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Fridays: Adoration with Exposition following Noon Mass

Daily: Church M-F 8am to 6pm; Adoration Chapel available 24/7
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8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday with key from the
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SACRAMENTS

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Anyone desiring to inquire about the Catholic faith, or seeking
to complete their Sacraments, including children age 7+,
should contact Chris Kreger, Director of OCIA, at 937-401-0423
or Joe Ollier, Director of Evangelization, at 937-253-5171.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office in case of serious illness
or upcoming surgery. Communal anointing services are
celebrated in each season.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months
in advance of the marriage date.

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class,
preferably before the birth of their child, to have a child
under the age of 7 baptized. Classes are held monthly at
rotating locations: Sunday, August 3, 9:30 a.m., Parish Office
Building at Ascension; Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.,
Spirit Center at St. Albert; Monday, October 13, 7 p.m. at
St. Charles. For more information, please contact Kristi Gaston,
kgaston@stalbertthegreat.net for St. Albert, or Joe Ollier,
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RECONCILIATION

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Saturday 3:00-4:30 p.m.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Friday: After Noon Mass

Saturday: 3:15-4:00 p.m.

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Decorating with Purpose: How to Make Your Space a Reflection of Faith and Beauty

By Marie Lunne,
Director of Communication



A photo of Marie's office at Ascension (also on front cover)

Ever since I can remember, I've been captivated by beautiful spaces. As a little girl, I'd spend hours rearranging my bedroom, helping teachers make their classrooms more inviting, and tuning in to every HGTV show I could find. Even my dollhouses weren't safe from my love of interior design — I'd wallpaper the tiny rooms with scraps of construction paper and craft new bedding from leftover fabric.

But something changed in high school when I drew closer to God. Suddenly, decorating wasn't just about showcasing my personality or following the latest trends. It became something deeper: an opportunity to make any space — a bedroom, an office, even a tiny dorm room — reflect the presence and beauty of God.

I've learned that our surroundings shape our hearts. A space that feels peaceful, warm, and beautiful can be a subtle yet powerful witness to the faith that inspires it. In many ways, your home or office can become a quiet evangelization tool — inviting guests, coworkers, and even delivery drivers to encounter a glimpse of the divine.

If you, too, desire to make your environment more than

just stylish, but sacred, here are a few tips to guide you if you are wanting to decorate with more intention:

1. Start with Sacred Reminders

Incorporate visible signs of your faith throughout your space. A crucifix above a doorway, an icon on your desk, a simple statue tucked into a bookshelf — these small pieces remind you (and anyone who visits) of who dwells at the heart of your life.

2. Curate Beauty Intentionally

God is the author of beauty. When you surround yourself with order, light, and loveliness, you mirror His creativity. Choose colors that bring you peace, let in natural light, hang art that lifts your spirit, and avoid clutter where you can. A tidy, beautiful space can calm your mind and leave room for prayer and reflection.

3. Create Corners of Prayer

Designate a spot for quiet moments with the Lord. This could be as simple as a cozy chair with a candle and your Bible beside it. When you see it daily, you'll be reminded to pause, breathe, and invite God into your day.

4. Let Hospitality Be Your Evangelization

A welcoming home or office is

a quiet witness. Warm blankets draped over a sofa, a pot of coffee ready to share, a fresh vase of flowers — all of these say, You are welcome here.

5. Infuse Your Story

Lastly, let your space tell your story with the Lord. Display a meaningful Scripture verse in a frame. Keep your rosary on your nightstand. Hang a photo of your family next to a favorite prayer card. These personal touches make your faith feel living and real.

Why It Matters

It's easy to think of decorating as a superficial hobby, but I've come to believe it's much more. God delights in beauty. When we make our spaces beautiful for His glory, we reflect that same divine artistry. And when we fill our rooms with signs of His presence, we invite others to wonder: What is it about this place that feels so peaceful?

So decorate boldly and prayerfully. May every room you touch become a little sanctuary — a place where beauty evangelizes, hearts are lifted, and Christ is quietly made known!

