St James Cathedral

CHICAGO

Forged in Fire: From Age to Age

"Blind Man Washes in the Pool of Siloam" by James Tissot

Holy Eucharist

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026 at 9 a.m.

SaintJamesCathedral.org *65 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611* *Phone 312-787-7360*

Mindful of the Lenten call to almsgiving and loving service to those in need, we lift up our outreach ministries here at St. James which your offerings directly support:

ST. JAMES MEALS

Neighbors and volunteers of St. James gather twice per month to shop, cook, and open our dining room for guests to enjoy the hospitality of a sit-down meal. Much more than a feeding program, this ministry focuses on lifting up the dignity of our fellow human beings.

MEALS AMONG US

Every Sunday, volunteers make sandwiches and pack lunches, which are then delivered to multiple sites to feed people in need. On the third Sundays of the month, our Sunday School children participate in this feeding ministry as part of their Christian formation.

TASKFORCE

As part of our ministry partnership with St. Martin's in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago, St. James provides funding, meals, clothing, and more to TaskForce Prevention & Community Services, supporting LGBTQ+ youth in need of housing, healthcare, and other essential services.

SUMMER IN THE CITY

For over 25 years, St. James has organized a summer enrichment camp, with fun and educational activities for children in the city. This is provided free-of-charge so that any child can have access to a life-changing camp experience and forge lasting bonds.

BOMBAS SOCKS

As the only Bombas Socks distributor in River North, St. James not only supplies clean, warm socks to people in need but also handles the logistics of sharing socks with ministry partners and other social service organizations throughout the city.

Get involved by contacting the Rev. Canon Steven Balke and **make your donation using the QR Code**.

Welcome to St. James Cathedral!

Whether you are visiting or are a regular worshipper, you're not just welcome at St. James – you belong! This booklet contains everything you need to worship with us today. If you would like to learn about the mission and ministry of the cathedral, please complete one of the visitor cards available in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a clergy person.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are always welcome at St. James. We also offer nursery care with a changing station for parents of our youngest members. There is an open space to the front right of the pews for children to play under your supervision.

HOLY COMMUNION

We offer God's gracious gift of Holy Communion to anyone who wishes to receive it. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Let the priest or minister know if you would need a gluten-free wafer or alcohol-free wine. We are also happy to bring Communion to you if you are unable to come to the altar rail. Please let a priest know if this would be helpful for you.

PARKING

On Sundays, reduced-rate parking is available at R.O.W. Parking Garage (50 E. Ohio) for $2 for up to six hours from the time of entering the garage. Discounts are also available for all-day parking at Ohio Ontario Self Park (33 W. Ontario) for $11. To receive a reduced-rate parking voucher, please go to the welcome table in the narthex or the reception desk in the Welcome Center.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Restrooms are in the Welcome Center connected to the east end of the cathedral and below the front entrance of the cathedral.

GET INVOLVED

There are a variety of ways to become involved, whether you are a committed follower of Christ, an occasional visitor who appreciates our programming, or fall somewhere in between. Refreshments are available after the service, where we look forward to getting to know you and helping you connect with this vibrant and historic community!

Lisa Hackney-James

The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James,
Dean of the Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

VOLUNTARY

The people stand and sing

INTROIT HYMN

Hymnal 645

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877); para. Psalm 23
Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
All **His mercy endures for ever.**

The presider welcomes the people to the service.

TRISAGION

Hymnal S102

All sing the refrain.

Music: Ver. *Hymnal 1982*, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924)

Reader We have our fill of sorrow. We blossom like a flower and wither away. We slip away like a shadow and do not stay. In the midst of life we are in death; where can we turn for help? Only to you, Lord, who are justly angered by our sins. ***Refrain***

Reader Shut not your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord. You know the secrets of our hearts; forgive us our sins. Eternal and merciful judge, both in life and when we come to die, let us not fall away from you. ***Refrain***

The presider pronounces God's forgiveness saying

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel. (16:6–13)

When Jesse and his sons arrived, Samuel saw Eliab, and he thought, "Surely the Lord has appointed this person standing here before him." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't look at how handsome Eliab is or how tall he is, because I have not chosen him. God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and told him to pass by Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this man either." Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, "No, the Lord has not chosen this one." Jesse had seven of his sons pass by Samuel. But Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Then he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse answered, "I still have the youngest son. He is out taking care of the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him. We will not sit down to eat until he arrives." So Jesse sent and had his youngest son brought in. He was a fine boy, tanned, and handsome. The Lord said to Samuel, "Go, appoint him, because he is the one." So Samuel took the container of olive oil and poured it on Jesse's youngest son to appoint him in front of his brothers. From that day on, the Lord's Spirit worked in David. Samuel then went back to Ramah.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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The people stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

As the Deacon carries the Gospel book past the play area, all children are encouraged to join in the procession, gathering around as the Gospel is read.

