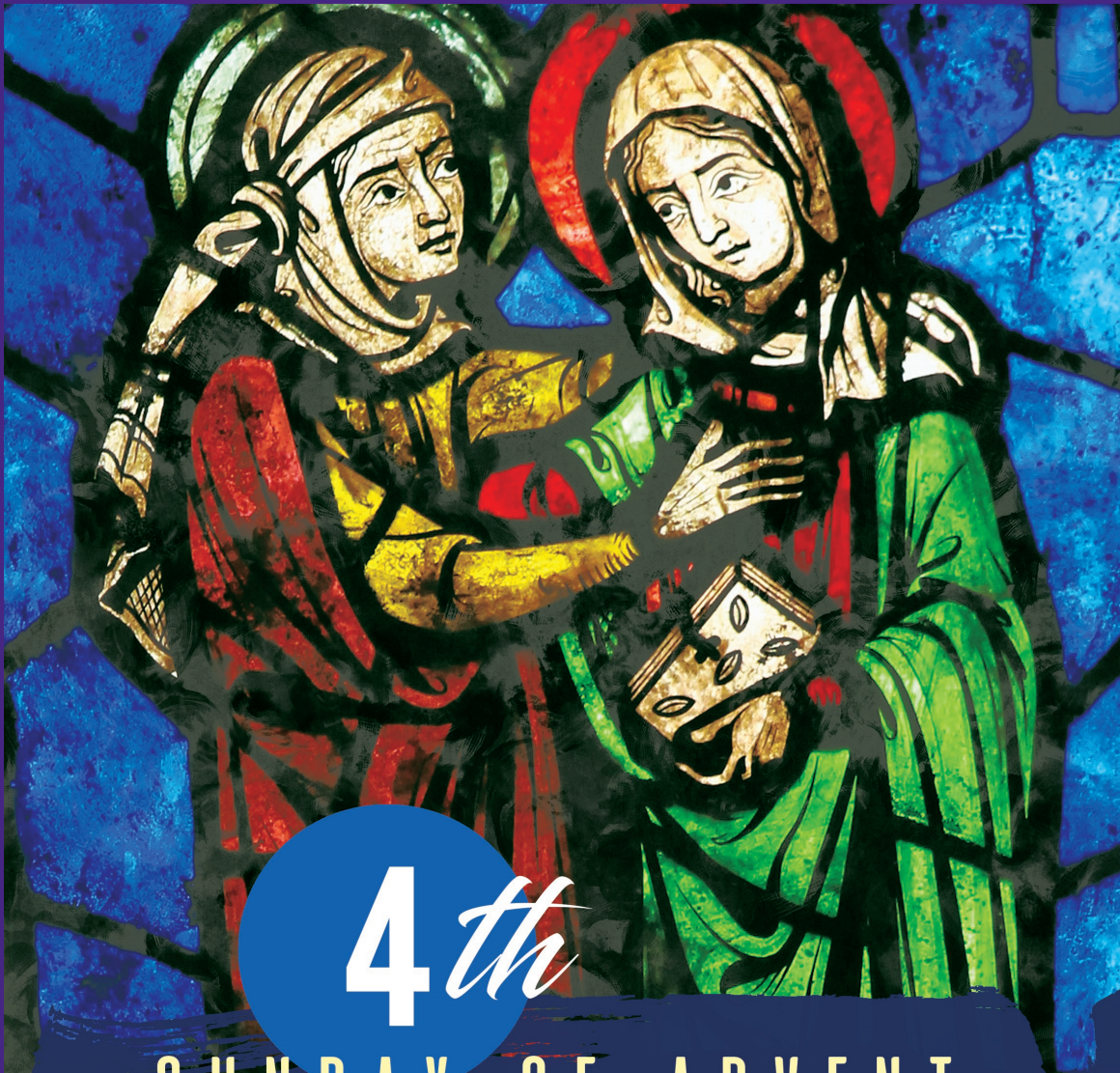


**Saint James**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*



**4<sup>th</sup>**

**SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"And how does this happen to me, that the  
mother of my Lord should come to me? For at  
the moment the sound of your greeting  
reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped  
for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

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**SUNDAY MASS**

9:30 and 11:30 a.m.  
Presentation Hall

**DAILY MASS**

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m.  
Tolton Chapel  
( Rectory, 2942 S. Wabash)

**RECONCILIATION**

Confessions at  
St. James on the first  
Friday of the month,  
7:30pm- 8:30pm,  
or by appointment

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday -Thursday  
8:00am-4:00pm

Friday  
9:00am-12:00pm  
By appointment only

Saturday & Sunday  
Closed

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*Come let us*



*adore Him*

**DECEMBER 23, 2018 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## ON THE WAY.....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

The first weeks of Advent focused on the Prophet Isaiah and Saint John the Baptist. At the end of the season the Church turns to the third great Advent figure, the Blessed Mother. The story of the coming of Jesus into the world is incomplete, of course, unless we include the role that Mary played. It was her openness to the divine plan that made it possible for the "word to become flesh." Because of this, devotion to Mary has always played a significant part in Catholic piety. In certain eras Mary was the object of great veneration – think of all the medieval Cathedrals dedicated to "Notre Dame." Many religious communities are dedicated to Mary. The Marist Brothers, for example, have as their motto: 'All to Jesus through Mary, all to Mary for Jesus.' Marian devotion continues to be important in the prayer of many Catholics.

