

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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3rd Sunday OF ADVENT

“The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good
news proclaimed to them.” —Mt 11:5



DECEMBER 16, 2018 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ON THE WAY.....

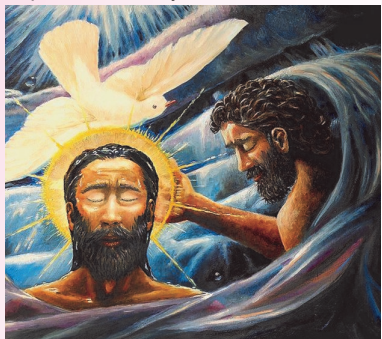


May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

During the season of Advent the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, and the Blessed Mother are the featured actors. We turn to Mary at the end of the season but in the middle of Advent the readings direct us to John the Baptist. According to St. Luke Jesus and John the Baptist were relatives. Jesus was baptized by John and might have been a follower for a time. The gospels suggest that Jesus began his public ministry when John could not continue his due to his arrest by Herod Antipas. In St. John's Gospel Andrew is portrayed as a follower of John who turns to Jesus after the Baptist points him out as "the Lamb of God." So the Gospels portray a smooth succession with John as the "precursor" and Jesus as the fulfillment of the preaching of John.

However, there are hints in the Scriptures that there were a few bumps on the road in the relationship of Jesus and the Baptist and his followers. When Jesus did not preach fire and brimstone the way the Baptist did it raised questions in John's mind. We read in Matthew's gospel: John heard in prison about the works of Christ, and he sent two of his disciples to ask Him, "Are You the One who was to come, or should we look for someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see (Mt 11:2-4). This suggests that there were followers of John who did not become followers of Jesus as Andrew had. They continued to be loyal to the preaching of the Baptist. In addition, the scriptures hint that there were followers of John that persisted even after his death and even far removed from the Jordan Valley where John preached. When Paul was in Ephesus he ran into some of those followers. "Into what, then, were you baptized?" Paul asked. "The baptism of John," they replied. Paul explained: "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the One coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus (Acts 19:3-5).

Reading between the lines suggests that the followers of the Baptist and the followers of Jesus were both active simultaneously. Because John the Baptist was such a pivotal figure, only over time did the "Jesus movement" absorb the followers of John the Baptist. After all, Jesus himself offered these words of lavish praise: This is the one about whom it is written: 'Behold, I will send My messenger ahead of You, who will prepare Your way before You.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist. For the early Christians the importance of John the Baptist was undeniable. He fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies in a way that pointed directly to Jesus. However, Jesus goes on to say, Yet even the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he (Mt 11:10-11). During Advent we can learn to imitate in our own lives the humility of John: HE must increase; I must decrease (John 3:30).



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

AT ST. JAMES....



The Giving Tree is at the back of the church. Please take a name off the tree, write your name on the list next to your recipient's name. **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



A number of parishioners from St. James will be celebrating the New Year's Eve at The Polo Inn, 3322 S. Morgan Street. If you would like to join the group, please call Dave Samber at (773) 927-1122. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!



We have some long time parishioner that are not presently in Chicago.

Donnie Davis has moved to Georgia if you would like to reach her. Her address is:

Country Gardens of Duluth
3450 Duluth Park Lane
Duluth, Georgia 30096

Jane and Paul Freeman will be in Texas until after the holidays. If you would like to send them a card their address is:

1516 Palmen St.
Houston, TX 77003

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 11

SUNDAY	2018	2017	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$71,334.00	\$74,213.41	(\$2,879.41)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$20,708.25	\$24,692.00	(\$3,983.75)
LOOSE CASH	\$11,710.40	\$12,469.94	(\$758.54)
ON-LINE	\$55,735.00	\$50,836.00	\$4,899.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$159,488.65	\$162,211.35	(\$2,722.70)
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$3,090.21	\$2,695.00	\$395.21
SHARING DONATIONS	\$6,116.02	\$4,681.51	\$1,434.51
TOLTON CANONIZATION	\$1,596.34	\$1,304.69	\$291.65
TOTAL OTHER	\$10,802.57	\$8,681.20	\$2,121.37
TOTAL GIVING	\$170,291.22	\$170,892.55	(\$601.33)

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

December 2, 2018: 110(9:30 a.m.)/62(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 12/16	3rd Sunday of Advent	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	10:30 a.m.	Sharing Parish Delivery (Food Pantry)
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Hall Basement)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
Mon 12/17	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) † <i>Peter & Anna Marano requested by Mena Marano</i>
Tue 12/18	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
	9:00 a.m.	SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)
Wed 12/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Thur 12/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Fri 12/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)
Sun 12/23	4th Sunday of Advent	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	11:30 a.m.	Mass



Feast of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day Brunch, 2019

After 10am Mass
St. James Lower Level

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 will be catered.





Now is the time to start thinking of our annual fund raiser, Jazzin To Feed. Jazzin' to Feed will be on Saturday May 4, 2019 at De La Salle high school. If people ask you what you would like for Christmas and you can't think of anything you want or need, think of the silent auction. Popular items for the silent auction are gift cards – restaurant gift cards, grocery store gift cards, department store gift cards, and gas station gift cards. Theater tickets – live and movie are also popular. Also art work, gift baskets, new small household appliances, sports items and tickets, especially White Sox are very popular. Last year we had over 100 items

and made over \$11,500 on the silent auction alone. We would like to match this or even top it. If you have items at home you wish to donate you could bring the to Mass or drop them off at the parish office.