



The Shell

An e-letter for

Saint James the Greater Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

The Shell, is a periodic email newsletter for the parishioners and friends of Saint James Church. This does not replace the Sunday bulletin or Parish Life. It's an opportunity for brief updates and news. A symbol for our patron saint is a shell and that gives the name to our e-letter.

Happy Lent!

We are offering three special opportunities for spiritual renewal this season. Lent is primarily about spiritual renewal for those of us who are already baptized and we need to make the most of it. We hope you find something that will enrich your life in Christ and prepare you for the great celebrations in Holy Week. The Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are the focus of our whole year of faith. May we all grow in that faith this Lent.



Living the Eucharist

Even if you haven't joined a small faith group for this, be sure to use the materials that will be in the bulletin each week of Lent. Can we ever have a deep enough appreciation of the Holy Mass and Communion? I don't think so. We should always be filled with awe and amazement that we can receive the Lord Jesus in Communion. This is a great opportunity for all of us to refresh our faith.



Prayer Opportunities for Lent

Following our tradition, we offer various prayer opportunities in Lent. These are all on Monday, except one. Please notice that the dates have been corrected; they were incorrect in *Parish Life*.

Monday, February 23
7:00 p.m.

Taize prayer - This evening we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a prayer service using the music of the Taize monastery in France.

Tuesday, March 3
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Light Is On For You – Confessions are heard in all parishes in our archdiocese on this night. This event isn't just another time for confessions but is especially designed for those who have been away from the sacrament for a long time or are returning to the practice of their faith. We will begin an hour earlier than other parishes to accommodate people on their way home from work.

Monday, March 9
7:00 p.m.

The Way of the Cross – a reflection on the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Monday, March 16
7:00 p.m.

The Great Holy Week – Father Nolker will give a guided tour through the liturgies of Holy Week so we can increase our understanding of the rituals that express our faith.

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Scripture Study

Nic Kovatch will lead a study of the New Testament this Lent. Each week he will introduce the main themes and structure of the Book so we can more easily understand God's Word. This will be in the Seniors Room on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

February 19	Gospel according to Matthew
February 26	Gospel according to Mark
March 5	Gospel according to Luke
March 12	Gospel according to John
March 19	Acts of the Apostles
March 26	Letters

*Let us pray.
Grant almighty God,
through the yearly observance of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.*

Don't forget the Blog!

I hope that you have continued to keep up with Nic Kovatch's blog which is part of our adult faith formation effort. Check it out at <http://whystoriesmatter.blogspot.com/>.

Fr. Nolker