



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*



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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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my
beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17



ON THE WAY.....



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

Since the Christmas season starts at Halloween in the American culture we are pretty much done with it by Christmas Day. However, according to the Roman Catholic liturgy it is today, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, that is the last day of the Christmas season. The Baptism of Jesus is looked as the inauguration of his public ministry. Up until this point he was living the life of a working man in Nazareth, supporting his mother, indistinguishable from any of his peers. After the baptism he begins preaching and going about bringing healing to those who were hurting.

The Christmas season, with its Advent prelude, lays out for us the preparation that Jesus had, the formation that he underwent, that equipped him for his work in the world. First of all, there was the long history of God's action in history as recorded in the Bible. Jesus was someone who knew the Bible well; he quoted from it many times. The Psalms and the prophet Isaiah were often on his lips. Because he knew the story of God's saving history he was ready to take his place in it.

Jesus was born into a loving family. How often when we read about a hero they have a troubled family situation – think Harry Potter or Luke Skywalker. Jesus apparently grew up in a normal home with supportive parents who provided the kind of nurturing environment which equipped him to share compassion and caring to the people whom he encountered in life.

Jesus was part of a religious tradition. The Bible makes clear that Jesus was an observant Jew. His parents brought him to the temple for the initiation rites of a Jewish male. While there he was recognized by Simeon as the hope for Israel. He spent time as a teen-ager discussing the law with learned figures. He went to synagogue and engaged in the kind of debates about how to interpret Jewish law which were common at the time. (While the Mishnah which is filled with those debates was written later it reflects traditions that go back to the time of Jesus.) His contemporaries recognized him as a "rabbi," a teacher in Jewish terms. His firm grounding in his own Jewish faith provided his understanding of God and the commandments that formed his own approach.

Jesus was taught how to pray from his youth. He is often depicted as going off to pray. The first thing he does after his baptism is go off to the desert to pray – and it is there that he confronts the devil. The night before he died he spend time in prayer. It was the prayerful traditions of his youth that served him in good stead when he moved into his public ministry. The Christmas season provides us with a rich understanding of the kind of preparation that characterized Jesus life before his public ministry. They model for us how to orient ourselves toward God. As we move into ordinary time, and later into the Lenten season, we will see how these formative experiences were lived out when Jesus was walking the dusty roads of Galilee all the way up Calvary's hill.

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 Tolmair

Williams Family

Cyrilla Zarek

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



Let's share our stories!

The evangelization committee is providing several opportunities during the year to get together in small groups to share a meal, conversation, faith, life. The first of these

encounters will be held next Sunday, January 19 at 4:00pm. The group will eat, talk, laugh, cry together as they tell their stories. The conversation will begin with stories of the immigrant experience. Everyone is welcome to just pop in ... but if you know you are coming please sign up in the back to help in food preparation. (Also, note if you have any food restrictions.)

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 01/12	The Baptism Of The Lord Second Collection 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 <i>Colin McKenna - requested by Etta McKenna</i> Kid's Word (Church Lower Level) Sunday School (Church Lower Level) Mass
Mon 01/13	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) <i>James P. O'Neill- requested by Judy O'Neill</i>
Tue 01/14	7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) Peace and Justice Committee (Rectory)
Wed 01/15	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) <i>For the Intentions of Mr & Mrs Martine Patrice O'Toole - requested by Michael & Judith Griffin</i>
Thur 01/16	7:30 a.m. † 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) <i>Cecile Gadzala - requested by Philip & Susan Gadzala</i> Social Care Board (Rectory)
Fri 01/17	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Sun 01/19	2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time Blessing of the Students	
	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:40 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal Mass Kid's Word (Church Lower Level) Sharing Parishes Food Delivery (Pantry) Sunday School (Church Lower Level) Mass Evangelization Committee Gathering (Rectory)



Brother Ramon Flores, S.T., who lived at St. James for the past two years will be ordained a priest in Coachella, California, this Saturday, January 18 at Our Lady of Soledad Church.



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.



With the close of the Christmas season anyone who would like a poinsettia is welcome to take one home.