

**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*



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths."  
- Lk 3:4*

### 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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**DECEMBER 9, 2018 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



## ON THE WAY.....



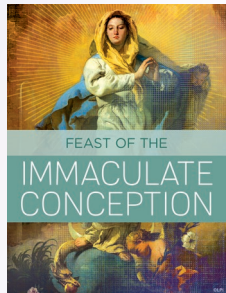
May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

Advent is a special time in the Church's year. The tug of Christmas is so strong that we can tend to skip right over Advent and start celebrating Christmas early. But Advent should have a special place in our prayer. According to the Universal Norms: "Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight." Notice how the prayers during the Mass reflect both aspects of the Advent season. The Scripture readings of the season also reflect this twofold character – readings at the beginning of the season accenting the Second Coming and as we move closer to Christmas the "expectant delight" of Christmas becomes highlighted.

During the times we are living through we must confront the human condition which always includes suffering. A romantic look back at the Christmas story can mask the suffering that was woven into the experience of Jesus and Mary. They faced scandal and misunderstanding from family members and friends. They were displaced from the homes by arbitrary government policies. They had to endure homelessness and inadequate shelter just when they needed security the most. They had the experience of exile, living as strangers in a strange land. They were immigrants, no doubt part of a "caravan" seeking a place where they would not be in danger. All the troubles in our society were reflected in theirs. The season invites us to trust as they did in the providential care of God toward us no matter what we are going through.

We mark the Advent season with a four candle wreath – one for each week. The color of the season is purple – but on the blue-violet end of the spectrum. Advent is one season where the sense of smell can be an important part of our environment. Using real evergreens and flowers can help us get into the spirit of the season by grounding us in the sensual experience of God's presence in creation.

Just a quick word about the Feast of the Immaculate Conception that we celebrated yesterday. This is the patronal feast day of the United States of America. In May 17, 1846, the bishops of the United States proclaimed Mary, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, the principal patroness of the whole country. This is interesting because the solemn declaration of the doctrine of Mary's Immaculate Conception was not pronounced by Pope Pius IX until 1854! The Holy Father declared: "That the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin." The US Bishops anticipated this Pontifical declaration, and this was among the reasons that Pope Pius acted when he did. "Oh Mary, conceived without sin. Pray for us who have recourse to thee."



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

## AT ST. JAMES....



**Today, Sunday December 9, there will be a gathering of all of the committees and councils in the parish from 1pm to 3pm. This meeting will be an initial step to help us understand how the various ministries in the parish work together to help us reach our goals.**



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 16!**



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

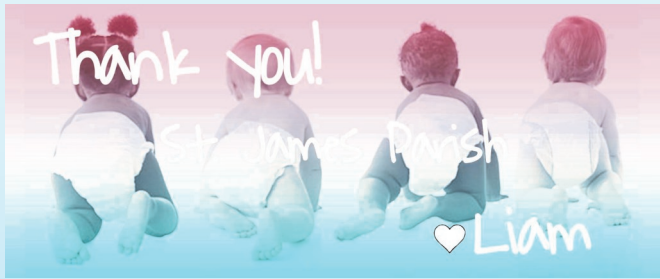


A number of parishioners from St. James will be celebrating the New Year's Eve at The Polo Inn, 3322 S. Morgan Street. If you would like to join the group, please call Dave Samber at (773) 927-1122. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!



Long time parishioner, Better Strickland has passed. Her funeral will be held at St. James on December 15th, at 10:00 a.m.

## TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



Thank you to the community of St. James which contributed over 1,000 diapers to the Gifts from Liam's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diaper Drive! Overall, Gifts from Liam received about 8,000 diapers and 10,000 wipes, some of which has already been donated to the St. James Food Pantry.

### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1 — OCTOBER 21

SUNDAY	2018	2017	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$69,442.00	\$70,798.41	(\$1,356.41)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$19,287.25	\$24,010.00	(\$4,722.75)
LOOSE CASH	\$11,240.44	\$12,066.84	(\$826.40)
ON-LINE	\$53,790.00	\$49,106.00	\$4,684.00
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY</b>	<b>\$153,759.69</b>	<b>\$155,981.25</b>	<b>(\$2,221.56)</b>
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$3,045.21	\$2,493.00	\$552.21
SHARING DONATIONS	\$6,091.02	\$4,477.51	\$1,613.51
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$1,596.34	\$1,284.69	\$311.54
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$10,732.57</b>	<b>\$8,255.20</b>	<b>\$2,477.37</b>
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$164,492.26</b>	<b>\$164,236.45</b>	<b>\$255.81</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

November 25, 2018: 118(9:30 a.m.)/47(11:30 a.m.)

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

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

Sun 12/09	2nd Sunday of Advent Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry & Retirement Fund for Retired Religious	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Hall Basement)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
Mon 12/10	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Rectory)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Rectory)
Tue 12/11	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9:00 a.m.	SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)
Wed 12/12	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	†	<i>Emily &amp; Isaac Petty requested by Phyllis</i>
Thur 12/13	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	†	<i>Peter &amp; Anna Marano requested by Mena Marano</i>
Fri 12/14	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	†	<i>Louis Marano requested by Mena Marano</i>
Sun 12/16	3rd Sunday of Advent	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	11:00 a.m.	Sharing Parish Delivery (Food Pantry)
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Hall Basement)
	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 time to start thinking of our annual fund raiser, Jazzin To Feed. Jazzin' to Feed will be May 5, 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.