

As St. James prepares to celebrate Mass in the newly renovated church, the desire is that every person who walks through the doors of our church encounters a joyful welcome. The Sunday Experience is a direct reflection of our parish mission to **be disciples of Christ and make disciples of Christ**.

We are looking for teens, young adults, families, and adults single or married—all ages are welcomed—to help shape the Sunday Mass Experience.

Below are a few opportunities:

1. **Mass Welcome Teams** - While being welcoming is the responsibility of all St. James parishioners, we desire to create a culture of attending hospitality at St. James through the creation of Mass Welcome Teams. These teams will be comprised of ushers and greeters that will **welcome, engage, and invite** our parishioners and guests to participate in both the sacred Mass and fellowship afterwards. Participation in the Mass sends a message of God's immense love to us all; with the fellowship after Mass developing Christ-based relationships enabling us to deepen our relationship with God and others. Mass Welcome Teams are essential to ensure St. James is consistent with our welcome initiative and follow-up. If you are interested in joining a team, we invite you to learn more about the St. James Welcome Teams at an upcoming training session:

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register you and/or your teen/family. To participate on a team, we ask that you attend one of the above-mentioned training sessions. If you are a family with young children, we ask that at least one adult attend. If you are unable to attend, please indicate that on the form and we will be in touch. If you feel that you cannot commit to a specific Mass team but would still like to help occasionally, we ask that you still attend a training session and we will place you on the substitute/holiday list. It is our prayer that we at St. James **"welcome one another...for the glory of God"** -(Romans 15:7).

2. **Extraordinary Minister or Lector** – We are thankful for your interest in sharing your talents and faith by becoming an Extraordinary Minister and/or Lector. As a lector at St. James you would be "instituted to proclaim the readings from the Sacred Scripture, with the exception of the Gospel". An extraordinary minister of Holy Communion assists the priest in reverently & orderly distributing the Body and Blood of the Lord. (usscb.org) "... for the bread of God is the bread which

comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." – (John 6:33) Training will take place with Fr. Derek and the Ministry Leads in anticipation masses returning to the newly renovated church.

If you are interested in joining a team, we invite you attend an upcoming training session:

Training Dates	Liturgy Ministry	Time
Wednesday, March 20, 2019	Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers	1:00pm – 2:30pm
Sunday, March 24, 2019	Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers	3:00pm-4:30pm

Please click on [Liturgical Minister Training](#) in order provide information on the liturgical ministry(ies) you serve and RSVP (By 3/4/19) for one of the training time slots available. Training is required for all liturgical ministers prior to the start of Sunday masses being held in the church.

If you have questions on any of the above service opportunities, please contact me directly.

Take Care,

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