

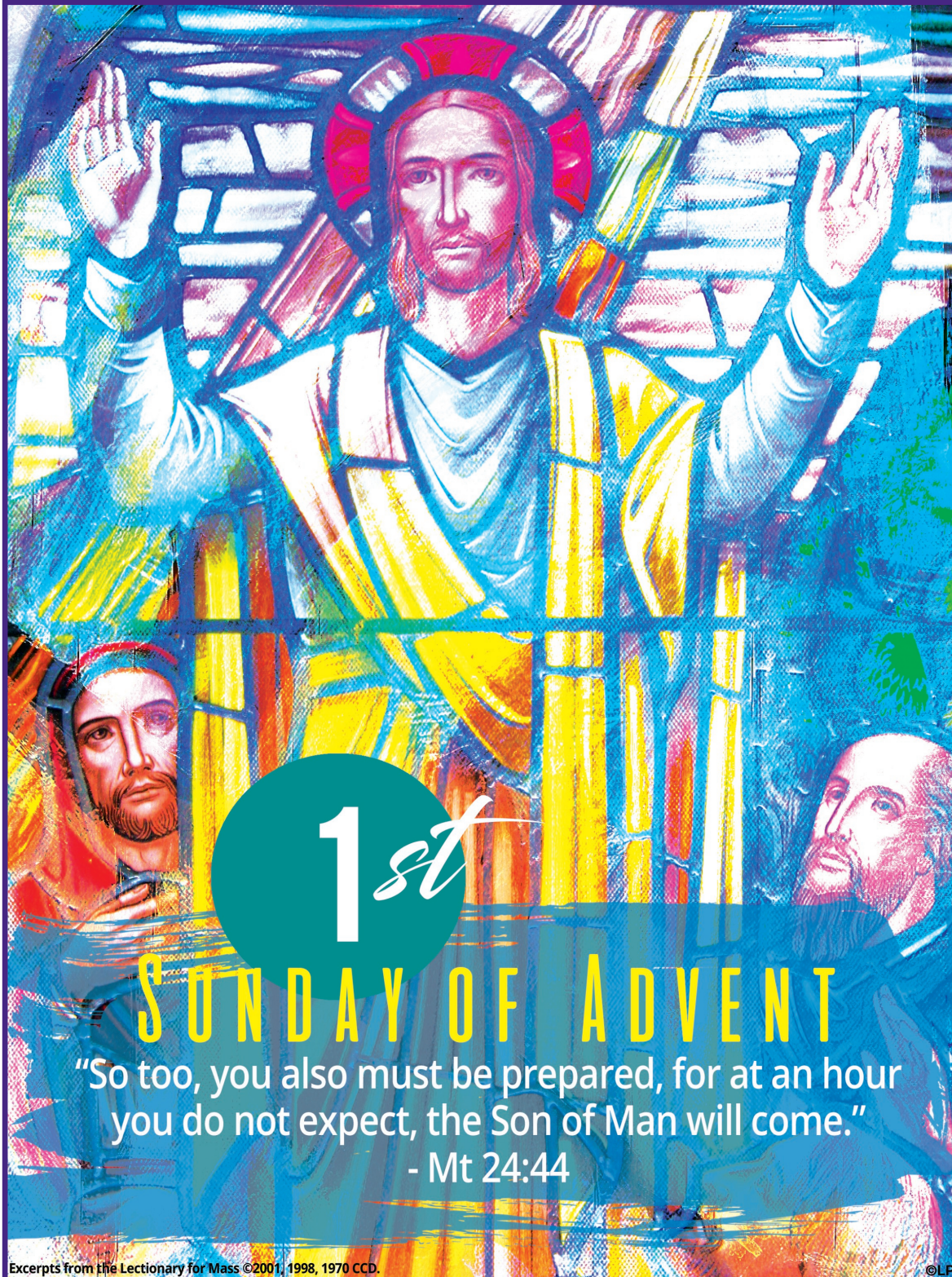
Saint James

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

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour
you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

- Mt 24:44

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FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS
DEC. 6

DECEMBER 1, 2019 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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ON THE WAY.....



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

With the stores pushing the start of the Christmas buying season to before Halloween (yikes!) the significance of the Advent season, the four weeks before Christmas, can become neglected. Advent (from the Latin word "advenire" which means "to arrive") recalls God's first coming in Christ's birth that we celebrate at Christmas and looks forward to his return at the end of time. The prayers and readings of the initial Sundays of Advent emphasize the Second Coming and the later Sundays the First. Remembering Christ's first coming, watching for his return, and living our faith in hope fill our Advent prayers.

According to the liturgical books Advent "is a period of devout and expectant delights." (Because of the "expectant" part of this delightful season we do not sing the Gloria so that we can explode with joy at Christmas.) There are three featured players in the scripture readings for Advent: Isaiah the prophet, John the Baptist, and the Blessed Mother. On this first Sunday of Advent, for example, Isaiah's prophecy about "beating our spears into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks" reminds us that love, hope, peace and joy are promised us in the days of fulfillment. In an age where people are gripped by uncertainty and even fear, we are called to remember that the God who comes intimately to us in human form is the source of solace and hope. The human condition has always included suffering – in Advent we are invited into a vision of God's unfolding plan for creation which redeems suffering. Advent is, therefore, as season when we are asked to change our hearts, individually and collectively, so as to exhibit our trust in God's restorative power.

