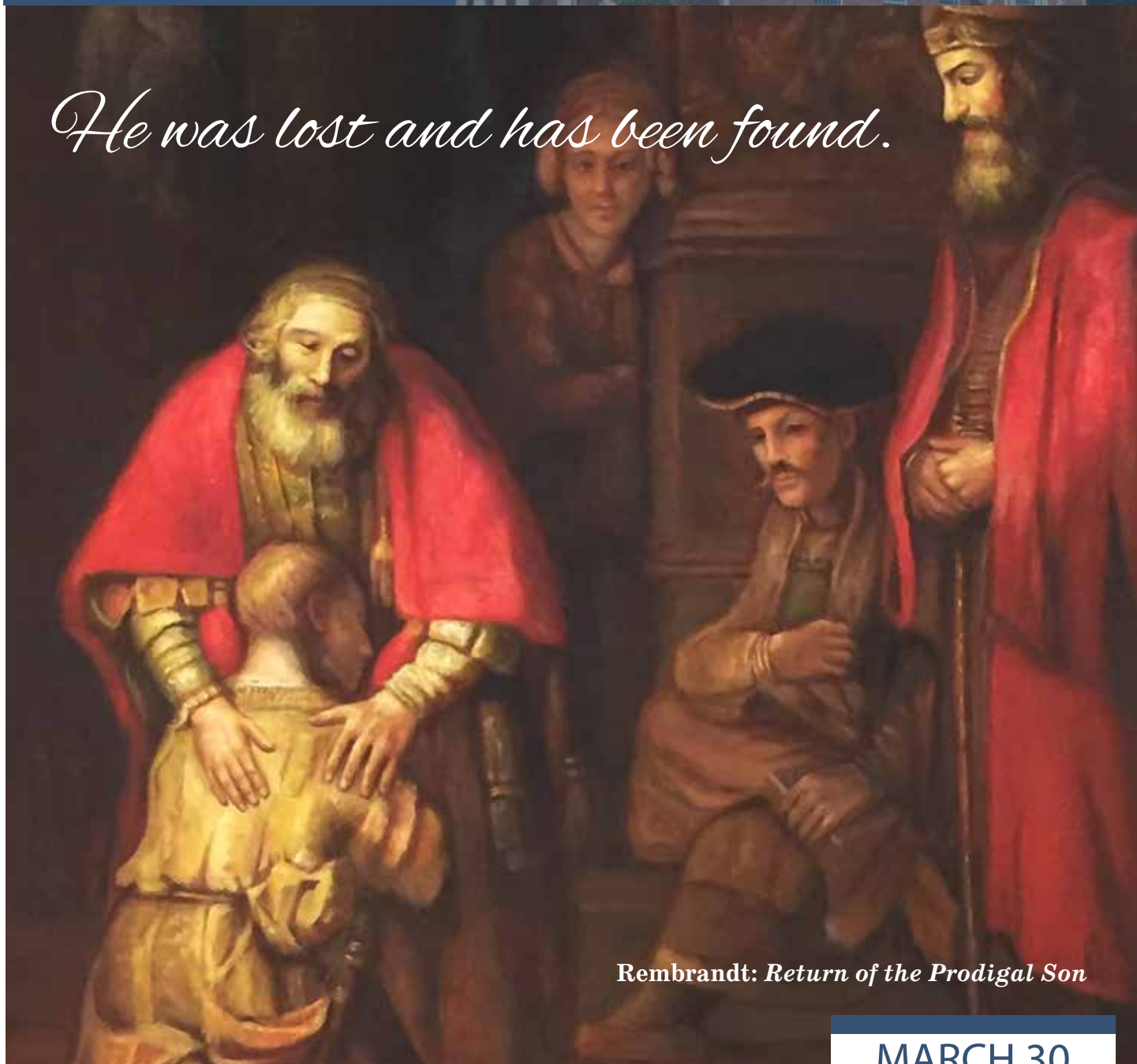




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*He was lost and has been found.*



Rembrandt: *Return of the Prodigal Son*

MARCH 30

2025

*BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.  
MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## Today's Readings

### First Reading:

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

### Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

### Second Reading:

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

### Gospel:

"But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)

Dear Friends,

Some Scripture scholars have commented that the beloved parable of the Prodigal Son ought better be named the parable of the Prodigal Father.

Merriam Webster defines the word prodigal as: characterized by profuse or wasteful expenditure: lavish; yielding abundantly: luxuriant; one who spends or gives lavishly and foolishly.

