

Saint James
CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. James Roman Catholic Church,
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the Most Holy Trinity*

SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
*1:00 p.m.
*Español/Spanish
(Church & On-line)

DAILY MASS

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

**OFFICE
HOURS**

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

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**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

First Friday of the
Month
8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
(Chapel)

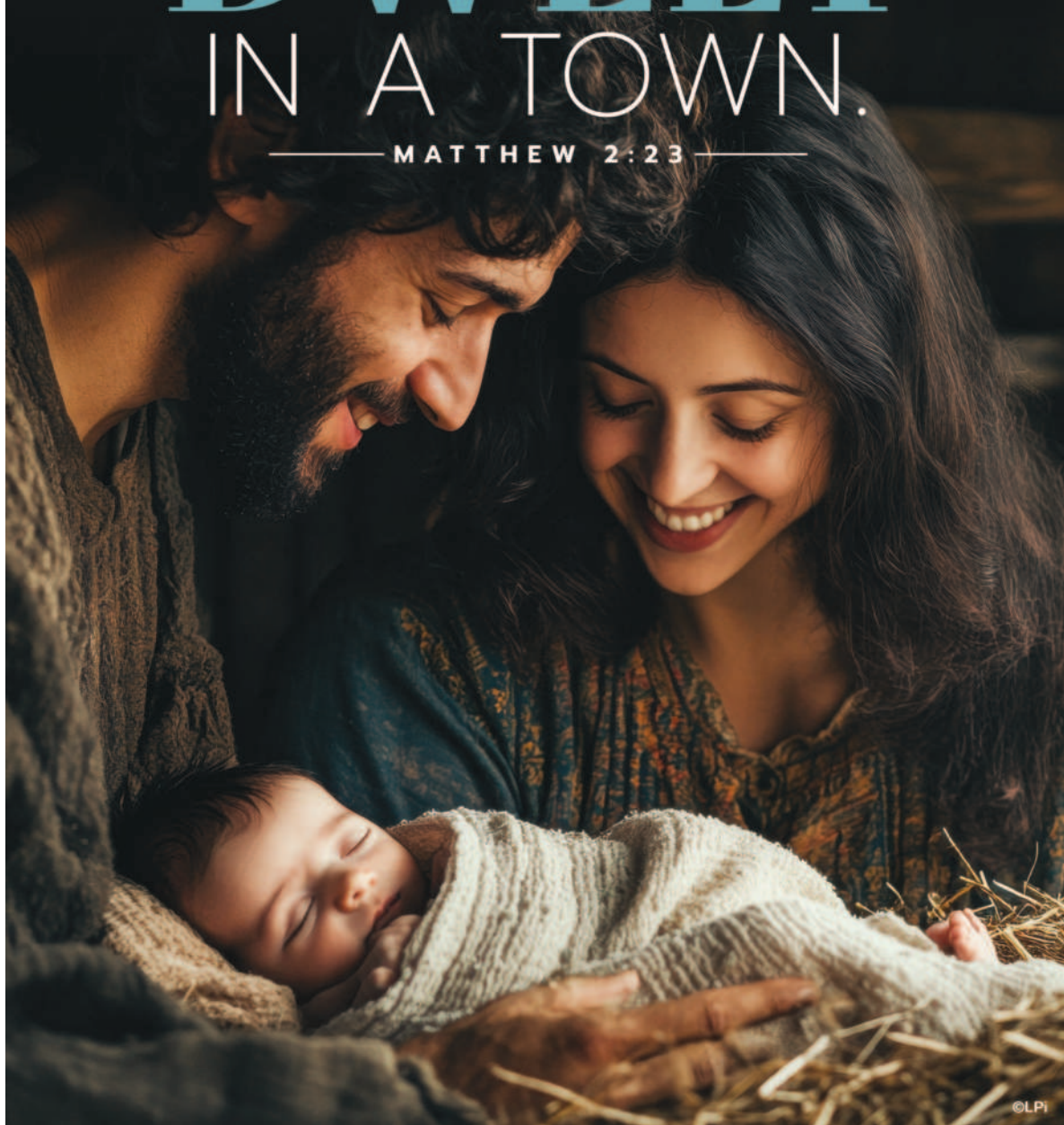
CONFESSION

Every Sunday before &
after 9:30 a.m. Mass

THE HOLY FAMILY

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IN A TOWN.

