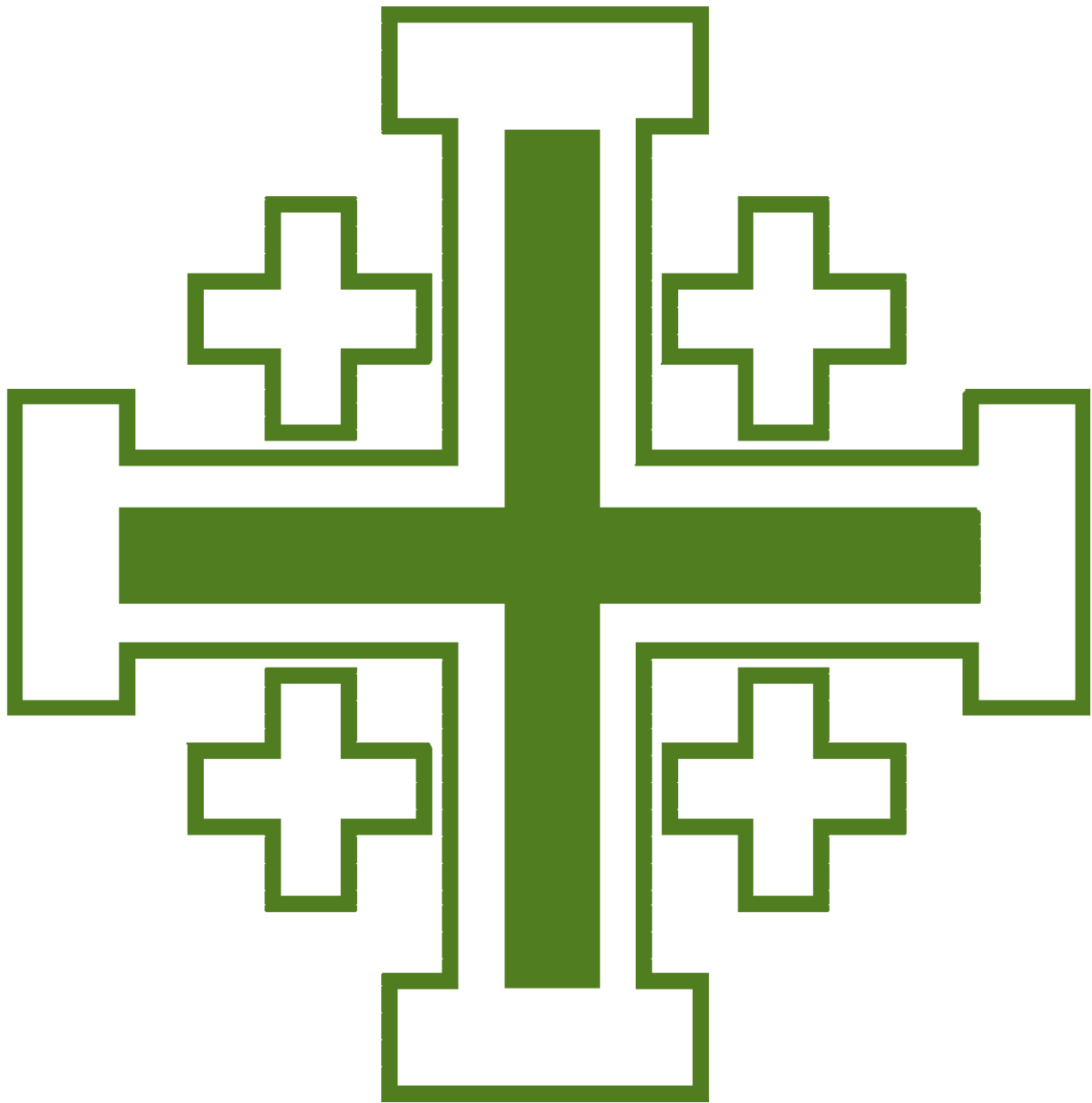




**MAY 18, 2014**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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# PARISH INFORMATION

## WELCOME TO ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**NEWCOMERS:** Welcome! If you would like to become a registered member of the parish, please pick up a registration form located on either side of the exit doors or stop by the parish office.

**INFANT BAPTISM:** We baptize in English on the 2nd Saturday of the month, and in Spanish on the 4th Saturday of the month. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the parish office or see the priest before Sunday or daily Mass.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples must contact the parish office at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date. No reception hall rentals should be made until the date is placed in the church calendar.

**RCIA** Anyone interested in becoming Catholic and learning about our faith, should speak to a Priest or Deacon.



### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday: 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
 First Friday of each month: 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.



### MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Society: *(Theresa Avila)* .....tavila@stjta.com  
 Boy Scouts Troop #355, Cub Scouts, American Heritage Girls:  
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### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.  
 1:00 p.m. (Misa en español)

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Wednesday: 6:30-7:15 p.m.  
 Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: FRIDAY BY 12:00 P.M.**


**NO CONFESSIONS** ~ There will be no confessions heard on **Wednesday, May 21st.**



**PLAN TO GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE**  
 We will have a blood drive here at **St. James on Sunday, June 1st, from 8am to 12:30pm in the Parish Hall.** Sign up in the vestibule after mass and give the gift of life!

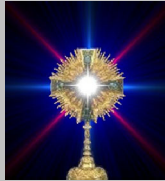


**Howdy Partners**  
**Calling all**  
**Actors/Actresses**  
 We will be having a **Western Themed Mystery Theatre Dinner in October 2014**  
 We are looking for actors to play the parts  
 If you're interested, please contact Eric at [epactheactor@yahoo.com](mailto:epactheactor@yahoo.com) or Amber at [alemanita1719@yahoo.com](mailto:alemanita1719@yahoo.com).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**The Knights of Columbus Council #6557** will award \$1,000.00 Educational Scholarships to graduating High School seniors. Two scholarships will be awarded to relatives of council members and one will be awarded to a St. James graduating parishioner. **Contact Bill Moeller at 832-594-4980 or Robert Cobb at 281-353-7269 for an application and details.** Applications must be received at the council no later than June 7, 2014.



**AN HOUR WITH JESUS:** Jesus asks, "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" Today we are beginning to see a renewal of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is urgently needed. The Graces are immeasurable! **ADORATION ~ EVERY MONDAY 7-8:30 P.M.**

~ **SAINT OF THE WEEK** ~  
*Prayer is the best preparation for Holy Communion...When we pray we go to meet Christ Who is coming to us.*  
**-St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest, Feast Day-May 20.**

**ACTIVITIES & READINGS THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, May 18, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

- 7:30 a.m. Mass - *Int. Fr. Charles Samperi*
- 9:00 a.m. Mass - *Ted Conway +*
- 11:00 a.m. Mass - *Pro Populo*
- 1:00 p.m. Misa en Español - *Pope John Paul II +*
- 1:00 p.m. Couples for Christ (*Parish Hall*)

**MONDAY, May 19**  
 Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

- 8:00 a.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 355 Meeting (*JP II Rm*)
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meetings (*Parish Hall*)
- 7:00 p.m. Adoration

**TUESDAY, May 20, St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest**  
 Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Daniel Dorotik +*
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. Springtimers (*Parish Hall*)
- 6:30 p.m. RCIA for Children (*Parish Hall*)
- 6:45 p.m. American Heritage Girls Troop 355 Meeting (*JP II Rm*)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation (*St. James Rm.*)

**WEDNESDAY, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**  
 Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Pat & Kathy O'Rourke +*
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (*St. James Rm*)
- 6:30 p.m. NO CONFESSIONS
- 7:00 p.m. MFCC Coordination Team Meeting (*St. James Rm*)

**THURSDAY, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**  
 Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Robert T. Anderson +*
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Troop 355 Committee Meeting (*JP II Rm*)

**FRIDAY, May 23**  
 Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Irwin Horn +*
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. Grupo de Oración (*Parish Hall*)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Night (*Baseball Field*)

**SATURDAY, May 24**  
 Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

- 11:00 a.m. Dupont Eagle Scout Reception (*Parish Hall*)
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions (*South Confessional*)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass - *Gladys Samperi +*

### STEWARDSHIP

Who is a Christian disciple? One who responds to Christ's call, follows Jesus, and shapes his or her life in imitation of Christ's. Who is a Christian steward? One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

**DSF 2014 ~**  
**"GO FORTH AND BEAR FRUIT THAT**  
**WILL LAST..."**



<b>Parish Goal for 2014:</b>	<b>\$85,000.00</b>
Amount Paid:	\$34,085.85
Amount Pledged:	\$64,239.13
# of participants:	258
% paid at: 40.10%	Report date: 5/12/2014

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Thank you for your generous stewardship*

#### Week ending May 10-11, 2014

Regular Collection (247envelopes)	\$12,382.08
Mailed in contributions	\$ 3,780.83
Online Giving: 5/5-5/11/2014	\$ 3,359.62
Total:	\$ 19,522.53

