



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.



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,
for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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DECEMBER 29, 2019 THE HOLY FAMILY



*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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ON THE WAY.....



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

One of my favorite movies from a few years ago (okay, thirty years ago but that's just a few, right?) was called Avalon. It is the story of an immigrant family coming to America and settling down in Baltimore. As the movie unfolds we see the customs of the old world gradually ebbing in the face of the new culture. Family meals become the symbol of change. During one incident the entire family is gathered for Thanksgiving Dinner. There are several tables strung together (with, of course, a children's table) positively groaning with all of the special foods of the holiday. All the aunts, uncles, and cousins by the dozens are present – except Uncle Gabriel and his wife. They are late. No surprise, they are late every year. Everyone is waiting none too patiently for Uncle Gabriel. The children start to get restless. Finally, the head of the household decides to begin eating even though Uncle Gabriel hasn't yet arrived. When he finally comes in he is indignant. "You cut the turkey without me," he yells. Uncle Gabriel goes storming out vowing never to come to Thanksgiving Dinner again. This moment captures the fact that the family values are shifting from what he had known before. While there is something good in adapting to the new ways in American something is inevitably lost. The movie ends when the family, instead of gathering around the dining room table for supper to discuss the day, grabs an individual tray of TV dinner and goes into the living room to watch television.

Family is something we take for granted. However, in modern times the shifting understanding of what it means to be family has prompted the Church to add a new liturgical celebration. The Sunday between Christmas and New Year is celebrated as the Feast of the Holy Family. The Scripture does not say much about the life of the Holy Family and in the liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family at the end of the nineteenth century due to industrialization prompted Pope Benedict XV in 1921 to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

Since 1921 the way families interact has gone through a further metamorphosis. Instead of gathering at mother's every Sunday for dinner the children are far-flung across the country and beyond and try as a minimum to get home for major holidays. Even in the nuclear family the pressure of athletic and school commitments and the need to hold a second job makes it necessary to schedule "family time." But however it looks and however family is defined, this Sunday is an excellent opportunity to give thanks for the loving people woven into your life.

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



AT ST. JAMES....



Feast of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day Brunch, 2020

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 by Polo Cafe.



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 thepoloinn.com. Regrettably, we are not offering alcoholic beverages at this time, and will allow a B.Y.O.B. system without charge for set-ups and mixers, plus no corkage fee for wine and beer. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



Eucharistic Adoration
1st Friday of Each Month
Next Adoration is
January 3, 2019 @ 7:00pm

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



**St. James' offices and
Food Pantry will be
closed until January 5.**

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— DECEMBER 8

SUNDAY	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	\$171,354.01	\$167,641.56	\$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

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

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 12/29	The Holy Family	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass Kid's Word (Church Lower Level) Mass
Mon 12/30	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
Tue 12/31	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel)
Wed 01/01	10:00 a.m. † 11:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Mass (Church) Peter & Anna Marano - requested by Ralph Scarafola New Year's Brunch (Lower Level)
Thur 01/02	7:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) Evangelization Committee (Rectorry)
Fri 01/03	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
Sun 01/05	The Epiphany Of The Lord Second Collection Zacchaeus House	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. † 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. †	Choir Rehearsal Mass Colin McKenna - requested by Etta McKenna Kid's Word (Church Lower Level) Mass Shirley Barker & Debra Barker - requested by Phyllis Barker

St James Peace and Justice Committee will meet Jan 14 at 6 pm in the rectorry. All are welcome! The first midwestern chapter of the Catholic Relief services will meet Jan. 14 from 7-830 pm in the church rectorry. 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



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, and parishioners of St. James. Each adopted families for the holidays and also gave turkeys, chickens hams, and food, toys, gifts, hygiene items, socks, hats & gloves, coats and gift in addition to families adopted.

Faculty and students from De La Salle High School in Bronzeville supplied toys and Holiday Pasta dinner for pantry clients. Polo Café, catered a full spread Christmas Dinner for over 200 Students collected and donated over 1000lbs of food and gift cards for the food pantry.

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!!!