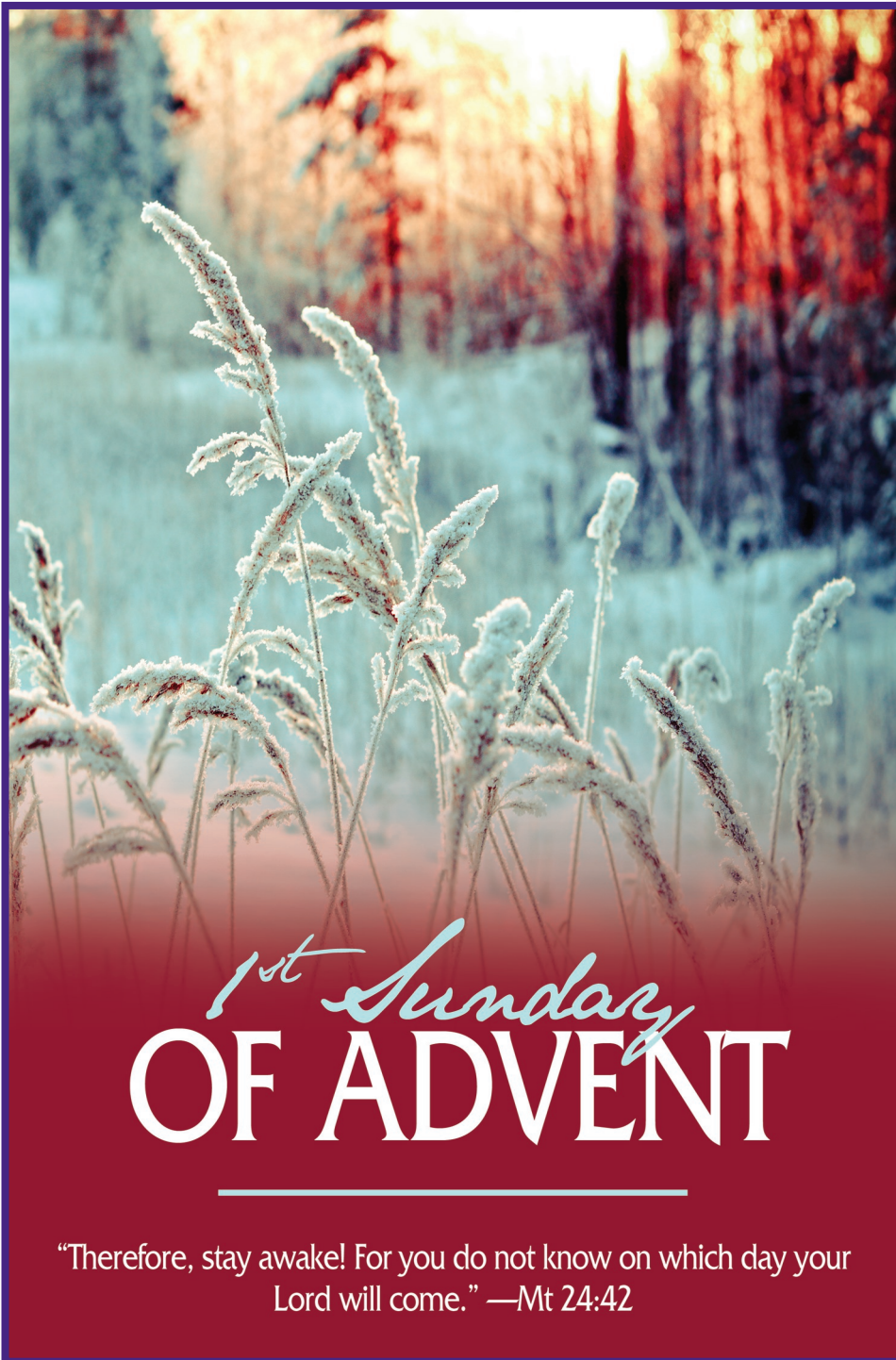


SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. James Roman Catholic Church,
a diverse community rooted in vibrant Eucharistic Liturgy,
serves those in need in partnership with others.*



1st Sunday OF ADVENT

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your
Lord will come.” —Mt 24:42



*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. in the Parish Hall

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.

