



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.*

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

SUNDAY MASS

9:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
4 p.m. in Carr Chapel at I.I.T.

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
Tolton Chapel - Parish Rectory

RECONCILIATION

Confessions 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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Scan this QR code with your smart
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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
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NOVEMBER 22, 2015 · OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ADVENT COMING ON

If Advent is the season of the preparation for Christmas, then for shoppers it began around Halloween, when the tinsel and trees and gift wrap began to appear in most of the stores. In that world of commerce, Christmas preparation pretty much comes down to buying presents, and really doesn't involve anything more challenging than trying to find an appropriate gift for each person on the list. This may keep us busy for a month or two, but it doesn't seem to take us very deep. There is not much mystery to the department store holiday.

We would like to think that we're about more serious business than that, even if we can't keep clear of the shopping fever all together. Our Advent season begins much later, less than a month before Christmas, and it blows by us so fast that we have to run just to keep up with it. We hear the voice of the prophets, we see John the Baptist cry out his message Prepare the way of the Lord, and we hurry with Mary to the hill country of Judea to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth. Things move so quickly it is all a blur, and before we know it we are standing near the crib, gazing at the newborn Savior of the world. And it is only then, if then, that we can pause to catch our breath and ask ourselves if this is all there is, if all this effort has gone into a kind of mental "what if" exercise in which we try imagine what it might have been like to have been in Bethlehem to greet Christ's birth as it was happening.

To read the Fathers of the Church on all this is to enter a very different world. Without having us ignore the birth in Bethlehem, St. Leo and St. Augustine would quietly and relentlessly insist that the coming of the Lord we are preparing for is not his birth in the flesh, which for them was already long ago and for us is even longer ago. They would have us keep one eye on the babe, while with the other eye we scan the horizon for signs of another coming of Christ, his second coming, the Advent of Christ when he comes in all his glory. This year's gospel reading for the first Sunday of Advent also directs our attention to the future, to what we have not yet received rather than to that which is already a part of our history and our memory.

Memory is important, and it is always good for us to remember and give thanks for what we have already received, including and above all the appearance of the Lord in our human nature. But anticipation and hope are also important and not to be forgotten in this holy season, when we remind ourselves that we have been promised even greater blessings than those we have already received. As the Church Fathers pointed out again and again, Christ became what we are so that we might become what he is; the Son of God became Son of Man so that the sons and daughters of men might become the very sons and daughters of the living God; the eternal Word became flesh so that we who are flesh and blood might become divine. The glory of the fulfillment of that promise of union is what we await, and it is really what we are preparing for, not just in these few weeks of a very short Advent season but throughout our lives, as we grow in the grace of hope, the grace of longing for that which has not yet come upon us, but which we know is on the way.

Peace,

Fr. Bob Sprott, O.F.M.



AT ST. JAMES

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2015

Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Pastoral Care for the Homebound



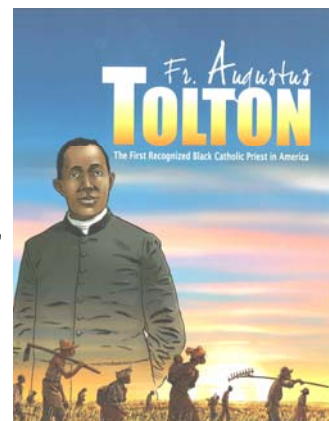
Please call 312-842-1919 ext. 201 and ask to speak to Fr. Robert Sprott, O.F.M., if any parishioners are hospitalized or homebound, so we can visit and pray for them. Hospitals do not notify us of a parishioner's admittance. Even if you do

mention this at Sunday Mass, please make allowance for poor memory and call the parish offices.

FR. TOLTON BOOK ON SALE

The cause for the canonization of Rev. Augustus Tolton, the first African-American Catholic priest, is now pending in Rome. As part of the effort to educate American Catholics about this extraordinary man, a "graphic novel" on his life has just been published. A sample copy is on display in the back of the Hall.

If you wish to have a copy, the price is \$10, payable at the St. James parish office. The order for the books will be placed at the end of this month, and the books should arrive in December.



WHO WILL
FILL THESE
SHOES?



On Friday, November 27, the Archdiocese of Chicago will host its annual

event at Mundelein Seminary for young men, ages sixteen to thirty-five, who are considering a vocation to the Catholic priesthood. The day begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. and will include presentations on the priesthood and priestly formation. There is no fee, but those attending must register on line at www.chicagopriest.com.

