



## Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Household Members	Relationship	DOB	Date Baptized	Date Confirmed

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Previous Church Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership FAQ

Q1. When should I begin considering membership at St. James?

A1. If you want to be a part of the life of St. James and St. James to be a part of your life, then it is probably time to consider “officially” becoming a member.

Q2. Why do I have to “officially” become a member?

A2. You do not **have** to become an “official” member. You are always welcome. However, living out our faith is often about making a commitment to that faith. We recognize that we can experience Christ anywhere in creation, but we also recognize that we are members of the larger body of Christ and made to be in communion with each other. “Officially” becoming a member is making a commitment in this season of life to exercise your faith at St. James as part of the larger body of Christ.

Q3. What is expected of me if I join?

A3. We hope all members will do three things:

1. Come to Sunday worship more often than you miss. We are better as individuals when we are actively connected to the body of Christ and we at St. James are better when you are here.
2. Give in time, talent, and relationship here at St. James. This looks different for each individual. Giving in time, talent, and relationship is about seeking to connect with other members, being open to growing in faith, and helping to build up the kingdom of God beyond St. James by loving your neighbor as yourself.
3. Give faithfully and sacrificially of your treasure. This topic often makes people feel awkward because we each have a lot of fiscal demands that call for our attention. St. James does not want to make anyone feel guilty, but we do ask that each household give faithfully and sacrificially from their first fruits. In other words, your gift to your church is one of the first, if not the first, money set aside in your budget. Again, this looks different for each household, but when we all give faithfully and sacrificially, there is enough.

Q4. When can I join?

A4. You are always invited and so you can join any time you are ready.

Q5. What do I need to do to become a member?

A5. Notify a member of the clergy and fill out this form. They will help take care of everything else. We want this to be a smooth and easy process as you join the St. James parish family.