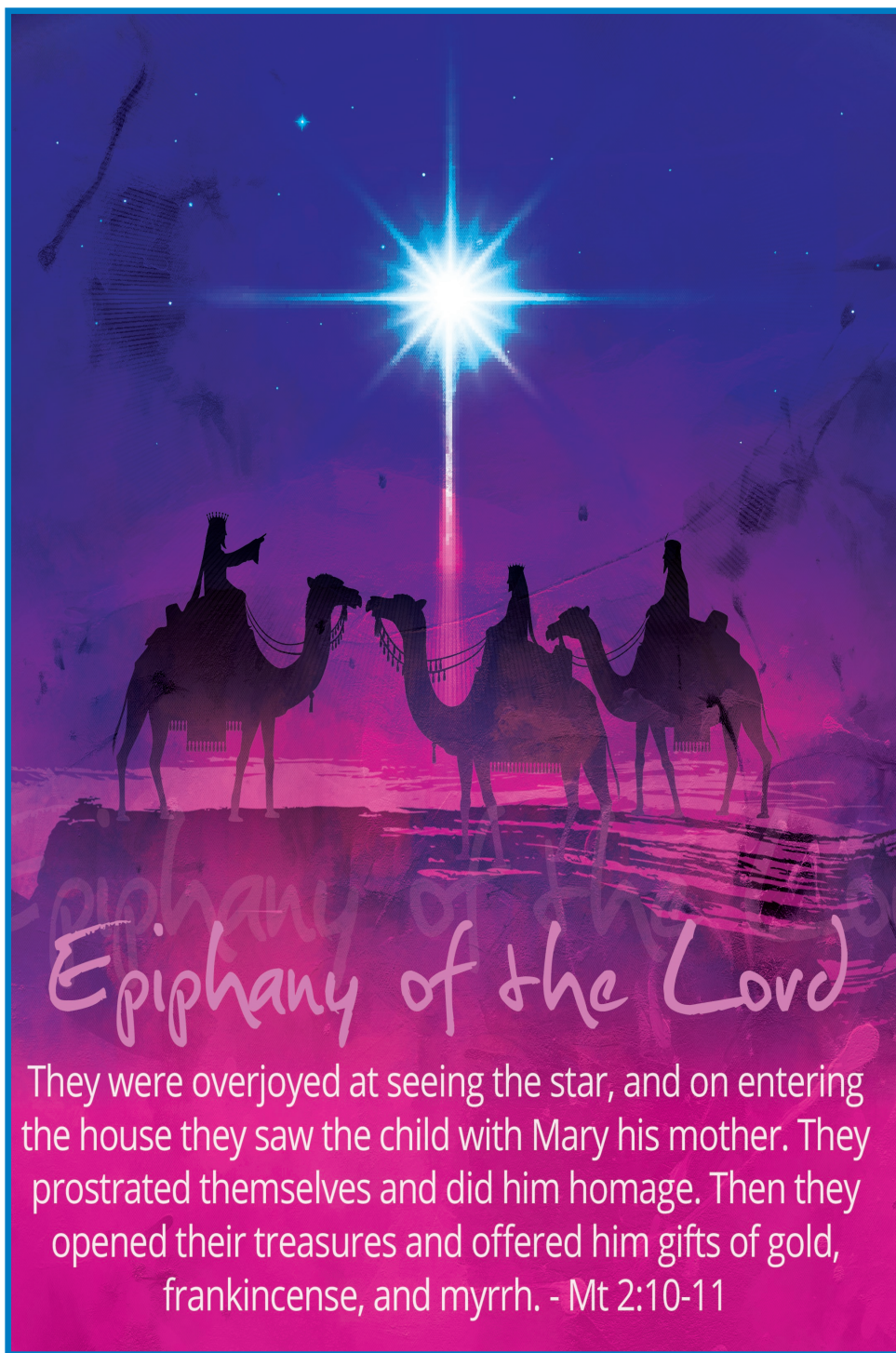


SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



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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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JANUARY 8, 2017 · THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ON THE WAY....

