

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*



OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE

DECEMBER 15, 2019 3RD 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

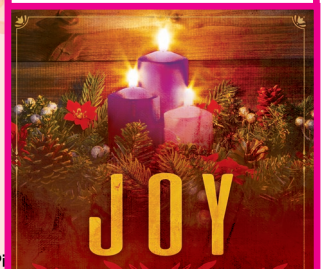
Saturday & Sunday
Closed

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ON THE WAY.....



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

The season of Advent has three featured players: Isaiah, John the Baptist and Mary. This week and next the gospel readings will speak of John the Baptist. We can supplement what the Scripture says about John by looking at a contemporary history book written by Josephus in a book entitled: Antiquities of the Jews (book 18, chapter 5, 2).

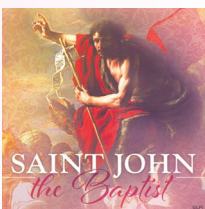
Now some of the Jews thought that the destruction of Herod's [Antipas's] army came from God, and that very justly, as a punishment of what he did against John, that was called the Baptist: for Herod slew him, who was a good man, and commanded the Jews to exercise virtue, both as to righteousness towards one another, and piety towards God, and so to come to baptism; for that the washing [with water] would be acceptable to him, if they made use of it, not in order to the putting away [or the remission] of some sins [only], but for the purification of the body; supposing still that the soul was thoroughly purified beforehand by righteousness. Now when [many] others came in crowds about him, for they were very greatly moved [or pleased] by hearing his words, Herod, who feared lest the great influence John had over the people might put it into his power and inclination to raise a rebellion, (for they seemed ready to do anything he should advise,) thought it best, by putting him to death, to prevent any mischief he might cause, and not bring himself into difficulties, by sparing a man who might make him repent of it when it would be too late. Accordingly he was sent a prisoner, out of Herod's suspicious temper, to Macherus, the castle I before mentioned, and was there put to death. Now the Jews had an opinion that the destruction of this army was sent as a punishment upon Herod, and a mark of God's displeasure to him.

John the Baptist is, therefore, a prophet in the tradition of the Old Testament prophets defying political authorities who are working against God. He is also revered in Islam as a great prophet who greeted Muhammed during his ascension through the seven heavens. Of course, in the Bible the great significance of John was as the "precursor" of Jesus. John announces Jesus' coming and prepares the people for Jesus' ministry. Jesus himself identifies John as "Elijah who is to come", which some biblical scholars interpret to mean that Jesus believed that John was the reincarnation of the Old Testament prophet Elijah, although John the Baptist in the Gospel of John explicitly denies being linked to Elijah (John 1:21).

Some scholars maintain that John belonged to the Essenes, a semi-ascetic Judaic sect who expected a Hebrew messiah and who practiced ritual baptism. John used baptism as the central symbol or sacrament of his pre-messianic movement. John baptized Jesus and some of Jesus' early followers had previously been followers of John.

We all have a little of John the Baptist in us in letting people know that Jesus is the reason for the season.

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



AT ST. JAMES....



*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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE
6:30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00AM

St. James' offices and Food Pantry
will be closed from 12/25/2019
through 1/05/2020



Views from the "Pews"

Beginning December 1st we invite you to **share with us your wisdom as a member of the body of Christ**. Each week we will post a question of the week on the white board in the lower level, usually related to the readings, and ask that you write your answer on our white board – anonymously or by name. We'll capture the responses and post them. We'd love to hear your thoughts! Staff will be on hand to assist with the white board.

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	\$70,744.71	\$71,634.00	(\$889.29)
CHECKS	\$22,615.00	\$21,208.25	\$1,406.75
CASH	\$12,539.30	\$11,711.40	\$827.90
ON-LINE	\$60,910.00	\$56,395.00	\$4,515.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$166,809.01	\$160,948.65	\$5,860.36
MAINTENANCE	\$3,029.00	\$3,147.21	(\$118.21)
SHARING	\$7,055.82	\$6,203.02	\$852.80
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$1,405.25	\$1,596.34	(\$191.09)
TOTAL OTHER	\$11,490.07	\$10,946.57	\$543.50
TOTAL GIVING	\$178,299.08	\$171,895.22	\$6,403.86



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
Aayliah Cooper

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

Mass Attendance

December 1, 2019: 103(9:30 a.m.)/54(11:30 a.m.)

December 8, 2019: 113(9:30 a.m.)/57(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 12/15	3rd Sunday of Advent	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass † Tom Murphy - requested by Donna Murphy
	10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe (Church) Sharing Parishes Food Delivery (Pantry) Mass † Soris Marano - requested by Mena Marano
Mon 12/16	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel
Tue 12/17	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) Peter Marano - requested by Mena Marano
Wed 12/18	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Thur 12/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Fri 12/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Sun 12/22	4th Sunday of Advent	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass Bereavement Committee (Lower Level) Mass



We need toys!!

Over 50 of the families we serve have not been adopted and will be coming to the St. James Food Pantry on Friday, 12/20 to "shop" for their families. We needs lots of **NEW** toys in order to ensure that each child receives a gift. We need toys for all ages, from infancy through the age of 17.

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Toys should be delivered to the St. James Food Pantry no later than 12/19.

Contact Cathy Moore at 312-842-1919 ext. 211 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We need you!!

Our food pantry needs volunteers to help make Christmas special for the people that we serve. There are many opportunities to help.

The following are the activities & dates for which volunteers are needed:

Assist with Christmas Gift distribution at Food Pantry

Sunday December 8 9AM - Noon
Friday December 20 9AM - 1PM
Sunday December 22 10AM - 2PM

Christmas Meal for Homeless Persons Dinner Set-up at St. James Church in the Lower Level

Tuesday December 24 10AM

Christmas Meal for Homeless Persons St. James Church in the Lower Level

Wednesday December 25 10AM - 4PM (various shifts)

Contact Cathy Moore at 312-842-1919 ext. 211 or our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@stjameswabash.org for more information.

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.

