



Summertime and the Living is Easy

Do you remember the famous George Gershwin song, “Summertime”? It conjures up images of relaxation, family picnics, back yard get-togethers and vacations. For most working people, summer is like any other season, yet there seems to be a more relaxed attitude when we are not at work. Summer officially began this past week, although we have already had some rather warm days. Most schools are not in session and many organizations do not meet until after Labor Day. There seems to be a bit more time for people to do things they have put off.

One thing that we never want to get away from or take a vacation from is our relationship with Jesus. It can be tempting to put the Lord on hold when so many “fun” things take place during the summer. Like a good friend that we might not keep in touch with over several months and ultimately lose that friend because of a lack of communication, we must keep in touch with the Lord. Otherwise, we risk falling away from the Lord and our faith and prayer life will not be satisfying. We must make time for our Lord every single day. We can attend Mass, pray the Liturgy of the Hours and/or rosary, attend a Bible study class, volunteer to help the poor in our community and so on. Let us enjoy our summer, but let us make sure that our Lord is with us wherever we go.

Finally, please don't forget your contribution to St. James the Apostle Parish when you are on vacation. You can either drop your envelope in the basket before you leave on vacation, or when you return. We count on your generosity all year long. Thank you!

Father David

Stained Glass Windows

You may have noticed the beautiful new stained glass windows at the south entrance of the church. These windows were made possible by a gift to the parish from the late Bea Kuhn. Bea always loved stained glass windows and I know she would be so happy to see them at our main entrance. The windows portray angels in adoration looking towards the symbols of Baptism and the Eucharist, sacraments that are such an important part of what we do in the church.

Father David

Call for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We have a need for people to come forward to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (often referred to as “Eucharistic Ministers.”) Any registered parishioner over 18 years of age that is interested in serving in this ministry at our weekend liturgies distributing the Body and Blood of the Lord is asked to contact me. There is a short questionnaire you are asked to complete. Once the questionnaires are completed and it is ascertained that the candidates are Catholics in good standing, the names are sent in to our Chancery Office, with me asking permission to install the candidates. The Bishop then will delegate me to install the candidates as ministers for a three year term. There is also required training that will be provided. Again, if you are interested, please call me at (630)-469-7540, ext. 203 or e-mail me at: frdavid@stjamesge.org. Thank you.

Father David