



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Saint James Church is staffed by the priests and brothers of the
Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity*



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



3rd Sunday OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to
testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not
the light, but came to testify to the light. - Jn 1:6-8

SUNDAY MASS

9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Presentation 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

LOCATION

2942 South Wabash
Chicago, IL 60616

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Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2017

- Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
- Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
- Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66



Please pick up a copy of 'The
Word Among Us' a prayer
and meditation for
Advent 2017

DECEMBER 17, 2017 • THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ON THE WAY....



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

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23 and they are used during the "alleluia" before the proclamation of the gospel for the day. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. The importance of the "O Antiphons" is twofold. First, each one is a title for the Messiah. Secondly, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. The verses of the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" are based on the "O Antiphons."

December 17 O *Wisdom (sapientia)* of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18 O *Leader (adonai)* of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19 O *Root (radix)* of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20 O *Key (clavis)* of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21 O *Radiant Dawn (oriens)*, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22 O *King (rex)* of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save humanity, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23 O *Emmanuel*, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

There is a somewhat controversial explanation of the arrangement of the "O Antiphons." The first letters of the titles taken backwards appear to form a Latin acrostic which translates to "Tomorrow, I will be [there]", mirroring the theme of the antiphons. According to Professor Robert Greenberg of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, the Benedictine monks arranged these antiphons with a definite purpose. If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one -

Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia - the Latin words "ero cras" are formed, meaning, Tomorrow, I will come. Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us, Tomorrow, I will come. So the O Antiphons not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion. Other scholars dispute this conclusion. But no matter the origin, these antiphons hold a special place in the liturgy of the Church and are useful in our own prayerful reflection on the meaning of Advent.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Volunteer Christmas Day!

Feed Those Who Are Homeless

Looking for 30 to 50 volunteers to feed Christmas dinner to people who are homeless.

If you are interested in volunteering this Christmas season please contact Megan.
volunteer@stjameswabash.org



Feast of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day Brunch, 2018



After 10am Mass in the
basement of the parish hall

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 catered by Dave Samber at The Polo Inn.
Please sign up in the east vestibule or on-line.

This year we will
not automatically
mail out tax giving
statements. If you
want a statement on
your giving for your
tax returns please



e-mail Cathy Moore between January 15th thru
April 15th 2018 at cmoore@stjameswabash.org.
Please call Cathy if you have any questions.
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TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

Thank you for all that volunteered for the Senior Thanksgiving. It was a wonderful day and everyone left happy and full. Thank you so much for all that you did for the seniors in our neighborhood.



SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— NOVEMBER 26

SUNDAY	2017	2016	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$77,755.41	\$82,452.81	(\$4,697.40)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$25,304.00	\$26,087.00	(\$783.00)
LOOSE CASH	\$13,038.56	\$9,892.27	\$3,146.29
ON-LINE	\$52,331.00	\$44,406.36	\$7,924.64
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$168,428.97	\$162,838.44	\$5,590.53
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$2,870.00	\$3,072.91	(\$202.91)
SHARING			
DONATIONS	\$5,168.56	\$5,003.29	\$165.27
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$1,304.69	\$1,794.41	(\$489.72)
TOTAL OTHER	\$9,343.25	\$9,870.61	(\$527.36)
TOTAL GIVING	\$177,772.22	\$172,709.05	\$5,063.17



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Barbara Bassett
Altee Clark
Edwina Cook
Margaret Frazier
Paul & Jane
Freeman
Juanita James

James Kennard

Sr. Barbara
Rastatter
Norman Rouse
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southhall
Bette Strickland
Dina Williams
Our Sick:
Sandra Davis

Margaret Deese

Joan Noble
Barbara Radizwon
Sandra Reynolds
Philip Ricks
Kimberly Starr
Sarah & Clanton
Whitlow

Mass Attendance

December 3, 2017: 128(9:30 a.m.)/59(11:30 a.m.)
December 10, 2017: 115(9:30 a.m.)/43(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 12/17	Third Sunday of Advent	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	†	<i>Robert Southard - requested by Virginia Picken</i>
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	10:30 a.m.	Sharing Parishes Food Delivery
	11:00 a.m.	Mass
Mon 12/18	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) <i>Marie Therese McDermott - requested by Virginia Picken</i>
Tue 12/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9 a.m.	SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)
Wed 12/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Thur 12/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Social Care Board (Rectory)
Fri 12/22	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Sun 12/24	Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	10:30 a.m.	Sharing Parishes Food Delivery
	11:00 a.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass
	†	<i>Agnes Mary Griffard - requested by Virginia Picken</i>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Christmas Day Mass is at 10:00 am!!



THINGS TO KNOW...

We need your help!!

**December 21st (Thursday): setting up
for Christmas Gift Distribution
12:00pm-3:30pm**

**December 22nd (Friday) Christmas
Gift and Distribution & Set up
9:00am-1:00pm**



**Sign up at back of the church! If you
have any questions call or email Megan
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