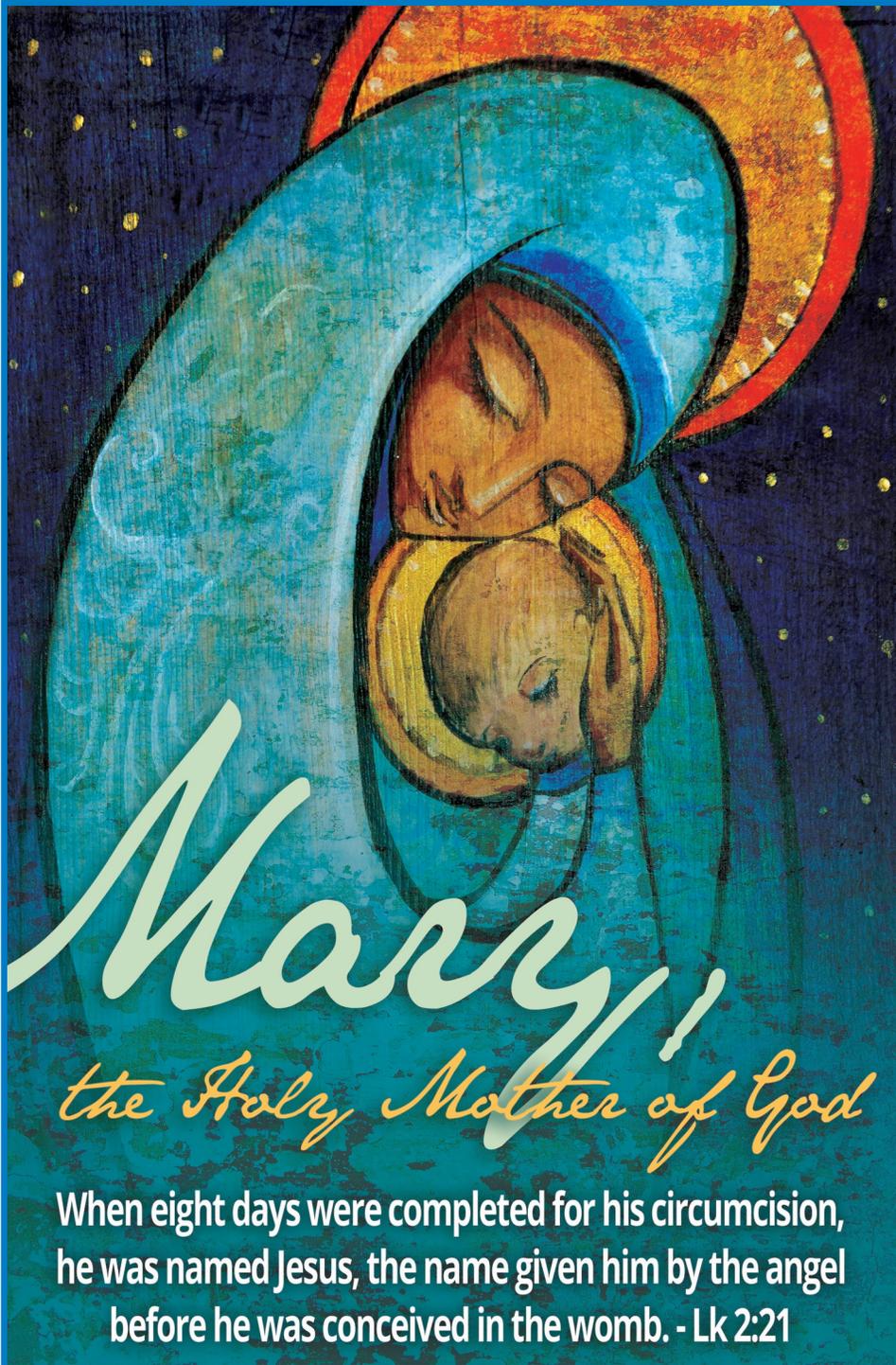


# SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



*Saint James Church is staffed by  
the priests and brothers of the  
Missionary Servants of the Most  
Holy Trinity*

## 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  
on the first Friday of the month,  
7:30-8:30pm, or by appointment

## 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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JANUARY 1, 2016 · MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

## ON THE WAY....



Many people take New Year's Day as the occasion to make resolutions. Frequently these resolutions are about self-improvement, lose weight, exercise more, read books. While these are wonderful suggestions, I propose that this year we expand the repertoire of resolutions to include the wider world. With a new president, we are entering a period of uncertainty in our country. It is incumbent on each one of us to become the change we hope to see. Here are some of the resolutions I am contemplating. You might consider these or similar thoughts for yourself.

