schedule will resume on March 7th.

The 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal collection will be taken on the weekend of February 22 - 23, 2025. Envelope for this appeal is provided in the church. Thank you for your generosity in helping the important work of charity of our church.

La Salle College High School—6th and 7th Grade Practice Tests

La Salle College High School, located in Springfield Township, Montgomery County, will administer a practice test on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 8:30 am for 6th and 7th grade boys. To register, please visit www.lschs.org or call the Admissions Office at (215) 402-4800.

FALL COLLECTION 2024-2025

Please be reminded that our FALL COLLECTION will end on ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5 2025. We will give a final accounting our Fall Collection that day. Thank you to those who have generously responded. Shout out to our parish secretary, Doreen Walker, for keeping the tab for us!



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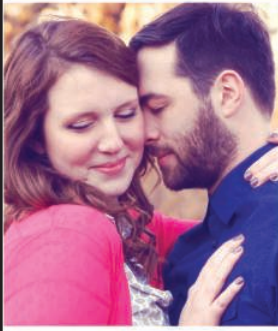
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