



# 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

## DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m.

Tolton Chapel - Parish Rectory

## RECONCILIATION

Confessions Saturday in the Parish Hall  
4:00 to 5:00 p.m. & 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



## ST. JAMES PARISH

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phone's barcode scanner app and it will  
direct you to the parish webpage.



### 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 Michael Maher at 312-842-1919 ext. 212 or [maher@stjameswabash.org](mailto:maher@stjameswabash.org)



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### OF THIS AND THAT...

#### The gift of a new floor

A couple of weeks ago we received a single donation of \$5,000.00 from a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous. We will, of course, respect the donor's wishes here, and so there will be no note of thanks with the name mentioned. But there has to be a very strong note of thanks, and this is it. With this gift we will be able to put a good and needed finish on the floor of the worship space of our Hall. Months ago, when the vestibule was sanded and finished, many people loved the results and expressed their wish that the whole floor could receive such treatment. Now it will, thanks to one person's generosity.

The work will begin on Monday, December 14. As announced at mass, we will need lots of helpers to move everything out of the main worship space on Sunday afternoon, December 13, in preparation for the work's beginning. So please help out if you can.

#### Year of Mercy—Confessions at St. James

The Jubilee Year of Mercy began this past week with the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. This year will run all the way to November 20, 2016 and we can count on hearing a lot about special events, special prayers, and special celebrations. The goal of all this is to deepen our awareness of God's mercy and our own call to reflect that mercy to all, both inside and outside the Church.

With all these special ways of celebrating God's mercy, we should not neglect the ordinary ways, and among these the sacrament of Confession has pride of place. In nearly all Catholic parishes this sacrament is available on a regular, weekly basis. That has not been the case here at St. James, but with the completion of the Hall we will begin again to offer Confession. Confessions will be heard in the Hall every Saturday, beginning December 19, from 4 to 5 p.m. Our "confessional" will be the vestibule of the Hall, and people will have the option of using a kneeler and a screen, or the face-to-face confession. For this hour, the eastern door will be locked, and people will have to enter by the north door. To enhance privacy, the double doors between the main worship space and the vestibule will be closed, but these doors have glass panes and you will be able to see whether or not someone is in the vestibule having their confession heard.

#### A new evangelization board for a new challenge

As we will be discussing a lot more in the new year, St. James has got to grow. Both Archbishop Cupich and Bishop Perry have made it very clear over the past couple of weeks. Their message is that St. James is **not** facing any immediate threat of closing, but we must start growing if we want to keep it that way. The parish council and the evangelization board will be working on this. If you can help, consider joining the evangelization board, and talk it over with me. Thanks!

Peace,

Fr. Bob Sprott, O.F.M.

## AT ST. JAMES

### Readings



#### FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2015

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 21:23-27  
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23  
 Mt 21:28-32  
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 7:18b-23  
 Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17  
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25  
 Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-6, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

#### FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2015

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10  
 Lk 1:39-45  
 Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56  
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66  
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29  
 Lk 1:67-79  
 Thursday Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29, Mt 1:1-25  
 Friday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-5, 9-14  
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17/

#### Sun 12/13 **Third Sunday of Advent** **Second Collection - Retirement Fund for the Religious**

	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall)
	†	<b>The Intentions of Woods Family — request by Phyllis Woods</b>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall)
Mon 12/14	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Tue 12/15	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	6:30 p.m.	Mass—Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Hall)
Wed 12/16	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	†	<b>Br. James McDonald - request by Eileen Coffey</b>
Thur 12/17	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall)
	†	<b>Kay Nachel - request by Dave Samber</b>
		Social Care Board Meeting (Rectory)
Fri 12/18	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	<b>Office open by appointment only</b>

#### Sun 12/20 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** **Second Collection - Tolton Canonization Fund**

	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall)
	†	<b>Liz Graham — request by Dave Samber</b>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Sharing Parish Food Delivery (Pantry)
		Faith, Hope & Charity Gift Distribution
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Parish Hall)
	†	<b>Liz Graham — request by Claro L. Mamaril</b>

## TREASURE

### Sunday Collection Report

**November 29, 2015 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Envelopes	\$1,749.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$784.56
Electronic Giving	\$1,275.00
<b>Collection Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,808.56</b>

### 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
Oct	\$5,678.00	50%	\$2,051.15	18%	\$3,674.00	32%	\$11,403.15
	<b>\$70,958.50</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>\$31,642.31</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>\$31,993.00</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>\$134,593.61</b>

**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 29, 2015: 110(9:30 a.m.)/ 42(11:30 a.m.)  
December 6, 2015: 124(9:30 a.m.)/ 44(11:30 a.m.)