TREASURE

Sunday Collection Report

November 8, 2015 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Envelopes	\$2,216.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$1,432.82
Electronic Giving	\$1,325.00
Collection Total	\$ 4,973.82

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
	\$65,280.50	53%	\$29,591.16	24%	\$28,319.00	23%	\$123,190.66

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Finis Abernathy
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
Latona Merchant
Paul Mesirow
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
Bette Strickland
Bob Swiderski
Esther Toliver
Clayton & Sarah
Whitlow
Jennifer Warnick
Dina Williams
Audrey Winfrey

Mass Attendance

November 8, 2015: 110(9:30 a.m.)/ 54(11:30 a.m.)
November 15, 2015: 114(9:30 a.m.)/ 40(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

November 29, 2015

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Br. Chris Buck & Phillip Sutton

11:30 a.m. Clarissa Aljentera & Thomas Raclaw

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Bob Gaggiano (Bread),
Deborah Cooper, Julia Hodges,
Leona Martin and Barbara Sutton

11:30 a.m. Eva J. Leonard & Mary Ellen Levine

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Nancy McCarthy

11:30 a.m. Fran Williams

You are Invited

to

Zacchaeus House

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Come join us for our Annual Luncheon Fundraiser
To benefit Zacchaeus House
A place of mercy and grace for men in need.

Saturday, December 5, 2015
12:00 p.m.

Holy Family Villa
12220 South Will-Cook Road
Palos Park, Illinois
\$55.00 Luncheon
708-339-2474



On Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. the IIT men's basketball team will be having a deodorant drive at their game. Please support the athletes by coming to the game and support our pantry by bringing some items to donate.

**Reminder: There will be no
November 29 4:00 p.m. Mass.
The final 4 :00 p.m. Mass of the
semester will be December 6, 2015**

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: www.stjameswabash.org

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 11/22	Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Second Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Hall) † Kevin Lynch - request by Marveleen Doss
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall) † Deceased members of St. James Court 129 - request by Ladies of Peter Claver
	12p.m- 2p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors (IIT Campus at the McCormick Student Center)
	4:00 p.m.	Mass (Carr Chapel on IIT Campus)
Mon 11/23	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Kenneth Maier - request by Herb Hrebic
Tue 11/24	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Wed 11/25	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † Br. James McDonald - request by Eileen Coffey
Thur 11/26	9:30 a.m.	<i>Office & Food Pantry Closed —Thanksgiving</i> Mass (Parish Hall) † Kay Nachel - request by Dave Samber
Fri 11/27	7:30 a.m. 9a.m. - 12p.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel – Rectory) Office open by appointment only
Sun 11/29	First Sunday of Advent Second Collection - Tolton Canonization Fund	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall) † William Sutton
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall) † Deceased members of St. James Court 129 - request by Ladies of Peter Claver

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 26 - 9:30 a.m.

(Parish Hall)

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 4 - 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

(Parish Hall)

St. Edna Christmas Gift Distribution

Sunday, December 6 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Food Pantry)

Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 24 - 6:30 p.m.

(Parish Hall)

Christmas Day Mass

Friday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.

(Parish Hall)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Campus Ministry Highlights for Fall 2015

Michael Maher

Campus ministry is a huge commitment on the part of this parish. But it should not be a surprise that St. James would take on such a commitment; this is a parish that always looks beyond her own members to realize her mission. Saint James Church is always here to serve!

Like the parish, campus ministry has an apostolic spirit, reaching beyond the registered members. Yes, there are retreats, meetings, Masses, and prayer services designed to meet the needs of our CCM student organization members. Just as importantly, campus ministry partners with other organizations and casual groups of students to remind them that the Church is here and the Church loves and cares for them. Several of our tutors at De LaSalle Institute and our student volunteers for the food pantry are not Catholic. We partner with ROTC and the Athletic Teams to collect items for the food pantry. Our Brazilian and Indian parties attract in more than "the usual suspects." Here are some highlights of events so far this semester:

Spirituality: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass on campus; Wednesday evening prayer on campus; Men's spirituality group meeting twice a month; Hosting of our parish and student fall day of reflection; Fall Camping Retreat Helping with our children's Sunday School.

Education: Tutors at De LaSalle Institute (including one parishioner!); Class on Pope Francis' letter on the environment; Information tables on campus during move-in and orientation; Alumni-sponsored vocation talk at homecoming dinner.

Campus Life: Brazilian procession and party for the Patroness of Brazil, Pantry Drives by women's volleyball, women's soccer, swim & diving, and men's soccer.



Yet to come:

- Dec. 1 - Men's basketball deodorant drive
- Dec. 6 - ROTC drive and volunteering at the pantry & Indian student party for St. Francis Xavier feast day.
- Dec. 13 - ICO St. Lucy Day prayer service
- Jan. 15-18 - Justice Journey, Fr. Tolton theme,
- Jan 24 - St. Sebastian blessing of athletes
- Feb. 10 - Ash Wednesday Mass and prayer services on campus
- Feb. 13 - Spring parish and student Lenten day of reflection
- Mar 24 - Holy Thursday Bike Pilgrimage
- Date to be announced: Spring break trip to Washington and summer international trips; Drives by women's basketball, women's lacrosse, and men's volleyball.