MATTHEW 2:23



DECEMBER 28, 2025

ON THE WAY....



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

The Sunday between Christmas and New Year is celebrated as Holy Family Sunday. While this is a relatively new feast in the Catholic Church (only beginning in the twentieth century) it seems like a fitting addition to the liturgical calendar. While we know little of the thirty or so years that Jesus lived as a member of a family we know that he did. We also know that one's "family of origin" has a major influence on someone's values and attitudes. Jesus learned compassion and forgiveness in the home of Joseph and Mary.

As the gospel assigned for this Sunday reminds us, the Holy Family began life on the run. To escape from a hostile government, they fled from Bethlehem and went to Egypt. In Egypt they lived as immigrants, as refugees. When they returned to Palestine (after several years?) they moved to Galilee, hoping to avoid the conflicts they had experienced in Bethlehem. The Family of Nazareth thus traces the journey of many persecuted people and refugees down through history and even right here in Chicago today. At the same time, it recalls the powerful hand of God who knows how to liberate His people. The experience of the family of Nazareth cannot but make us think of the many families today who also feel compelled to leave the customary and familiar to go into the unknown. Obviously this includes those families forced to leave their homes and their own land in search of peace, serenity and work, but also of those families who live with the apprehension and anxiety of not making ends meet, of unstable marital situations, the fear of illness.

In the Gospel we find the way to live a beautiful life on the personal and familial level, a way that is certainly challenging, but attractive and all-embracing. It is a way that still deserves to be trusted and undertaken after the example and through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth itself. There are happy and sad, serene and difficult moments in every family. To live the "gospel of the family" does not exempt us from experiencing difficulties and tensions, of encountering moments of pleasant fortitude and painful weakness. Families who are wounded and marked by weakness, failure, difficulty... can rise again if they learn how to draw from the font of the Gospel. There, they can rediscover new possibilities of starting over.

The Vatican website in its reflection on the Holy Family said this. "Today, the Holy Spirit still continues to guide "all peoples", "all couples", "all parents". But we need to listen to the Spirit who speaks in us. If the Son of God came to live with us as a child, and only the eyes of faith can perceive His presence, how important it is to remind ourselves that everyday things are never of little importance, that daily occurrences are never useless or purely coincidental. The eyes of faith are necessary to grasp the hidden and the beyond." Family can become a place to encounter or reject God's presence. Family is a sign for those who believe. Let us pray for our families and every family.

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

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Sun 12/28	The Holy Famkly	
	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>
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 12/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Tue 12/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 12/31	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Thurs 01/01	10:30 a.m.	New Year's Day Mass (Church & On-line)
	11:30 a.m.	Brunch (Church Basement)
Fri 01/02	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sun 01/04	The Epiphany Of the Lord	
	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>
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)



January 1 New Year's Day

Mass at 10:30am
Followed by a brunch
provided by Deacon Terry
and his family



Eucharistic Adoration Friday January 2nd

8:30 am & 6:00 pm (Chapel)

Confessions available upon request



The parish offices
will be closed
December 24 to
January 4.



From the Men's Brunch held on
December 14th.

Thank you, Sister Helpers!

Our dearly departed Sr. Gerry Finan who shared in our St. James Parish Community for many years and volunteered in our food pantry was a member of the Sister Helpers. The Sister Helpers are an international congregation of women religious who serve the poor throughout the world. In the Fall they gave a generous grant to help provide housing to people who were either unhoused or in danger of losing their home as winter approached. Due to their generosity over 15 families – more than 50+ Dads, Moms, and children – were able to establish a home for themselves to raise their families in peace and security. St. James Parish is profoundly grateful to the Sister Helpers for this gift as well as their ongoing love and service. We offer prayers of thanksgiving for them and for all the countless other people they serve and have served through the years. THANK YOU, SISTERS!

Devotions, Explained!

St. Gertrude's Prayer is a petition said on behalf of the Holy Souls of Purgatory, offering the Blood of Christ in reparation for the sins of the departed.

Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together. Amen.



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Margie Bass
Paul Freeman
Orean Perry
Juanita James
Barbara Southhall

Our Sick:
Aayliah Cooper
Patsy Cunningham

Marvelean Doss
Claude Fisher
Paul Kanzer
Linda Griffin Kennard
Samuel Akuo Opong Duah
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