Attendance: 1747

#### SCHEDULED SECOND COLLECTIONS:

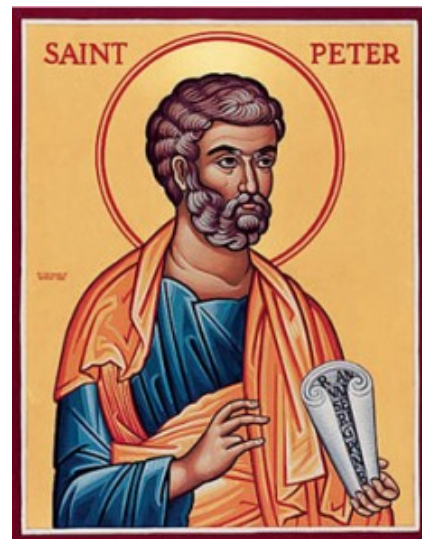
1st Sunday: Debt Reduction  
5th Sunday: Social Ministry

*Sign up for Online Giving by visiting*  
**[www.stjta.org](http://www.stjta.org)**

### **Stewardship Reflection: May 18, 2014**

#### *Fifth Sunday of Easter ~*

"Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house." These words from the second reading from St. Peter's first letter have additional meaning to us as American Catholics. Of course, the reference to "living stones" connects us to Jesus, the Cornerstone. Jesus is the foundation, but we are called to place ourselves and our lives on that foundation. One might also say that God wants us to build this holy house, our lives, His way. Too often we may wish to build it our way. The reason this image has special meaning to those of us who live in the United States is that many of the first Catholic churches here were built by the people. Since many pursued lives of agriculture, they would transport field stones from their farms to a central location and with them build their churches. That adds an extra element of meaning to the term "living stones." Just as we, as part of the Church, are one body with Christ at the heart, we also are this structure with Christ at the foundation. Stewardship calls us to identify our strengths, where we fit into the building so to speak, and to use those strengths to serve and support the whole. Jesus says in today's Gospel, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." We need to seek that same relationship so that we are one with the Lord.



**PLEASE** let the parish office know if you moved or your phone number has changed.

If you are a registered parishioner, and want your church donation entered into our records, please use your Sunday envelope (with your name, address, and amount) or visit our website at [www.stjta.org](http://www.stjta.org) to register online for your Sunday donation.

*Visit our newly re-designed website – [www.stjta.org](http://www.stjta.org)  
and join our Facebook forum.*





**VBS  
(Vacation Bible School)**

We are now registering for VBS which will be held **June 23rd through June 27th**. Forms are available in the Narthex. Volunteer forms are also available if you would like to help in one or more of these areas:

*Decorating, crafts, games, snacks or music.*

**~ YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS ~**

- High School Youth Nights are Fridays!  
Youth Nights will be held from 7-9pm in the JP2 Room, next to the Baseball Field.  
All high school youth are welcome!

- **AYC** registration is here! **The 2014 Archdiocesan Youth Conference will be held on July 25-27th, at the Hilton Americas Hotel in Downtown Houston.** All youth in 8th grade through graduating seniors are invited to come! Registration costs \$150, and we are now offering a monthly payment plan for the registration costs. Please contact AJ Bituin for more information.

For more information about these events, or any **questions** regarding our Youth Ministry, please **contact our Youth Minister, A.J. Bituin**, at [ajbituin@stjta.com](mailto:ajbituin@stjta.com).



**BIBLE STUDY  
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS FROM  
10:00-11:30AM IN THE**

**St. James Rm.** Join us as we study 1 & 2 Thessalonians and Lamentations as the inspired word of God from a cultural, geographical, and historical perspective.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE  
ON THE PRAYER LIST**

David Henry, Sarah Calzada, Hai Nguyen, Gerard Mokry, Luis Lopez, Josie Travlos, John Bowden, Evelyn Callery, Teresa Ozog, Rick Louden, Edna Ford, Jamie Ford, Suzanne Williams, Sheryl Payne, Kathy Woods, Donna Steen, Akasha, Alan Ames, John Lyke, Michael Moran, Ken Bacon, Thelma Istre, Joal Jones, Andrew, Gloria Melgar, Brunilda Salinas, Muncey Family, Joseph Gallagher, Felix Gomez, Debbie Borders, Moises Woods, Andrea Duran, Hannah Henry, Ayanna Williams, Perla Rodriguez, Matthew Noonan, Andrew Flores, Katherine Miller, George Hawkins, Marissa Ramirez, Taylor Sitton, Rosie Whorton, Wayne Isaacs, Helen McAuliffe, Brian Shaw, Trey Spikes, Robert Hovanec, Raymond & Michelle Vera Jr., Florida Chicas, Pat Schultz, Zeny Naguit, Gail Nevlud, Arlene Stuhfreyer, Mary Ahr, Erin Musick, Angela Ganucci, Rose Marie, Joseph Moone.

**ALSO FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY  
AND THOSE WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS**

If you or a member of your family experiences illness or injury call the parish office and we will add that name to the prayer list. We post the name in the bulletin for 4 weeks, and pray every day for those on the prayer list (present and past).

