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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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A Reflection...
from Fr. Joji Thanugundla, Associate Pastor

November 23, 2014

LONG LIVE CHRIST THE KING

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. In 1970 its observance was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. Pope Pius XI instituted this in response to growing nationalism and secularism. As we reflect on this Feast we come to the realization of the Kingdom of God that is brought to us by Jesus. We are followers of Jesus and we acknowledge Him as our King so we know that no human and earthly powers, leaders, ideologies and kings can take away our allegiance from Christ. In each of our lives there are many driving forces that at times take the place of a King and kingdom in some fashion. To these forces we become subjects/victims and are controlled by them. In this struggle we lose the meaning of life and go away from God. We read the scriptures this weekend and understand that God is our shepherd and Jesus is our King and we belong to the Kingdom that is not of this world. If we are able connect ourselves to the divine and surrender our lives and all that we have, we can sincerely acknowledge Christ as our King and be part of His kingdom.

In our modern world there are many attractions and evils that are destroying the unity and the spirit of our Catholic/Christian life. It is done sometimes from outside and sometime from within. In the history of church there have been many earthly powers that tried to wipe away church and God. But no one can defeat and destroy God’s Kingdom as it is Divine. We have to come together to know the value of the Kingship of Jesus and bear witness to proclaim his kingdom. If we acknowledge him in this world He will acknowledge us in the world to come. This life is a gift from God and all the things we possess are blessings from Him. Let us be strong and be convinced that even though we live in this world we belong to another world (from above). This kingdom is so mysterious that it is in each of our hearts and in our midst. It is visible to the wise and the faithful. Let us pray every time as Jesus taught:

“THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE”.

Peace and Blessings to all,
Fr. Joji Thanugundla

(A podcast of this week’s reflection is available on the St. James website and mobile website.)
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

As we end our liturgical year featuring the Gospel of Matthew (Cycle A), we hear Jesus describe the Last Judgment and the issues on which we will be judged. They are not grandiose or unattainable virtues, but rather how we treat each other and those in our midst in most need.

This next “New Year” - with the beginning of Advent - we again hear the story of Jesus written by Mark (Cycle B). This story is the oldest and shortest account and begins with Christ’s public life and culminates with his resurrection. It is an action-packed accounting of all that Christ did, not necessarily what he taught. It is most likely that he was a contemporary of Jesus, influenced greatly by Peter. It is thought by some that Mark’s gospel expresses a discipleship of being willing to experience failure and doubt, even persecution, in one’s quest of following Christ.

As all accounts end with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and tell of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, this year we hear of Christ, the Good Shepherd, his triumph over death, and again, the basis of our judgment in the last days. We are all brought to the acknowledgement of Christ as King and Lord! Are we preparing for His coming with acts of genuine care and love for each other? This is the appropriate time!

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe will be celebrated at Masses this weekend. In observance of this Solemnity, we will be using incense at all of the Masses.

The incense is hypoallergenic, so there will be a decreased tendency to provoke an allergic reaction or coughing spell. The use of incense has a long history in our Catholic tradition, and is a profound sign in worship of prayers ascending to heaven.

As we begin liturgy on the Solemnity of Christ the King, may our prayers also rise in praise, honor, and obedience to CHRIST our KING.

Rosary Group
Pray the Rosary both before and after daily Mass:

Monday: Human Life
Tuesday: Military
Wednesday: Marriage
Thursday: Priests and Religious
Friday: Sick
Saturday: Souls of the Faithful departed

Eucharistic Adoration
Adoration takes place from 8am to 4pm every Thursday in the Church.
Contact: Jo Jozwiak at 847-259-2433. (No Adoration on Thanksgiving, November 27th.)

Fr. Matt’s Monday Family Prayer
2nd Monday of each month, at 4pm in the Church. Rosary/Adoration All are welcome to attend.

Baptism Time Change
Effective January 1, 2015, Sunday Baptisms will take place at 12:00 Noon in the Church.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT CHANGE!

Mass Time Change
Effective on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30th, 2014, the 11:45am Mass in the Parish Center will change to 11:30am each Sunday.

Thanksgiving Mass

Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, will be celebrated at 9:00am in Church.

You are invited to bring canned foods to this Mass. These items will be used for the Food Pantry for St. Vincent de Paul.