First, pray. This is good advice for any season. But during these times prayer will help me to keep the big picture. God is still the Lord of History so we can be sure that providence is still at work. No matter what setbacks we might endure, God can make a way out of no way. In the words of Dr. King, the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice. Prayer reminds me of that.

Second, think globally. In this age of fake news (any oxymoron if I ever heard one) and internet trolls we are obligated to stay genuinely informed about social, economic, scientific and political reality. It is simply not sufficient to listen only to those who agree with my pre-conceived notions. I must make sure that I have heard the best opinions about the situations in which we find ourselves as a community, city and nation.

Third, act locally. I can't do much about the refugee crisis in Syria or the Boko Haram in Africa. But there are some things I can do in my circumstance to bring the mercy of God to others. Acts of kindness create a counter narrative to the message that this is a harsh and dreadful world. Do a good deed daily, was the slogan when I was a Boy Scout. It is still good advice.

Fourth, disagree without being disagreeable. One of the temptations that I face is avoiding conflict. "You hold your opinion and I'll hold mine" can be an easy cop out. But the truth demands more than that even if it involves a confrontation. For example, Pope Francis has insisted that concern about the environment is a dimension of morality. After we have informed ourselves about an issue as completely as we can, we are obliged to point out erroneous or misinformed statements by others. The health of the planet and the future for the next generation requires no less. But we must always do so in a way that is respectful of the dignity of the other.

Fifth, give thanks. The worries, troubles and difficulties can seem overwhelming at times. Truth to tell, though, there are so many reasons for gratitude. When I take the time to count the blessings I realize that God continues to shower divine bounty upon me. And, as the James Cleveland song reminds us: I don't believe He's brought me this far to leave me.

Peace,

*Fr. John Edmunds, S.T*

## AT ST. JAMES

# Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2017

Readings for the Week of January 1, 2017

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
 Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or  
 Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 2:1-11  
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**This year we will not automatically mail out tax giving statements. If you want a statement on your giving for your tax returns please e-mail Cathy Moore between January 15th thru April 15th 2017 at [cmoore@stjameswabash.org](mailto:cmoore@stjameswabash.org). Please call Cathy if you have any questions. 312-842-1919**



### 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.

## TREASURE

### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 4

| SUNDAY                           | 2016                | 2015                | CHANGE              |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| ENVELOPES                        | \$85,614.81         | \$79,267.50         | \$6,457.31          |
| LOOSE CHECKS                     | \$26,332.00         | \$26,804.26         | (\$472.26)          |
| LOOSE CASH                       | \$10,087.27         | \$8,916.12          | \$1,171.15          |
| ON-LINE                          | \$44,406.36         | \$35,814.00         | \$8,592.36          |
| <b>TOTAL SUNDAY</b>              | <b>\$166,440.44</b> | <b>\$150,801.88</b> | <b>\$15,638.56</b>  |
| BUILDING MAINTENANCE             | \$3,177.91          | \$7,291.00          | (\$4,133.09)        |
| SAINT AGATHA TOLTON CANONIZATION | \$1,794.41          | \$941.67            | \$879.43            |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER</b>               | <b>\$10,264.55</b>  | <b>\$12,044.98</b>  | <b>(\$1,780.43)</b> |
| <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>              | <b>\$176,704.99</b> | <b>\$162,846.86</b> | <b>\$13,858.13</b>  |

## 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 for more.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Victoria Allen  
Ashley Alvarez  
Eric Alvarez  
Louise Bacon  
Dorothy Barnes  
Margie Bass  
Barbara Bassett  
James Bowman  
Edwina Cook  
Sandra Davis  
Kathleen Foley  
James Fonder  
Paul & Jane  
Freeman  
Cathy Garcia  
Mary Healy  
Robert Helem  
Elise James

Benjamin Jefferson  
Mel Keys  
Wayne Lambert  
James & Linda  
Kennard  
Mary Madrigal  
Nancy McCarthy  
Latona Merchant  
Joan Noble  
Margaret Page  
Cynthia Peacock  
Francis Quigley  
Darlene Racker  
Daisy Keel  
Barbara Radziwon  
Sr. Barbara Rastatter  
David Reynolds  
James Reynolds

Sandra Reynolds  
Philip Ricks  
Norman Rouse  
Mary Sanders  
Christine Schatte  
Geraldine Scudder  
Barbara Southall  
Catherine Spraggins  
Bette Strickland  
Bob Swiderski  
Esther Toliver  
Clayton & Sarah  
Whitlow  
Jennifer Warnick  
Ayana Whitehead  
Dina Williams  
Audrey Winfrey  
Ron Zivkovic

### Mass Attendance

November 4th, 2016: 114 (9:30 a.m.)/66 (11:30 a.m.)  
December 11th, 2016: 114 (9:30 a.m.)/66(11:30 a.m.)

