

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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

"Behold, this child is destined for the fall
and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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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A SINGLE
ACT OF *love*
MAKES THE *soul*
RETURN TO *life.*

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

ON THE WAY.....



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

Today is the National Day of Prayer for the African-American Family (as we begin Black History Month), the World Day for Consecrated Life, Groundhog Day, World Wetlands Day (which aims to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and planet), and Super Bowl Sunday. With all of that going on we should not overlook that today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days ago we rejoiced in the Nativity of the Lord. Today we celebrate that day when Mary and Joseph, fulfilled the Law of Moses. "A woman who becomes pregnant and gives birth to a son will be ceremonially unclean for seven days, just as she is unclean during her monthly period. On the eighth day the boy is to be circumcised. Then the woman must wait thirty-three days to be purified from her bleeding. She must not touch anything sacred or go to the sanctuary until the days of her purification are over. When the days of her purification for a son or daughter are over, she is to bring to the priest a lamb or two doves or two young pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for her, and she will be clean" (Leviticus 12:2-4,8).

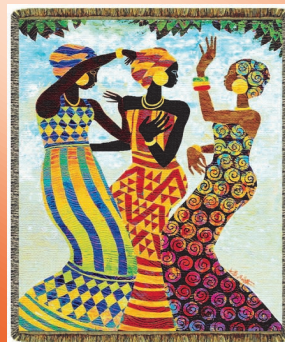
Just to make things more complicated, this date has also been known as Candlemas. When Simeon who was in the temple when the Holy Family arrived blessed the infant Jesus he prayed thus: "With my own eyes I have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel." The Church has picked up on that prayer and uses the day of the Presentation to bring candles to the church where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year. These blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World. Technically, in the Roman Rite, the liturgical end of Christmas is the Baptism of Our Lord. Many take down the Christmas decorations on that day, though some take them down on Epiphany. However, there is also a tradition in some areas that defines Candlemas as a Christmas feast, so some argue that Candlemas is the end of the Christmas cycle. The Vatican takes down the Christmas greenery on the Baptism of Our Lord, but leaves the Nativity crèche up until Candlemas. This may be an attempt to make a compromise between these varying traditions.

One no longer practiced tradition to mention: long time Catholics might remember the custom of "churching" a mother. In imitation of Mary's purification, mothers would come to Church to be blessed after the birth of child. There was a beautiful prayer as part of the ceremony that concluded: "by the merits and intercession of the same blessed Mary, she may merit to arrive, together with her offspring, at the joys of everlasting happiness. Amen."

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



AT ST. JAMES....



Jackie Drake is organizing the African American Heritage celebration for Sunday, February 23, 2020. There will be one Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon. Please see Jackie if you would like to help.



Bible Study

Mary

Mondays

Feb. 3, 10 and 17
1-2:30pm and 7-8:30pm

St. James Rectory
2942 S. Wabash

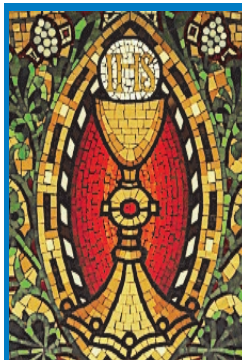
The Church reveres Mary, the Blessed Mother, as an exemplar of faith and a spiritual companion. The next Bible class will focus on Mary in the Bible, in Church teaching and in Catholic devotion. Please sign up in the East Vestibule.

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COME, FOLLOW ME...
and heal our world

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal



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.

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



Our Jazzing to Feed fundraiser is approaching. Although it is four months away, May 30, 2020, the time quickly flies. In

the past we made over \$11,500 on the silent auction. We need over 100 items in order to do this. Popular items for the silent auction are gift cards - restaurant gift cards, grocery store gift cards, and department store gift cards. Theater tickets - live and movie are also popular. Also art work, gift baskets, new small household appliances, sports items and tickets, especially White Sox and are very popular. Bring items to church or drop them off at the Parish Office, 2907 Wabash. It would be great if they could be brought in sooner rather than later so we can begin processing them.

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— JANUARY 12

SUNDAY	2020	2019	CHANGE
ENVELOPES	\$2,913.00	\$4,166.00	(\$1,253.00)
CHECKS	\$980.00	\$960.00	\$20.00
CASH	\$759.00	\$659.21	\$99.79
ON-LINE	\$4,210.00	\$5,510.00	(\$1,300.00)
TOTAL SUNDAY	\$8,862.00	\$11,295.21	(\$2,433.21)
MAINTENANCE	\$387.00	\$90.00	\$297.00
SHARING	\$578.00	\$613.00	(\$35.00)
TOLTON			
CANONIZATION	\$70.00	\$40.00	\$30.00
TOTAL OTHER	\$1,035.00	\$743.00	\$292.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$9,897.00	\$12,038.21	(\$2,141.21)

In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

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

Sr. Barbara Rastatter
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

January 19, 2020: 97(9:30 a.m.)/54(11:30 a.m.)
January 26, 2020: 111(9:30 a.m.)/63(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 02/02	The Presentation Of the Lord Second Collection Zacchaeus House Blessing of Throats	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:40 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass Kid's Word (Church Lower Level) Sunday School (Church Lower Level) Mass † Debra & Shirley Barker - requested by Phyllis Barker
Mon 02/03	7:30 a.m. † 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) Ralph Vari- requested by Joanne Vari Bible Study (Rectorry) Bible Study (Rectorry)
Tue 02/04	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) Daniel Gockel - requested by Eileen Coffey
Wed 02/05	7:30 a.m. † 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) Mary Belle Graham- requested by Sophia Casey Parish Council (Rectorry)
Thur 02/06	7:30 a.m. † 6:30 p.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel Evangelization Committee (Rectorry)
Fri 02/07	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Rectorry-Tolton Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
Sat 02/08	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Mobile Produce Pantry (Hall Parking Lot) Bereavement Ministry Training (Church Lower Level)
Sun 02/09	The Presentation Of the Lord Second Collection Annual Catholic Appeal & Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:40 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass Kid's Word (Church Lower Level) Sunday School (Church Lower Level) Mass † Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel



Join us in the lower level after 9:30 mass during African American History month to hear stories of How We Became Who We Are - stories from our own parishioners about their experiences living as African Americans, the changes they've seen, their hopes for the future, and how their faith has sustained them. Over the next three weeks we'll hear from Frances, Marian and Augustine (who will also demonstrate how to create head wraps for our African American Heritage celebration!

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY



Do you want to address racism in your community, but you don't know where to begin? Do you long for a space to ask

hard questions about race and privilege? Do you want to learn how to advocate for racial equity within your family, church and community?

The St. James Evangelization Committee is offering the JustFaith Ministries' "Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege" program during Lent. This is an eight-week module in their Just Matters series that awakens individuals and groups to racial injustices within our political and economic systems that empower some and oppress others. It

includes grounding in Scripture, conversation on specific issues related to power and privilege, wisdom from community advocates, and tools to discern action steps to combat racism.

Beginning with an all-day retreat on February 22, the program will continue on Tuesday evenings from March 3 through April 21. Sessions will be held in the rectory from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration will be limited to 15 participants, and a commitment to as much of the program as possible is required. There is a \$25 registration fee (financial assistance is available) to help cover retreat and program costs.

You can register on forms available at the church information desk, or by contacting Amy Pellettiere (apellettiere@stjameswabash.org) or Jim Boyd (jfboyd@hotmail.com).