



# SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. James Roman Catholic Church,  
a diverse community rooted in vibrant Eucharistic Liturgy,  
serves those in need in partnership with others.*



**Bells from the tower of the former  
St. James Church**

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## SUNDAY MASS

9:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

## DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m.

Tolton Chapel - Parish Rectory

## RECONCILIATION

CONFESSIONS AT ST. JAMES  
Confessions Saturday in the Parish Hall  
January 24 -- 4 to 5 p.m. in the Hall

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

By appointment only

Saturday & Sunday  
Closed



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Scan this QR code with your smart  
phone's barcode scanner app and it will  
direct you to the parish webpage.



### First Communion & Confirmation Preparation

Preparation for the Sacraments for Children is through our Sunday School Program. Each of these Sacraments is celebrated every two years. For adults wishing to receive these Sacraments, we provide preparation through our adult Confirmation and R.C.I.A. class. Contact Michael Maher at 312-842-1919 ext. 212 or [maher@stjameswabash.org](mailto:maher@stjameswabash.org)



**JANUARY 17, 2016 · SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA  
(EPIPHANY, PART 3)**

In the early centuries of the Church, the biggest and most important annual feast was the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus. His birth was remembered, of course, but the mid-winter memorial was not nearly as significant as the spring time celebration of Easter. And even in the winter, it was not so much the birth of the Lord that was emphasized as his revelation or manifestation. And so the Epiphany (from a Greek word that means "revelation") tended to outshine the Nativity.

Epiphany quickly acquired not just one, but three gospel passages. The first and least is the one we now use for our modern Epiphany feast, the gospel of the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem, read two Sundays ago. The second and strongest and most long-lasting was the gospel of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, read last Sunday on our celebration of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. And the third and final gospel connected with this mystery is the one read today, the miracle of the wedding feast at Cana.

For us, the miracle of Cana is the changing of water into wine. Or perhaps we should say that what grabs our attention is the rapidity of the change of water into wine, since – let's face it – water is rather routinely changed into wine, and has been since the beginning of time. Rain falls, the vines drink it up, they produce grapes, the grapes are pressed out, the grape juice is allowed to ferment, and there it is: water into wine. What's impressive about Cana is that all of this happened in just a few minutes.

That, and that so much of it was converted into wine. John tells us how many stone jars were filled with water and how many gallons each jar held, and the math is not difficult – this is a lot of wine that Jesus gives to this wedding party, a huge amount of wine, more wine than what any party could reasonably be expected to consume, no matter how long it lasted. Jesus does not just provide what was needed; he provides much more than what was needed, and it is in the superabundance of wine that the real message of this miracle is found. At least that is how the disciples who were with Jesus understood it, since John tells us that this was the first of the signs that Jesus worked, that through it he manifested his glory, and that because of it his disciples began to believe in him. And what really impressed them was not just the conversion of the water into wine but the astounding generosity of Jesus in providing so much more than what the bridal party needed or would have asked for.

That kind of abundance, and especially an abundance of wine, was one of the signs of the dawning of the Messianic age. When the Lord came to his people to work his final deed of salvation they would see his generosity beyond what anyone could have imagined. And now the disciples could see that. The coming of the Christ was no longer a promise with an unspecified, future date attached to it – it was happening right before their eyes, and they began to put their faith in Jesus.



AND HE MANIFESTED HIS GLORY

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*Readings*



**FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2016**

- Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11
- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/ Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Pastoral Care for the Homebound**



Please call 312-842-1919 ext. 201 and ask to speak to Fr. Robert Sprott, O.F.M., if any parishioners are hospitalized or homebound, so we can visit and pray for them. Hospitals do not notify us of a parishioner's admittance. Even if you do mention this at Sunday Mass, please make allowance for poor memory and call the parish offices.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Finis Abernathy**

Finis Abernathy, long time parishioner who married Verda Abernathy 43 years ago at St. James, passed December 21, 2015 after battling cancer.



