



# 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*



### 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

### LOCATION

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Chicago, IL 60616

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*" Everyone who belongs  
to the truth listens to my  
voice. " - Jn 18:37*

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*St. Florian*  
Patron Saint of Firefighters. Pray for Us!

NOVEMBER 25, 2018 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNVERSE



## ON THE WAY.....



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

One of the experiments after Vatican II was the dialogue homily. Instead of a preparing a sermon, the preacher would invite the congregation to share its reflection on the readings for that Sunday. On one memorable Feast of Christ the King in the seminary the presider, a long time professor of philosophy, invited us to reflect on the Feast. One of the students suggested that calling Christ a "King" did not resonate well with people in the United States. We had, after all, fought to eliminate a king from ruling over us. For him, the word king had negative connotations. To which the priest in shocked amazement replied, "But Brother, it's an analogous predication." Needless to say, that shut down any further dialogue about the Feast!



While you can understand the student's point of view, royalty is not that foreign to Americans. After all, wasn't Aretha Franklin the Queen of Soul! And whenever one of the British royal family gets married or has a child the media goes into a frenzy. With that background what does a contemporary understanding of kingship say to us about the title of "Christ the King?"

The gospels relate that there were times when Jesus' followers did want to proclaim him as king. He always fled from those situations. He in no way wanted to be associated with kings who ruled over others or who were more important than others. It was not until he was facing his death that he dealt with the question of being a king. At the trial before Pilate he responds to the question about kingship by saying "My kingdom does not belong to this world." Instead of being called a king in this world he would rather be known as the one who "testifies to the truth" (John 18:33-37). Pilate, of course, did not understand what Jesus was talking about and so accused him in the language he did understand – power politics. The indictment on Calvary's hill was "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

Jesus wants us to understand him as a king in terms of the truth. We live in an age where the truth seems to be up for grabs. Politicians manipulate the truth, or worse completely ignore it, in order to impose their own agenda. We who are followers of Jesus, however, don't have the luxury of playing with the truth. Christ, our King, has made the truth the hall marks of his kingdom. So what are some of the truths that the subjects of Christ the King must acknowledge? First, that God loves us first, last and always. The love God has for us is not contingent on our behavior but given as a free gift unasked and unearned. Second, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts there isn't anyone out there who isn't a child of God. Race, nationality, gender do not define us – everyone has a claim on us because we share a family resemblance with God. Third, whatever we do for the least, that we are doing for Jesus. Our lives as followers of Jesus enmeshes us in the lives of all God's children. We live the truth of the Feast of Christ the King in our relationships of love and service.

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.**



The Giving Tree will be put up on the first Sunday of Advent, Dec 2nd. Take a name off the tree to share with those in our neighborhood. Gifts must be returned by Dec 16.

We always need volunteers and drivers for the delivery of the presents. If you can please drive contact Erin Makowski 312-842-1919 x206



**Sign up to bring food to our annual celebration of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier on Sunday, December 2nd. On that day we celebrate our international nature, particularly those countries where St. Francis Xavier evangelized. We are looking for food from Viet Nam, the Philippines, India, China, Korea and Japan. Sign-up sheets are available in the east vestibule.**

## TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

### Zacchaeus House Fall Luncheon

We cherish you as a friend and benefactor as we celebrate the ministry of *Zacchaeus House*

Join us at our Fall Luncheon Benefit Saturday, December 1, 2018 12 o'clock noon At St. James Catholic Church  
10600 South Archer Avenue & Route 83  
Lemont, Illinois 60439



\$60.00 reservation  
Check made payable to  
**Zacchaeus House, Inc**

### 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
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY</b>	<b>\$153,759.69</b>	<b>\$155,981.25</b>	<b>(\$2,221.56)</b>
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
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$10,732.57</b>	<b>\$8,255.20</b>	<b>\$2,477.37</b>
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$164,492.26</b>	<b>\$164,236.45</b>	<b>\$255.81</b>



#### 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  
Bette Strickland  
Dina Williams

#### Our Sick

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

#### Mass Attendance

November 11, 2018: 161(9:30 a.m.)/57(11:30 a.m.)  
November 18, 2018: 102(9:30 a.m.)/40(11:30 a.m.)

## NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 11/25	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. †	Choir Rehearsal Mass <i>Kevin Lynch - requested by Marvelean Doss</i>
	9:40 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World Sunday School (Hall Basement) Mass
Mon 11/26	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) <i>Bernice &amp; Maritore Gotter - requested by Barbara Gotter</i>
	1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Rectory) Bible Study (Rectory)
Tue 11/27	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)
Wed 11/28	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Thur 11/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Fri 11/30	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Sun 12/02	1st Sunday of Advent Second Collection Zacchaeus 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



**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!

## **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!!

*An evening of  
Sacraments & Psalms*

**St. James Parish at 29th & Wabash  
Nov. 27th @ 6:30 PM**

**Prayer  
Reconciliation  
Communion &  
Anointing  
will be available**