Tolton Chapel - Parish Rectory

RECONCILIATION

Confessions at St. James
on the first Friday of the month,
7:30-8:30pm, or 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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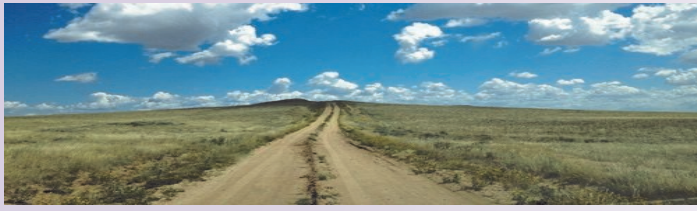
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NOVEMBER 27, 2016 • 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ON THE WAY....



The Season of Advent is the traditional beginning of the Church's year. We are invited to renew our life in Christ by praying through the mystery of God-with-us, Emmanuel, in Jesus. The word itself, Advent, refers to an arrival – not only the one at Bethlehem two thousand plus years ago but also the coming triumphant arrival of God in the future. In the liturgy of Advent the past, the present and the future of Christian salvation are woven together.

The problem we have in our culture is that Christmas looms so large that we can miss the faith in the future which lies at the heart of Advent. A genuine Christian loves the future more than the present since this life is only the preparation for our lasting home in glory. The present has meaning insofar as it contains creative possibilities for the future. For that reason, Advent is a particular time to address issues of social justice. Our prayer, "thy kingdom come" finds concrete expression in our efforts to make our lives and our world reflect more closely the kingdom of God.

We live in a time when the values of the kingdom – justice, peace, compassion, charity – do not have much cache. If the political campaign is any indication, intolerance and selfishness are the new normal. It is incumbent on Christians in such an atmosphere to redouble our efforts to build a more godly society. I recently read something which reminded me of how difficult that can be in the current atmosphere. In the tradition, ignorance, passion, force, and fear are called "impediments" or blockages to living a Christian life. Ignorance means the absence of information or the inability to appreciate and act on the significance of particular pieces of information or false opinions or prejudice, a sort of counterfeit knowledge, a misunderstanding that actively prevents the acquisition of accurate knowledge. Passion refers to the fact that out-of-control emotions can block good moral judgment. Force refers to actual compulsion from outside the person – not only having a gun to your head but economic pressures that limit choice. Fear produces an interior lack of freedom limiting one's ability to choose the right path. These impediments can only be overcome with deliberate effort.

We need not give in to these impediments. Instead we can act morally and justly, emboldened by Christ himself, who "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ... He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Col 1: 15). As Christians, we emulate Christ by taking all persons seriously -- ethnic minorities, migrants, children, women and other "marginalized" – as he did. Advent is the season to examine the quality of our Christian faith in action. Do we serve others or secure our own interests? Do we help to alleviate others' pain? This Advent, let us open ourselves to God's power of love, mercy, compassion, and sense of justice, and then reach out to empower others.

Peace,

Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

AT ST. JAMES

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Readings for the Week of November 27, 2016

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
 Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 72/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147
 Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Looking for volunteers for the month of December. We have many outreach programs and we need your help. Especially for the homeless Christmas dinner. If you are interested in volunteering this Christmas season please contact Clare. volunteer@stjameswabash.org



Mrs. Gladys Page will be celebrating her 85th birthday and would love to see some of her church family. Gladys has been a member for over 55 years.

When: Dec. 2nd

**Where: Hales Franciscan Hall
 4930 S. Cottage Grove
 Parking Lot (enter on 49th & Evans)
 Handicap Accessible**

Time: 6:30-10:30

TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 13

SUNDAY	2016	2015	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$81,043.06	\$75,423.50	\$5,619.56
LOOSE CHECKS	\$25,727.00	\$25,101.10	\$625.90
LOOSE CASH	\$9,534.47	\$8,271.38	\$1,263.09
ON-LINE	\$40,506.36	\$32,424.00	\$8,082.36
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$156,810.89	\$141,219.98	\$15,590.91
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$2,980.91	\$2,189.00	\$791.91
SAINT AGATHA	\$4,958.29	\$3,769.31	\$1,188.98
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$1,794.41	\$676.80	\$1,117.61
TOTAL OTHER	\$9,733.61	\$6,635.11	\$3,098.50
TOTAL GIVING	\$166,544.50	\$147,855.09	\$18,689.41