To see more articles like this, go to mgparish.org/blog

MASS TIMES

AS ASCENSION
SA ST. ALBERT
SC ST. CHARLES

MONDAY, JULY 21

- 8:30 AM SC Charles Ruetschle
Castle Family
- 9:00 AM AS Lewis & Elfreda Wuebben
Mary Ann Zell
- NOON SA Carol & Dave Drescoll
J/J Shock

TUESDAY, JULY 22

- 8:30 AM SC Thecla Zech
Diana Koesters & Marlene Showalter
- NOON SA Peggy Weaver
Joy Weaver

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

- 8:30 AM SC Marisol Perez
The Perez Family
- 9:00 AM AS Bill Kelly
Kate Kelly
- NOON SA Edward Rieker
Minette Myers

THURSDAY, JULY 24

- 8:30 AM SC Domenic DeTomaso
Joanne DeTomaso
- 9:00 AM AS Good Family
Carolyn Good
- NOON SA Louis Russo
Laura Macy

FRIDAY, JULY 25

- 11:00 AM AS Funeral for Patricia Holt
- NOON SA Pilar Perron
Debbie Rogers

SATURDAY, JULY 26

- 4:30 PM SA Ben Antenolie
Kay Moore
- 5:00 PM AS Albert Haley, Jr.
Patty Haley
- 5:00 PM SC Jill Lehmann
Family

SUNDAY, JULY 27

- 8:30 AM AS Theresa Richards
Keck Family
- 8:30 AM SA Rev. David Robisch
Jim & Mary Ann Schoen
- 8:30 AM SC St. Charles Borromeo Church
- 10:30 AM SC LaDonna Fisher
The Godby Family
- 11:00 AM AS Church of the Ascension
- 11:00 AM SA St. Albert the Great Church



GIVE

One meaningful way to support the work of Mother of God Family of Parishes is through financial giving. Your generosity helps us offer vibrant ministries, meaningful events, and opportunities for all to encounter Christ and community. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to help us continue building a parish family where everyone knows they belong.

For more information about giving, visit mgparish.org/give.

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is a need for only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." -Luke 10:41-42

STEWARDSHIP

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Offertory Income \$ 38,844
YTD Offertory Income \$ 63,034
YTD Budget \$ 59,250
Diakonia \$ 1,406

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Offertory Income \$ 16,281
YTD Offertory Income \$ 49,301
YTD Budget \$ 48,076
St. Vincent Conference \$ 65

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Offertory Income \$ 22,701
YTD Offertory Income \$ 47,348
YTD Budget \$ 48,500
Saint Vincent de Paul \$ 575

Please go to mgparish.org/mass to see weekend presider schedule.

WORSHIP



Bereavement Ministers Needed

The Bereavement Ministry at St. Charles is looking for new members. This team of compassionate disciples helps support the family of the bereaved in planning the funeral, setting up for the visitation/funeral, and assisting during the funeral liturgy. You can volunteer for funerals that fit your schedule. Please contact Deacon Chris Jasek at cjasek@stcharles-kettering.org or 937-401-0097 to learn more about this important and rewarding ministry.



Golden Jubilee Mass

September 6, 5 p.m., Church of the Incarnation in Centerville

September 7, 10 a.m., Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains in Cincinnati

Are you or a couple you know celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2025 (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.)? The Archdiocese of Cincinnati invites all jubilarian couples to a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Casey! Couples will receive a special

blessing during Mass, and family members are welcome to join in the celebration. Please RSVP by August 25. To register, visit the Archdiocese website: resources.catholicaoc.org/divine-worship-and-sacraments/news/golden-jubilee-masses-with-archbishop

This week's Words of Hope come from St. Bede the Venerable (673-735), the patron Saint of historians and the first person to use the phrase anno domini (A.D.) – “the year of our Lord” to mark dates “Unfurl the sails, and let God steer us where He will.”

WEDDING BANNS

3rd Nicholas Anderson and Savannah Mussari

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF

Richard Haber. His Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, July 21 at Calvary Cemetery.

Patricia Holt. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, July 25 at Ascension.

Michael Joseph Kingdom. His Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, July 12 at St. Charles.

BAPTISMS

Mack Joseph Bayer, son of Ryan Bayer and Megan (Carnes) Bayer.

Crew William Carnes, son of Mitchell Carnes and Stacy (Ulrich) Carnes.

PRAYER LIST

Maria & Robin Bachman, Ken Betcher, Barbara Blackstone, Jeff Bowling, Ron Catanzaro, June Chifala, Florence Cobey, Ron DeChant, Darlene Duke, Jane Fortener, Betty Gaudion, Barbara Griffin, Carol Harris, Justin Hodge, Larry Hoffman, Martha Kauflin, John Maqsud, Ed Mykytka, Don Paul, Joseph Paul, Jackie Pennington, Suzanne Radcliffe, Nan Romer, Isobel Ruse, Mary Jane Ryan, Ruth Schock, Mary Louise Scott, Deacon Dick Strominger, Dan Whelan, Lily Williams, Angela Woessner, Jeff Young.

