

**Mass Schedule**

Monday, 6:30am  
 Tuesday, 6:30am  
 Wednesday, 6:30pm  
 Thursday, 6:30am  
 Friday, 8:00am  
 Saturday, 8:00am  
**Saturday, 5pm**  
**Sunday, 8am**  
**Sunday, 10am**

**Confessions**

30 minutes before Sunday and Holy Days  
 Masses  
 20 minutes before Daily Masses  
 And by appointment

**Exposed Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday, 6pm to 9pm.  
**Benediction** at 8:50pm.



# Saint James Catholic Church

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## August 16, 2020

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Observe what is right, do what is just;  
 for my salvation is about to come,  
 my justice, about to be revealed.”

*Isaiah 56:1*

**Aug 17 Mon:** *Ez 24: 15-23/ Dt 32: 18-19. 20. 21/ Mt 19: 16-22*  
**Aug 18 Tue:** *Ez 28: 1-10/ Dt 32: 26-27ab. 27cd-28. 30. 35cd-36ab/ Mt 19: 23-30*  
**Aug 19 Wed:** *Ez 34: 1-11/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/ Mt 20: 1-16*  
**Aug 20 Thu:** **Bernard, ab, dr M**  
*Ez 36: 23-28/ Ps 51: 12-13. 14-15. 18-19/ Mt 22: 1-14*  
**Aug 21 Fri:** **Pius X, pp M**  
*Ez 37: 1-14/ Ps 107: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 22: 34-40*  
**Aug 22 Sat:** **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary M**  
*Ez 43: 1-7ab/ Ps 85: 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Mt 23: 1-12*  
**Aug 23 SUN:** **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*Is 22: 19-23/ Ps 138: 1-2. 2-3. 6. 8 (8bc)/ Rom 11: 33-36/ Mt 16: 13-20*

#### Readers Schedule

| Mass Times    | Aug. 15-16     | Aug. 22-23   | Aug. 29-30    | Sept. 5-6      |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Sat. 5:00 pm  | Michelle Milke | Diana McCown | Jerry Lentfer | Michelle Milke |
| Sun. 8:00 am  | Karl Gramann   | Joe Vinton   | Chris Hytrek  | Karl Gramann   |
| Sun. 10:00 am | Frank Pytlik   | Larry Etmund | Shirley Yates | Frank Pytlik   |

**The Benedict XVI Diocesan School of Catechesis** is for Catholics wanting to strengthen their intellectual and spiritual formation to empower their evangelical mission in the world. It covers the Creed, the Sacraments, the Commandments, and Prayer (Year I) as well as Salvation History, Church History, Faith and Reason, and Spirituality (Year II). Participants can join in Year I or Year II and classes will be offered in-person and on Zoom simultaneously. The time commitment is one Saturday a month from September to April for two years. The cost is \$100 per semester, however, those who teach CCD, God-teen/CYO, or in Catholic schools would receive a 25% discount. For more information go to [www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/bxvi) or call 402-473-0631.

**Marriage Encounter:** Marriage Encounter is going virtual-streaming. Complete weekend presentations will be August 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> to enhance couple communication and intimacy of heart. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson for more information. Pat: 308 940-0670 Janelle: 308 940-1105 [pjbjben@yahoo.com](mailto:pjbjben@yahoo.com).

**Healing Hearts Support Sessions** for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning Sept. 22, 2020, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620. Social distancing measures & precautions will be in place. Attendees are asked to wear a mask for entrance into the building.

## **Notes from Father Walsh...**

At the Parish Finance Council and Parish Council meeting... On this past Wednesday, we had a combined Parish Finance Council and Parish Council meeting. We reviewed the financial performance of the parish in the past year, and closed the books on Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Of significance are these facts:

1. Our adult envelope contributions were actually \$2000 more in COVID time (this year) than last year. This is a remarkable, incredible accomplishment. God reward you all! Actual numbers: 2018-2019 adult envelopes—\$143,783. 2019-2020 adult envelopes: \$145,884.
2. We put \$68,384.29 in our diocesan savings account in the past year. Some of it (about \$18,000) was left over from the building campaign that wrapped up shortly before I came on the scene in June of 2019.
3. Since June 20, 2020, we have put an additional \$14,716 dollars in the account, bringing our present balance to \$83,223. The money is being saved for future building needs. We're growing!
4. I think COVID has taught us that we need some better electronics in the parish. Specifically, we discussed the idea of having computers for our CCD classes. It was decided that we would purchase two laptops and flat screen televisions for the grade school CCD and one laptop and flat screen for the high school program. We will also enhance our wifi capacity in the hall so that we can handle the educational load and provide the capacity we need to live streaming Masses. If the COVID social separation continues this fall, we will need to create added space to accommodate Mass crowds. If we live stream, we can set up chairs in the hall for people to attend Mass. That is the plan.
5. The 2020-21 budget takes these expenses into account. It also provides around \$5000 for the new door we need in the Link and \$2500 for our deductible to replace roofs damaged by the hail storm in June.
6. I will try to publish the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet for 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 budget.
7. My sincere thanks to members of the finance council and parish council. We're doing some good planning, and we're keeping an eye on things.

What about altar servers and such? At present, I am following health department regulations regarding social distancing. I'm not interested in people wearing masks in the sanctuary, and so have not assigned acolytes or servers. We'll see how the school experience unfolds. If people's experience of gathering in groups begins to relax, I will return to scheduling our liturgical ministers. I want to encourage anyone who desires the safety of a mask to continue to wear one. Presently, it is not required by health officials—but we will follow their guidelines if this changes. Masks are available in the back of the church for those who wish to use one.