Items needed are:
Peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, fruit, vegetables and canned meals.
Advent, 2014

Advent Liturgical Events & Information

Advent Sunday Readings

1st Sunday: 2: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
2nd Sunday: 5: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
3rd Sunday: 8: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Ps Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
4th Sunday: 11: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14a-16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Immaculate Conception  (A Holy Day of Obligation)
December 8, 2014
Masses will be celebrated in the CHURCH at:
6:30am, 7:30am, 9:00am (St. James School Mass) and 7:30pm

Monday Rosary and Adoration

All are invited to join Fr. Matt at 4:00pm in the Church on Monday, December 8th for Family Prayer, including the Rosary and Adoration.

12:00 Noon Mass during Advent — Monday–Friday, in the Church

Thursday Adoration in the Church

Adoration takes place each Thursday immediately following the 7:30am morning Mass, until 4:00pm. All are welcome.

Advent Tri-Parish Reconciliation Services

Three Roman Catholic parishes in Arlington Heights will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on three consecutive days during the month of December. Each service will contain the same components and you are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any of the three parishes listed below:
Monday, December 15th — Our Lady of the Wayside
Tuesday, December 16th — St. Edna
Wednesday, December 17th — St. James (CHURCH)
All services begin at 7:30pm.

Opportunities for Giving during the Season of Advent
(Please also see the bulletin and parish website at www.stjamesah.org)

- Manna cards—please see the bulletin for weekends when cards will be available.
- Mercy Hospital Christmas Box program — Mercy Boxes are due back on the weekend of December 6th & 7th.
- St. Malachi Christmas gift program—gifts are due back on the weekend of December 6th & 7th.
- Our Charity during the month of December is the Fund for Retired Religious.

Advent Reflection Booklets

Our Advent Reflection books this year are from the Sisters of the Living Word, and are available after Masses on the weekend of November 23rd. Please be sure to pick up a book after Mass for your use during the Advent season.

Advent & Christmas Evaluation

Please see the next page for our Advent and Christmas Evaluation form.

We invite you to take some time this year to reflect on your prayer experience at our Masses and liturgies during the Advent & Christmas seasons.

Your responses are a great help to those who are involved in the preparation of these seasons.
Advent/Christmas Evaluation Questions 2014

Please take some time to reflect on your prayer experience at our Advent and Christmas liturgies. Your feedback is a great help to those who prepare and plan for our celebrations. You are receiving this evaluation form before the seasons, in order to reflect as each weekend and holiday liturgy occurs or each component of the season is presented.

Please return this form by January 5, 2015, in either of the ways below:

- Fill out and drop it off at the Parish Office, c/o Liturgy.
- Save it, fill it out, and email it to editor@stjamesah.org (This form will also be available on our website, at www.stjamesah.org, and as an email blast.)

1. How did our liturgies reflect the spirit of the season?
   
   ADVENT SEASON:

   CHRISTMAS SEASON:

2. What things struck you positively or negatively in terms of each season?

   ADVENT SEASON:

   CHRISTMAS SEASON:

3. How effective was parish communication this season? Worship aids, Christmas ads in newspapers, Christmas mailing, email communication to ministers, bulletin and website information, follow-up information if changes occurred, etc.

   ADVENT SEASON:

   CHRISTMAS SEASON:

4. Please be specific in your comments about the Advent and Christmas seasons – some possibilities:

- Tri-Parish Reconciliation during Advent
- Advent Reflection booklets
- Advent 12:00 Noon weekday Masses
- Parish-sponsored spiritual opportunities for growth (Bible Study, Adult Formation events, Eucharistic Adoration and others)
- Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation
- Advent and Christmas liturgies (music, environment, homilies, etc.)
- Reminder and training regarding liturgical gestures and postures (Procession, bowing, etc.).
  
  (This training occurred just prior to Advent, on the Nov. 16th & 23rd weekends, but implementation began with the Advent season.)

   ADVENT SEASON:

   CHRISTMAS SEASON:

Please feel free to use a blank sheet for your responses, if needed.
A Message from Scott Arkenberg, Director of Music

A Word of Thanks and Appreciation

Dear Saint James-

Roughly 6 years ago I had the pleasure of coming back to my home parish to minister as Music Director. It was a wondrous opportunity as I was able to reconnect with so many that I knew as a kid. I thank you for that!

It was quite a journey filled with music, laughter, joys and sorrows; a journey that I have come to cherish. I thank you for that.

40 years ago I was formed here. I learned and experienced CHURCH, COMMUNITY, and LITURGY. I thank you for that!