In the post-Vatican II Church a new appreciation of Mary has developed as a model for women in the Church. Her centrality in the history of salvation serves as a vivid illustration of the central role that women play in the life of faith. A recent book entitled, *Truly Our Sister: A Theology of Mary in the Communion of Saints* by Sister Elizabeth A. Johnson, CSJ, brings attention to the strength and courage that Mary demonstrated according to the plan of God. Mary was not a passive object in the flow of salvation history but a major player in bringing about salvation. Our personal devotion to Mary challenges us to a renewed look of the role of women in the Church.

Of particular interest this year is the announcement of Pope Francis' decision that the Church celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as "Mother of the Church" every year on the Monday after Pentecost (next year on June 10) as a way to foster Marian piety and the maternal sense of the Church. Cardinal Robert Sarah, head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments explained that Pope Francis added the memorial to the Roman Calendar after carefully considering how the promotion of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under this particular title might encourage growth in "the maternal sense of the Church" and in "genuine Marian piety." "This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed," Sarah wrote. The cardinal noted that the "joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman, the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church."

The Marian title of "Mother of the Church," was given to the Blessed Mother by Bl. Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council. It will now be celebrated by the whole Roman Catholic Church.



In the Most Holy Trinity,  
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

## AT ST. JAMES....



The Giving Tree is at the back of the church. Please take a name off the tree, write your name on the list next to your recipient's name. **Gifts must be returned by Dec 23rd!**



We always need volunteers and drivers for the delivery of the presents. If you can please drive contact Erin Makowski 312-842-1919 x206



A number of parishioners from St. James will be celebrating the New Year's Eve at the Polo's Inn, 3322 Morgan Street. If you would like to join the group, please call Dave Samber at 773-927-1122. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m., \$60.00/Person/Meat; \$50.00/Person/Fish; \$40.00/Person/Vegetarian. For more information contact [thepoloinn.com](http://thepoloinn.com) All are welcome!

## Schedule of upcoming Masses

Christmas Eve December 24 6:30 pm  
Christmas Day December 25 10:00am  
New Years Eve December 31 7:30am  
(Mass in Tolten chapel)  
New Years Day January 1 10:00am

There will not be daily mass on December 26, 27 and 28. Daily mass will resume at 7:30 am on January 2.

The Parish offices are closed  
December 24 to January 7.

## TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

Thank you for all that volunteered for the Senior Thanksgiving. It was a wonderful day and everyone left happy and full. Thank you so much for all that you did for the seniors in our neighborhood.



### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1 — DECEMBER 9

SUNDAY	2018	2017	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$75,526.00	\$77,755.41	(\$2,229.41)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$22,654.25	\$25,304.00	(\$2,649.75)
LOOSE CASH	\$12,209.33	\$13,038.56	(\$829.23)
ON-LINE	\$59,475.00	\$54,036.00	\$5,439.00
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY</b>	<b>\$169,864.58</b>	<b>\$170,133.97</b>	<b>(\$269.39)</b>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$3,352.21	\$2,870.00	\$482.21
SHARING DONATIONS	\$6,664.65	\$5,168.56	\$1,496.09
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$1,596.34	\$1,304.69	\$291.65
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$11,613.20</b>	<b>\$9,343.25</b>	<b>\$2,269.95</b>
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$181,477.78</b>	<b>\$179,477.22</b>	<b>\$2,000.56</b>



#### Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer  
Margie Bass  
Barbara Bassett  
Altee Clark  
Edwina Cook  
Paul & Jane Freeman

#### Juanita James

James Kennard  
Sr. Barbara Rastatter  
Norman Rouse  
Geraldine Scudder  
Barbara Southhall  
Dina Williams

#### Our Sick

Aayliah Cooper  
Patsy Cunningham  
Marvelean Doss  
Nancy McCarthy  
Barbara Radizwon  
Sandra Reynolds  
Donald Rogers  
Kimberly Starr

#### Mass Attendance

December 2, 2018: 110(9:30 a.m.)/62(11:30 a.m.)

December 9, 2018: 127(9:30 a.m.)/53(11:30 a.m.)

## NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 12/23	4th Sunday of Advent	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	†	<i>John Kennelly requested by Leah Laurie</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
Mon 12/24	5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass
Tue 12/25	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	The Nativity of the Lord Mass
Sun 12/30	Holy Family Of Jesus Mary and Joseph	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	11:30 a.m.	Mass



### Feast of Mary, Mother of God

**New Year's Day Brunch, 2019** After 10am Mass

**St. James Lower Level** The St. James New Year's

Day Brunch is sponsored by Deacon Terry Collins who served in the parish from 2006 to 2014. His mother, Emma Collins, visited St. James several times before her death in 2010. She always enjoyed her visits and commented on the lively spirit of the parishioners -- both at Mass and in the social gatherings. To honor her memory, Deacon Terry has set aside funds bequeathed to him by Emma's brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Ginny Parker, to underwrite the annual St. James New Year's Day Brunch.

The brunch is free, but an **RSVP is required**.

Brunch will be catered.



**Now** is the time to start thinking of our annual fund raiser, Jazzin To Feed. Jazzin' to Feed will be on Saturday May 4, 2019 at De La Salle high school. If people ask you what you would like for Christmas and you can't think of anything you want or need, think of the silent auction. Popular items for the silent auction are gift cards – restaurant gift cards, grocery store gift cards, department store gift cards, and gas station gift cards. Theater tickets – live and movie are also popular. Also art work, gift baskets, new small household appliances, sports items and tickets, especially White Sox are very popular. Last year we had over 100 items

and made over \$11,500 on the silent auction alone. We would like to match this or even top it. If you have items at home you wish to donate you could bring the to Mass or drop them off at the parish office.