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**For Sunday**

**December 20, 2015**

### Lectors

**9:30 a.m.** Jim Sherman & Michael McLaughlin

**11:30 a.m.** Tom Raclaw & Clarissa Aljentera

### Communion Ministers

**9:30 a.m.** Orean Perry (Bread),  
Josie Bertucci, Br. Chris Buck,  
Deborah Cooper and Julia Hodges

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

### Greeters

**9:30 a.m.** Barbara Ricks

**11:30 a.m.** Irma Fonder

**For Sunday**

**December 27, 2015**

### Lectors

**9:30 a.m.** Sherri Seyfried & Virginia Picken

**11:30 a.m.** Mary Levine & Clarissa Aljentera

### Communion Ministers

**9:30 a.m.** Bob Gaggiano (Bread),  
Sherri Seyfried, Orean Perry,  
Deborah Cooper and Werner Seyfried

**11:30 a.m.** Deacon Alfred Coleman & Verda Abernathy

### Greeters

**9:30 a.m.** Ruth Turnbull

**11:30 a.m.** James Fonder

### GIVING TREE

The GIVING TREE has been put up at the back of the hall. The purpose of the GIVING TREE is to give St. James parishioners an opportunity to help make Christmas a BLESSED and HAPPY time for the Seniors in our Community. Each Senior who takes part in the program is a member of the St. James Ministry Program.

If you wish to participate in the program, please take an ornament from the tree and adopt the Senior whose name appears on the ornament. On the back of the ornament will be 2 or 3 gift suggestions you can use to guide your shopping. Remember that these are just suggestions and you need to purchase only what you can afford!

PLEASE BRING YOUR WRAPPED AND LABELED GIFT to the Parish Offices before the last Sunday of Advent, December 20<sup>th</sup> 2015.  
**CALLING FOR SANTA'S HELPERS!**

We really need help delivering the Giving Tree Gifts! If you would like to be one of SANTA'S HELPERS, please contact Erin Makowski. We will deliver the gifts on Sunday, December 20. However, if you are not able to help on that day, but would like to do it at another time, that would be fine! Just let Erin Makowski know. 312-842-1919 Ex. 206. THANK YOU!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: [www.stjameswabash.org](http://www.stjameswabash.org)

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## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 12/20	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Second Collection - Tolton Canonization Fund</b>
	8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m. Mass (Parish Hall) † <b>Liz Graham — request by Dave Samber</b>
	9:40 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. Sharing Parish Food Delivery (Pantry) Faith, Hope & Charity Gift Distribution
	11:30 a.m. Mass (Parish Hall) † <b>Liz Graham — Claro L. Mamaril</b>
Mon 12/21	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Tue 12/22	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) 6:30 p.m. Mass—Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Hall) † <b>Vera Wilkins - request by Shirley Barker</b>
Wed 12/23	7:30 a.m. Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <b>Br. James McDonald - request by Christian Brothers</b> <i>(Food Pantry Closed)</i>
Thur 12/24	6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (Parish Hall) † <b>Kay Nachel - request by Dave Samber</b>
Fri 12/25	10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (Hall) † <b>Vera Wilkins - request by Shirley Barker</b> 12:00 p.m. Christmas Reception for the Homeless (Hall Basement)
Sun 12/27	<b>Holy Family of Jesus &amp; Mary</b>
	8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m. Mass (Parish Hall) † <b>The Intentions of Woods Family — request by Phyllis Woods</b>
	9:40 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Mass (Parish Hall)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Christmas Eve Mass

*Thursday, December 24 - 6:30 p.m.*  
(Parish Hall)

### Christmas Day Mass

*Friday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.*  
(Parish Hall)

### Office & Food Pantry Closed

*Monday, December 28, 2015 - Sunday, January 3, 2016*  
(Parish Hall)

### New Year's Day Brunch

*Friday, January 1 - 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*  
(Rectory)

### Eucharistic Adoration

*Friday, January 1 - 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.*  
(Parish Hall)

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### *Remember your loved ones at Christmas!*

Help make Saint James look beautiful at Christmas!  
Please consider making a donation toward the purchase  
of Christmas trees and flowers.

A memorial prayer card will be placed in the bulletin  
with the names of those you would like to remember in  
prayer this New Year Season.



### **I love Saint James and want it to be lovely at Christmas!**

Accept my donation of **\$20** in memory of:

Accept my donation of **\$30** in memory of:

Accept my donation of **\$50** in memory of all in my family!

Please return this form with payment by  
**Thursday, December 17, 2013.**

St. James Catholic Church  
Attn: Christmas Flower Donation  
2907 South Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60616

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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