It was good to be back here. Thanks for the heartfelt welcome and support. I thank you for that.

A few months ago, though, I celebrated a milestone birthday. It became a time of celebration but also of reflection. It was an exciting time and a time for renewal and growth. It became a time to seek out new beginnings for this passionate dreamer.

And so, I have decided to move on....to follow my dreams, to try new things, to search out new experiences that both comfort and challenge me, to have more time and calmness.

I appreciate my time with you all. Keep singing! Keep making music! Grow and think outside the box, growing new possibilities and welcoming in new faces....all the time.

I say goodbye and thank you. God speed!

Scott
Love St. James? We need YOU to be an Ambassador!

St. James Parish grew again last month with 25 amazing newly registered parishioners! If you would like to become a parishioner at St. James, simply register online at stjamesah.org or at the Parish Office.

Once registered, you will be warmly welcomed by a Parish Ambassador with information regarding Masses, ministries, as well as invitations to spiritual and social events.

If you love St. James and would like to share all St. James has to offer, become a Saint James Parish Ambassador by emailing kathydavy@hotmail.com or by completing this form and dropping it in the collection basket.

St. James Parish Ambassadors... Welcoming new parishioners to His Supper and His Service.

I’d like to be a St. James Ambassador

Name____________________________________

Email Address ____________________________

Christmas Remembrance

Each Christmas the Environment & Art Ministry invites St. James parishioners to assist in creating a tangible remembrance of their family members and/or friends, who have completed their journey here on earth, by helping to fund the Christmas décor in the Church and Parish Center.

To create a Remembrance, please fill out the form below and return it with your donation by December 15th to the Parish Office. A donation of $25 per remembrance is suggested. The names of those being remembered will be published in the December 28th bulletin.

Checks should be made payable to St. James Church and mailed to the Parish Office, 820 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Remembrances may also be put in the weekend collection in an envelope marked “Christmas Remembrance.”

Thank you.

Environment & Art Ministry

In Memory of:

(Please print)

Remembered by:

(Please print)
The St James Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic was a huge success! Thirteen parishioners engaged in a most rewarding experience as we stayed at the NPH (Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos) Orphanage near San Pedro de Marcoris. We were welcomed by the children, staff and neighboring community with great hospitality, kindness and gratitude. Everyone was most gracious to us as we made our way with our new friends in both Spanish + English! We had the opportunity to ‘build a house’! Indeed, all of us pitched in as we dug the ditch for the foundation, prepared the rebar, laid the brick, mixed cement with shovels and ran a bucket brigade back and forth with the needed mixture! We worked hard, we had lunch with the children each day, had evening reflections on the roof about our days’ experiences and how we shared in the Body of Christ and even had FUN – taking the ‘October Birthday Children’ to a local pool one afternoon, going to a DR Triple AAA baseball game and treating all the children (230+) to ice cream as we celebrated Cathy O’s birthday! Two of our nurses accompanied volunteer doctors on medical visits, we worked in the ‘Special Needs’ house of the Orphanage and bicycles and wheelchairs were repaired and towel hooks were installed in the volunteer house! It was a full experience – something that will be treasured in our hearts forever! Also, many thanks to the AH Park District for their donation of jerseys, shorts, socks, T-shirts, etc!! They were much appreciated!

Stay tuned for future mission trips …!

Please see photos on this page and the next from our trip.....

Marianne Dilsner / Pastoral Associate
Dominican Republic Mission Team
Why is Haiti so poor?

In January, 2015, Deacon Tom Westerkamp and other St. James parishioners will travel to Haiti. Over the next several weeks leading up to the trip, you will learn information about the history and conditions of this beautiful country that keep it in poverty. Please keep the country and our St. James travelers in your prayers.

Colonialism:
- Slaves were brought over from Africa to work the land.
- Haiti was one of the richest colonies on Earth and during the colonial era produced 60% of all Europe’s coffee and 40% of all Europe’s sugar – the great cash crop of the time.
- Haiti became the first black republic to declare independence in 1804, the result of the only successful slave rebellion in world history.

