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Sacrament of Confession: Before weekend Masses and by request.
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact priest 2 weeks prior to Baptism.
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact priest 6 months in advance.
Sacrament of the Sick: Inform priest about the person to be anointed.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun. Mar. 17 8:00 am (SJ) Bill Tracy by Barbara Tracy
10:00 am (SA) Mr. Mrs. Daniel Lane by Edna Rew
Mon. Mar. 18 No Scheduled Mass
Tues. Mar. 19 8:30 am (SJ) The Parishioners of St. James by The Kestler Family
Wed. Mar. 20 8:30 am (SJ) Ryan Family by Lee & Carolyn Horton
Thu. Mar. 21 8:30 am (SA) Communion Service
Fri. Mar. 22 8:30 am (SJ) Communion Service
Sat. Mar. 23 No Scheduled Mass
Sun. Mar. 24 8:00 am (SJ) Henry Warmingham by Michelle & Jason Roberts
10:00 am (SA) John P. Naple, Sr. by The Naple Family

Collection last week: St. Ann \$ 475.00 The Catholic Relief Services \$ 184.00
St. James \$ 385.00 The Catholic Relief Services \$ 246.00

Thank you very much for your generosity in response to God's blessing to you and to your beloved family.

Come to experience the transforming power of Confession!

There is an incredible beauty of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Confession! God doesn't wait for us to come back to him after we have sinned – he comes looking for us, just as he looked for Adam and Eve. In his merciful love he searches for us to bring us home. He is calling to each one of us: "Where are you?" What is your answer?

"Confession is an act of honesty and courage- an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. It is an act of the prodigal son, who returns to his Father and is welcomed by Him with the kiss of peace." Pope St. John Paul 11.

Your priest will be available for you before or after Mass or he will be in St. James Major Church on Saturday, March 23, from 11:00 am till Noon. St. Ann's Church, on Saturday, March 23, from 3:00 pm till 4:00 pm.

Lent FAQ

What is Lent? Highlighted by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, Lent is the penitential period and liturgical season that leads into the celebration of the Easter Triduum.

When did Lent start? The observance of Lent as a 40-day time began after the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. but periods of fasting before Easter date back even earlier.

Who celebrates Lent? Lent has traditionally been associated with the Catholic Church, but some Protestants, Orthodox Christians, and others also observe some form of Lent.

What is the purpose of Lent? What does it represent? Lent begins with a visible, outward sign of ashes but aims toward inner conversion, helping us repent, avoid distractions, and focus on living the Gospel.

What should I give up for Lent? Focus on sacrificing something meaningful that will help you draw closer to God. Better yet, focus on what you can take on: What small acts can you take on to manifest the love that God calls us to share?

Why don't Catholics eat meat on Fridays during Lent? Abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent is a sacrifice and a small act of self-discipline that dates back to the early Church. Fish Frys are popular on Fridays during Lent.

What is the color of Lent? Violet (purple) is the color of Lent. On Laetare Sunday, priests will wear rose (pink) as a small break from the solemn purple and a reminder that Easter is drawing near. During Palm Sunday and Good Friday, priests wear red vestments.

Holy Week Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday- St. James Major: March 28, 7:00 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Feet Washing and ½ hour Adoration.

Good Friday – St. Ann's Church: March 29, 3:00 pm, The Passion Narration, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil - St. James Major: March 30, 7:00 pm, Blessing of New Fire, Easter proclamation, and Renewal of Baptismal promises.

All the faithful of St. Ann/ St. James Major are cordially invited to participate in the celebrations of the Holy Week Triduum and receive the grace to proclaim the Risen Lord. Music leaders, leaders of Lectors and Altar Servers may please make sure their availability on these important days of our faith journey.

Easter Sunday Mass- St. James Major: 8:00 am.

St. Ann: 10:00 am

Lent: Reflections of Bishop Barron on the Eucharist

Our Catholic Church is in the midst of a 3-year Eucharistic Revival that aims to inspire, educate and unite, in a world where not many people know Jesus intimately. Therefore, Saint James' Lenten program will host Bishop Barron's 4-week presentation on the Eucharist. Bishop Barron offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives and the centrality of the Eucharist. Too many believers do not understand the mystery of the Eucharist, which Vatican II said is the "source and summit of the Christian life". This fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light its reality as a sacred meal, the sacrifice necessary of communion with God, and the real presence of Christ.

The program will be presented on Wednesday, March 20, and April 3 at 5:00 pm. (The Seder meal will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 27.) The four presentations will follow a simple shared Lenten meal of soup and bread. Please plan to join fellow parishioners and friends to enjoy a social time and together develop a deeper understanding of and love for the Eucharist. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

- Jean and Richard Doell