The son in this parable can clearly be defined in this way. He burned through his inheritance foolishly and wastefully, spending his father's hard-earned fortune lavishly and luxuriously until there was nothing left. He did this only after cruelly insulting his father, saying the equivalent of "I wish you were dead" and demanding what was not his – his future inheritance.

But in what was an even more prodigal act, the father, foolishly it may seem to us, lavishly and generously pours out his forgiveness on his wayward son. This parable is about God the Father's profuse outpouring of love and forgiveness and restoration to right relationship.

To some, this may seem foolish and wasteful. For sure, it is undeserved. But this is a loving Father's outpouring of love and his delight in the return of his son. The parable ends with the Father's words: "But now we must celebrate and rejoice,

because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." Luke 15:32

Today is Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. The name is taken from the entrance antiphon of today's mass: Laetare, Jerusalem, or Rejoice, Jerusalem. Our salvation is at hand. Easter is coming. Please receive the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation before the end of Lent. The Lord awaits us, like the Father on the road, seeking his lost son.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

UPCOMING EVENT

1 APRIL

DINNER AT 5PM

FORMATION AT 6PM

ADORATION AT 6:30PM

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2:00 PM & 6:00 PM

**St. James Church**  
Admission: FREE




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We are thrilled to host the Live Theater Production Company as they bring us their "Passion of Christ" play on April 6.

Please note that beginning on Saturday April 5 there will be lighting and other equipment located throughout the worship space and the sanctuary. Temporary floor coverings will be placed in certain areas to protect our beautiful floors.

We hope you will attend one of these powerful performances!

brought to life by *live Theater* 

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

## **Holy Thursday: April 17**

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.

## **Good Friday: April 18**

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.

Traditional Stations, 12:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday Taizé and Veneration, 7:30 p.m.

## **Holy Saturday: April 19**

Triduum Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.

Blessing of Easter Baskets, 12:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m. (reception to follow)

## **Easter Sunday: April 20**

In the Church:

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Mass

In the Parish Center:

8:15 a.m. Mass

10:15 a.m. Mass



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## UPCOMING

This Lent Be

# Forgiven

### Extra Dates for Confession:

Monday, April 7 from 7-8:30 pm at Our Lady of the Wayside, A.H.

Tuesday, April 8 from 3-5 pm at St. Edna, A.H.

Wednesday, April 9 from 7-8:30 pm at St. Mary, B.G.



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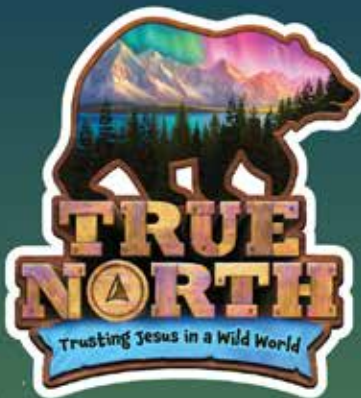
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JUNE 16-19

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# CHILDREN'S FORMATION REGISTRATION 2025



REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1, 2025

Register by 6/30 for  
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\$250/student - after 7/1

non-parishioner rate: \$300/student



## Religious Education

Religious Education takes place most Tuesdays: September - April. Our catechists are the heart of our program, and the registration fee is waived for our volunteers. Throughout the year we offer Family Faith Nights for families to connect. Children's Formation welcomes all students. Our Open Doors Ministry provides faith formation for individuals and families with special needs. Welcome to Religious Education!

- Accepting students in K-5th Grade
- Tuesday Afternoons
  - 4:30-5:45
  - 6:30-7:45

## Summer Intensive

- Accepting students in 3rd-5th Grade
- Cost is \$250/student

The Summer Intensive is a two week program taking place June 16 - 27, 2025 Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 2:00pm

This program is offered as an alternative to the Tuesday Night Religious Ed classes held during the school year.

[stjamesah.org/children-formation/](https://stjamesah.org/children-formation/)



## MINISTRY EVENTS



# Women's Welcome

**4.26.25**

**all-day retreat**

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## Over 50 Group

Speaker: Jake Hussman  
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Where: Laramie Room  
When: Tuesday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m.  
Refreshments will be served

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## Easter Remembrances

Submit all requests by April 7 to have the  
names printed in the Easter Bulletin.