Please call the Parish Office to request a name be added to the Prayers for the Sick in the event of acute illness, upcoming surgery/rehabilitation, etc. Names will remain for three weeks at a time unless otherwise requested.

OUR MINISTRIES

A WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT / UPDATES OF SOME OF OUR MINISTRIES, CLUBS, AND GROUPS



Mom-to-Mom

Final Mom-to-Mom Summer Connection is Wednesday, July 30, 9-10:45 a.m. in the Borromeo Room at St. Charles Borromeo Campus. Childcare and breakfast provided! All moms welcome! Our fall session of Mom-to-Mom starts soon; stay tuned for updates!



Faith & Light Picnic

Faith and Light is an International community movement bringing together people with disabilities, their families, those who care for them, and friends. If you or a loved one are interested in meeting our community, join us for our Annual Picnic: July 21st, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Charles Church in the Borromeo Room. Please RSVP to Sarah Archuleta at 937-401-0021. Please give us your name and the number of people coming with you. If you are not bringing a dish to pass, please bring your favorite dessert to share.

Be Persistent in Love!

DEACON JESSE FANNING



Have you ever had to act with charity toward someone when it came at a personal cost? Sometimes, being charitable toward others when we feel they are being uncharitable toward us is hard. That seems to be the case with Martha in today's Gospel. She is busy "taking care of business," and feels put out by Mary who is sitting at the Lord's feet and listening to Him. Martha wants the Lord to get Mary up and helping! I think it is natural to sympathize with Martha when we have to put ourselves out on behalf of another. "Lord, give me patience!" But, there is something deeper going on here.

Today's readings are all about charity—to seek the good of others for their own good. Abraham leaps up in the heat of the day to care for some strangers passing by. He would have likely been more comfortable sitting in the shade of his tent, remember he is near 100 years old at this point! But,

he recognized the opportunity to practice charity, acted upon it, and was blessed in return for his hospitality. The strangers were, in fact, angels and they blessed Abraham and Sarah with a child. Had God sent the angels to test Abraham?

St. Paul tells us he rejoices in his sufferings on behalf of others. Why? He is working on behalf of Christ's body, that is, the Church. St. Paul demonstrates for us a different kind of charity—spreading the word and love of God to others on His behalf. We are all called to be ministers of Christ, "that we may present everyone perfect in Christ." Are we ministering to others even when it is uncomfortable?

St. Luke's story of Mary and Martha seems simple on the surface, but it directly follows the Gospel passages of the greatest commandment, love God and love neighbor (vs. 25-28), and the parable of the Good Samaritan (vs. 29-37). So, there is something deeper here. Jesus explains clearly that to love God we must love our neighbor. We need to take the better part and, like Mary, listen to the words of Jesus...and act on them, like Abraham and Paul. Sometimes loving our neighbor comes at a cost, but we, like the Samaritan, need to be persistent in charity. We are all called, as in today's Gospel acclamation, to keep God's word with a generous heart, even when it is hard.



TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Monday, July 21 at 7 p.m., Church, Ascension Campus; Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m., Parish Center, St. Albert the Great Campus. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend one of our upcoming Town Hall meetings to receive important updates about our Mother of God Family of Parishes and to share your thoughts, questions, and concerns. These gatherings are an opportunity for open dialogue as we continue to grow together in faith and mission. Please join us for one of these important sessions as we walk forward together in faith, unity, and shared purpose.

HOLY LAND WOOD CARVING SALE

July 26-27, St. Albert Campus, Gathering Space Olive wood carving is a sacred Christian tradition that dates back to the time of Jesus and has been passed down through generations. Today, more than 80% of the Christian community in the Holy Land depends on tourism and the olive wood trade to make a living. However, ongoing hardships and a steep decline in visitors have forced many families to leave their homes in search of work. To help support these artisans, we've spent the past 15 years bringing their handcrafted olive wood pieces to parishes across the U.S. We're grateful for the opportunity to visit St. Albert's Gathering Space on July 26 & 27, 2025. We warmly invite you to stop by, view their beautiful carvings, and consider supporting this community. Cash, credit cards, and checks are accepted.



Upcoming Blood Drives at MGFP

Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Ascension Campus, PAC

Saturday, August 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Charles Campus, Donor Coach

Be a hero for someone in need by giving blood! Support your local blood supply and help avoid critical blood shortages when you give the most important gift of all—the gift of life! To schedule an appointment, visit donortime.com.



