

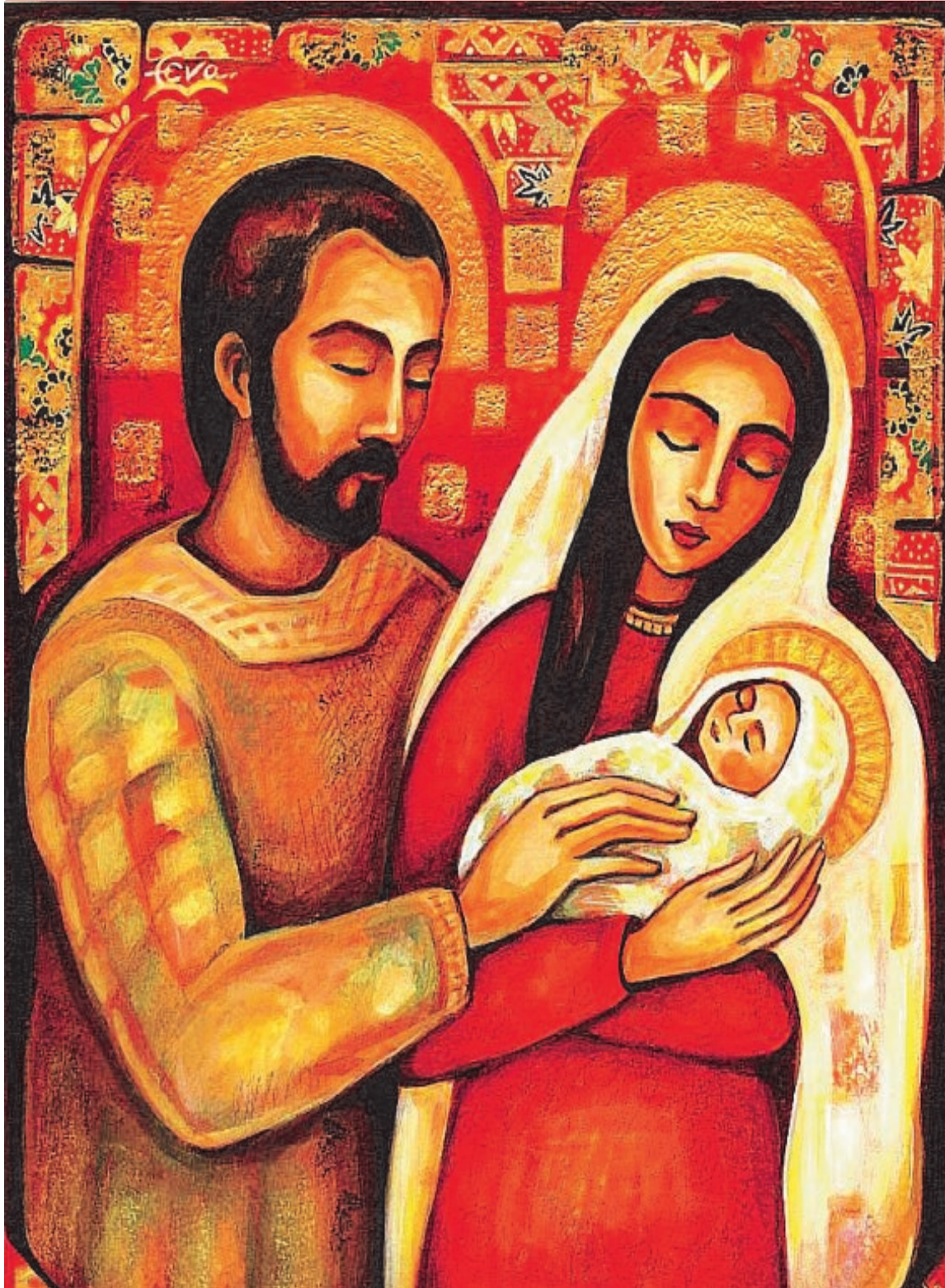


SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*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.



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

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DECEMBER 31, 2017 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH & NEW YEAR'S EVE



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

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a relatively new addition to the liturgical calendar. In the middle of the nineteenth century several associations of the faithful dedicated to the Holy Family arose in the Church. That time, like our own, looked to the Holy Family as model to strengthen family life against forces which tended to pull families apart. A liturgical celebration was added to promote devotion to the Holy Family and after the reforms of Vatican II it was placed on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year (if there is one.)

