# St. James the Apostle

Today on the universal calendar, Holy Mother the Church celebrates the feast of St. James the Greater. St. James is one of the three Apostles who was closest to Our Lord as he was given the privileges of seeing Him in His glory at the Transfiguration and the intimate experience of seeing our Lord in His agony as He sweat blood in the Garden of Gethsemane. His mother, Salome, who stood near the Cross with Our Lady had asked Christ if her two sons could sit nearest Him in His Kingdom, and Our Lord in turn asked them if they were ready to drink the chalice from which He would drink. The two naively responded that they indeed were ready and were assured that they would do so. Called with his brother, St. John, the "Sons of Thunder", he would eventually share in Our Lord's chalice shedding his blood as he was beheaded in 44 AD by Herod Agrippa in Jerusalem. Tradition says that before his death, he had gone to Hispania and preached the gospel there. And that is where the story of St. James truly begins.

After his death his body was brought back to Spain and was eventually found miraculously in the ninth century in Northern Spain. According to tradition, St. James appeared on a white horse and helped defeat the Moors in the Battle of Clavijo in 844 against very great odds. From then on, St. James has been invoked in a special way in Spain as he is now the Patron of that country. That fighting/crusading spirit of the Apostle would help the Spaniards to recover their country from the Muslims- who had conquered it in the early eighth century. It would take them 770 years (truly history's longest war!) to finally retake it when King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella conquered Granada in 1492. People from all over the world for centuries have made the pilgrimage to the body of St. James making his burial place one of the most visited shrines in the whole world.

We have seen this crusading spirit of St. James even in the last century when the Spaniards fought for and saved their country from Communism in the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). An Irishman had this to say of the them during the war: "I am in Spain, I see Spain around me, I live and move and breathe in the shadow of the greatest horror that has befallen Europe since Sobieski drove the Turk from the gates of Vienna....Not a Spaniard in my company has not had a sister outraged, a father murdered under circumstances of indescribable barbarity, or a brother butchered because he was a priest, or a novice in some monastery....A very striking feature is the number of religious emblems the officers and soldiers wear. Pinned to their breasts are little red cloth badges of the Sacred Heart of a kind very common in Ireland, and holy medals, while around the necks of many hang rosary beads, scapulars of the Virgin del Pilar, and that cross whereon the Reds delight to trample....Never since the Moors were driven from Spain has there been such a Catholic army in this country as there is today. This is not an army; it is the Church Militant on the March. It is Catholic Action personified. This is not a civil war; it is a holy war, a crusade. These are not soldiers; they are fighting monks, Knights Templars. And like all good monks they are cheerful. Never was there such a singing army. Whenever one wakes up at night, one hears the singing soldiers go past....What, then, has caused this extraordinary outburst of piety? In my opinion, the principal cause is the sacrilegious fury of the Reds and their diabolical hatred of the cross of Christ. That fury and that hatred convinced the Catholics in Spain that they had to deal with the forces of Hell itself....The Spanish Catholics were not frightened by the foul and cruel murders which deprived them of their wisest and gentlest counsellors; on the contrary they were strengthened, for many of those victims died like veritable saints of God, and the Catholic army now sees them standing outside the limits of space and time, immortal, invulnerable, far more potent than they were on earth, interceding, assisting, encouraging, from the courts of Infinite Wisdom and Infinite Strength."

Alas, Spain has also been ravaged by the effects of Vatican II like all countries. We can only hope that the spirit of St. James still exists in Spain. It is encouraging that many people still make the pilgrimage to the body of St. James in Santiago de Compostella. Hopefully, it will inspire many men to recover that crusading spirit in our modern world ravaged by atheism, modernism, and liberalism! St. James, pray for us!



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+ Mass Schedule for July 25 <sup>th</sup> through August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021, +							
SUN	<b>25</b> ™	IX SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8:00 AM / 10:30 AM				
MON	26™	ST. ANNE, MOTHER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN	7:15 AM				
TUE	27™	FERIAL DAY	7:15 AM / 11:15 AM				
WED	28™	STS. NAZARIUS & CELSUS, CONFESSORS	7:15 AM / 11:15 AM				
THU	29™	ST MARTHA, <i>VIRGIN</i>	7:15 AM / 11:15 AM				
FRI	30™	FERIAL DAY	7:15 AM				
SAT	31 <sup>ST</sup>	ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, CONFESSOR	8:00 AM				
SUN	<b>1</b> st	X SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8:00 AM / 10:30 AM				



## Couple's Night

We will have our 'Couple's Night' this Tuesday, July 27, beginning at 6:00 pm with the rosary followed by a spiritual talk by Father Stanich. Please bring an appetizer dish to share for the gathering afterwards.

## CHILDREN OF MARY

The Society Sisters sponsor a young ladies (teenagers) group dedicated to Our Lady, the Children of Mary. Young girls of the parish who want to especially participate in the spiritual of this group are invited to join. If you have any questions, please see one of the Sisters.

## **SISTERS**

The Sisters will be out of town until Wednesday, August 4th.

ARTICLE ON SAINT JAMES ON THE BACK OF BULLETIN

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR '2021 PERPETUAL LIGHT'. INTENTION FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE.

