

Pastor's Corner



Praying all are well. How amazing is it that we are celebrating Palm Sunday?

Today we celebrate OUR Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem but we also celebrate the passion, death and Resurrection of our Lord. I pray many will also be able to attend the various celebrations of Holy Week, please bring home a bulletin so as to have all the correct times for the various days.

Have a Blessed and Holy Week and to Quote my folks, Have a "Holy Thursday, a Good Friday and a Holy Saturday!"

See you at Easter - if not before!

Love,

Fr. Mike

A Word from Deacon Jim

In an effort to lead all people closer to the Heart of Jesus, Bishop Gregory Parkes has announced that he will consecrate the parishes, schools, charities, ministries and all people who live in the five counties of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. To consecrate means to dedicate or set aside for a sacred purpose. Mary's life was set aside for the sole purpose of serving Jesus. By following her example, Catholics can completely give themselves to Christ in a powerful way and give their lives to Him in service and love.

All are invited to join Deacon Jim who will be conducting a retreat leading up to this event. Deacon Jim will be meeting with the Legion of Mary and the Mother's Group and anyone else who wishes to attend these meeting. We will be using the Book that Bishop Parks recommends titled 33 Days to Morning Glory. These meeting will start on Sunday April 8, 2018 in our Chapel at 7PM and continue every Sunday until May 6 where we will conclude with a Holy Hour in the Chapel from 7 to 8 pm. For more information, call Deacon Jim at 727-534-7430.

APA News

From the Business Manager:

Our 2017 campaign was an overwhelming success!! Our assessment was \$97,486.00 and we had \$103,145.91 paid!! That is 5.81% over goal, that will go towards this years campaign. This year our assessment is \$87,733.00. In 2 short months we have already seen pledges of \$40,373.00!!!. It looks like we are well on our way to meeting this years goal also!! I want to Thank each and every Parishioner who participates in this important endeavor. Just to be clear, I want to explain just how YOUR Parish is helped by the APA donations. For one, I have the ability of using Diocesan resources to help in the day to day fiscal operations of St James if I need to. As an example, if I have a question about our new payroll system, help is only a phone call away for me. And believe me, I appreciate it!! Deaconate and Priest vocations, Seminarians, Youth leaders, Faith Formation programs, and the Parochial Schools throughout the Diocese all benefit from the APA campaign. Seminars and conferences are put on throughout the year to educate staff about Stewardship, and Campus Security, to name just a couple. Please prayerfully consider your contribution. We ALL benefit from this program, and although I know we will meet our goal, if we don't, we have to make up any difference from our operating account. Thank you in advance for your continued support of your Parish, God Bless, and THANK YOU!!

Blessed are we...

Liturgy & Worship

Mass Intentions

<u>Monday: 03/26</u> 8:30am	Albert Poirier	
<u>Tuesday: 03/27</u> 8:30am	Alyssa Thomas	
<u>Wednesday: 03/28</u> 8:30am	Vocations	
<u>Thursday: 03/29</u> 7:00pm	Holy Thursday	
<u>Friday: 03/30</u> 12:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
	3:00pm	Good Friday
<u>Saturday: 03/31</u> Vigil 8:00pm	Holy Saturday	
<u>Sunday: 04/01</u> 6:30am	Easter Sunday	
	800am	Easter Sunday
	10:00am	Easter Sunday

Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

Offertory Collection	\$10,550.75
Attendance:	1,409
Offertory	\$6,680.00
Non-Envelope Offertory	\$2,908.75
On-Line Giving	\$962.00
Total Offertory	\$10,550.75
Catholic Relief Services	\$2,715.03

Our Parish Family

We welcome into the parish community all new members and those returning Home to us.

We remember all who are sick at home or in the Hospital.

We remember in our prayers those who have died: Mary Rose O'Neill.

Readings for the Week of March 26, 2018

Monday	Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Tuesday of Holy Week Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Wednesday of Holy Week Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Good Friday Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday	Holy Saturday Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 ; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2,3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
Sunday	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Altar Candles

The candle burning on the altar in the Chapel and Church for the month of March is in memory of **Elizabeth and Edward Nemethy** and were donated by **Winifred Barker**.

Candles & Flowers



Remember your loved ones or your special intentions. You can do this with candles that burn all week in the Chapel or in the grotto or a monthly candle. You can also request to support the flowers that are on the altar for the week. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested 727-869-3130.



Holy Week

Mass Times:

Chrism Mass, Tuesday March 27th, at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle at 11:30am.

Mass of the Lord's Supper - **Holy Thursday**— March 29th 7:00pm *only*

Stations of the Cross — Good Friday—12:00noon *only*.

Passion of the Lord — **Good Friday**— March 30th at 3:00pm *only*

Holy Saturday Vigil— March 31st, 8:00pm

No Sacrament of Reconciliation or 4:00pm Vigil

Easter Sunday — April 1st— **The Resurrection of the Lord** — Sunrise Mass at **6:30am** in front of Bishop Larkin School (weather permitting/bring lawn chair) and 8:00am and 10:00am in the Church

Easter Egg Hunt: April 1st

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Following 10:00am Mass on Easter Sunday

Office Hours:

The Office will close Wednesday, March 28th and will re-open Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Have a Blessed Easter!

