

# 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.  
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

### LOCATION

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Chicago, IL 60616

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## *The Holy Family*

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47



DECEMBER 30, 2018 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

## ON THE WAY.....



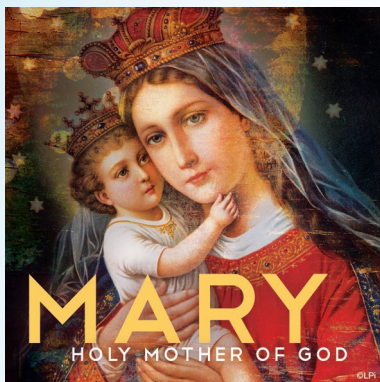
May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

“O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity.” The Feast of the Holy Family is usually observed on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year’s Day. It is a relatively new feast (well, for Catholics anyway) only added to the calendar in 1893. Pope Leo XIII wanted to highlight the importance of the Christian family and who to better serve as a model but Joseph, Mary and Jesus. The Opening Prayer of the day quoted above prays that we “imitate them.” It is somewhat a relief that politicians lately have lessened the rhetoric about being for “family values.” (Maybe the hypocrisy of their lives NOT being examples of family values finally shamed them into silence.) The example of the Holy Family shows us true family values. For example, did you notice the gentle and respectful way that Mary treated her (as she saw it) lost son. “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” Mary didn’t rip into him out of her own fear. Instead she gave him the opportunity to enter into a conversation about what was happening. The family that extends love, tenderness and care has the real family value not matter what shape it happens to take. Pope Francis in his encyclical *Amoris Laetitia* (available on the Vatican website) reminds us that that even in the trying situations families find themselves in nowadays there still can be joy.

On Tuesday of this week, New Year’s Day, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Since this is the eighth day since the birth of Jesus this day has had several celebrations associated with it over the years. It was the Feast of the Circumcision for a while. (Circumcision is the rite the every Jewish male undergoes on the eighth day after his birth.) Sometimes it has been called the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, since it was at the Circumcision that the boy would be given his name. (Saint Pope John Paul II added an optional memorial for the Most Holy Name of Jesus on January 3.) When the calendar was reformed after Vatican Council II New Year’s day provided the opportunity to celebrate one of the most ancient of the titles of Mary, “Mother of God.” At the Council of Ephesus in 431 there was a great theological debate about the person of Jesus. How could divinity and humanity dwell in one person, the theologians argued? What decided the issue was the realization that Mary was not just the mother of Jesus as a human being but the Mother God because Jesus is both God and man, human and divine. The ancient title of Mary helped preserve the authentic understanding of Jesus.

New Year’s Day also provides the occasion to pray for peace. During this week let us pray for peace in our families, our homes, our neighborhoods, our country and our world. Every blessing in 2019.

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



## AT ST. JAMES....



A number of parishioners from St. James will be celebrating the New Year’s Eve at the Polo 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!

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
1st Fridays of Each Month  
Next Adoration is on  
**January 4, 2019 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.**  
Confession from 7:30-8:30 p.m.



### 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.

## TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

### Schedule of upcoming Masses

New Years Eve December 31 7:30am

(Mass in Tolton chapel)

New Years Day January 1 10:00am

Daily mass will resume at 7:30 am on

January 2.

The Parish offices are closed

December 24 to January 7.

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

December 16, 2018: 111(9:30 a.m.)/51(11:30 a.m.)

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

Sun 12/30	Holy Family Of Jesus Mary and Joseph	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	†	<b>Marge Will requested by Josie Bertucci</b>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
Mon 12/31	7:30 p.m.	New Years Eve Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Tue 01/01	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Mass
	11:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Brunch (Hall Basement)
Wed 01/02	7:30 p.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Thur 01/03	7:30 p.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Fri 01/04	7:30 p.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Sun 01/06	Holy Family Of Jesus Mary and Joseph	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	†	<b>John Kennelly requested by Leah Laurie</b>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	11:30 a.m.	Mass

Thank you to all who helped make the holidays extra special for families in Bronzeville, Bridgeport, Chinatown, Douglas and The South Loop. Through your love, kindness and generous support St. James food Pantry was able to distribute turkeys, hams, food baskets, toys and gifts, toiletries, coats, hoodies, hats, scarves, gloves, socks and/or gift cards. We are proud to announce that over 1700 families were helped in various ways this holiday season.

Special thanks to:

Sharing Parish, St. Edna in Arlington Heights, Sharing Parish, Our lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview, Sharing Parish Faith Hope and Charity in Winnetka Il, Old St. Mary Parish in the South Loop, St. Jerome Parish in Bridgeport, Easter Seals, and parishioners of St. James. Each adopted families for the holidays giving food, toys, gifts, hygiene items, socks, hats & gloves, coats and gift cards from each.

Faculty and students from De La Salle High School in Bronzeville supplied toys and Holiday Pasta dinner for pantry clients. Students collected and donated over 1000lbs of food and gift cards for the food pantry.

Polo Café, who catered a full spread Christmas Dinner for over 200 guests on Christmas Day!

Because of all of the generous partnerships with St. James over 3000 individuals were impacted and felt love this holiday season.

**Thank you and God Bless!!!**



**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.