The Memorial service will be Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the hall.

Please keep Verda and family in prayer!



Jackie Drake is organizing the African American Heritage celebration for Sunday, February 7, 2016. There will be one Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by luncheon. Please see Jackie if you would like to help.

**Lenten Day of Reflection  
February 13, 2016**

All are invited to Lenten Day of Reflection at Garfield Park Conservatory, Saturday, February 13, 2016. The cost is \$15. Registration forms and information are at the back of the hall.



## TREASURE

### Sunday Collection Report

January 3, 2016 - Feast of the Epiphany

Envelopes	\$2,881.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$513.62
Electronic Giving	\$1,055.00
<b>Collection Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,449.62</b>

### SUNDAY COLLECTION MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

2015	Envelopes	%	Loose	%	Electronic	%	Total
Jan	\$5,553.50	50%	\$4,092.32	37%	\$1,134.00	13%	\$11,094.82
Feb	\$6,232.00	50%	\$2,224.07	18%	\$3,905.00	32%	\$12,361.07
Mar	\$9,585.00	57%	\$3,082.57	18%	\$4,164.00	25%	\$16,831.57
Apr	\$7,230.00	62%	\$3,287.02	28%	\$1,135.00	10%	\$11,652.02
May	\$6,381.00	55%	\$2,790.09	24%	\$2,330.00	20%	\$11,501.09
June	\$9,918.00	66%	\$2,694.29	18%	\$2,390.00	16%	\$15,002.29
July	\$6,692.00	50%	\$3,337.08	25%	\$3,390.00	25%	\$13,419.08
Aug	\$8,233.00	54%	\$4,577.54	25%	\$5,210.00	29%	\$18,020.54
Sept	\$5,716.00	42%	\$3,547.18	26%	\$4,265.00	32%	\$13,528.18
Oct	\$5,678.00	50%	\$2,051.15	18%	\$3,674.00	32%	\$11,403.15
	<b>\$70,958.50</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>\$31,642.31</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>\$31,993.00</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>\$134,593.61</b>

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Victoria Allen  
Ashley Alvarez  
Eric Alvarez  
Dorothy Barnes  
Margie Bass  
Barbara Bassett  
James Bowman  
Edwina Cook  
Sandra Davis  
Kathleen Foley  
Paul & Jane  
Freeman  
Cathy Garcia  
Mary Healy  
Robert Helem  
Elise James  
Benjamin Jefferson  
Mel Keys  
Candace Lane

Christopher Lane  
Wayne Lambert  
Stephanie Linton  
Mary Madrigal  
Nancy McCarthy  
Latona Merchant  
Paul Mesirov  
Mary Moore  
Joan Noble  
Margaret Page  
Cynthia Peacock  
Francis Quigley  
Darlene Racker  
Daisy Keel  
Sr. Barbara Rastatter  
David Reynolds  
James Reynolds  
Sandra Reynolds

Philip Ricks  
Norman Rouse  
Mary Sanders  
Christine Schatte  
Barbara Southall  
Catherine Spraggins  
Fr. Bob Sprott  
Bette Strickland  
Bob Swiderski  
Esther Toliver  
Clayton & Sarah  
Whitlow  
Jennifer Warnick  
Dina Williams  
Audrey Winfrey

### Mass Attendance

January 3, 2016: 105(9:30 a.m.)/40(11:30 a.m.)  
January 10, 2016: 112(9:30 a.m.)/48(11:30 a.m.)

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

January 24, 2016

### Lectors

9:30 a.m. Virginia Picken & Phillip Sutton

11:30 a.m. Augustine Atangana & Mary Levine

### Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman (Bread),  
Barbara Sutton, Deborah Cooper,  
Bob Gaggiano and Josie Bertucci

11:30 a.m. Fran Williams & Veronica Pye

### Greeters

9:30 a.m. Barbara Sherman

11:30 a.m. To Be Announced

## Mass Stipends



A way of helping St. James is to send offerings to celebrate Holy Mass. These offerings are called "Mass Stipends" and are offerings to the parish for the priest to celebrate Holy Mass for a particular intention. The normal offering in our Archdiocese is \$10. We never have enough stipends for each daily Mass so we are always grateful more.