_The Legacy of Colonialism leads to ruling powers that exploit the country and the majority of its people._

Debt:
- The independence of Haiti meant an enslavement on another order – namely debt. In order to ‘purchase’ it’s independence, Haiti was forced to pay France.
- French colonial debt in exchange for Haiti’s independence amounted to $21 billion in today’s dollars (then 150 million francs) Haiti was paying this debt until 1922.
- Haiti pays $50 million a year in debt service - the government pays over $1 million a week in the form of debt payments.
- 1.2 billion of Haiti’s debt was cancelled in June 2009.
- The largest share of Haiti’s foreign debt is owed to the Inter-American Development Bank (41 percent of total external debt), the World Bank (27 percent), and bilateral creditors (24 percent).

_Debt has crippled Haiti’s economy and kept its people enslaved in poverty._

Trade:
- For more than 60 years, the U.S. refused to recognize Haiti nor trade with Haiti.
- Within the space of a generation, Haiti has regressed from self-sufficiency in domestic food production to substantial dependency on imports.
- In the 1990’s the tariff on rice was reduced from 35% to 3%, opening the floodgates to cheap imports from subsidized US farmers.
- U.S. subsidized rice and sugar has crippled Haiti’s agricultural system and many citizens cannot afford to buy even staple food.
- Over 80% of staple rice grain is now imported.

Over half of the population is undernourished and 24% of children are classed as suffering chronic malnutrition.

What Can You Do?

Purchase JUST HAITI Coffee _December 14_
after Parish Center masses or online: www.justhaiti.org

Just in time for Christmas Gifts!

All profit goes directly to the Haitian farmers! JH coffee farmers now pay their children’s school fees, improve their homes & lend to neighbors with the profit they receive.

Drink Coffee, Grow Justice
Human Concerns

SHARE

Job & Networking Ministry
Are you in transition or looking for a better job? At each meeting, we have a speaker on various topics, followed by networking.
St. Edna’s Parish—2525 N. Arlington Hts. Rd.
7pm in the Hurley Center

For information about upcoming meeting dates, please contact: Tom Mannard, tmannard@aol.com or leave a message at 847-398-3362.

Grief Support Group
Our intention is to support one another through sharing, listening and learning from each others’ story of grief and loss. It is in the telling of the story that we begin the healing process.

Meetings start Tuesdays Nov 11—Dec. 9th
7:00 p.m.—8:15 p.m.
Topic: Coping with loss around the holidays
Where: Parish Office—Conference Room 1

For information about upcoming meetings, please call MaryJo at 224-345-7200, ext. 8512 and leave a message.

Weekly Bible Study (Lectio Divina)
Every Thursday, 7pm—O’Brien Rm.
We will come together to study the Sunday Scriptures—to understand, to reflect, to pray, and to share.

ALL ARE WELCOME. Come on any Thursday, even though Bible Study has started. No classes on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year’s Day. Questions: Fr. Joji at 224-345-7201.

From Darkness to Light:
an Advent Journey with the Sisters of the Living Word
Sunday, November 30, 2014
2:00—5:00pm
Led by the Sisters of the Living Word

Living Word Center
800 N. Fernandez, Arlington Hts.
To register: email slw@slw.org or call 847-577-5972, or register online at www.slw.org

HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
at Glueckert Funeral Home

We know the holidays can be a stressful time for those grieving the loss of a loved one. For all those facing this challenge, especially for the first time, we are inviting you and your family to our Holiday Remembrance Service. Our 2014 Remembrance Service will be on Saturday, December 6th, at 4:00pm at Glueckert Funeral Home, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road, in Arlington Heights. We will gather for prayer, reflection, song and a candle lighting service to help build strength for the upcoming holiday season.

Attendees are asked to return (via e-mail or deliver) a photo of the person they are remembering, to be used in a keepsake ornament. The ornaments will be placed on our “Remembrance Tree” for the holiday season. Each family will receive a luminary to take home, dedicated to their loved one, along with the ornament, which will be available in January.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Reply online at: glueckerfh.com or call Jackie at 847-253-0168. Please RSVP with reservation and photo by Dec. 3rd.

St. James Over 50 Group

Over 50 Social Group
Christmas Luncheon and Show

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 10th Time: 11:30am
Location: Chandler’s Chophouse
401 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194
Performance by: Amberleigh Aller
Cost: $35 includes luncheon, show and tip
Main entrees: Roast Sirloin of Beef, Chicken Roulade, Parmesan-Crusted Salmon, Garlic Mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, tossed salad
Dessert: Cherry cobbler
Beverage: Alcoholic drink not included, cash bar available. RSVP: Must reply to Frank and Peg at 847-398-2233 by Sunday, Dec. 7th and take your check, made out to the “St. James Over 50 Group” to the Parish Office marked: “Over 50 Christmas Luncheon” in the left hand corner of the check. We will carpool from the Church parking lot and meet at 10:45am to leave at 11:00am.
NEW at Saint James School!

“Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It’s what you do for others.”
- Danny Thomas

Saint James School is now requiring grades 6-8 to complete hours of Christian Service each year as part of their graduation requirement.

- Christian Service reflects our commitment to our mission
- 6th graders complete 5 hours, 7th graders complete 7 hours, and 8th graders complete 10 hours
- School, parish, and community service opportunities will be offered each year, including Feed My Starving Children, Sandwich Ministry, Altar Serving, PADS meals, Sunday School, assistance with school recruiting events
- Over 1,000 hours completed each year by our students
- Grades PreK-5 will also have service opportunities to teach them the importance of helping others

“Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service.”
-Mother Theresa

PADS THANKSGIVING FOOD NEEDS:

Each year Youth Ministry hosts a brunch for the guests of PADS on Thanksgiving Day. We are in need of parishioners to donate food and supplies for the event. The guests will be with us from 7 am to 11 am and this is why we need a variety of foods. Thank you for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated!

Please email Nancy Moroney at: njmoroney@gmail.com, to sign up for the different foods listed below:

French Toast, Egg Dishes, Pancakes, Breakfast Meats, Syrup, Butter, Fruit Trays, Cream Cheese, Jelly, Coffee, Juice, Milk, Turkey, Ham, Stuffing, Sweet & Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Salads, Cranberry Sauce/Cranberries, Jell-O, Vegetables, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Dinner Rolls, Cookies, Candy, Gum, Newspapers, Magazines, Board Games, Plastic Food Containers, Fall Fabric backed & plastic rectangular table cloths.

Personal Sized: men's white tube socks, any men's or women's gently used jeans/pants, coats, jackets, hats, gloves, boots, deodorant, razors, umbrellas, backpacks, Toothbrush/toothpaste, no mouthwash. Thank you!

Downtown Christmas Outing
When: December 13, 2014, meeting at Arlington Heights Train stop at 1 pm
Who: 6th-12th graders
Why: to see the Christmas lights & Go Ice Skating
What: A trip to Downtown Chicago
Cost: $25.00 (covers train ticket & Skate rental)
Deadline for signing up is December 7th

PADS Brunch & Sharing Tree Christmas Projects

PADS Brunch: Help host our annual brunch on Thanksgiving morning for our local homeless. There are two shifts: 6:30 am and 9 am.

Student Name distribution: Sat/Sun: November 22/23 we need help before and after each of the masses to pass out names of the 400 students we sponsor to receive a Christmas Present.

Gifts and Mercy boxes collection: Sat/Sun December 6/7, help before and after each mass to collect all Mercy boxes and St. Malachy Christmas Gifts.

St. Malachy Christmas Gift sort: Sunday, December 7th: 1 pm-3 pm in the basement of the old school come to help sort the 400 gifts and pack them up into boxes.

St. Malachy Distribution Day: IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE*: Tuesday, December 16th, 2014, from 11:30am – 3:30 pm. We will be loading the gifts and taking them downtown to St. Malachy’s school to distribute the Christmas gifts to each of the students in their classrooms! You will need a permission slip to take time away from school for this event.

November Events:
22/23: Student Name distribution at all Masses, Need youth help!
23: Confirmation Class (Parish Center)
6:15 – 8 pm
27: PADS Thanksgiving Brunch
6:30 am-12 pm (Help needed)

December Events:
6/7: Mercy Boxes/St. Malachy Gift collection before and after all masses, Help needed!
**Sunday, November 23, 2014**

** Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**Rich king. poor king**

At the height of church power in the Middle Ages, popes lived like princes ruling vast earthly domains. That changed in modern times with the rise of secular nations. After Italy united and claimed Rome as its capital in 1870, popes considered themselves "patriarchs in the Vatican." In response to the loss of temporal power, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted to assert Christ’s sovereignty. But Jesus made it clear his Kingdom is not of this world. In our own day, Pope Francis says he longs for a church that is poor. This is the kind of church presided over by Christ the King. Join his realm.

