

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

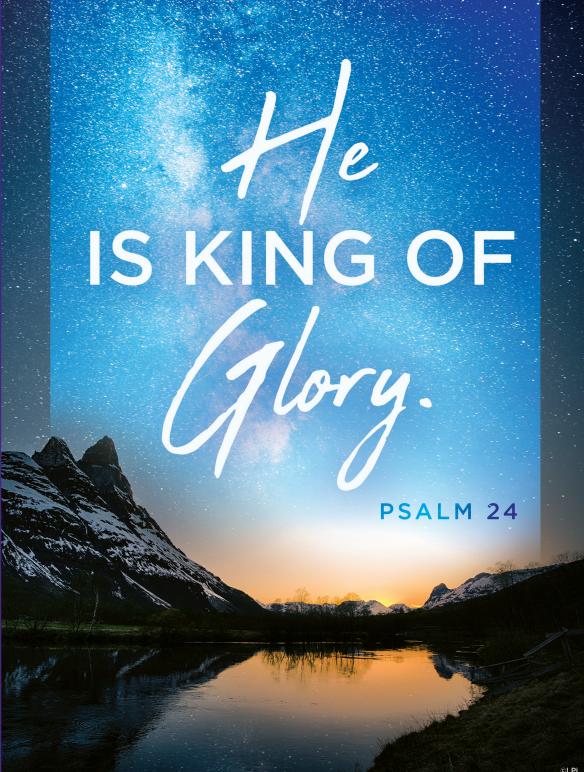
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DECEMBER 22, 2019 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ON THE WAY.....



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

During Advent the Church highlights the Prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Mary, as the Mother of God. Certainly her role in the Christmas story which is the culmination of the Advent Season is central. Besides her prominent place in the history of salvation, Mary plays an important part in Catholic devotion as well. The month of May is dedicated to Mary and the Month of October is dedicated to Mary's rosary. Devotion to the rosary has been an important part of Catholic piety for the past thousand years.

Besides these month-long commemorations of Mary there are many holy days and memorials listed in the Church's liturgical calendar that express different aspects of Mary's life or the role she has played in the life of the Church through the centuries. Here is the list:

- January 1: Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord
- May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Monday after Pentecost: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
- 9 days after Corpus Christi: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 22: The Queenship of Mary
- September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows
- October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary
- November 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Optional Marian memorials in the General Roman Calendar are:

- February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes
- May 13: Our Lady of Fatima
- July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- August 5: Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
- September 12: The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 10: Our Lady of Loreto
- December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

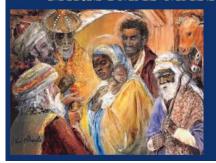
St. Augustine reminded us that we all share Mary's vocation to bring Christ into the world. During these final days before Christmas join your prayer to Mary's so that the whole world might welcome her son as the Prince of Peace.

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



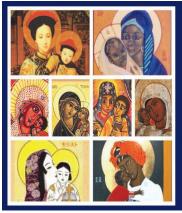
AT ST. JAMES....

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE 6:30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00AM



New Year's Day/ Solemnity of Mary Mass and Brunch Mass 10:00AM

Brunch immediately following mass

Make sure to RSVP with Amy at 312-842-1919 ext. 212



St. James' offices and Food Pantry will be closed from

December 25 to January 5. Also there will be no daily Mass in the Tolten Chapel on December 26 and 27th.



A number of parishioners from St. James will be celebrating 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, for reservation and tell him you are

part of the St. James group. To view the menu go to thepologies.. Regrettably, we are not offering alcoholic beverages at this time, and will allow a B.Y.O.B. system without charge for setups and mixers, plus no corkage fee for wine and beer. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

Thank you for a 11 that vo lunt eered for the Senior Thanksg iving. It was a wonderful day and everyone left happy and full. Thank you so much for a 11 that you did for the seniors in our neighborhood.





SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT				
JANUARY 1— DECEMBER 8				
<u>SUNDAY</u>	2019	2018	CHANGE	
ENVELOPES	\$71,947.71	\$74,461.00	(\$2,513.29)	
CHECKS	\$23,305.00	\$21,805.25	\$1,499.75	
CASH	\$12,786.39	\$11,900.31	\$866.08	
ON-LINE	\$63,315.00	\$59,475.00	\$3,840.00	
TOTAL SUNDAY	<u>\$171,354.01</u>	<u>\$167,641.56</u>	\$3,712.54	
MAINTENANCE	\$3,129.00	\$3,352.21	(\$223.21)	
SHARING	\$7,220.82	\$6,664.65	\$556.17	
TOLTON				
CANONIZATION	\$1,405.25	\$1,596.34	(\$191.09)	
TOTAL OTHER	\$11,755.07	\$11,613.20	\$141.87	
TOTAL GIVING	\$183,109.17	\$179,254.76	\$3,854.41	





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 8, 2019: 113(9:30 a.m.)/57(11:30 a.m.) December 15, 2019: 117(9:30 a.m.)/50(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

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	
Mon 12/23	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel	
Tue 12/24	7:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) Christmas Eve Mass (Church)	
Wed 12/25	10:00 a.m. † 12:00 p.m.	Christmas Day Mass (Church) Peter & Anna Marano - requested by Ralph Scarafola Christmas Dinner For People who are Homeless (Church Lower Level)	
Sun 12/29	The Holy Family		
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass Kid's Word (Church Lower Level) Mass	

SERVICES FOR FR. GEORGE CLEMENTS



FUNERAL MASS: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

607 E. Oakwood, Chicago, IL 60653

10:00 - 11:00 AM: My LIFE WITH FR. CLEMENTS

If Fr. Clements has touched your life in a very special way, you may write 2 or 3 sentences that can be shared for this tribute. Please email them to: Tyrone Pittman at tpeprinting@aol.com

FUNERAL MASS: 11:00 - 12:00: NOON

REPAST: 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM

FR. CLEMENTS' MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 26, 2020 • 4:00 PM

ST. SABINA CHURCH

1210 West 78th Place, Chicago, IL 60620

THE FR. CLEMENTS MEMORIAL CHOIR

All singers who loved Fr. Clements are invited to be a part of this choir. There will only be one choir rehearsal: Saturday, December 28, 2019 - from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Holy Angels Church, 607 East Oakwood (40th Street), Chicago, IL 60653

The Fr. Clements Memorial Choir is asked to perform at both services, Holy Angels Church on December 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and St. Sabina Church on January 26, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

The attire for both services is all black, white shirts for men! If you plan to sing in The Fr. Clements Memorial Choir, please email Tyrone Pittman at: tpeprinting@aol.com by December 14, 2019. It is imperative that you would respond so that music can be prepared for you.

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:

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 Peace and Justice Committee will meet Jan 14 at 6 pm in the rectory. All are welcome! The first midwestern chapter of the Catholic Relief services will meet Jan.

14 from 7-830 pm in the church rectory. Please come if you are interested in affecting change in the global community through activism, advocacy and legislation. Contact mbak.janet@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you! Cheryl Bynum and Janey Mryan