SOLIDARITY WALK FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

July 22, 6:30 p.m., Holy Angels Parish

All are welcome at this prayerful walk in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters. The walk will take place rain or shine. For those unable to walk, there will be a stationary opportunity. Walk begins/ends at Holy Angels Parish. Contact bolcsjdayton@gmail.com for more information.

OUR COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY



TEXAS FLOODING RELIEF

Catholic Charities of Central Texas is providing relief services to those affected by the recent floods. If you would like to make a donation, please visit ccctx.org and select "Donate to Central Texas Flood Relief." Thank you for your generosity!

JULY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The next collection for the Ascension Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Pantry will take place this weekend, July 19/20. Due to recent federal cuts to food bank funding, local pantries—including ours—are seeing significant shortages. Many rely heavily on the Dayton Food Bank, which is now facing reduced supply. This means your donations of nonperishable food items are more important than ever. Please bring items to the bride's room at Ascension or the entrances of St. Charles and St. Albert. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!!

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4-6 PM
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THE PEACH TRUCK

You loved The Peach Truck so much, we had to do it one more time! The Peach Truck will be in the upper parking lot at Ascension Campus. You must preorder your peaches at thepeachtruck.com to reserve your box. Friday, August 1, 4-6 p.m.



If you and your spouse are celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, or 75 years of wedded bliss in 2025, scan the QR code to receive a special Wedding Anniversary Certificate from the Archdiocese.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



CHILDREN

Registration for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION for our Mother of God Family of Parishes is underway! RE at St. Albert is Sundays, 9:40-10:50 a.m. (Grades K-8) and at St. Charles is Tuesdays, 4:00-5:15 p.m. (Grades 1-5), and Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:00 p.m. (Grades 6-8). Visit mgparish.org to register!



JR. HIGH

EDGE is our middle school youth ministry. We offer weekend events for middle schoolers to experience faith in action through prayer, service, and friendship, helping them grow in relationship with God, others, and their identity as beloved children of God.



HIGH SCHOOL

DOCK is our high school ministry for all teens, meeting Sunday nights at St. Charles, where we live out "faith in action" through community, service, and spiritual growth in a welcoming, come-as-you-are environment.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word needs your help! We're looking for enthusiastic Sunday catechists to share Scripture with our youngest parishioners during the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses at St. Charles. This is a meaningful way to make a lasting impact with a minimal time commitment. If you're interested in helping continue this wonderful program, please contact Tara at tschumaker@stalbertthegreat.net!

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 20-23 2025

<https://ncyc.us/>

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Find us online!

Visit mgparish.org/religious-education to enroll your child in RE courses.

Interested in sacramental preparation?

Visit mgparish.org/sacramental-preparation for more information!

LOVE IN ACTION

Care for Creation Eco Tip

If you are a coffee drinker, many cafes and diners will fill a reusable cup that you bring with you, or you can purchase one there to reuse. Some might even give you a small discount!

Love-in-Action Workshop

Join us for “A Vision for Love in Action: Building Communities of Salt and Light” on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. at St. Luke Parish in Beavercreek. This training helps parish families explore how to strengthen and collaborate on Love in Action (LIA) ministries through guided conversation, foundational learning, and team planning. Ideal for LIA teams, parish staff, and ministry leaders. Register by August 9 at catholicaoc.org/saltandlight or contact Cathy Magness at cmagness@ascensionkettering.org by August 3.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Casserole pans are available in the Narthex/Gathering Space at each campus various times each month to provide a meal for our neighbors at the St. Vincent shelters. Instructions are with each pan.

Additionally, St. Albert the Great is in the 36th year of the monthly food collection serving the Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV) Choice Food Pantry in downtown Dayton. Visit mgparish.org/food-collection for more information on what to bring and when!

St. Charles Borromeo Campus is always in need of one-pound cans of vegetables, as well as bags of apples, oranges, and carrot sticks & celery—washed and cut up, ready to serve.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Pick up pans: Aug 2-3

Pans due by: Aug 22

(Deliver frozen meals either to the Witzman Center or drop off in the parish office by Noon on the due date.)

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Pick up pans: July 25

Pans due by: Aug 2

(Deliver frozen meals to the breezeway entrance between 9-10 a.m.)

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Pick up pans: Aug 3

Pans due by: Aug 10

(Deliver frozen to the Hospitality Room, 8-10:45 a.m.)



Support the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Feed Pantry at Meijer!

Now–September 27

Buy a \$10 Simply Give Card when you check out at the Meijer on Wilmington Pike, or purchase one at Ascension Campus, and Meijer will donate that amount to the Pantry. On DOUBLE MATCH DAYS—August 16 and September 13—Meijer triples your gift (a \$10 card becomes \$30). All donations help keep the Pantry shelves stocked—thank you for your generosity!.

