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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.

0056 St. James, Elkins Park, PA

**Readings #1118**

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Cf. Ps 91 (90):15-16*  
When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**Entrance Hymn:**  
# 781 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15  
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

**Offertory Hymn:**  
# 526 Mercy, O God

**Communion Antiphon:** *Mt 4:4*  
One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**Communion Hymn:**  
# 478 Merciful God

**Recessional Hymn:**  
# 690 On Eagle's Wings

**Message from Father Andrew**

Let us be reminded that temptation is real and during Lent, temptation seems to be stronger. Jesus was even tempted by the devil. Many Bible scholars suggest that the specific temptations Jesus faced in the wilderness represent three main categories of all human temptation. The apostle John labeled these as “the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life” (1 John 2:16).

The backdrop to Jesus’ temptation is found in Deuteronomy 8:1–5. Moses led the people of Israel in the wilderness for forty years “to humble and test them in order to know what was in their heart, whether or not they would keep God’s commands.” Jesus answered all these temptations by the power of the scripture. Jesus winning over temptation is a reminder that there is always a light in the world in His presence. This light comes to us in many forms reminding us that good still wins over evil.

Let us embrace the words St Teresa of Avila, “If souls are humble, they will be moved to give thanks.” Out of our humility we are to give thanks to the Lord for the joys and blessings we have in life, but also for the struggles and challenges that help us grow on our journey as pilgrims here on earth.

**Lenten Season Mass Parts**

Penitential Act: Mass of Joy and Peace  
#248

Gloria: None in Lent

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Joy and Peace #252

Holy: Mass of Joy and Peace #258

Lamb of God: Mass of Joy and Peace  
#259

**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.

# 1st Sunday of Lent

March 8-9, 2025

*The Adoration  
Candle this week is  
dedicated to*  
**+ Janet Korba**

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.

*The Bread &  
Wine this week  
is dedicated to*  
**+ Janet  
Korba**

## MASS Intentions

**Saturday 03/08/2025**  
**5:00 + Jeane Farrington**

**Sunday 03/09/2025**  
**8:30 + Helene Spause**  
**+ Lydia Cruz**  
**10:30 St. James Parishioners**  
**12:30 + Rosario Garcia**

**Monday 03/10/2025**  
**8:00 Roel Sajul**

**Tuesday 03/11/2025**  
**8:00 + Helene Spause**

**Wednesday 03/12/2025**  
**8:00 St. James Parishioners**

**Thursday 03/13/2025**  
**8:00 + Francis Foell**  
**+ Janet Korba - 5th  
anniversary**

**Friday 03/14/2025**  
**8:00 St. James Parishioners**

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.

*The Sanctuary  
Candle this week is  
dedicated to*  
**+ Janet Korba**

## PRAY for the sick

Hugh Bailey, Anna Beans, Bishop Herbert Bevard, Patty Biddle, Anthony Bonannoi, Andrea Cardwell, Phylis ChiarLanza, Bob Coccagna, 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, 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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

March 15/16	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	12:30 PM
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>		Daniel Kovatich	Matthew Arguelles	Gigi Pabustan Anton Asistido
<b>COMMUNION MINISTERS</b>	A. Mahoney E. Gonzales	N. Callahan D. Kovatich	M. Fittery M. Goodman	Brendalyn Ismael Alma Ornedo
<b>LECTORS</b>	E. Callery D. Campbell	J. Parisi R. Tan	J. Amons J. Kolen	Lilia Pidlaoan Rose Ponce
<b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b>	Frank Kristi		Frank, Greg, Kristi, Choir	Collegetown Choir

**NOURISHING OUR FAITH:  
“IT’S A CATHOLIC THING”**

**PARTS OF THE MASS: continuation**

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

**Liturgy of the Eucharist: The Heart of the Mass**

This is the most important part of the Mass, where bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Presentation of the Gifts**

The gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar. These will become the Eucharist. This presentation reflects the offerings of Abel, Melchizedek, and Abraham in the Old Testament.

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The priest consecrates the bread and wine, repeating the words Jesus used at the Last Supper: “This is my body... This is the cup of my blood” (Matthew 26:26-28).

**The Communion Rite**

We pray the Lord’s Prayer, asking God to “give us this day our daily bread.” Then comes the Sign of Peace, where we offer each other a sign of reconciliation and unity. Finally, we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist.

**The Dismissal**

The Mass concludes with a blessing from the priest and a command to go forth and spread the Gospel. This sending forth is not an end but a beginning, a commission to take what we’ve received and share it with the world.

**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...

***Ted Burgoyne***

*March 2nd winner*

**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.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

March 2nd Contributions: \$6192

Online Giving: \$530



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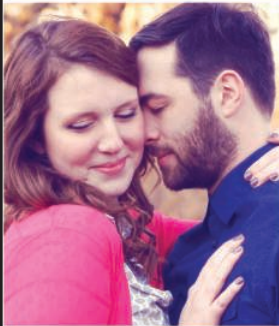
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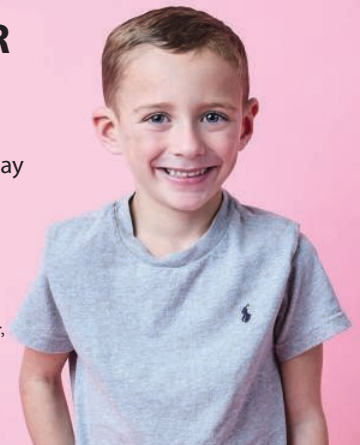


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