This Sunday begins National Migration Week. Today's feast of the Epiphany deepens our sense of the coming of the Lord. The word "epiphany" gives us a clue. It means a shining forth, a manifestation for all to see. In a word we cannot come to a full understanding of Jesus' birth unless we at the same time have a fresh appreciation of how all of us, all of humanity is connected. Without that appreciation it is meaningless to speak of Jesus as the light of the world, the light of all nations.

That message of our common unity is driven home all the more with the appearance on the scene of the magi. The seekers of truth follow the light of a star and come to offer homage and their gifts to the stable where Jesus, Mary and Joseph are gathered as a family. The wise men are depicted in popular art as Asian, and African, and Caucasian. Yes, they are strangers, foreign, and yet by coming on the scene they testify that Jesus is the light for them too and that his light shines more brightly because they have joined his family. Their lives, like the lives of all of humanity, are part of the unfolding mystery that the letter to the Ephesians speaks of—the saving power of the Gospel is destined for all people.

In faith, we are convinced of God's plan in Jesus Christ to bring all people together. In faith, we are also committed to foster God's plan in the world. In this current moment in humanity's history, perhaps the greatest challenge we face in fostering universality and unity stems from the movement of people across the world, the number of which at last estimate is 60 million. They leave their homes and move to new places for many reasons—as immigrants in search of a sustainable or better life for themselves and their children, as refugees fleeing the ravages of war and religious persecution, and as the victims of human trafficking exploited for the profit of others. These migrants and refugees are not all in far off places. Some of them are right here.

As different as these people and their circumstances may be from our own lives and situations, we are nonetheless linked to them in Jesus the light of the nations, the one we celebrate on this Epiphany. But we naturally ask ourselves, "What can I do?" There are, in fact, things that all of us can do.

We can learn about the plight of these people on the move.

We can pray for them.

We can support them with material resources.

We can take appropriate action as citizens to make government responsive to their needs.

We can challenge racist language and attitudes which demean the dignity of people who are different, and do so especially in our homes so that our children know how wrong this is.

We can help immigrants by working for policies that are fair and just and account for human dignity.

We can help refugees by welcoming them as a blessing and not turning them away as a burden.

We can help the victims of human trafficking by doing whatever is in our power to protect exploited women and children and workers laboring in slave-like conditions.

Peace,

Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

AT ST. JAMES

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2017

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2017

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29 Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity Immigration Ministry



National Migration Week will take place January 8–14, 2017 with the theme, "Creating a Culture of Encounter".

"I feel compelled to draw attention to the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone...I ask everyone to take care of the young... they have no means to protect themselves. I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families."

~Pope Francis, for the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees (10/08/2016)

ACTION: Join the U.S. Catholic bishops in support of protecting immigrants and refugees by sending an electronic postcard to Washington, DC asking that lawmakers ensure humane treatment towards migrants and refugees. The postcards may be sent from Justice for Immigrants' homepage at

www.justiceforimmigrants.org

For additional ways to get involved in National Migration Week 2017 visit:

www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org.

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TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31

SUNDAY	2016	2015	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$88,090.81	\$83,874.50	\$4,216.31
LOOSE CHECKS	\$27,632.00	\$29,492.26	(\$1,860.26)
LOOSE CASH	\$10,309.97	\$9,602.77	\$707.20
ON-LINE	\$46,949.54	\$38,724.00	\$8,225.54
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$172,982.32	\$161,693.53	\$11,288.79
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$3,319.91	\$7,538.00	(\$4,218.09)
SAINT AGATHA	\$5,397.23	\$4,164.31	\$1,232.92
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$1,794.41	\$934.67	\$859.74
CHRISTMAS			
OFFERING	\$4,054.40	\$2,877.91	\$1,176.49
TOTAL OTHER	\$14,264.55	\$12,044.98	(\$1,780.43)
TOTAL GIVING	\$176,704.99	\$162,846.86	\$13,858.13

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
Margie Bass
Barbara Bassett
James Bowman
Edwina Cook
Sandra Davis
Kathleen Foley
James Fonder
Paul & Jane
Freeman
Cathy Garcia
Mary Healy
Robert Helem

