

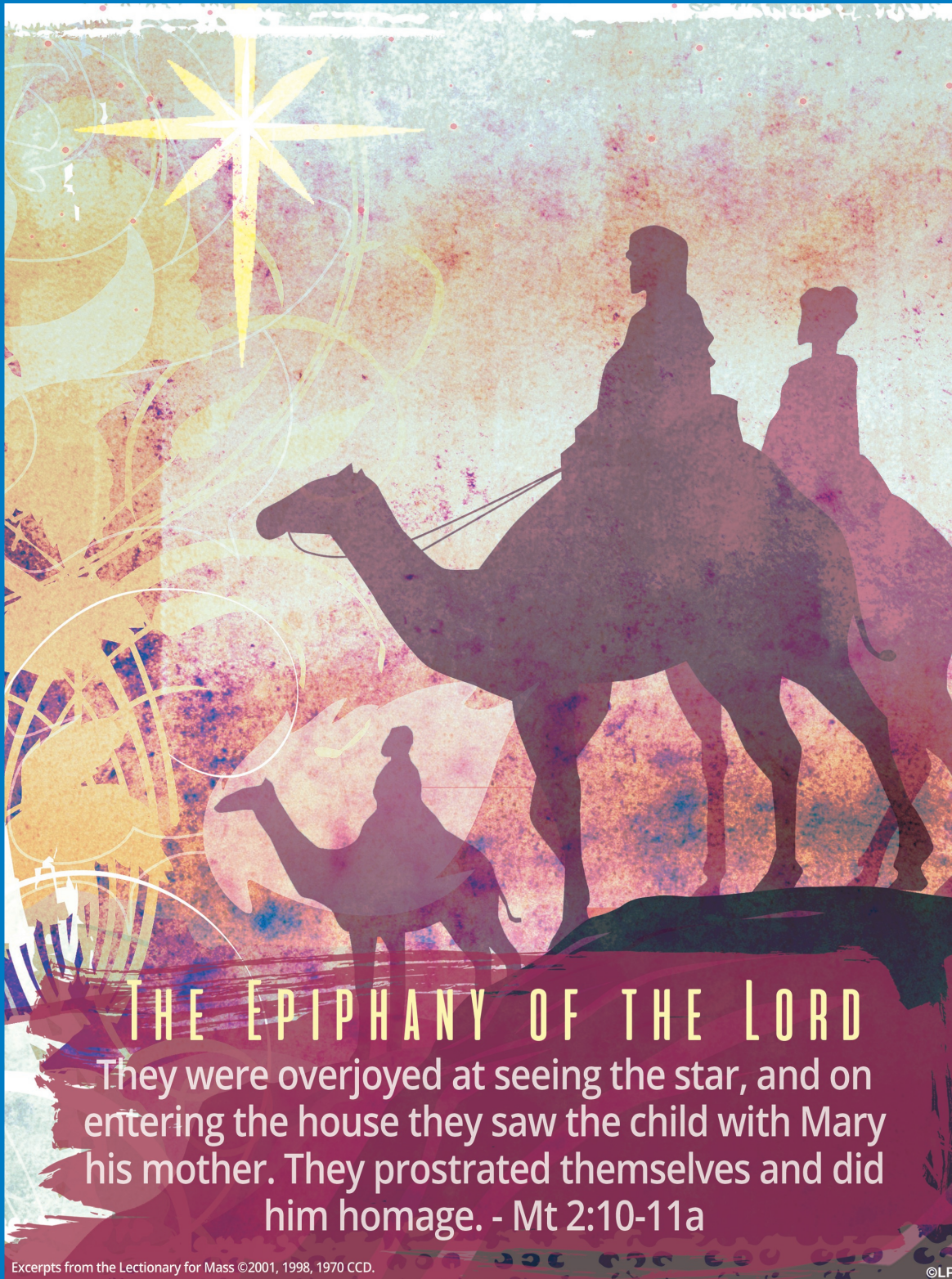
Saint James

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

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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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

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JANUARY 5, 2020 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ON THE WAY.....



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

In the United States it is customary to make a resolution as the new year begins. (Losing weight, anyone?) How about we resolve this year to have grateful hearts! There is a wonderful coincidence (providence?) that on this first Sunday of the new year we hear the story of the magi bringing gifts to the “new born king of the Jews.” We have, of course, just experienced the orgy of gift-giving that characterizes the Christmas season in our culture. But on this day we take a step back and think about the spiritual significance of giving gifts and the gratitude that results.