Words: Para. Communaute de Taizé
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923–1994)

HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John. (9:1–7)

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind. His followers asked him, "Teacher, whose sin caused this man to be born blind—his own sin or his parents' sin?"

Jesus answered, "It is not this man's sin or his parents' sin that made him blind. This man was born blind so that God's power could be shown in him. While it is daytime, we must continue doing the work of the One who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

After Jesus said this, he spit on the ground and made some mud with it and put the mud on the man's eyes. Then he told the man, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam." (Siloam means Sent.) So the man went, washed, and came back seeing.

The Gospel of our Savior.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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SERMON

The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James
Dean of the Cathedral

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–2024); from the Apostles' Creed

Music: *Ton-y Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869–1944)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give thanks for what is good in the world and pray for the Church, the world and our local community, the sick, those who need our prayers, and those who have died.

PEACE

The presider says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

Your offering supports the ongoing mission of St. James Cathedral, including the St. James Meals, Meals Among Us, and Summer in the City. Contributions are welcome online at SaintJamesCathedral.org/give, by texting "SJC" to 73256, or you may place checks and cash in the collection plate.

The people stand and sing

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 490

During the final verse of the hymn, bring your bulletin and gather around the altar for Communion.

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (1934–2025)
Music: *Houston*, Thomerson

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Reader Why is it right to give God thanks and praise?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Reader Why do we share this bread and wine?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

Reader How do we follow Jesus Christ?
All **Listen, and we will hear.**

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal S-119

Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867–1944)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We offer God's gracious gift of Holy Communion to anyone who wishes to receive it.
If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.
Let the priest know if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

The choristers sing

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum,
et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has united us.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us fear and love the living God
and adore him from a sincere heart.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand and the presider says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, **heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 439

Sung as follows

Stanza 1 Junior Choristers
Stanza 2 Senior Choristers
Stanza 3 **All**

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835
Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt.

THE ST. JAMES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

The presider says

Let us pray.

Faithful God,
you call us to be living stones in a spiritual temple.
Bless the mission and outreach of this cathedral church.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
enable us confidently to restore its fabric,
trustfully to reimagine our vocation,
and boldly to renew our ministries in your name.

Make this place a house in which your love dwells
and in which all your people find welcome.

Grant this, we pray, through the One who leads us ever onwards in your service,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The deacon says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel or bow as the presider prays

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

FOR THOSE COMMENDED TO THE PRAYER OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY: Ginger, Loya, Andronica, Ibukun, Ted, Lois, Mary, Yvonne, Lee, John, Rachael, Jonah, Patricia, Kevin, Walco, Jim, Arthur, Tyria, Katrina, Denise, Stacy, Richard, Cleo, Ulla, Frank, Bill, Tom, Jane, Tim, Jacqueline, Mike, Frank, Gwendolyn, Greg

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND HAVE BEEN COMMENDED TO THE PRAYERS OF THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY:

FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED BY GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO IN THE PAST WEEK INCLUDING: Carlos, Phyllis, Terrell, Bryan

DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE: For our bishop, Paula, and our Presiding Bishop, Sean; Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery: St. Andrew in Chicago; St. Martin in Chicago; St. Margaret of Scotland in Chicago Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: Holy Trinity in Oaxaca; St. John in Melut

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for our weekly newsletter at ***SaintJamesCathedral.org/enews.***

THIS WEEK'S ENEWS

ADULT FORMATION AT ST. JAMES **The Forum Sundays at 10 a.m. in Kyle's Place:** Our Creeds, Our Vows: An exploration of how our statements of faith guide the way we live our lives as people of faith out in the world today. **Wednesday 5:45 p.m. Evensong, followed by dinner and then adult formation at 6:30 p.m.:** Poetry of Life, Longing, Lament, and Love: This Lent all are welcome to meet in Meeting Room 1 as we read, discuss, and reflect on the poetry of Mary Oliver, Pádraig Ó Tuama, Naomi Shahib Nye, Li-Young Lee, and more, exploring our thoughts and feelings around the concepts of life, longing, lament, love and more.

EASTER FLOWERS

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS are collected through Palm Sunday, March 29. Special envelopes are in the narthex. If you would like to have your gift in honor or memory of a loved one, please print their name legibly on the line provided. You can also give online at **SaintJamesCathedral.org/EasterFlowers**.