**Today’s readings:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46 (169). "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

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**Monday, November 24**

**Feast of Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs**

**Big sacrifices pay off**

How much are you willing to give? Some make the ultimate sacrifice and give their very lives. Andrew Dung-Lac was a priest and one of 117 saints martyred in Vietnam during persecutions there in the 19th century. Three U.S. bishops returning from Vietnam in 1989 said, "The church in Vietnam is alive and vigorous, blessed with strong and faithful bishops, dedicated religious, and courageous and committed laity. . . . The church in Vietnam is living out the gospel in a difficult and complex situation with remarkable persistence and strength."

**Today’s readings:** Revelation 14:1-5; Luke 21:1-4 (503). "...these others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."

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**Tuesday, November 25**

**Feast of Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr**

**Healing saints**

Saint Catherine of Alexandria is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, a group of saints who are venerated together because of their effective intercession against illness and who entered public life during the Black Plague of the Middle Ages. Catherine, a virgin martyred—after one failed attempt—by a Roman emperor in the fourth century, is invoked against sudden death. Other saints in the group (and their patronage) include Blaise (illness of the throat), Barbara (fever), Elmo (intestinal ailments), and Denis (headaches). The intercession of these saints can be sought for comfort when sick.

**Today’s readings:** Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11 (503). "When you hear of wars and rumors, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."

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**Wednesday, November 26**

**Gratitude is the best preparation**

There are lots of things you can’t prepare for in life. For good or ill, some things just happen. The way you respond, however, is a different story. In those cases, even when the unknown and unexpected befalls you, practice makes perfect. In those moments, the way you live your life takes control. If you live in gratitude, you will respond with gratitude; if you carry bitterness, you will respond in anger. Being in practice today can make all the difference tomorrow. It’s then that you’ll be called to demonstrate the faith that you lived today, to practice all along.

**Today’s readings:** Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19 (505). "Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking."

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**Thursday, November 27**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Simple gifts**

If you’ve ever returned home from a hospital stay, particularly if the condition has been perilous or you have narrowly avoided a serious accident, you may have had the experience of suddenly seeing everything in a new way. Coming near to loss reveals how precious and unique are the things we take for granted. But we want to see this not only when threatened with loss. Rabbi Abraham Heschel said, “Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.” Beyond pilgrim’s tour of pumpkin pie, it humbles us today to realize such holiness, such blessing.

**Today’s readings:** Revelation 16:12; Matthew 19:15-26; Luke 21:20-28 (508). "He fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him."

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**Friday, November 28**

**Power of the pen**

Everyone these days is constantly bombarded with an overwhelming amount of written communications—email, texts, social media. There’s so much of it, it’s impossible to even absorb it all, and then it disappears into the digital ether. So it’s hard to put much credence in any of it. But words do matter, and they have staying power. The Roman poet Horace wrote, “Utens scriptor musus”—the written word remains. Some words, God’s Word, not only endure, they change the world—and continue to do so every day. Don’t let those words get lost in the shuffle.

**Today’s readings:** Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21; Luke 21:29-33 (507). "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

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**Saturday, November 29**

**The promise is being fulfilled**

The phrase “Manna noster!” appears only once in the New Testament; yet, for early Christians, it was the way they greeted one another. Meaning “the Lord is coming,” Manna noster served as a hope-filled greeting and reminder under repressive Roman rule. Imagine greeting everyone you know with those words. What hope would spring forth? Navigating the day-to-day, you can forget the imminence of God. Sometimes it just takes the reminder of an encounter to renew hope in all Jesus promised and continues to promise. Jesus is coming—why not greet the world with the hope of that promise?

Welcome To All St. James Visitors!

If you would like to register at St. James Parish or know more about the parish, fill in this form and place it in the collection basket. A St. James Ambassador will contact you.

I would like to know more about or register at St. James Parish.

Name_______________________________________
Address_____________________________________  
Phone_______________________________________ Email____________________________________
Community Groups and Events

Respite Care—Gero Solutions
Gero Solutions has trained volunteers who are available to provide up to 3 hours of respite care per week for family members caring for an older adult in their home. This free service is available by calling the Gero Solutions Office at 847-705-2123.

Lunches by Catholic Charities
Lunches are served daily for seniors 60 and older at Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central. Suggested donation of $4.00 on a reservation basis. Call 847-797-5354 for reservations.

Mended Hearts - a national non-profit support group for cardiac patients and families meets monthly at Northwest Community Hospital on the first Monday. Call Jack Hanahan at 847-338-0791 for the schedule, information and support.

