

**ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH**  
**HYMNS For FEBRUARY 1, 2026**  
***THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY***

**HYMN FOR THE INTROIT: 107**

1. The heavenly Child in stature grows,  
and, growing, learns to die;  
and still his early training shows  
his coming agony.
2. The Son of God his glory hides  
to dwell with parents poor;  
and he who made the heavens abides  
in dwelling-place obscure.
3. Those mighty hands that rule the sky  
no earthly toil refuse;  
the Maker of the stars on high  
an humble trade pursues.
4. He whom the choirs of angels praise,  
bearing each dread decree,  
his earthly parents now obeys  
in glad humility.
5. For this thy lowliness revealed,  
Jesu, we thee adore,  
and praise to God the Father yield  
and Spirit evermore.

## **HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: 771**

1. O Zion, open wide thy gates,  
let symbols disappear  
a priest and victim, both in one,  
the Truth himself , is here.
2. Aware of hidden deity,  
the lowly virgin brings  
her newborn babe with two young doves,  
her humble offerings.
3. The aged Simeon sees at last  
his Lord, so long desired,  
and Anna welcomes Israel's hope  
with holy rapture fired.
4. But silent knelt the mother blest  
of the yet silent Word,  
and pondering all things in her heart,  
with speechless praise adored.
5. All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory , Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run.

## **OFFERTORY HYMN (7:15 A.M.): 251**

1. HAIL to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,

to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

2. He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and joy and hope, like flowers,  
spring in His path to birth:  
before Him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall bow down before Him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore Him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to Him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.
5. O'er every foe victorious,  
he on His Throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his Name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless Name of Love.

## **HYMN FOR THE OFFERTORY (9:15 A.M.): 772**

1. Hail to the Lord who comes,  
comes to his temple gate;  
not with his angel host,  
not in his kingly state;  
no shouts proclaim him nigh,  
no crowds his coming wait;
2. but, borne upon the throne  
of Mary's gentle breast,  
watched by her dutous love,  
in her fond arms at rest,  
thus to his Father's house  
he comes, the heavenly Guest.
3. There Joseph at her side  
in reverent wonder stands;  
and, filled with holy joy,  
old Simeon in his hands  
takes up the promised Child,  
the glory of all lands.
4. O Light of all the earth,  
thy children wait for thee!  
come to the temples here,  
that we, from sin set free,  
before thy Father's face  
may all presented be!

## **HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION: 549**

### ***Refrain:***

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;  
hear, O Lord, and have mercy  
My soul is longing for the glory of you.  
O hear, O Lord, and answer me.

1. Every night before I sleep  
I pray my soul to take,  
or else I pray that loneliness  
is gone when I awake

### ***Refrain***

2. Why do I no longer feel  
like I've a place to stay?  
O take me where someone will care,  
so fear will go away.

### ***Refrain***

3. In you, O Lord, I place my cares  
and all my troubles, too.  
O grant, dear Lord, that someday soon  
I'll live in peace with you.

### ***Refrain***

## **HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 752**

1. Virgin-born! we bow before Thee!  
blessed was the Maid who bore Thee,  
Mary, maid and Mother mild,  
blessed was she in her Child
2. Blessed was the breast that fed Thee,  
blessed was the hand that led Thee;

blessed was the parent's eye,  
That watched Thy slumbering infancy.

3. Blessed she by all creation  
Who brought forth the world's salvation;  
And blessed they – for ever blest,  
Who love thee most and serve thee best.
4. Virgin-born, we bow before Thee!  
blessed was the womb that bore Thee  
Mary, Maid and mother mild,  
blessed was she in her child.

## **HYMN FOR THE RECESSION: 105**

1. The Father's sole-begotten Son  
was born, the Virgin's Child, on earth;  
his cross for us adoption won -  
the life and grace of second birth
2. Forth from the height of Heaven he came,  
in form of man with man abode;  
redeemed his world from death and shame,  
the joys of endless life bestowed
3. Redeemer, come with power benign,  
dwell in the souls that look for thee;  
O let thy light within us shine  
that we may thy salvation see
4. Abide with us, O Lord, we pray,  
dispel the gloom of doubt and woe;  
wash every stain of guilt away,  
thy tender healing grace bestow
5. Lord, Thou hast come, and well we know  
that thou wilt likewise come again;

thy kingdom shield from every foe,  
thy honor and Thy rule maintain

6. Eternal glory, Lord, to thee,  
whom, now revealed, our hearts adore;  
to God the Father glory be,  
and Holy Spirit evermore.