If you would like to create a tangible remembrance of a  
loved one, you are invited to help fund the Easter season  
décor in the church. A donation of \$25 per  
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Contributions received by Monday, April 7 will have  
their names printed in the Easter bulletin.

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# OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 29

5:00 Hank Schmitt  
Patrick & Kevin Houlihan

### Sunday, March 30 4th Sunday of Lent

7:00 John F. Kordek  
8:30 Place Holder  
10:00 Joan Hansen  
11:30 Kelly Lawrence Drumm  
Caroline Blazej  
Jeff Williams  
Eli Favale  
5:00 Carmen Santiago  
Monse Arce  
Flora Baxter

### Monday, March 31

7:30 Audrey Hafer (1st Anniv.)  
Pat Wilson\*  
Donnacha Fahy\*  
Amber Huster\*  
Gavin Huster\*  
Kameron Huster\*  
Kimberly Huster\*

### Tuesday, April 1

7:30 Francois Pasquier (2nd Anniv.)  
Tim Downes  
Bishop Andrew McDonald  
Andrew Arrigio

### Wednesday, April 2 St. Francis of Paola

### Thursday, April 3

7:30 James Matri  
Patricia Cooper

### Friday, April 4 St. Isidore

7:30 Kimberly Huster\*  
Kameron Huster\*  
Amber Huster\*  
Gavin Huster\*  
Patricia Wilson\*

### Saturday, April 5 St. Vincent Ferrer

\*Indicates Living



## Please pray for our sick

Andy Kaplan  
Lucy Detlefsen  
David Crowdus  
Norine Naselli  
Richard Fung  
Our Holy Father, Pope Francis

## Recent Baptisms

**Madeline Grace Winter**, child of  
Ryan Winter and Kathryn (Roy) Winter

**Josie Belle Mudd**, child of  
Jarred Mudd and Margaret (Linker) Mudd

**Millie Aurora Mudd**, child of  
Jarred Mudd and Margaret (Linker) Mudd

**Avery Marie Campbell**, child of  
James Campbell and Elizabeth (Botwin) Campbell

**Harper Bernadine Kester**, child of  
Kevin Kester and Sarah Stoltzner

**Mason Joseph Heaton**, child of  
Michael Heaton and Kalene (Pfister) Heaton

**Juliet Trausch Quinn**, child of  
Michael Quinn and Colleen (Trausch) Quinn

**Crew Bourbon Croswell**, child of  
Lucas Croswell and Jemma (Fasanella) Croswell

## Celebrant Schedule, April 5-6

5:00 Fr. Ed  
7:00 Fr. Michael  
8:30 Fr. Michael  
10:00 Fr. Paul  
11:30 Fr. Paul  
5:00 Fr. Ed

## Readings for the week of March 30

**Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny:  
Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45



## PARISH INFORMATION

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AND WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

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**Loaves and Fishes Ministry** provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.  
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**Men of St. James** provides opportunities for Christian fellowship through social, spiritual and service activities for men of the parish at least 21 years of age.  
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**Mental Health Ministry** provides support, education and awareness to our parish communities on issues related to mental health. Strives to provide resources of support, education and hope.  
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**Ministers of Care** bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to leave their homes or are in care homes. Ministry volunteers must complete a mandatory training session and follow Archdiocesan guidelines.  
[ministryofcare@stjamesah.org](mailto:ministryofcare@stjamesah.org)

**Moms Plus** provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James.  
[momsplus@stjamesah.org](mailto:momsplus@stjamesah.org)

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**Over 50 Social Club** provides social outings, game days, cards, speakers, parties, current events/news and spirituality to any parishioner over the age of 50.  
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**Fee:** \$35 each (\$25 each when three or more register from the same church or organization).  
**Registration will close at 40 participants, so register soon!**  
**To register:** visit **The Knocking Door** website at [www.theknockingdoor.com](http://www.theknockingdoor.com) or send an email to [mary.lamont.knockingdoor@gmail.com](mailto:mary.lamont.knockingdoor@gmail.com). Questions? Call 847-903-3140.





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Sat. 7:30 am

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Sunday 7:00 am Cantor and Organ  
Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Choir & Organ  
Sunday 10:00 am Contemporary Choir  
Sunday 11:30 am Contemporary Choir  
Sunday 5:00 pm Praise & Worship Ensemble

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

## SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

**BAPTISM** - Please call the Parish Office with preferred date at least one month in advance.

**MARRIAGE** - At least six months prior to your wedding date, please contact the Parish Office about setting a date.

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