



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*



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."
- Mt 2:6b

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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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COMING FROM
A LAND THAT
WORSHIPPED STARS...
THEY FELL DOWN
AND WORSHIPPED
HIM WHO MADE
THE STARS.

-VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN-

JANUARY 6, 2019 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ON THE WAY.....



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

Did you make any New Year's Resolutions? Have you been able to keep them for the first six days of this new year? If you are anything like me ... sorta, kinda. That losing weight thing and regular exercise are great ideas but we (or at least I) quickly fall into old patterns. One resolution I do hope to keep this year is to become a bridge when there are differences. The polarized political scene has divided society into "us" and "them." What can I do to create a sense of oneness even when there are profound differences about the choices confronting us? In the Church people find themselves in liberal or conservative camps, liking or not liking Pope Francis. How can I help people to disagree without being disagreeable?

This is not just a good idea but a gospel imperative. Again and again in the scripture – think of St. Paul's hymn to charity in 1 Corinthians 13 or Jesus Prayer for unity in John 17 – you find the reminder that what unites us is more important than any differences we might have. We are all the children of God. There isn't anyone out there who isn't made in God's image and likeness. I hope to make this year a time when I can become a "channel of Christ's peace."

Today is, of course, the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany. St. Matthew tells this story of the "visitors from the East" to highlight the fact that right from the beginning of the life of Jesus "all are welcome" to follow him. This is a feast of inclusion, of invitation to all and sundry. Let us re-commit ourselves at St. James to make sure that we treat each other with kindness and forgiveness and convey a sense of welcome to those enter our doors.

Of course creating a peaceful environment and a spirit of welcome begins, not in Church, but in the home. The people that we love the most are the ones capable of giving us the greatest joy but also of inflicting the greatest wounds. We must begin our resolve for greater unity and love right in our home and it will then radiate out into the larger world. In my Polish family this is the day when we would bless our home and commit ourselves to being hospitable by inscribing the numerals of the new year over the door to the house along with the cross of Christ and the initials of the traditional names of the Magi: Kaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. It would look like this:

20 + K + M + B + 19.

If you would like to do something similar take a piece of chalk and the blessing prayer provided in the vestibule of the Church and bless your home. Then each time you go through the door you will be reminded of the blessing of God that offers you and your family grace and protection. Every blessing to you in 2019.



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

AT ST. JAMES....

Christmas Memorials 2018

**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.**

Verda & Finis Abernathy

Bertucci & Dongarre Family

Debra Barker

Jim & Eleanor Boyd

Jean Ann Bruce

Gail Christian

Coffey Family

In Honor of Edwina Cook

Cox Family

Marcella Crosse

Sandra Davis

Barbara DeChatelet

Walter Dillow

Luis & Carmen Feliciano

Surless Ficklen

Fisher Family

Frank Fojtl

Tom Frayne

Gail Gadzala

Beatrice Goldsmith

Iris Green

Daisy Keel

McLaughlin Family

Kay Nachel

Ellen Noble

Friends & Family of Olean Perry

Petty-Woods Family

Rouse Family

Ulden Revoal

Phil Ricks

Silva Family

Caroline Tolmaire

Williams Family

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



*Thank you all who
participated and volunteered with
the Giving Tree this year.
It was a wonderful success!!*

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— DECEMBER 16

SUNDAY	2018	2017	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$76,476.00	\$80,906.41	(\$4,430.41)
LOOSE CHECKS	\$23,013.25	\$25,679.00	(\$2,665.75)
LOOSE CASH	\$12,409.14	\$13,197.32	(\$788.18)
ON-LINE	\$61,155.00	\$55,116.00	\$6,039.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$173,053.39	\$174,898.73	(\$1,845.34)
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$3,478.21	\$2,895.00	\$583.21
SHARING			
DONATIONS	\$6,664.65	\$5,178.56	\$1,486.09
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$1,596.34	\$1,304.69	\$291.65
TOTAL OTHER	\$11,739.20	\$9,378.25	\$2,360.95
TOTAL GIVING	\$184,792.59	\$184,276.98	\$515.56

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

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

Mass Attendance

December 9, 2018: 127(9:30 a.m.)/53(11:30 a.m.)

December 16, 2018: 111(9:30 a.m.)/51(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 01/06	The Epiphany of the Lord	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass † John Kennelly requested by Leah Laurie
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the World
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
Mon 01/07	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
Tue 01/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
Wed 01/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
Thur 01/10	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
Fri 01/11	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
Sat 01/12	8:00 a.m.	Mobile Produce Market (Hall Parking Lot)
Sun 01/13	The Baptism Of the Lord	
	9:00 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
	11:30 a.m.	Mass



BR. DAVID
DARST
CENTER

2019
ADULT
RETREATS

**DIG
DEEP!**

The Br. David Darst Center is opening its doors to adults (21+) in the Chicago area for an opportunity to deepen their cultural and personal understanding of social justice and faith in action.

DIG DEEP! is an overnight immersion retreat designed to help build community among participants and dialog about the roots of injustice. We explore our own stories, visit local community organizations in the midst of service and justice work, and listen to where we each are called to share our gifts.

Feb. 2-3 | Incarceration

April 13-14 | Immigration

Mary 17-18 | Civil Disobedience

5:00 pm Day 1-5:00 pm Day 2 10-15 spots available each retreat

COST: \$75 per person Includes lodging, linens, & three meals

Partial Scholarships Available

REGISTER TODAY: Email info@darstcenter.org

ST. JAMES • CHICAGO



Thank you to all who helped make the holidays extra special for families in Bronzeville, Bridgeport, Chinatown, Douglas and The South Loop. Through your love, kindness and generous support St. James food Pantry was able to distribute turkeys, hams, food baskets, toys and gifts, toiletries, coats, hoodies, hats, scarves, gloves, socks and/or gift cards. We are proud to announce that over 1700 families were helped in various ways this holiday season. Special thanks to:

Sharing Parish, St. Edna in Arlington Heights, Sharing Parish, Our lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview, Sharing Parish Faith Hope and Charity in Winnetka Il, Old St. Mary Parish in the South Loop, St. Jerome Parish in Bridgeport, Easter Seals, and parishioners of St. James. Each adopted families for the holidays giving food, toys, gifts, hygiene items, socks, hats & gloves, coats and gift cards from each. Faculty and students from De La Salle High School in Bronzeville supplied toys and Holiday Pasta dinner for pantry clients. Students collected and donated over 1000lbs of food and gift cards for the food pantry. Polo Café, who catered a full spread Christmas Dinner for over 200 guests on Christmas Day!

Because of all of the generous partnerships with St. James over 3000 individuals were impacted and felt love this holiday season.

Thank you and God Bless!!!