Mass Stipends

A way of helping St. James is to send offerings to celebrate Holy Mass. These offerings are called "Mass Stipends" and are offerings to the parish for the priest to celebrate Holy Mass for a particular intention. The normal offering in our Archdiocese is \$10. We never have enough stipends for each daily Mass, so we are always grateful for more.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Victoria Allen
Ashley Alvarez
Eric Alvarez
Louise Bacon
Dorothy Barnes
Margarie Bass
Barbara Bassett
James Bowman
Edwina Cook
Sandra Davis
Kathleen Foley
James Fonder
Paul & Jane
Freeman
Cathy Garcia
Mary Healy
Robert Helem
Elise James

Benjamin Jefferson
Mel Keys
Wayne Lambert
James & Linda
Kennard
Mary Madrigal
Nancy McCarthy
Latona Merchant
Joan Noble
Margaret Page
Cynthia Peacock
Francis Quigley
Darlene Racker
Daisy Keel
Barbara Radziwon
Sr. Barbara Rastatter
David Reynolds
James Reynolds

Sandra Reynolds
Philip Ricks
Norman Rouse
Mary Sanders
Christine Schatte
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southall
Catherine Spraggins
Bette Strickland
Bob Swiderski
Esther Toliver
Clayton & Sarah
Whitlow
Jennifer Warnick
Ayana Whitehead
Dina Williams
Audrey Winfrey
Ron Zivkovic

Mass Attendance

November 13th, 2016: 143 (9:30 a.m.)/47 (11:30 a.m.)
November 20th, 2016: 132 (9:30 a.m.)/51(11:30 a.m.)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

December 4, 2016

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Virginia Picken & Cynthia Cooper

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Levine & Augustine Atangana

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Sherri Seyfried, Josie Bertucci, Cynthia Cooper, Br. Chris Buck & Barbara Sutton

11:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman & Fran Williams

Greeters

9:30 a.m. TBA

11:30 a.m. TBA

Feast of Saint Francis Xavier, Missionary to Asia and the Pacific



Sun, Dec 4, 2016

Receptions after both 9:30 and 11:30 Masses
Enjoy food from India, the Philippines,
Vietnam, and China!



The Giving Tree will be put up today, the first Sunday of Advent, Nov 27. Take a name off the tree to share with those in our neighborhood. Gifts must be returned by Dec 18.

We always need volunteers for the delivery of the presents. If you can help please contact Erin Makowski
312-842-1919 x 206

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 11/27	1st Sunday of Advent	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	10:40 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
	12:30 p.m.	Ladies of Peter Claver
	1:30 p.m.	Chinese Bible Study
Mon 11/28	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Tue 11/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9am - 11:30am	SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry) † <i>William Sutton - requested by Phillip Sutton</i>
Wed 11/30	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Thur 12/1	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Fri 12/02	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
Sat 12/03	6:30 p.m.	Tree Trimming Party (Rectory)
Sun 12/04	2nd Sunday of Advent Second Collection Saint Agatha	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
		† <i>Josephine Judeeka - requested by Ron Ziokovic</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	10:40 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Sharing Parish Food Donation Deliveries
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
	12:30 p.m.	Chinese Bible Study

NEWS YOU CAN USE



Eucharistic Adoration
December 4, 2016
1st Fridays of Each Month
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Confession Available
7:30— 8:30 p.m.
Benediction at 10:00 p.m.
St. James Catholic Church
 2912 S. Wabash Avenue
 Presentation Hall
 (Behind School)



Tree Trimming Party
Dec 3rd 6:30 pm
(Parish Rectory)

Please come and enjoy food, fellowship and music. Also come for all the cookies and join in on our annual Christmas Cookie Contest.



Thank you for all that volunteered at the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner. It was a wonderful success. Everyone was happy and enjoyed themselves. We served one hundred people at IIT and delivered 60 dinners. Thank you all so much, it would not of happened without you.

