

SAINT JAMES' CATHOLIC CHURCH



Blessed John Paul II, pray for us!

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Schedule of Masses

Sunday Obligation

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. (Español)

6:00 p.m. (Español)



Daily Masses
Monday thru Friday

7:30 a.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

*All daily Masses are in
the Church*

*Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament*
8:00 p.m.
Monday - Wednesday
In the Church
Thursday - Friday
In the Rectory Chapel
Benediction
9:00 p.m.

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Office Hours
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday thru Friday
Closed on Federal
Holidays

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Gospel
John 20:1-9

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Pastor's Corner

The Heart of Christ! His Sacred Heart has given men everything: redemption, salvation, sanctification. St Faustina Kowalska saw coming from this Heart that was overflowing with generous love, two rays of light which illuminated the world. The two rays, according to what Jesus himself told her, represent the blood and the water (*Diary*, p. 132). The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist John, makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3: 5; 4: 14).

Through the mystery of this wounded heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time. Here alone can those who long for true and lasting happiness find its secret.

Today's Gospel helps us to grasp the full sense and value of this gift. The Evangelist John makes us share in the emotion felt by the Apostles in their meeting with Christ after his Resurrection. Our attention focuses on the gesture of the Master, who transmits to the fearful, astounded disciples the mission of being ministers of divine Mercy. He shows them his hands and his side, which bear the marks of the Passion, and tells them: *As the Father has sent me, even so I send you* (Jn 20: 21). Immediately afterwards *he breathed on them, and said to them: Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained* (Jn 20: 22-23). Jesus entrusted to them the gift of forgiving sins, a gift that flows from the wounds in his hands, his feet, and especially from his pierced side. From there a wave of mercy is poured out over all humanity.

Let us relive this moment with great spiritual intensity, as we celebrate the joyful day of the beatification of Blessed John Paul II the Great.

Fr. Pablo Muñoz Iturrieta, IVE

What does "beatification" mean?

Beatification is a term describing an important stage in the process by which the Catholic Church recognizes that a deceased person lived a life of heroic Christian virtue and enjoys eternal life with God in Heaven. This person is given the title of "Blessed," and the faithful are encouraged to ask him or her to pray for them. If the Church ultimately gives this person the title of "Saint," then he or she is said to be canonized.

Confessions

Saturdays

3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (English)

Sundays

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Baptisms

By appointment only.

301-927-0567

Weddings

Contact the Pastor six months in advance.

Special Collections

Monthly Maintenance and Improvements Collection and Stone Soup Collection for the needy are on the First Sunday each month.

St. James' Ladies' Sodality

First Sundays at 8:00 a.m. Mass

St. James' Holy Name Society

Second Sundays at 8:00 a.m. Mass

St. James' Ladies of Charity

Third Sundays at 8:00 a.m. Mass

Spanish Prayer Group

Every Thursday Evening

7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Legion of Mary

Wednesday Evenings

7:30 p.m.

Rosary Prayed Daily

The Rosary is prayed before daily Mass, Mon - Fri.

"John Paul the Great Library"

Co-founders Wanted

Have you ever thought helping to start a beautiful and meaningful project from the get-go and then witness it change the lives of others? Here is your chance! St. James Parish is joining together to build a library in the Hughes Room under the patronage of Pope John Paul II that would be available to all parishioners for free!

If you have any personal religious books or videos that you would like to donate for the library's use, please bring them to the parish rectory for consideration or call 301-927-0567.

If you think you might be able to serve the library in another way, e.g. as a cataloger or volunteer, please call.... Thank you in advance!



Institute of the Incarnate Word (IVE)

Pilgrimage to Fatima,

Santiago de Compostela & Lourdes

November 2-11, 2011

Cost: **\$2,298 from Baltimore Airport.** Check more at www.iveamerica.org

- Airline FUEL SURCHARGES INCLUDED (up to \$420)
- Accommodation in twin rooms superior tourist class (3 & 4 Stars) centrally located hotels:
 - ~ Fatima: Hotel Sao Jose ***
 - ~ Santiago Compostela: Hotel Eurostars San Lazaro ****
 - ~ Burgos: Hotel Velada Burgos ****
 - ~ Lourdes: Hotel Mercure Imperial ****
- Arrangements for Mass daily and spiritual activities
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Transfers as per itinerary by private coach and driver
- Sightseeing by licensed guides (English and or Spanish!) as per itinerary
- Assistance by tour escort throughout (from arrival to departure)

Handmade Holy Communion Veils

On Sunday, May 8th, there will be handmade Holy Communion Veils and other religious items for sale at 11:00 a.m. in the Hughes Room. The veils will be \$20.00 each.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL

The 19th Annual Catholic Boys and Girls Basketball Camp at Catholic University in Washington, DC will have three sessions this summer. The Camp is for ages 7-15 and will be held June 20-24, July 25-29, and August 15-19 between the hours of 9:00am-4:00pm at Catholic University's DuFour Center. Adult supervision will be provided from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Swimming will be available during the day and speakers are scheduled to appear. For more information, please call Catholic University Head Coach Steve Howes at (202) 319-6046 or howes@cua.edu or by visiting <http://www.cuacardinals.com>.

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