The reason we give gifts flows out of the awareness of how we have been gifted in our own lives. All that is important in our lives is a gift. Our personal attributes – “our liberty, our memory, our understanding, our entire will”—has been given to us. We do nothing to earn them or deserve them. The best response for these most basic of gifts is gratitude to God. And the context in which we receive them – the circle of care that is our family – also comes as a gift. All of our families are mixed bags to some degree but it is in the family setting however it looks that we learned about love, about forgiveness, about caring, about grieving, about growing. What we have, we have been given.

We begin this year also by celebrating the gift of faith that we possess. Because of the faith we know who we are and whose we are. We understand the divine status that we possess as those claimed as children of God. Faith gives us the blessed assurance of the promise of eternal life that lies in our future. Faith provides us with direction and guidance in how to live a happy and healthy life. We know not only what to do but why we do it. Faith is a gift not to be taken for granted since so many struggle to find meaning in their lives today.

You might join with me in giving thanks for Saint James as well. We are blessed as a community to have people who walk with us in our journey to God. From many different lands, from many different experiences, from many different spiritualities God has brought us together. We are blessed to celebrate the “wideness of God’s mercy” in the diverse community that is St. James. Our commitment to and care for one another is a foretaste of the kingdom where “all are welcome.” We should also give thanks that we have the opportunity to care for “the least of the brothers and sisters” through the ministries offered by the parish. Jesus came to change the world and we at St. James can play our part in making our neighbors know they are precious in the eyes of God.

For all these reasons and many more gratitude seems like a good resolution to make in 2020. It is a grateful heart that trusts that whatever comes next will flow from the Lord who blesses us right here, right now.



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

AT ST. JAMES....

Christmas Memorials 2019

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

Edwina Cook

Cox Family

Marcella Crosse

Sandra Davis

Barbara DeChatelet

Walter Dillow

Luis & Carmen Feliciano

Surlless Ficklen

Fisher Family

Frank Fojtl

Tom Frayne

Gail Gadzala

Beatrice Goldsmith

Iris Green

Daisy Keel

Mary Madrigal

Kay Nachel

Ellen Noble

Friends & Family of Orean Perry

Petty-Woods Family

Rouse Family

Ulden Revoal

Phil Ricks

Barbara Sellmeyer

Caroline Tolmaire

Williams Family

Cyrilla Zarek

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 15

SUNDAY	2019	2018	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$73,075.71	\$75,626.00	(\$2,550.29)
CHECKS	\$23,635.00	\$22,674.25	\$960.75
CASH	\$12,994.39	\$12,209.33	\$785.06
ON-LINE	\$63,910.00	\$61,155.00	\$2,755.00
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$173,615.10	\$171,664.58	\$1,950.52
MAINTENANCE	\$3,293.00	\$3,377.21	(\$84.21)
SHARING	\$7,225.82	\$6,664.65	\$561.17
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$1,405.25	\$1,596.34	(\$191.09)
TOTAL OTHER	\$11,924.07	\$11,638.20	\$285.87
TOTAL GIVING	\$185,539.17	\$183,302.78	\$2,236.39



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 15, 2019: 117(9:30 a.m.)/50(11:30 a.m.)
December 22, 2019: 103(9:30 a.m.)/55(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 01/05	The Epiphany Of The Lord Second Collection Zacchaeus House	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass † <i>Colin Mckenna - requested by Etta McKenna</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Kid's Word (Church Lower Level)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass † <i>Shirley Barker & Debra Barker - requested by Phyllis Barker</i>
Mon 01/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Virginia Davis- requested by Diane Hickey</i>
Tue 01/07	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Finis & Verda Abernathy - requested by Audrey Winfrey</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Rectory)
Wed 01/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) † <i>Peter & Anna Marano - requested by Ralph Scarafola</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (Rectory)
Thur 01/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	Peace and Justice Committee (Rectory)
Fri 01/10	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Sat 01/11	8:00 a.m.	Mobile Produce Pantry (Hall Parking Lot)
Sun 01/12	The Baptism Of The Lord Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass † <i>Colin Mckenna - requested by Etta McKenna</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Kid's Word (Church Lower Level)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass

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 Janet 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!!!