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CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. James Roman Catholic Church,
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SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(Church &
On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Rectory &
On-line)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you
do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

- Mt 24:44

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ON THE WAY.....



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

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. We think of these four weeks as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Historically, Advent was, like Lent, about baptism. The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which translates to the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th century, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany. Originally there was little connection between Advent and Christmas. By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas. Here is a catechism definition of Advent as we understand it today: "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'"

I recently came across this poem by Renee Swope;
This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart.
Fill me with Your presence from the very start.
As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given,
Remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven.
The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever.
You came as a baby born in a manger.
Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree,
Waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me.
Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth,
When He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in rags of earth.
Immanuel, God with us, Your presence came that night.
And angels announced, "Into your darkness, God brings His Light."
"Do not be afraid," they said, to shepherds in the field.
Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield.
Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to Your call.
Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender them all.
Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your voice.
Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise.
Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush.
In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush.
This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart.
Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part.
Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence each day.
Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I pray.

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

Sun 11/27	1st Sunday Of Advent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Anita Pelletiere by Joseph O'Shea</i>
Mon 11/28	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Tina by Ron and June Hoogenboom</i>
Tues 11/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Sr. Barbara Rastatter by Sheila Ann Dougherty</i>
Wed 11/30	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Edna Paprocki by Joan and Eugene Mask</i>
Thurs 11/01	9:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass(Chapel & On-line) † <i>Norma Alforque by Romeo Alforque</i>
Fri 11/02	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Sun 11/04	2nd Sunday Of Advent	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</i>



Eucharistic Adoration
Friday November 4th
8:30 am to 9:30 am (Chapel)
and
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. (Chapel)
Confessions available from
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm



Greetings from the St. James Parish Council

The Parish Council exists to help Father John provide a vision for the parish. It's role is to evaluate what's working in the parish, to notice what isn't being done, and then to develop a plan on how

best to move forward in a positive direction for all of our members and the community we serve.

We are looking to fill a few vacancies and hope you will consider getting involved by becoming a member of the council. To become a council member candidate you must be at least 18 years of age, a registered member of the parish for at least one year, not be a member of the St. James staff, or be a parent, child, or cohabitant of a current council member.

Applications will be available in the lobby vestibules which can be given to Fr. John or left at the office. Please use the envelope provided to insure we receive it. Look for future messages from the PC on how you can help. If you would like more information, please email Mary Ann at:

felicianom_a@yahoo.com

Join us for an Advent evening of song and reflection in the Taize tradition

St. James on Wabash
21 East 29th Street

Taize Prayer

Tuesday, December 13, at 7pm
Free and open to all



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BIBLE STUDY: **WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT PRAYER?**

Mondays
November 28-
December 12
7:00-8:30PM
Zoom

Advance registration appreciated at
<https://bit.ly/3WjaoEh> or see link under "Links for events" at www.stjameswabash.org.

ST. JAMES ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

Prepare the Way for the Lord

SATURDAY,
DEC. 3

10AM - 3PM

IN-PERSON AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

REGISTER UNDER LINKS ON OUR WEBSITE



Tree Trimming Party and
The Greatest Cookie Bake-off Challenge

December 10
5:30 to 9:30pm

St. James Rectory
2042 S. Wabash

Food, drink, fun, great people, Christmas carols and trimming the tree. Bring a dish or beverage to share.

ALSO

Enter your favorite home-baked cookie in The Greatest Cookie Bake-off Challenge.



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Paul Freeman
Juanita James
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick:

Victoria Allen
Aaylia Cooper

Joe Cunningham
Patsy Cunningham
Marvelean Doss
Claude Fisher
Linda Griffin Kennard
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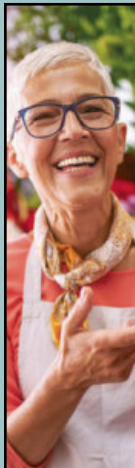
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