

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

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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 guoted 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

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....

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Fucked 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 Surless 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

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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				
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	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	<u>\$171,664.58</u>	\$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	<u>\$285.87</u>	
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

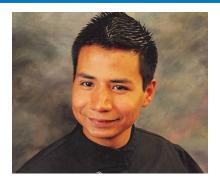
Our Sick Victoria Allen Aayliah Cooper Patsy Cunningham Marvelean Doss Nancy McCarthy Barbara Radizwon Sandra Reynolds Donald Rogers Kimberly Starr

Mass Attendance

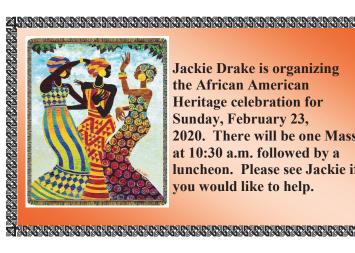
December 15, 2019: 117(9:30 a.m.)/50(11:30 a.m.) December 22, 2019: 103(9:30 a.m.)/55(11:30 a.m.)

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 Colin Mckenna - requested by Etta McKenna Kid's Word (Church Lower Level) Sunday School (Church Lower Level) Mass	
Mon 01/13	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) James P. O'Neill- requested by Judy O'Neill	
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) For the Intentions of Mr & Mrs Martine Patrice O'Toole - requested by Michael & Judith Griffin		
Thur 01/16	7:30 a.m. † 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) Cecile Gadzala - requested by Philip & Susan Gadzala 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.



Sunday, February 23, 2020. There will be one Mass luncheon. Please see Jackie if



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