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

Jesus' Adventurous Friend



KIDS' SAINT OF THE WEEK! SAINT JAMES THE GREATER—FEAST DAY JULY 25

St. James the Greater was one of Jesus' twelve apostles and the brother of St. John. He was one of Jesus' closest friends and got to witness amazing miracles—like when Jesus brought a girl back to life or when He showed His glory on the mountain during the Transfiguration! James was brave, faithful, and full of energy—so much so that Jesus nicknamed him and his brother the “Sons of Thunder.” He reminds us to follow Jesus with courage and excitement, no matter where He leads us! His feast day is July 25.

GARDEN GUILD FARMERS MARKET JULY 13–AUGUST 24

One of the best parts of summer is fresh, juicy produce! Stop by the Garden Guild Farmers Market on Sundays, now–August 24, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the front lawn of St. Albert the Great Campus! Shop fresh produce, homemade pickles, jams, pesto, and more—all grown and prepared by the Garden Guild. Support their efforts to help those in need in our parish community. Don't miss this summer favorite!



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The Spiritans (officially Congregation of the Holy Spirit) send their thanks for the generous response by the people of the Mother of God Family of Parishes to their mission-sharing visits to all MGFP campuses in June, and for the gracious welcome given to Father Francis Tandoh, CSSp, and Fr. Benoit Mukamba, representing the Spiritans. Be assured of the prayers of the Spiritans worldwide for you, and for your intentions, and we ask for your continued prayers for us and our shared ministries to God's people everywhere. Do please continue to keep the missions of the Church in your hearts, the work of the Spiritans in mind, and the never-ending need to proclaim and witness to the Gospel in your own lives.



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DISCIPLESHIP

Reflection on Luke 10:38-42

What is going on in today's Gospel? At first sight it might appear that Martha is a nag and Jesus, a none-too-polite houseguest. From the three stories in which they appear together, however, we know that Jesus and Martha were great friends; hence, it is necessary to understand their interchange within the context of their warm, mutual affection. I think we can glean several messages from this story, but two jump out clearly.

For the Marthas among us – people who aren't happy unless they are doing something – the message is to slow down and make time to listen to God's Word for us. We need this on a regular basis. Unless we listen, we are in no position to learn (the word disciple means student), and all our busy-ness will have no relationship to the Kingdom of God.

For all of us, we must confront and not yield to our human tendency to set ourselves up as judges over our neighbor. We cannot presume to evaluate how our neighbor's behavior is reflecting or resisting God's call. We have no way of knowing what God is doing in the hearts of others. What looks like wasting time might be an intense session of discipleship.

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 20, 2025

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

Monday, July 21, 2025

Weekday

Exodus 14:5-18
Exodus 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Saint Mary Magdalene

Song of Songs 3:1-4b or
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Weekday

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15
Psalm 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 24, 2025

Weekday

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 25, 2025

Saint James, Apostle

2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Matthew 20:20-28

Saturday, July 26, 2025

*Saints Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15
Matthew 13:24-30

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

SAINT JAMES

Saint of the Day: July 25

Patron Saint of Laborers

James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemani.

Two incidents in the Gospels describe the temperament of this man and his brother. Saint Matthew tells that their mother came – Mark says it was the brothers themselves – to ask that they have the seats of honor in the kingdom. "Jesus said in reply, 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They said to him, 'We can!'" (Matthew 20:22). Jesus then told them they would indeed drink the cup and share His baptism of pain and death, but that sitting at His right hand or left was not His to give – it "is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father" (Matthew 20:23b). It remained to be seen how long it would take to realize the implications of their confident "We can!"

The other disciples became indignant at the ambition of James and John. Then Jesus taught them all the lesson of humble service: The purpose of authority is to serve. They are not to impose their will on others, or lord it over them. This is the position of Jesus Himself. He was the servant of all; the service imposed on Him was the supreme sacrifice of His own life.

James was apparently the first of the apostles to be martyred. "About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also" (Acts 12:1-3a).

This James, sometimes called James the Greater, is not to be confused with James the Lesser or with the author of the Letter of James and the leader of the Jerusalem community.

Read the full article: "Saint James" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-james/> (Accessed July 3, 2025).

Gospel

Jesus visited Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha. Mary sat with Jesus and listened to him teach, while Martha cooked and served Jesus. Martha was jealous that Mary got to spend time listening, so she complained to Jesus! What was Jesus' answer? How can you spend time with Jesus?

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