EASTER VIGIL POTLUCK

EASTER VIGIL POTLUCK SATURDAY, APRIL 4 Bring your favorite family dish to the potluck celebration following the **Easter Vigil Service on Saturday, April 4.** Use the QR Code to sign-up to bring food or volunteer to set-up, serve, or clean-up or sign-up on the sheets available at coffee hour.
Contact: Katie Valchar (EasterFeast@SaintJamesCathedral.org).

SMALL GROUPS AT ST. JAMES

- **Social Justice Committee Inaugural Meeting TODAY at 12:30 p.m in Room 212.** Born out of the desire of many expressed at the Annual Meeting to get more involved in social justice, a new Social Justice Committee is being formed that will have its inaugural organizing meeting. **Contact: Tom Stabnicki** (SocialJustice@SaintJamesCathedral.org)
- **St. James Pride Meeting TODAY at 12:45 p.m. in Room 307.** St. James Pride, our LGBTQ+ Affinity Group, will be discussing their possible new logo design, opportunities to work with Task Force, and a virtual book group to celebrate Trans Day of Visibility. Contact: Jillyn Turunen (StJamesPride@SaintJamesCathedral.org).
- **Scripture Reading Group** Mondays at 6 p.m. in Room 212 **Contact: Jacob Perkins** (jperkins@SaintJamesCathedral.org)
- **First Sundays Book Group Sunday, April 12 at 1 p.m. in Room 212.** Join us as we continue with "When the World Breaks" by Jason Adam Miller, discussing Chapters 1-6. April's meeting is delayed one week due to Easter. Extra copies of the book are available. **Contact: Kim Moreland** (1stSundays@saintjamescathedral.org).

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM) COMMUNITY GATHERING MARCH 23 Are you looking to deepen your faith? Do you want to know more about the Bible, Christian tradition, and church history? Are you hoping to understand how your personal experiences and beliefs bring you closer to God and God's people? If "yes," EfM (Education for Ministry) may be for you.

You're invited to our EfM Community Gathering on Monday, March 23 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to experience a seminar with us. Join us and see how study, prayer, and reflection help us discern where God is in our lives and what God is calling us to do.

Mentors Katie Balke and Laura Jenkins will be happy to talk with you about why EfM is such an important part of our lives and to answer your questions. If you're interested in joining us, please **contact Laura Jenkins** at EfM@SaintJamesCathedral.org for information on the readings.

LENTEN ST. MARTIN'S-ST. JAMES BOOK GROUP Our final meeting will be on Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 to discuss *Come Have Breakfast: Meditations on God and the Earth*, a text on Eco-justice and Creation Care, by Jesuit theologian and Professor Emerita of Fordham University, Elizabeth A. Johnson. **Please email the office (info@SaintJamesCathedral.org) for the Zoom link to the meetings.** The book is available for purchase in paperback, e-book, and audiobook, or available to borrow from the St. James or St. Martin's libraries.

Holy Week

Easter celebrates our resurrected life in Jesus, but can we understand resurrection if we don't journey to Golgotha and the grave?
Make a commitment to draw nearer to God each day during Holy Week.

SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY March 29
8, 9, and 11 a.m. **Eucharist**
4 p.m. Organ and Poetry: Marcel Dupré's Stations of the Cross

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK March 30
12:10 p.m. Eucharist

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK March 31
11 a.m. Chrism Eucharist

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK April 1
12:10 p.m. Eucharist

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MAUNDY THURSDAY April 2
6:30 p.m. **Eucharist and Foot Washing**

GOOD FRIDAY April 3
1:30 p.m. **Liturgy of the Passion**
6:30 p.m. Seven Last Words

HOLY SATURDAY April 4
8 p.m. **Easter Vigil Eucharist**
Festive reception following

EASTER DAY April 5
8, 9, and 11 a.m. **Eucharist**
10 a.m. Children's Activities

The Seven Last Words

A service of music and poetry

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
AT 6:30 P.M.

Music by Britten, Duruflé, Dering, Pergolesi, Barber, and Ireland
Sung by the Cathedral Choristers

2026 St. James Youth Lock-In

RAISED INTO LIFE

My heart teaches me, night after night

April 11-12, 2026

Dropoff Saturday 1-2pm,
pickup Sunday 11am

A weekend of deep prayer, community formation, fellowship together, and fun!

Get more info and register today!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PRESIDER: The Rev. Canon Steven Balke
PREACHER: The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James
DEACON: The Rev. Rick Incorvati

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist *(Spoken)*	Chapel
	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist *(Family)*	Cathedral
	11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist *(Choral)*	Cathedral
		Live-Stream Service *(see enews, website, or YouTube)*	
FIRST SUNDAYS	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong *(Oct–June)*	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer *(see enews, or website)*	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Cathedral
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong *(Wednesdays, Sept–June)*	Cathedral

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