What's Ahead

Catholic Charities' Breakfast of Mercy

Join Bishop Parkes and Bishop Emeritus Lynch at on April 13

Catholic Charities is hosting its 4th Breakfast of Mercy on Friday, April 13th at Feather Sound Country Club. Learn how we've ministered to the underserved on the margins of society. Hear from our clients, our Angel Award winners, and Bishop Emeritus Lynch regarding the importance of Catholic Charities to the mission of the Church. 3 ways to purchase tickets (\$35 ea.) or sponsor the event: call (727) 893-1313 (receptionist or ask for Lou R.) text MercyBreakfast to 41444 or go directly online to: <http://igfn.us/f/12d9/n>



GREAT NEWS/ New Classes

Are you or anyone you know considering a conversion into the Catholic Faith? Maybe you are a baptized Christian yearning full communion into the Catholic Faith? I have great news for you! We will be starting a new class soon! If you would like more information, please contact Deacon Mark in the office. I would love to sit with you and tell you all about this exciting new way of conducting the Rite of Christian Initiation for adults and children! I am also looking for additional catechists to help in the RCIA/ RCIC programs, please call in the office or email me faith.formation@stjamesportrichey.org In His Service, Deacon Mark Manko

RCIA

Rite of
Christian
Initiation
for Adults



Interested in becoming Catholic?

S.T.A.T.I.C. CALENDAR

Today is the Youth Group's monthly Assisted Living Visitation followed by DQ (Dairy Queen- social time). Assisted Living at 2:30-3:30pm and DQ 3:30-4:30pm. Please do not forget your Permission slips. Thank you



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: Please mark your calendar

- ◆ March 29 Thursday HOLY THURSDAY 7:00pm
- ◆ March 30 Friday GOOD FRIDAY 12:00pm Stations / 3:00pm services
- ◆ April 1 Sunday EASTER SUNDAY



Please stop by the youth table after mass for more info. Best way to contact me is via text : (727) 967-3768.

Email : youth.group@stjamesportrichey.org

Youth Ministry office : (727) 869-3130 ext. 1309 .

Thank you and God bless . Mrs. Lorraine Parsons

THIS & THAT SALE

Spring is here!!! If you are planning to do a spring cleaning , please consider donating your unwanted items to us. The Youth Group's **THIS AND THAT SALE** will be on April 7. Please bring your donated items on APRIL 4, 5, 6 in the East Wing. SORRY , we cannot accept any electronics (TV, Computers) . Volunteers also needed (all are welcome to volunteer) – Please sign up at the youth table . THANK YOU.



SCRIP

As the end of the school year approaches are you looking to give that little extra something to your child's teacher? How about a SCRIP card for Outback, Olive Garden, Cracker Barrel, Applebee's or Red Lobster?

Have you been asked to attend a Bridal or Baby Shower? You can purchase SCRIP cards for BabiesRUs, and for the Bride-to-Be, how about Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target or Amazon?

Are you planning on traveling for this Summer? Did you know your favorite hotels are probably on the SCRIP list? When planning your vacation, don't forget to stock up on your favorite gift cards to take with you...no more worrying about keeping enough cash with you. Stay in comfort at the Best Western, Comfort Inn, EconoLodge, Hyatt, Marriott, and Quality Inns. Planning on a Disney trip? You can purchase Disney Gift Cards! With SCRIP, you can stop and eat on the road at Dunkin Donuts, Burger King, Cracker Barrel, Starbucks, Taco Bell and Wendy's. You can even purchase gas cards, so you never have to worry if you have money for gas, just keep some in your glove compartment! The next SCRIP order will be placed on May 22nd, so pick up an order form as you exit the church.

Invitation from the Benedictine Sisters

The Benedictine Sisters at Holy Name Monastery in St. Leo, FL offer a **TIME FOR SEEKERS**—single, Catholic, women in good health, ages of 20 – 50 something—considering a call to religious life. This time is a sharing in their life of prayer and community, to “listen with the ear of the heart” for God’s call. Participants are invited to spend any or all days of Holy Week. Are you interested? Space is limited. Call, . 352-588-8320, or email, vocation@saintleo.edu and ask to register.



CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday, March 27 at 11:30 a.m. Bishop Gregory Parkes will preside at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Jude. During this Mass the priests along with Bishop Parkes will renew their commitment to priestly service. Also, during the Mass the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated. These oils are used in the parishes throughout the year for sacramental celebrations. The faithful are invited to participate in this wonderful diocesan celebration. Please join us.

THE CHRISM MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED

If you are not able to join us for the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, you are invited to view the live video stream available at this link: <https://livestream.com/DOSP/ChrismMass>

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Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12noon/1:00-4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm in Chapel

Morning Prayer weekdays Monday-Friday 8:00am in Chapel

Adoration: 1st and 3rd Friday (3pm) and 2nd and 4th Thursday (7pm)

Masses: Daily: Monday - Friday 8:30am/Saturday Vigil 4:00pm/Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am and 1:00pm

Pastor:
Reverend Michael Cormier

Retired Clergy:
Reverend Paul Goudreau

Deacon:
Rev. Mr. James Minary

Deacon / Director Of Faith Formation:
Rev. Mr. Mark Manko

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