Senior Health Insurance Program
Volunteers trained by the Illinois Department of Insurance offer a free counseling service to help you compare alternative Medicare, Medicare Supplement, Medicare Drug, HMO or Long Term Care Insurance Plans and to assist in processing billing or appealing denied claims for these plans. Call 847-253-5532 for an appointment.

Community Resources
Alcoholics Anon. 312-346-1475
Anonymous Alateen 847-358-0338
Narcotics Anon. 708-848-4884
Families Anon. 847-795-8320

A self-help program for family and friends of those with substance abuse and/or behavioral problems. Meets regularly at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arlington Hts.

NAMI—National Alliance on Mental Illness—Family support group, meets at 7:00pm, the third Wednesday of the month at Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health, 3436 N. Kennicott, Arlington Hts. 847-899-0195

Escorted Transportation
Escorted Transportation Services Northwest (ETS/NW) - is a service available for older adults in our community who are in need of rides to medical or dental appointments. It is a non-denominational outreach service to seniors. If you are in need of such assistance, please call Kelly at 847-222-9227. To volunteer to drive and be a part of this outreach team call Kelly at 847-222-9227.

Annulment Support Ministry
Richard Nagengast 847-732-0970

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) - meets in the old St. James School Basement, 821 N. Arlington Heights Rd. (east side of Arlington Hts. Rd.) every Monday and Wednesday evening. (Monday is a Men’s Meeting.) Both the Monday and Wednesday meetings start at 8:30pm. Enter through Door A5. AA is a self-help group for people with a drinking problem.

Cancer Research Network
The American Cancer Society has Cancer Information Specialists available 24 hours a day, seven days a week - call 1-800-227-2345. These specialists can provide: Information about your cancer, tools to help with your treatment, help finding lodging and transportation, help with financial and insurance questions, answer prescription questions, provide clinical trials matching service, assist in finding support groups, identify online community for cancer patients and their families, and offer cancer education classes. Information is available on the Internet at www.cancer.org. You may also call Ron Marwitz, the ACS parish contact, at 847-870-1862.

For Post-Abortion Counseling Help:
Project Rachel - Catholic Charities: 312-337-1962
http://www.hopeafterabortion.com

Office for Protection of Children and Youth www.archchicago.org 312-534-5254

St. Vincent de Paul - is an emergency source of food and short-term financial help for parishioners and those living within the parish boundaries. Please call 224-345-7200, ext. 8517. Requests will be handled with care and confidentiality.

LOSS
Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide is a free, non-denominational program offered by Catholic Charities to support individuals grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. 312-655-7283 or www.catholiccharities.net/loss for info.

Help Offered:
Seniors: Do you have minor home repairs or maintenance work which you cannot do yourself? (This service is free of charge.) Call John Hughes at 847-392-3333 to see if he can help.

Save the Date!
Holiday Pops Chicago 2014
Plan on attending Maestro Scott Arkenberg’s 13th Anniversary Holiday Pops Chicago Concert

Saturday, December 13th, 2014 8:00pm at St. Michael’s Church in Old Town—1633 N. Cleveland Avenue

Hosted by Rob Elgas and Stefan Holt of NBC5
Tickets available NOW at www.holidaypopschicago.com
Round Trip Bus transportation available. Reserve your space now! For information: 773-206-6785.

St. James Reunion
St. James class of 1974 is having their 40th class reunion on Saturday, November 29th at Alley 64 in Palatine. If you are interested please contact Bob Maloney at rb8660@aol.com or Nancy (Powers) Lenihan at: nlenihan@sbcglobal.net

Harper College Festival Chorus presents Sing Along Messiah
Join the Festival Chorus in singing Handel’s Messiah on Monday, December 15th, at 7:30pm in the Harper College Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased in advance online at: harpercollege.edu/boxoffice or by calling 847-925-6100. A limited quantity of Messiah scores will be available for $10.
Stewardship
November 16, 2014

Weekend Masses — 623 Envelopes $30,793.50
GiveCentral — 64 Online Donations $6,685.00
November 16th Total Collection $37,478.50

Thank you for your generosity to our Charities during November—The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, The Mercy Hospital Christmas Box Project, the St. Malachy Christmas gift initiative, and the food collections for the PADS Thanksgiving Brunch and St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank You!

St. James received the following “thank you” notes:

From Kolbe House— ($500 donation to Kolbe House Jail Ministry) for assistance with their ministry to the incarcerated, their families, ex-offenders, and those who have been victims.