Elise James
Mel Keys
James & Linda
Kennard
Mary Madrigal
Nancy McCarthy
Latona Merchant
Joan Noble
Margaret Page
Cynthia Peacock
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

December 18th, 2016: 94 (9:30 a.m.)/36 (11:30 a.m.)
December 24th & 25th, 2016: 47(6:00 p.m.)/108(10:00 a.m.)
January 1st, 2017: 102 (9:30 a.m.)/41 (11:30 a.m.)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

January 15, 2016

Lectors

9:30 a.m. Darren Haley & Student

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Levin & Student

Communion Ministers

9:30 a.m. Deborah Cooper, Barbara Sutton, Student, Julia Hodges & Leona Martin

11:30 a.m. Verda Abernathy & Eva J. Leonard

Greeters

9:30 a.m. Barbara Ricks

11:30 a.m. James Fonder

A Catholic Perspective on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Contribution to Social Justice



Saturday, January 14, 2017, 12:30-1:30pm
We will celebrate MLK Day through service and reflection.

Bishop Joseph Perry will offer a luncheon reflection for those who volunteer at our food pantry on Saturday or Sunday. The luncheon will be held in the Rectory.

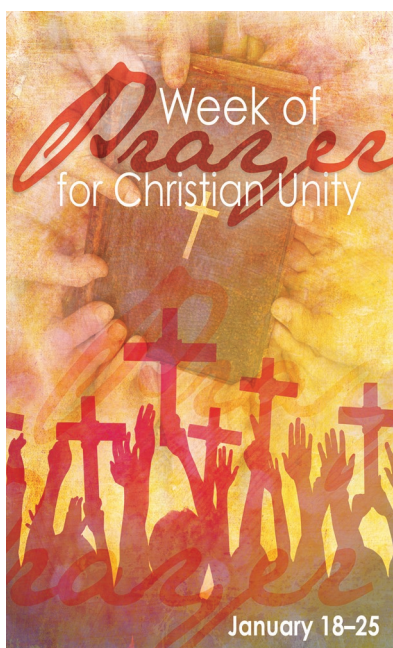
This event is free, but you must RSVP by
January 9 with Michael Maher at
MMaher@StJamesWabash.org.



According to the December report St. James has contributed \$100,839 toward our pledge in the To Teach Who Christ Is campaign. If you remember, until we reach our goal 60 % of the proceeds are available to the parish. That means that currently we have \$60,504 that we can apply toward our first project, the replacement of the windows. Thanks to all of those who are contributing so generously to the needed improvements.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun 1/08	The Epiphany Of the Lord Second Collection Toiletries & Food For Food Pantry & The Church in Latin America	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass † <i>Rose Mineo - requested by Anne-Marie Zmek</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	11:00 a.m.	Mass
	12:30 a.m.	Ladies of Peter Claver (Presentation Hall)
Mon 1/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Frank Yonker - requested by John & Christine Ragewiski's</i>
Tue 1/10	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9am - 11:30am	SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry) † <i>Doratheia Brinke - requested by Kim Stewart</i>
Wed 1/11	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Finis Abernathy - requested by Audrey Winfrey</i>
Thur 1/12	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Charles & Helen Corrado - requested by Dennis Kleehammer</i>
Fri 1/13	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Dorthy Kleehammer - requested by Dennis Kleehammer</i>
Sat 1/14	8:00 a.m.	Second Saturday Produce Pantry (Hall Parking Lot)
Sun 1/15	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Second Collection Toiletries & Food For Food Pantry	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass † <i>Rose Mineo - requested by Dybas Family</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	11:30 a.m.	Mass



In 2017, the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Cor 5:14-20). Although this theme recognizes the pain of divisions that afflict the Church, the Scripture text emphasizes that reconciliation is a gift from God and those who are reconciled in Christ are called to proclaim this reconciliation, because "the love of Christ compels us."

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

Events This December



Anna's First Time Altar Serving!



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