

Go, and from now on
do not sin any more.

JOHN 8:11



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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

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

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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 #1130

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 43 (42):1-2*
Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause
against a nation that is faithless. From the
deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O
God, are my strength.

Entrance Hymn:
781 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126:1-6
The Lord has done great things for us; we are
filled with joy.

Offertory Hymn:
1053 Remember Your Love

Communion Antiphon: *Jn 8:10-11*
Has no one condemned you, woman? No one,
Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now
on, sin no more.

Communion Hymn:
764 I Will Lift My Eyes

Recessional Hymn:
968 Lift High on the Cross

Message from Father Andrew

On this 5th Sunday of Lent, let us be guided by Jesus' words in the gospel: "*Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*" (Jn 11:7) This was Jesus' response to the people who brought a woman caught committing the sin of adultery. The woman stood no chance before her accusers. But Jesus stood in defense of her. He invited her accusers to look into their own lives.

How many times have we made assumptions about others? How many times have we passed judgement on others? Do we easily condemn others because of their mistakes? Have we ever shown partiality to others because they do not look or speak like us?

We are all guilty of something. We are all in need of redemption. As we near the Easter celebration, let us make effort to approach the sacrament of confession. Confession brings us the grace of God's forgiveness. In confession, we are reconciled to God, since sins cause us to be separated from God.

Mother Teresa said this beautifully, "Confession is nothing but humility in action. We used to call it penance, but really it is a sacrament of love, a sacrament of forgiveness. When there is a gap between me and Christ, when my love is divided, anything can come to fill the gap. Confession is a place where I allow Jesus to take away from me everything that divides, that destroys." (From Mother Teresa, No Greater Love. Copyright 1997)

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*
+ 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 04/05/2025
5:00 + Catherine Busser
+ Trelecia Tangco Nicolas

Sunday 04/06/2025
8:30 + Catherine Busser
10:30 St. James Parishioners
12:30 + Rosario Garcia
+ Trelecia Tangco Nicolas

Monday 04/07/2025
8:00 + Helene Spause
+ Kevin Flach
+ Trelecia Tangco Nicolas

Tuesday 04/08/2025
8:00 + Jerry Smith
+ Trelecia Tangco Nicolas
Matthew Foell - having surgery

Wednesday 04/09/2025
8:00 + Ernie Tabilas
+ Trelecia Tangco Nicolas
Gina Foell - birthday

Thursday 04/10/2025
8:00 + Catherine Busser

Friday 04/11/2025
8:00 + Robert Loughney

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. 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

April 12/13	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	12:30 PM
ALTAR SERVERS		Daniel Kovatich	Matthew Arguelles	Gigi Pabustan Anton Asistido
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**NOURISHING OUR FAITH:
“IT’S A CATHOLIC THING”**

Why Catholics make the Sign of the Cross?

The early Church Fathers attested to the use of the sign of the cross. Tertullian (d. c. 250) described the commonness of the sign of the cross: “In all our travels and movements, in all our coming in and going out, in putting on our shoes, at the bath, at the table, in lighting our candles, in lying down, in sitting down, whatever employment occupies us, we mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross” (De corona, 30).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that when Catholics are baptized “the sign of the cross, on the threshold of the celebration, marks with the imprint of Christ the one who is going to belong to him and signifies the grace of the Redemption Christ won for us by his cross” (CCC 1235).

Making the sign of the cross is a gesture that says the person is a Catholic. Pope Francis said, “By tracing the cross on our body, we remind ourselves how much God loved us, to the point of giving his life for us; and we repeat to ourselves that his love envelops us completely, from top to bottom, from left to right, like an embrace that never abandons us.” (CNA)

May we never hesitate nor be ashamed to make a sign of the Cross in public. It is a sign of our faith in God the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Pancake Breakfast Update

Thank you very much to the St. James Community for attending our Pancake Breakfast on March 23rd, as well as the extra donations that were made in support of the event!

We raised close to \$1500.00 and had 125 people in attendance. Thank you also to: Sprinkles, Trios and Pennsylvania General Store for their generous donations to the Raffle Basket.

Also, a “thank you” to McDonald’s for supplying the butter and syrup that day. (The extra product was donated to St. Francis Inn and the Breathing Room). It takes a Village to make an event successful and we certainly had that through your support and kindness!

The Event Planning Committee

More paper copies of the 2025 Disciple Maker Index survey will be in the church.

There will be no Adoration on Wednesday April 19th.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR CALENDAR OUR TRIDUUM CELEBRATION (HOLY WEEK 2025):
 HOLY THURSDAY (April 17) 6:00PM
 GOOD FRIDAY (April 18) 3:00PM
 SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL (April 19) 6:00PM
 EASTER SUNDAY (April 20) 8:30AM and 10:30AM

Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent after the 8:00am Mass. Please find time to meditate and reflect on the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE March 5 - April 13

HELP SAVE LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA! You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

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- Vigil Locations

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Saturday - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Elizabeth Blackwell Planned Parenthood

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

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...

William Levy

March 30th winner

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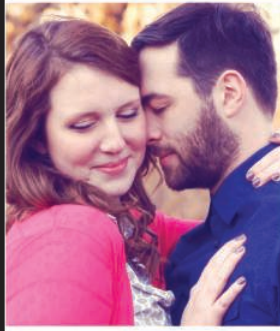
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