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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.

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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Saint James Church is staffed by the priests and brothers of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity

SUNDAY MASS
9:30 a.m.
(Church w/Sign Up & On-line)

DAILY MASS
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Church w/Sign Up & On-line)

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Sunday
Closed until further notice

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DECEMBER 6, 2020

ON THE WAY……

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

This Tuesday, December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This dogma teaches that Mary, from the first moment of her existence, her conception in the womb of her mother, was full of the grace that her Son Jesus would win for a fallen humanity. This is the patronal feast day of the United States chosen in 1846. This was even before the canonical definition of the dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854. In fact, the pope cited the wide-spread devotion to Mary under the title "the Immaculate Conception" as the one of the reasons that led to his promulgation of the doctrine. The largest Catholic Church in the United States is the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the grounds of THE Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. This feast day provides the opportunity to praise God for the hope and possibility that Mary embodies.

On Saturday, December 12, the Church remembers Mary under the title, Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1531 Mary appeared as a mestizo woman to a native of Mexico, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, to deliver of message of hope. Just a few years earlier, 1521, Hernan Cortez had conquered the people of Mexico and imposed Spanish rule. Along with rule they sought to impose the Catholic religion. The native peoples resented both until Mary showed herself to Juan Diego as one of them. According to the legend when this poor peasant told of his encounter with Mary the first bishop of Mexico, the Spaniard Juan de Zumárraga, was skeptical that Our Lady wanted a temple built in her honor on Tepayac Hill. But the doubting bishop and his scoffing assistants finally came to believe when Juan Diego drops roses, grown out of season, from his tilma (cloak) and displays the image of Guadalupe that had miraculously appeared on the rough cloth of his garment. After the appearance of Mary the indigenous population of Mexico quickly embraced Mary as their patron. You can visit Mexico City today and see the cloak, the "tilma," with the miraculous image of the Virgin. In 2003 Pope John Paul named Our Lady of Guadalupe as the Patroness of the Americas, extending from Tierra del Fuego to the northernmost reaches of Canada.

These are just two of the nineteen Marian feasts on the universal calendar of the Church. Catholics like to remember Mary! Perhaps the reason we like Mary is that she seems a lot like us. She was a simple person, not seemingly destined for anything more than being a wife and mother as was customary for people of her station. She seems surprised that God would choose the likes of her to be the one who would bring God into the world. Reflecting on Mary serves as a reminder that while we might not feel all that important God will use us just as God used Mary – to be God-bearers in a hostile world. St. Joseph Sister Elizabeth Johnson tells us that Mary is "truly our sister" and we are called, as she was, to say yes to God's plan in our life.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sun 12/06	**2nd Sunday Of Advent**	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	†	***Debra & Shirley Barker - requested by Phyllis Barker***
	12:30 p.m.	Seeing Race (On-line)
Mon 12/07	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
	†	***Paul Gaggiano - requested by Bob Gagggiano***
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (On-line)
Tues 12/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
	†	***Daniel Gockel - requested by Elain Gockel***
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Prayer Service (On-line) Immaculate Conception (On-line & Church w/ Sign Up)
Wed 12/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
	†	***James & John Peter Caruso - requested by Peter & Therese Caruso***
Thur 12/10	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
	6:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice Committee (On-line)
Fri 12/11	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
	†	***Sr. Barbara Rastatter - requested by Maryann & George Kendall***
Sun 12/13	**3rd Sunday Of Advent**	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	†	***Peter & Anna Marano - requested by Mena Marano***

Seeing Race: Racism & Housing

Sunday
December 6, 2020
12:30PM

See calendar for Zoom link.

