

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear St. James Parishioners and Friends,

Someone recently shared having a conversation with an older woman who lived through WWII. In comparing the struggles she experienced here at home during the war with the struggles she is experiencing during COVID-19, she observed a significant difference. During the war, she said, people had to make many sacrifices and do without many things. She stated, however, that this time is more difficult because we can't have close physical interactions with our family members and friends. She said as an older person, she was fearful of others as they could make her sick. For her, COVID-19 is a very difficult experience because she is alone much more.


The cornerstone to St. James Parish is our sense of community and closeness with one another. We miss you! We are reminded, every time we encounter one of you, that you also miss our St. James family. We are pleased to share the following update to let you know the parish is doing very well given the difficulties of this time.

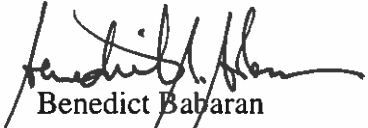
1. Attendance at Sunday Mass is steady or growing, and there is an increasing number of people streaming the Mass.
2. Parishioners continue to call the parish office with needs or offers to help.
3. Parish leaders are starting to reimagine what St. James looks like after COVID-19.
4. Members want to be sure that the *Between the Cracks Fund* is getting the financial attention it needs.
5. Tithing continues at nearly the same rate it was before COVID-19. This is great news!
6. The end of the first quarter of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was September 30, and St. James did well under the circumstances. Thank you for your continued support.
7. We have a new parish webpage. Please take time to explore it.

There is much pain and conflict in our community and nation. We are reassured, however, by the Gospel that God is in this with us. Focused on God, we will continue to love each other and reach out to those in need. Again, thank you for your support of our St. James family and the ministries we do in God's Name.

In Christ,


Fr. Michael Roach
Pastor


Antonia Pennisi Wurth
Leadership Team Chair


Benedict Babaran
Parish Administrator

P.S. May we ask you to reimagine what our post-COVID-19 parish looks like? We would welcome any thoughts parishioners may have. Please send your suggestions or concerns to Ben at bbabaran@stjkc.org or call 816-561-8512.