

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.



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



1st Sunday OF ADVENT

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with
power and great glory.” - Lk 21:27

SUNDAY MASS

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

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
Tolton Chapel
(Rectory, 2942 S. Wabash)

RECONCILIATION

Confessions at
St. James on the first
Friday of the month,
7:30pm- 8:30pm,
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday -Thursday
8:00am-4:00pm

Friday

9:00am-12:00pm
By appointment only

Saturday & Sunday
Closed

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DECEMBER 2, 2018 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ON THE WAY.....



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

The beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year, the First Sunday of Advent, coincides with the parish celebration of St. Francis Xavier, co-patron (with St. Therese of Lisieux) of the missions. This provides a providential opportunity for us to reflect on the role that during this new year (and for every year hereafter!) each one of us is called to become missionaries in our everyday life.

Francis Xavier (born in 1506 as Francisco de Jasso y Azpilicueta – Xavier was his hometown) was part of the privileged nobility in the kingdom of Navarre in present day Spain. At age 19, Francis went to study at the University of Paris. In 1529, Francis shared lodgings with his friend Pierre Favre when a new student, Ignatius of Loyola, came to room with them. At 38, Ignatius was much older than Pierre and Francis, who were both 23 at the time. Ignatius convinced Pierre to become a priest, but was unable to convince Francis, who had aspirations of worldly advancement. At first Francis regarded the new lodger as a joke and was sarcastic about his efforts to convert students. When Pierre left their lodgings to visit his family and Ignatius was alone with Francis, he was able to slowly break down Francis's resistance. In 1530 Francis received his degree and began teaching philosophy. Ignatius gathered other companions around him, Francis Xavier and Peter Favre and in 1534 seven of them took private vows. This is the beginning of the Jesuits. Francis began his study of theology and was ordained a priest on 24 June 1537.

At a request from the king of Portugal Ignatius sent the first Jesuit missionaries to India – Xavier among them. Francis's primary mission, as ordered by King John III, was to restore Christianity among the Portuguese settlers in Goa. Xavier decided that he must begin by instructing the Portuguese and gave much of his time to the teaching of children. He devoted almost three years to the work of preaching to the people of southern India and Ceylon (Sri Lanka), converting many. He built nearly 40 churches along the coast.

Xavier then moved to other Portuguese colonies in southeast Asia for another three years. Upon meeting traders from other areas he desired to spread the faith into areas where the Church did not yet exist. He was the first Christian missionary to venture into Japan, Borneo, the Maluku Islands, and other areas. In those areas, struggling to learn the local languages and in the face of opposition, he had less success than he had enjoyed in India. Xavier was about to extend his missionary preaching to China when he died on Shangchuan Island never having seen Ignatius again. He is considered to be one of the greatest missionaries since Saint Paul.

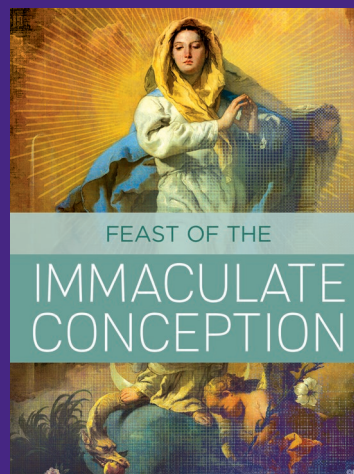
Saint Francis Xavier reminds us that the faith is not a rock to be clutched to one's bosom and kept safe. Rather, it is meant to be shared, to be spread. We are probably not called as Xavier was to go into exotic lands to preach. But among our family, friends and neighbors we must convey what a precious gift we have in having Jesus as part of our lives.

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

AT ST. JAMES....



Mark your calendars. On Sunday, December 9 there will be a gathering of all of the committees and councils in the parish from 1pm to 3pm. This meeting will be an initial step to help us understand how the various ministries in the parish work together to help us reach our goals.



We will be celebrating the official patroness of the United States, the Virgin Mary conceived without sin, this Saturday Dec. 8th. The mass will be held in the Tolton Chapel at 9:30 am.

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



Eucharistic Adoration
1st Fridays of Each Month
Next Adoration is on
December 7, 2018 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Confession from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— OCTOBER 21

SUNDAY	2018	2017	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$69,442.00	\$70,798.41	(\$1,356.41)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$19,287.25	\$24,010.00	(\$4,722.75)
LOOSE CASH	\$11,240.44	\$12,066.84	(\$826.40)
ON-LINE	\$53,790.00	\$49,106.00	\$4,684.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$153,759.69	\$155,981.25	(\$2,221.56)
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$3,045.21	\$2,493.00	\$552.21
SHARING			
DONATIONS	\$6,091.02	\$4,477.51	\$1,613.51
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$1,596.34	\$1,284.69	\$311.54
TOTAL OTHER	\$10,732.57	\$8,255.20	\$2,477.37
TOTAL GIVING	\$164,492.26	\$164,236.45	\$255.81

In Our
Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
 Margie Bass
 Barbara Bassett
 Altee Clark
 Edwina Cook
 Paul & Jane
 Freeman

Juanita James

James Kennard
 Sr. Barbara
 Rastatter
 Norman Rouse
 Geraldine Scudder
 Barbara Southhall
 Dina Williams

Our Sick

Aayliah Cooper
 Patsy Cunningham
 Marvelean Doss
 Nancy McCarthy
 Barbara Radizwon
 Sandra Reynolds
 Donald Rogers
 Kimberly Starr

Mass Attendance

November 18, 2018: 102(9:30 a.m.)/40(11:30 a.m.)

November 25, 2018: 118(9:30 a.m.)/47(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 12/02	1st Sunday of Advent Second Collection Zachaeus House Feast of St. Francis Xavier	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass Children's Liturgy of the World Sunday School (Hall Basement) Mass
Mon 12/03	7:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) Bible Study (Rectory) Bible Study (Rectory)
Tue 12/04	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)
Wed 12/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Thur 12/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Fri 12/07	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Sat 12/08	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mobile Produce Pantry (Hall Parking Lot) Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Tolton Chaple) Tree Trimming Party (Rectory)
Sun 12/09	2nd Sunday of Advent Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry & Retirement Fund for Retired Religious	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass Children's Liturgy of the World Sunday School (Hall Basement) Mass



Tree Trimming Party
Dec 8th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Parish Rectory)



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

ST. JAMES • CHICAGO

Bible Study *The Infancy Narratives*

Mondays, 1-2:30pm or 7-8:30pm, Nov. 19, Dec. 3 & 10, 2018

Join Fr. John Edmunds, S.T. for a FREE Bible Study course on the Infancy Narratives. St. Matthew and St. Luke begin the story of Jesus by telling of his birth. The other Gospels and St. Paul tell us little of Jesus' family origins. In this class we will examine why these evangelists told the story the way that they did and how that story impacts our faith. We will dig below the popular and into the spiritual meaning of the Christmas narratives. Choose the time that works best for you... and bring a snack! All are welcome!!

Next week is our monthly collection for the pantry. We are in desperate need of toiletries at the Food Pantry, especially water bottles, razors, deodorant, and soap.