**Have you ever wondered?**

**Sign of the Cross**

*Why do we begin with the sign of the cross?*

One of the characteristics of Catholic worship is that it is Trinitarian. That is, our prayer includes the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Notice our prayers throughout the Mass. We address our prayer to God the Father, in the name of the Son, through the power of the Holy Spirit. We set the stage for this when we begin, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Just as we signed ourselves with the holy water when we entered, once again we reaffirm our commitment as baptized Christians to the triune God to whom we come to give thanks and praise.

**Assembling for Liturgy**

*Why do we come together to celebrate liturgy?  
(We used to call it attending Mass.)*

- Because we are all needed there.
- Because the Body of Christ is not complete without us.
- Because we can gain strength from the faith witness of others and give encouragement to others through our own faith witness.
- Because we need to acknowledge our relationship with God and with one another.
- Because God has called us.

**\*\* AROUND THE DIOCESE \*\***



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE JOINED AT THE HIP** to be joined at the heart. Spend three days with us and rediscover the love filled couple that you were meant to be. This Catholic Weekend is intimate, spiritual and life giving. Application is \$100. The **NEXT WEEKEND** will be **June 20 - 22, 2014**. Find out more or sign up at: [www.houstonme.org](http://www.houstonme.org) or call (713) 482-1791

**SERVICIO DEL FONDO DIOCESANO 2014**  
**“VAYAN Y DEN FRUTO ABUNDANTE Y DURADERO...”**



**Meta de la parroquia 2014: \$85,000.00**

Pagado: \$34,085.85  
 Promesa: \$64,239.13  
 # de participantes: 258  
 % pagado: 40.10% Fecha: 5/12/2014

**NO SE OLVIDE DE ANOTAR LA CANTIDAD DE SU DONACION EN SUS**  
**SOBRES DOMINICALES**  
 CADA SEMANA PARA DARLE EL CRÉDITO APROPIADO

**NUESTROS DONES A DIOS**

*Gracias por su ayuda Cristiana De Los Dones*

**Fin de Semana del 10-11 de mayo de 2014**

Colecta Regular (247 sobres)	\$12,382.08
Contribuciones enviadas por correo	\$ 3,780.83
Contribuciones Vía línea: 5/5-5/11/2014	\$ 3,359.62
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$19,522.53</b>

Asistencia: 1747

**SEGUNDA COLECTA PROGRAMADA:**

1er domingo: Reducción de la deuda  
 5o domingo: Ministerio Social

**CONSEJOS DE LA SEMANA**

Todo el mundo necesita a lo largo de su vida de alguien que le dé su apoyo....

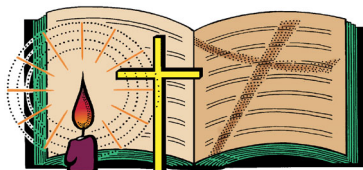
La vida es aquello que te va sucediendo mientras te empeñas en hacer otros planes....

Cambia tus pensamientos y cambiaras tu mundo...

Hoy es un regalo, es por eso que se llama  
**EL PRESENTE...**

- Ama como nunca has querido
- Vive cada día con fe, amor y paz
- Trabaja como si no necesitaras el dinero
- Y nunca desprecies la amistad de tus amigos

**CITA DE  
 LA  
 SEMANA**



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*Que el amor de ustedes sea sincero. Aborrezcan el mal y practiquen el bien; ámense cordialmente los unos a los otros... Para que sepan distinguir cuál es la voluntad de Dios, es decir, lo que es bueno.*

Romanos 12:9, 13

**SABIA USTED?**

**La señal de la cruz**

¿Por qué empezamos con la señal de la cruz?

Una de las características del culto de los católicos es ser Trinitario. Esto es, nuestra oración incluye al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo. Escuchen nuestras oraciones durante la Misa. Nos dirigimos a Dios Padre en el nombre del Hijo, a través del poder del Espíritu Santo. Establecemos el entorno para esto desde el principio, “En el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo”. Al santiguarnos con el agua bendita al entrar al templo, una vez más reafirmamos nuestro compromiso como cristianos bautizados al Dios trino y uno a quien venimos a dar gracias y a alabar.

**¿Por qué nos reunimos para celebrar la Liturgia Eucarística?**

(Lo que antes denominábamos ir a Misa.)

- Porque todos somos requeridos allí.
- Porque el Cuerpo de Cristo está incompleto sin nosotros.
- Porque podemos fortalecernos al ser testigo de la fe de otros y alentar a otros a través de nuestro propio testimonio de fe.
- Porque necesitamos reconocer nuestra relación con Dios y entre nosotros.
- Porque Dios nos ha llamado.

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