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

January 8, 2016

### Lectors

9:30 a.m. Bob Gaggiano & Diana Makowski

11:30 a.m. Eva Leonard & Clarissa Aljentera

### Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman, bob Gaggiano, Julia Hodges, Cynthia Cooper & Reshma Sekhar

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

### Greeters

9:30 a.m. Eileen Coffey

11:30 a.m. James Fonder

### A Catholic Perspective on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Contribution to Social Justice



Saturday, January 14, 2017, 12:30-1:30pm  
We will celebrate MLK Day through service and reflection.

Bishop Joseph Perry will offer a luncheon reflection for those who volunteer at our food pantry on Saturday or Sunday. The luncheon will be held in the Rectory.

This event is free, but you must RSVP by January 9 with Michael Maher at [MMaher@StJamesWabash.org](mailto:MMaher@StJamesWabash.org).

### Blessings in a Bag

Dear St. James Parishioners,

St. James Food Pantry is also low on all hygiene items in both travel size and family size. Families can not purchase toiletries with their food assistance cards. The need is great! All toiletry items will be appreciated. I am asking that you fill your donation bag with the following any toiletry items including: Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Lotion, Razors

Bring your donations back to Mass, Sunday, January 8, 2016.

Thank you in advance for blessing Pantry Clients.  
Cathy



## LOOKING AHEAD

|              |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|
| Sun<br>1/01  | <b>Mary, The Holy Mother Of God</b><br>Second Collection St. Agatha                    |  |
|              | 8:30 a.m.  | Choir Rehearsal                                  |
|              | 9:30 a.m.  | Mass   |
|              | †  | <i>Iris Green - requested by Phillip Sutton</i>  |
|              | 9:40 a.m.  | Children's Liturgy of the World                  |
|              | 11:00 a.m.   | New Year's Brunch                                |
|              | 11:30 a.m.   | Mass   |
| Mon<br>1/02  | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)                   |
| Tue<br>1/03  | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)                   |
|              | 9am - 11:30am  | SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)                    |
| Wed<br>1/04  | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)                   |
| Thur<br>1/05 | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)                   |
| Fri<br>1/06  | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)                   |
|              | 7 pm - 10 pm   | Eucharistic Adoration (Presentation Hall)        |
| Sun<br>1/08  | <b>The Epiphany Of the Lord</b><br>Second Collection Toiletries & Food For Food Pantry |  |
|              | 8:30 a.m.  | Choir Rehearsal                                  |
|              | 9:30 a.m.  | Mass   |
|              | †  | <i>Rose Mineo - requested by Anne-Marie Zmek</i> |
|              | 9:40 a.m.  | Children's Liturgy of the World                  |
|              | 11:30 a.m.   | Mass   |
|              | 12:30 p.m.   | Ladies of Peter Claver (Presentation Hall)       |



Today we will have a lite New Years Day Brunch following the 10 a.m. Mass.

This catered brunch is possible thanks to a gift from the estate of Bob and Ginny Parker (Deacon Terry's uncle and aunt. Bob and Ginny left a portion of their estate to their nieces and nephews. Bob's sister was Emma Collins, Deacon Terry's Mom. Emma always enjoyed her visits to St. James and marveled at the hospitality of the people. It is fitting, then, that some of the funds Uncle Bob left for Deacon Terry are used to defray the expenses for the annual New Year's Day brunch hosted at the parish ), and it is also possible due to the generosity of Dave Samber and Pollo Café.

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity Immigration Ministry



**National Migration Week will take place January 8–14, 2017 with the theme, "Creating a Culture of Encounter".**

*"I feel compelled to draw attention to the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone... I ask everyone to take care of the young... they have no means to protect themselves. I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families."*

*~Pope Francis, for the 103<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees (10/08/2016)*

**ACTION:** Join the U.S. Catholic bishops in support of protecting immigrants and refugees by sending an electronic postcard to Washington, DC asking that lawmakers ensure humane treatment towards migrants and refugees. The postcards may be sent from Justice for Immigrants' homepage at

[www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org)

For additional ways to get involved in National Migration Week 2017 visit:

[www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](http://www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org)

[esegura@archchicago.org](mailto:esegura@archchicago.org)

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### Eucharistic Adoration

**January 6, 2017**  
**1st Fridays of Each  
Month**

**7 p.m. to 10 p.m.**  
**Confession  
Available**  
**7:30— 8:30 p.m.**

*St. James  
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nue Presentation Hall  
(Behind School)*

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