



1944 — *Rev. James* — 2024

Rev. James Mickus

December 16, 1944 — February 20, 2024

Arcadia

James was born in Chicago, Illinois, December 16, 1944, and called home to his Lord on February 20, 2024. Moved to his beloved Oklahoma in the sixties and served the Oklahoma diocese as a faithful, much loved padre for 52 years.

Steadfast steward at the parishes of St. Patrick in OKC, St. Francis Xavier in Enid, Christ the King in OKC, St. Joseph in Norman, Pastor of Sacred Heart in Mangum, St. Mary Church in Ponca City, St. Philip Neri in Midwest City, Pastor of St. Joseph in Bison, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier in Enid, Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows in Chandler (Mission, St. Louis Church, Stroud).

His enjoyed his ministerial assignments in the Office of Family Life, the Office of Evangelization, the Seminarian Board, and served as Regional Vicar for Region VII.

James was preceded in death by his father, Casimir Mickus, his mama, Polly Mickus (Chingo), his brothers, Donald, Raymond, and John, and many dear friends who loved him so. He is survived by his kid sister, Mary Mickus Solway, brother-in-law, Scott Solway, and sweet sisters-in-law, Sheila Mickus, and Mary Mickus.

He leaves behind his nieces and nephews who loved their uncle with all they had and looked forward to their visits, shenanigans, and adventures with him. Jim was also blessed with many grandnieces and grandnephews. And no one loved Jim more than his dear, ever-faithful friends here in Oklahoma!

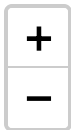
No one enjoyed fishing more than Jim... watching him fly fish was like watching a ballet... pure beauty. And he was gifted by the Lord with the innate ability of painting with flowers. Every garden his hand touched became more beautiful. What a gift he had and shared!

All services for James will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, commencing with a visitation and prayer vigil on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:30 pm, and followed the next day, Tuesday, February 27, 2024, with a Funeral Mass at 9am.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, St. Jude, or World Central Kitchen.

Service Schedule

Past Services



Prayer Service



Monday, February 26, 2024
Starts at 6:30 pm (Central time)



Catholic Pastoral Center
7501 Northwest Expressway,
Oklahoma City, OK 73132



Mass



Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Starts at 9:00 am (Central time)



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Guestbook

Rest in Peace my friend

JOHN YELLE

Feb 22, 2024



Rest in Heavenly Peace my mentor and friend. Enjoyed our time together.

DEACON TONY CRISPO

Feb 22, 2024

God bless you

CHERIE T

Feb 22, 2024

Fr. Mickus loved his faith and guided his flock. He liked being around nature and including it in his liturgies whenever he could. We shared the same birthday along with a deep appreciation for dogs, the laughter of friends and family, and baseball - even though he was a devoted fan of his hometown Cubs while I rooted for my hometown Cardinals. You ran a good race, my friend. Rest well.

MICHAEL MCNUTT

Feb 23, 2024

Love you, Padre. Caleb, Campy, Buddy I, Keegan, and Buddyl

C/O MARY SOLWAY

Feb 23, 2024

From 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 We want you to be assured, sisters and brothers, about those who have died, so that you do not grieve as do others who have no hope...and, I add" but that doesn't mean we don't miss our loved ones." (Father Richard, T.O.R.) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too we believe that God, through Jesus, will bring forth with him those who have died. May our dear, Father Jim Mickus know the fullness of God's love!

SISTER MARY ANN CIRILLO, OP

Feb 23, 2024

Words cannot express what Padre Jim meant to us! He was a Light, an inspiration, a great blessing and we loved him very much.



TERRY AND CHRIS BELONCIK

Feb 24, 2024

He was a man that one could never forget. His insightful eye could make the most mundane appear ever so beautiful. I witnessed this at the Seminary, and of course, in various assignments, including his home. I will continue to remember him and his family. Peace and blessings, my friend.

REV. DONALD D. ZIMMERMAN

Feb 24, 2024

Good Father you are missed. Your homilies were always spot on and your eye for nature was a gift. Thank you for loving our Lord

MAXWELL MEIER

Feb 25, 2024

We've had the honor of sharing music with the wonderful people of Our Lady of Sorrows, Chandler, for many Christmas Eves. While everyone there is always so kind and appreciative, Fr. Mickus showed exceptional gratitude. He was one of those special people who made us feel so welcome. We fondly remember his homilies and messages to children during the Midnight Mass where he skillfully balanced the biblical anecdotes and modern-day traditions that immersed us all in the stories. Ah, what a talent! We send our love and condolences to his family, church families, and colleagues.

STEVE AND SHARON REESE, SHAWNEE

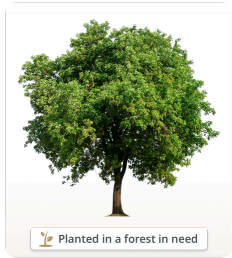
Feb 25, 2024

Thank you Fr. Mickus for being there to help our mom make a peaceful leaving. You meant so much to my family. Catherine Richardson's family. Cathy and Harry

CATHY GOETT

Feb 26, 2024

Bob Murati has purchased Eco-Friendly Memorial Trees for Rev. James Mickus



BOB MURATI

Nov 28, 2024