## **NEWS AND UPDATES**

## **ACADEMY NEWS**

Each state is reacting differently concerning the COVID-19 guidelines for schools this coming year. Hopefully, the state of Oregon will have some common sense and take away many of the restrictions from this past year. Let us continue to pray to Joseph to watch over our parish and school during these troubled times.

## **ALTAR BOYS**

Parents, please make sure that your boys are in the sacristy at least ten minutes before Mass so that the Masses can start on time. Christ, Our Lord and King, should not have to wait for a young boy running into the sacristy right before Mass is supposed to start! Thank you for your cooperation.

# SICK CALLS

If anyone knows of anyone in need of a sick call because they are not able to get to Mass and receive the Sacraments, please notify the priests so that something can be worked out. It is important that the sick or home bound are not neglected.

# CHILDREN'S SUNDAY CATECHISM

Children's catechism classes will resume in September. There will be no Confirmations here this coming year since we had them in February.

# HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISM

The Wednesday High School Catechism classes will resume in the fall. These classes are for those High-School students who do not go to a Catholic School.

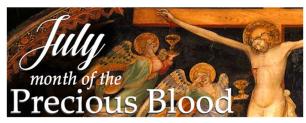
## REGARDING RETREATS

Time away from the world has helped many a Saint. In silence, God will often speak to us. Perhaps consider taking a retreat to help with any big decisions you have to make in your lives. The Society has three retreat houses in America- in Los Gatos, California, Phoenix, Arizona, and Ridgefield, Connecticut. If you have any questions, see one of the priests.

## MORE NEWS AND UPDATES

# **COVID-19 UPDATE**

It is unfortunate that there is still much pressure in many places throughout the world to get a vaccine and to wear a mask. If only there was such zeal to stop the spread of sin! What a world we would live in! Since these COVID-19 vaccines are yet to be recognized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), it would be wise to consider the moral and medical aspects of the vaccines before you consider taking one.



Day	COLLECTION	
JULY 4TH	\$4,070.00	
JULY 11™	\$2,151.00	
JULY 18™	\$2,788.00	
JULY 25 <sup>™</sup>		
TOTAL	\$9,009.00	

# Eucharistic Crusade June's Intention

So that more souls may come to know and love the Sacred Heart of Jesus even better.

# TRADITIONIS CUSTODES (TC)

Pope Francis, a little over a week ago, published a Motu Proprio, "Guardians of Tradition" (TC), limiting the celebration of the Tridentine Mass. It will make it more difficult for those groups/individual priests that are recognized by the Holy See in their freedom to celebrate this Mass. This only again shows the wisdom of our founder, Archbishop Lefebvre, who till the day of his death could not make any agreement with modern Rome until no compromise was demanded of the Society. Let us pray for all these groups during this time. Enclosed in the bulletin is the statement from our Superior General.

## GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION – Check inside bulletin for any changes.

## DAILY ROSARY 6:00pm

Tuesdays - 7:00pm followed by Devotions for Priests

## **BENEDICTION**

Thursdays - 6:00pm Sundays - See Front Page

## **WEEKLY CONFESSIONS**

Tuesday – 7:30pm Saturdays – 8:30am

Sundays - 7:15 am / 9:45 am

#### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Mass – 7:15am & 7:00pm Holy Hour at 6:00pm the 7:00pm Mass

## **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

Mass – 8:00am Sung Mass

#### **BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES:**

Blessing of religious articles will be on the 3rd Sunday of the Month after the Mass.

## **CLEANING ROSTER**

July 31<sup>st</sup> – St. Zita August 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Margaret

## **ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**

Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month at 7:00pm

### **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

#### **ADULT CATECHISM CLASS**

Class starts about 10 minutes after Mass

### **HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISM**

Classes are every Wednesday at 7:30pm

## **EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE &**

CHILDREN OF MARY MEETING

Mondays - 3:15pm to 4:00pm

**BAPTISMS:** To arrange a Baptism please contact the prior to set up a date and time.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples considering Marriage must contact the prior six months before the wedding 'according to church law'. Details will then be worked out.

EMERGENCY SICK CALLS: Contact: 832-545-4302



	JULY 25™ SUN	AUGUST 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUN	August 8™ SUN	August 15™ SUN
MC	J FAWVER	J SHORT	M BRUHN	G FAWVER
TH	W Zach	T McCoy	C SAUCEDO	A DEMERS
AC	S ZACH	A McCoy	D Bruhn	J MATAISZ
AC	T ZACH	W McCoy	T ZACH	S GREEN
СВ	G ZACH	M McCoy	X STAUFFER	D MATAISZ
ТВ	J ALLEN	D ZACH	J McCoy	N SULLIVAN
TB	L WHALEY	P SOLONIKA	B SAUCEDO	A SULLIVAN
ТВ				R SOLONIKA
ТВ				P SOLONIKA
TB				L MAY
TB				J ALLEN

# JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

July is the month devoted to the Precious Blood in the Liturgy. Let us honor "the price of our salvation" during this month.

# PRAYER TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, the merits, love and sufferings of His Sacred Heart, the tears, and sorrows of Our Immaculate Mother, as the price of the favor I wish to obtain, if it is for Thy glory and my salvation. Amen