Advent Wreath Prayer Services

Tuesdays during Advent

Begins 12/1

6:30PM

Zoom

Join us on Zoom at 6:30PM on Tuesday nights so that we can prayer our Advent Wreath prayers as a community. A different family will host the prayer service each week.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

DEC. 8TH

MASS AT

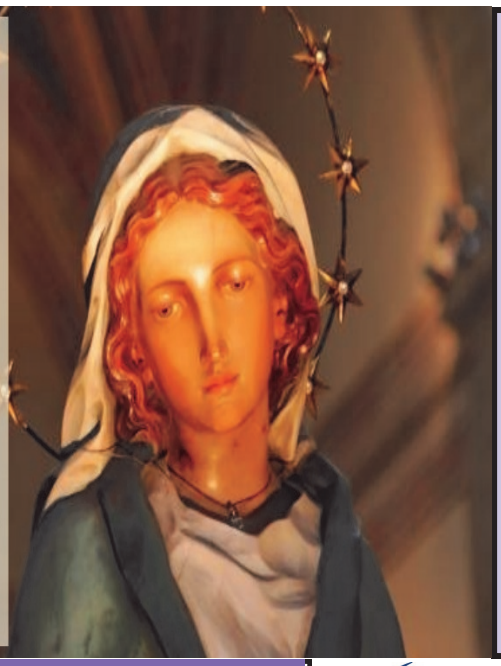
6:30PM

IN CHURCH AND ON ZOOM

ADVANCE SIGN-UP FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE REQUIRED.

SIGN UP ON SIGNUPGENIUS.

SEE CALENDAR FOR ZOOM LINK.



from the Parish Council

Greetings from the St James Parish Council:

A great opportunity to serve ! The Parish council meets with Father John monthly to address issues affecting St James. The Parish council will help to provide leadership when St.James enters into the Renew My Church process.

To become a council member candidate you must be 18 years of age or older, a registered member of St James Parish for at least one year, not be on St. James Staff, or be a parent, child or cohabitant of a current Parish Council member . APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE !

Contact Mary Ellen Levine at Mel@imyourinsurancelady.com or 708-466-9133

ST JAMES has a tradition of Gift giving and we usually have a tree in the vestibule with names and suggested gifts . Due to the Pandemic we are looking at another way to accomplish this goal.

The Parish council would like to continue our Gift Giving tree and we are in need of donations to make those wishes come true.

We are asking those who can contribute to send a donation to the Rectory .The funds collected would be used to purchase gifts on Amazon and to be delivered by Amazon. Please mark the envelope for GIFT TREE. Any and all amounts are a Blessing.

CRS CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES faith. action. results.

"I'm Catholic, I Voted, Now What?" -

In the aftermath of this election, our faith continues to call us to engage with the political reality in which we live and to work for justice. Join the Catholic Relief Services' downtown Chicago chapter and the Saint James/Old Saint Mary's chapter for a virtual night of discussing the intersection of faith and politics & learn how you can make a difference in the world by acting locally and globally.

Tuesday, December 8th, 6:30-7:45 pm via Zoom. Please register @ bit.ly/crs-ivoted-nowwhat

***MORE ON BACK

Coming to Church

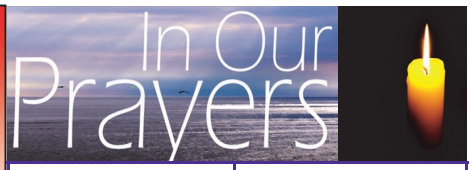
Advance sign up for all masses and events is required.

You can access all sign-ups for masses and events, including Eucharistic Adoration through Sign Up Genuis or on the Sign Up Genius tab on our website. If you do not have access to the internet you may call Amy at 872-703-4337.

Participants must follow ALL safety guidelines.

St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A



Our Home Bound:	Our Sick:
Judy Archer	Victoria Allen
Margie Bass	Aayliah Cooper
Altee Clark	Patsy Cunningham
Paul Freeman	Marvelean Doss
Juanita James	Nancy McCarthy
James Kennard	Barbara Radizwon
Barbara Southhall	Sandra Reynolds
Dina Williams	Donald Rogers
	Kimberly Starr