### Ash Wednesday Feb 10, 2016

7:30 a.m.

Mass at St. James

12:50 p.m.

Mass at God Box

6:30 p.m.

Mass at St. James

7:00 p.m.

Prayer Service  
at God Box



## DONATE AN ITEM TO BE AUCTIONED AT NEXT YEAR'S JAZZIN' TO FEED EVENT

ITEMS TO DONATE INCLUDE: GIFT CERTIFICATES, EVENT/  
SPORTS TICKETS, SERVICES AND ART ITEMS.

PLEASE CONTACT PETER WAWIRE (312-842-1919 EXT. 213)  
OR TALK TO LIZ BOWMAN IF YOU WANT TO DONATE OR NEED  
MORE INFORMATION.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 01/17	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Second Collection (Tolton Canonization Fund)</b>	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall) † <i>For the well being of Cathy Moore - request by Fran Williams</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:00 a.m.	Sharing Parish Food Delivery (Food Pantry)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall)
Mon 01/18	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Jim McCann - request by Rita McCann</i>
Tue 01/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Br. Rai Rose - request by Christian Br. Benilde De La Salle Community</i>
Wed 01/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Br. James McDonald - request by Christian Brothers</i>
Thur 01/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Arlene Mann - request by J. E. Mann</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Social Care Board Meeting (Rectory)
Fri 01/22	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Debra Barker - request by Shirley Barker</i>
	9a.m - 12 p.m.	<b>Office open by appointment only</b>
Sun 01/24	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall) † <i>Kay Nachel - request by Ellen Noble</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



**Parish Office & Food Pantry Closed**  
**in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
*Monday, January 18, 2016*

**Lenten Day of Reflection**  
*Saturday, January 13 - 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*  
(Garfield Park Conservatory)

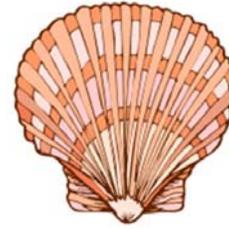
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
*Friday, February 5 - 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.*  
(Parish Hall)

**Mass & African American Celebration**  
*Sunday, February 7 - 10:30 a.m. - Mass*  
*Celebration to follow Mass*  
(Parish Hall)

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### ST. JAMES STRATEGY



The Evangelization Board, in collaboration with the Parish Council, will begin the process of drafting an action plan to grow the membership of St. James. The land at 29<sup>th</sup> and Michigan will be purchased by the Archdiocese in April and the intention is to build a new church sometime in the future. However, in order to secure a place for St. James, we committed to Archbishop Cupich and Bishop Perry that we would grow the parish over the next 3 years. Our immediate goal is to increase membership from 184 to 200 by October 2016 and the long term goal is to reach 400 by 2019.

Those of you with experience in developing action plans may wish to volunteer in this process. This plan will include activities designed to attract new members, retain current members and to monitor progress. Within the next few months you may be asked to participate in one of these activities. If you are not able to volunteer your time, you can develop your own personal campaign by bringing someone new with you to church.

If you are interested in finding more about how you can be of help, you may contact Michael Maher, Sherri Seyfried or Cynthia Cooper.

We can do this!

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

*Members of the Evangelization Board and Parish Council*

### Second Saturday Produce Pantry



St. James Food Pantry hosted its Second Saturday Produce Pantry on January 9, 2016. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us distribute apples, oranges, potatoes, avocados, onions, bread, canned goods, farina, peanut butter and jelly, to over 200 families.

A special thank you to Archbishop Blase Cupich who distributed bags of onions to each family.

The next Second Saturday Produce Pantry will be February 13 at 8:00 a.m. Please call Cathy Moore at 312-842-191 if you would like to volunteer.

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