The Bible does not tell us much about the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. What we do know is that it was not an easy life. They were caught in political and social forces that threatened them and caused them to live as immigrants for several years. Joseph was a member of the working class and no doubt experienced good times and bad depending on economic forces beyond his control. The occupying Roman Army loomed over domestic life by exacting taxes that were burdensome. In other words, their family life faced some of the same pressures as contemporary families face.

What the Bible does tell us are the kinds of things that supported their life together. First of all, they knew their story as part of the unfolding plan of God. They could look all the way back to Abraham and Sarah up until their present day and see how their ancestors were able to thrive even in times of difficulty. No doubt those memories provided consolation when the going got tough. Second, from those stories they learned the importance of faith and trust in God. What got the ancestors through the rough spots was a total reliance on God's merciful love. They could live in peace no matter what the circumstance. Finally, they relied on the religious traditions they had inherited as the Chosen People to orient them in the world. The customs they practiced situated them in a context that showed God's fidelity in the past and promised God's fulfillment in the future. They could live in hope as a family.

Of course, families are mixed bags. Some are happy, some are not. Some families remain close, others drift apart. One thing that is clear is that the idealized families of Poppa Bear, Momma Bear, and Baby Bear have become much more complicated. As the TV show entitled Modern Family shows, nowadays families come in many shapes and sizes. Our mobile culture also means that frequently we do not live close to family members. But no matter the situation of our families the Holy Family provides as model that we can use: know the story of your family, rely on faith in God as the bed rock of your family and have the customs and rituals that pull the family together and remind them of who they are. Since this is the season of "resolutions" perhaps your family can make a common resolution on what you can do this year to celebrate the love that you have for one another.

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

Christmas Memorials 2017

**Tucked in amidst the trees and
flowers the manger and the straw,
lie our fondest memories
of Christmases past and those who
loved us. We hold them in our
hearts, enfold them in our dreams,
and remember the grace
they were and are in our lives.**

Finis Abernathy

Bertucci & Dongarre Family

Jean Ann Bruce

Coffey Family

Sadie Cathey

Marcella Crosse

Barbara DeChatelet

Andrea Ellis

Luis & Carmen Feliciano

Surless Ficklen

Beatrice Fojtl

Fonder Family

Tom Frayne

Elizabeth Graham

Iris Green

Daisy Keel

Judy King

Catherin Malloy

Br. James McDonald

Deceased Members of Nachel Family

Friends & Family of Orea Perry

Petty-Woods Family

Rouse Family

Ulden Revoal

Phil Ricks

Jim Sherman

Pattie Szczepanski

Tolmaire Family

Frank Vacco

John Wawire

Gladys Woods

Doris Worth

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

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.
312-842-1919
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SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— DECEMBER 10

SUNDAY	2017	2016	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$80,306.41	\$85,411.81	(\$5,105.40)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$25,679.00	\$26,332.00	(\$653.00)
LOOSE CASH	\$13,197.32	\$10,087.27	\$3,110.05
ON-LINE	\$54,036.00	\$44,961.36	\$9,074.64
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$173,218.73	\$166,792.44	\$6,426.29
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$2,870.00	\$3,202.91	(\$332.91)
SHARING			
DONATIONS	\$5,178.56	\$5,272.23	(\$93.67)
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$1,304.69	\$1,794.41	(\$489.72)
TOTAL OTHER	\$9,353.25	\$10,269.55	(\$916.30)
TOTAL GIVING	\$182,517.98	\$177,061.99	\$5,509.99



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 12/31	Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph & New Year's Eve	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	11:00 a.m.	Mass
Mon 01/01	10:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Mass (Presentation Hall)
	†	<i>Iris Green - requested by Mary Jane Vogt</i> New Year's Brunch (Hall Basement)
Tue 01/02	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Wed 01/03	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Rectory)
Thur 01/04	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Fri 01/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Presentation Hall)
Sun 01/07	Epiphany of the Lord Second Collection Zacchaeus House	
	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Mass
	12:30 p.m.	Ladies of Peter Claver (Hall Basement)



New Year's Day Mass is
at 10:00 am!



Eucharistic Adoration
1st Fridays of Each
Month Next
Adoration is on
January 5, 2017
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Confession From
7:30— 8:30 p.m.

*St. James Catholic Church,
2912 S. Wabash Avenue
Presentation Hall
(Behind the School)*



Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Sunday:	Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40	Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd] Jn 1:29-34
Monday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	Thursday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd] Jn 1:19-28	Friday:	1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51
		Saturday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a] Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
		Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12