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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, Margaret McDonald**

## 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.*

**Readings #1121**

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Cf. Ps 27 (26):8-9*  
Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**Entrance Hymn:**  
# 964 Transfigure Us, O Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14  
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Offertory Hymn:**  
# 834 Christ in Me Arise

**Communion Antiphon:** *Mt 17:5*  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**Communion Hymn:**  
# 1005 We Remember

**Recessional Hymn:**  
# 724 Christ Be Beside Me

**Message from Father Andrew**

As you may recall the Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Perez expressing his desire to reach out to the 83% baptized Catholics who stop coming to church. He invited us to look at this issue with urgency. He encouraged us to have a pastoral change of heart. I also stated that in our parish level, we will do some “conversation” on the issue in the coming months. To begin with the process of our discernment, the archdiocese is asking us to respond to the 2025 Disciple Maker Index survey. This survey begins on March 5, 2025 to April 10, 2025. It will take 10-15 minutes of your time to complete the survey.

This week you will receive an email from the parish office with a link to the survey. This link is unique only to our parish of St James in Elkins Park. We will also post the link and a QR code in this week bulletin for your reference. A paper copy is also available. Your response to this survey is very important to the future of our parish.

In the past, the governance and life of the church seemed to rest only in the hands of the clergy. Today, we can no longer afford the old ways. Your counsel and active involvement in the ministry of the church is vital. I am humbled by so many who expressed to me their desire to help our parish. May God bless us all in this wonderful St James Parish!

**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.

2025 Disciple Maker Index survey:  
This link is unique only to our parish (St James Parish, Elkins Park PA). This survey begins on March 5 to April 11, 2025. Search the link or scan the QR Code provided with your phone. Thank you for your cooperation.



<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/xp15xx>



*The Adoration  
Candle this week is  
dedicated to*  
**+ Nancy  
Fisher**

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*  
**+ Nancy  
Fisher**

## MASS Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>03/15/2025</b>
<b>5:00</b>	<b>+ Teresita Marco Kayia Rattliff - birthday</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03/16/2025</b>
<b>8:30</b>	<b>+ Nancy Fisher - birthday</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Celeste Mendoza Calo Celso &amp; Leah Mendoza</b>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Arguilar Family - birthday</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>03/17/2025</b>
<b>8:00</b>	<b>+ Maria Carla Wetzel - 2nd anniversary</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>03/18/2025</b>
<b>8:00</b>	<b>+ Carmencita Sayoc + Nenita Boiser - 7th anniversary</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>03/19/2025</b>
<b>8:00</b>	<b>+ Carmencita Sayoc</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>03/20/2025</b>
<b>8:00</b>	<b>+ Helene Spause</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>03/21/2025</b>
<b>8:00</b>	<b>St. James Parishioners</b>


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*  
**+ Nancy  
Fisher**

## 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 22/23	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	12:30 PM
ALTAR SERVERS			Daniel Kovatich	Matthew Arguelles	Gigi Pabustan Anton Asistido
COMMUNION MINISTERS		B. Jeobstl T. McAuliffe	J. Anderson M. Walsh	M. Fittery J. Kolen	Hermie Aczon Norma Jamil
LECTORS		E. Gonzales T. Stein	B. Coccagna C. Piccone	M. Goodman J. Obfenda	Jovy Yaplito Aida Zoleta
MUSIC MINISTRY		Ashley Joanna		Greg Kristi	El Shaddai

**NOURISHING OUR FAITH:  
“IT’S A CATHOLIC THING”  
WHY ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT?**

Abstinence is one of our oldest Christian traditions. “From the first century, the day of the crucifixion has been traditionally observed as a day of abstaining from flesh meat to honor Christ who sacrificed his flesh on a Friday (Good Friday)” (Klein, P., Catholic Source Book, 78). “There was a once-widespread belief that flesh meat mean provoked and excited the baser human passions. Renouncing these foodstuffs (meat) was considered an excellent means of conquering the wayward self and orienting one’s life toward God.” (Fr McNamara)

There are many historical reasons why meat was prohibited on Fridays of Lent. But the spiritual aspect of it is more important. The purpose of abstinence is to educate us in the higher spiritual law of charity and self-mastery. St. Augustine said: “Abstinence purifies the soul, elevates the mind, subordinates the flesh to the spirit, begets a humble and contrite heart, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, extinguishes the fire of lust, and enkindles the true light of chastity.” In other words, we observe fasting and abstinence so we will be free from sin and be free to genuinely love and forgive each other. “Abstinence is a sober way to practice simplicity and austerity, to deny the cravings of our bodies to honor Jesus who practiced the ultimate form of self-denial when he gave his body for us on the Cross.” (Fr M Van Sloun).

**Please welcome our new members of St. James the Great Church!**

- **Eliana Carino** who just moved to Elkins Park and is a student.
- **The Emannual Family**
- **Andrew and Sahar** who have 4 children named **Eden, Elise, Eira, and Lucas.**

We welcome them to our Saint James Family!

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE March 5 - April 13**

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1144 Locust St., Phila., PA 19107

Mon-Fri. - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[40daysforlife.com/philadelphia](http://40daysforlife.com/philadelphia)

**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.

**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...

**Harry Maltas**

*March 9th winner*

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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Online Giving: \$805



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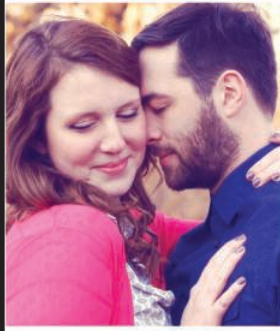
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