Advent is also the time which inaugurates the new liturgical year with a fresh cycle of Bible readings. The Bible readings that we use at Sunday Mass are organized in what is called the Lectionary. In the Lectionary over a three year period (Years A, B, and C) we get to hear a large percentage of the books of the Bible. This year the gospels will mainly be taken from Year A which features St. Matthew's Gospel. During this year we will pay particular attention to the preaching of Jesus. Once we are through the special readings for the Advent season the epistles will be taken from St. Paul's letters to the Romans and his First letter to the Corinthians.

Also on this first Sunday of Advent we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. For the past few months Tianlu "Luke" Wu has been in a period of inquiry into the Catholic faith in the RCIA process led by Brother Kent. Today he is formally recognized as a catechumen, which is to say someone seeking entry into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The season of Advent with its theme of joyful anticipation provides the liturgical backdrop of welcome for those who are seeking to deepen their faith. It also serves as a reminder for us to generate a spirit of hospitality here at St. James.

Happy Advent, everyone.

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



AT ST. JAMES....



Eucharistic Adoration 1st Friday of Each Month

Next Adoration is
December 6, 2019 @ 7:00pm

Fr. John hears confession during
adoration from 7:30pm until 8:30pm.



St. James Annual Tree Trimming Party and Cookie Contest

December 7th

6 - 9PM

St. James Rectory

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and
enter your favorite cookie into our cookie contest!



La Historia de las Rosas: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday
December 15, 2019
after 9:30AM mass

Join us for a presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe,
performed by youth in our parish,
accompanied by folkloric dance.

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

The Giving Tree is up at the back of the church.
Please take a name off the tree to share with those in
our neighborhood.

Gifts must be returned
by Dec 17.

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



SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— NOVEMBER 17

SUNDAY	2019	2018	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$68,220.50	\$69,442.00	(\$1,221.50)
CHECKS	\$21,900.00	\$19,432.25	\$2,467.75
CASH	\$12,143.18	\$11,240.44	\$902.74
ON-LINE	\$59,650.00	\$55,190.00	\$4,460.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$161,913.68	\$155,304.69	\$6,608.99
MAINTENANCE	\$2,901.00	\$3,070.21	(\$169.21)
SHARING	\$6,661.82	\$6,091.02	\$570.80
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$1,405.25	\$1,596.34	(\$191.09)
TOTAL OTHER	\$10,968.07	\$10,757.57	\$210.50
TOTAL GIVING	\$172,881.75	\$166,062.26	\$6,819.49

In Our
Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Altee Clark
Edwina Cook
Paul Freeman
Juanita James
James Kennard

Sr. Barbara
Rastatter
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick

Victoria Allen
Aaylia Cooper

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

Mass Attendance

November 10, 2019: 131(9:30 a.m.)/69(11:30 a.m.)
November 17, 2019: 94(9:30 a.m.)/110(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 12/01	1st Sunday of Advent Second Collection Zacchaeus House	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass † <i>Mr & Mrs. William Sinkenber - requested by Ron Zivkovic</i>
	10:40 a.m.	Sunday School (Church Basement)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass † <i>Shirley & Debra Barker - requested by Phyllis Barker</i>
	4:00 p.m.	Student Thanksgiving Dinner (Rectorry)
Mon 12/02	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Mr & Mrs Al Amundson - requested by Ron Zivkovic</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study Rectorry)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study Rectorry)
Tue 12/03	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel</i>
Wed 12/04	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council (Rectorry)
Thur 12/05	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
	6:30 p.m.	Evangelization Committee (Rectorry)
Fri 12/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Mr. Phillip Seitz - requested by Ron Zivkovic</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
Sat 12/07	6:00 p.m.	Tree Trimming Party (Rectorry)
Sun 12/08	2nd Sunday of Advent Second Collection Fund for Retired Religious Second Collection Food and Toiletries for Food Pantry	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass † <i>Tom Murphy - requested by Donna Murphy</i>
	10:40 a.m.	Sunday School (Church Basement)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass



St. James Newsletter

Don't miss out on
important news and
events at St. James!
Our monthly St.
James Newsletter is

filled with information about upcoming events in our
parish and Archdiocese. If you do not currently receive it,
please send your email address to Amy at
apellettiere@stjameswabash.org.

Printed copies and monthly calendars are also available in
both vestibules.



*Wonderfully
Made*

A WEEKLY JOURNAL
for FAITH-FILLED
MOMS-TO-BE

CLARISSA VALBUENA ALJENTERA

Book Signing Sunday, December 8

Come and celebrate a new book
written by parishioner Clarissa
Aljentera, "Wonderfully Made"

She will sign copies of her new book after
both Masses.

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.