From the Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants ($100 check), to assist them in their work with detained immigrants.

Weekly Intentions

Please pray for our sick...
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Becky Sweeney, Mary Jo Souders, Erica Haas, Bill Glass, Roberta Dolos, Ben Winkler

Baptisms
Cassidy Martin Baum...daughter of Andrew & Megan (Delaney) Baum
Charles Robert Miller III ....son of Charles & Erin (Rodgers) Miller

Wedding Banns
November 29, 2014
John Kuettler & Laura Balogh

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, November 23
Stephan Waller, Dana Mangi, Martin P. Wendell, Carol A. Rados, Nicholas Romanoff, Leonard L. Waller, Meggan McDermott, Norma Keating, John Gannon

Monday, November 24
Genevieve Waller, Louise Miller (1st Anniv.), Margaret Coyle, Angeline Laveck, Viola Roth, Jean Erler, Kathy Muran

Tuesday, November 25
Dana Mangi

Wednesday, November 26
Louise M. Pancratz, Lawrence JA Sullivan, Marie Sullivan, Roz Gourley, Wil Schwantz, Ann Laurie

Thursday, November 27
Charles (Chick) Simpson, Frank Pietrolonardo, Herman Boyd, Edward L. Gehrke, Donald Larson, John Sullivan, Clara Sullivan, Helen Muran, Ray Tasch, Dorothy Tasch, Bernade ReFoy, Therese Tuska, Achol Sitievnick, Tom Schuhl, Larry Miller, Dana Mangi, Alexander Wrobel, William Destiche, Vincent Mangi, Joanne Mangi, Joanne Destiche, Meggan McDermott, Alice Matthews, Stephen Thomas Patterson, Stephen W. Patterson, Marion McDermott, Candace Duggan, Kathryn Swim, Laura Arizpe Coronado, Richard and Catherine Lyons

Friday, November 28
José Maria Guzmán, Frank & Victoria Bosco, Leo and Victoria McBride

Saturday, November 29
Emil Cargola, Alice Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Nordin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fichter

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning, November 30
Emil Cargola, Alice Flanagan, Loretta F. Cerabona, Cornelius Vanderwiel, Jr., Frank Karlovits, Eric James Pedersen

Our Stewardship

Congratulations!
Richard & Jane Simmerman
60th Wedding Anniversary
November 27, 2014

Thank You!

This week’s Rose for Life is donated by the La Veau Family in loving memory of Kevin Rossdeutcher.


**Liturgical Ministers** for the Weekend of November 30th, 2014

### Presiders

**Saturday evening:**
- 5:00 pm Fr. Matt Foley

**Sunday:**
- 7:00 am Fr. Gilbert Mashurano
- 8:30 am Fr. Gilbert Mashurano
- 10:00 am Fr. Matt Foley
- 11:45 am Fr. Joji Thanugundla
- 5:00 pm Fr. Joji Thanugundla

### Eucharistic Ministers (B Team)

**Saturday evening:** Parish Center
- 5:00 pm S.Garlick, T.Johnston, M.Meissner, N.Nordin, M.Opon, S.Resch, G.Stec, S.Stec, L.Trzesniewski
  Coordinators: S.Bobowski, R.Cruz, J.Garlick

**Sunday: Church**
- 7:00 am M.Cripe, G.Roller, J.Shrader,J.Shrader
  Coordinator: M.Walsh,Jr.
- 8:30 am E.Cahill, P. Cahill, L.Holland, T.Holland, M.Kennedy, V.McQueaney, K.Newgard, K.Parus, M.Phillips, B.Scullion,
  M.Vanderwiel, L.P. Martin, L.Miossi,
  Coordinators: J.Socher, D.Turney

**Sunday: Parish Center**
- 10:00 am T.Baldoni, D.Barrett, M.Bayer, M.Belter, K.Brunner, D.Burke, C.Coleman, C.Colleran, S.Crosby, L.Fonsino, M.Lombardi, W.Liszka, M.Ruane,
  (Choir) M. Massa
  Coordinators: D.Burke, B.Minaglia
- 11:45 am J.Gedmin, M.Goolsby, J.Zitkus, N.Paulson, M.J. DeShon, E.O.Martin
  Coordinators: C.Zitkus, C.Zitkus

**Sunday: Church**
  Coordinator: J.Soukup

### Altar Servers

**Saturday evening:**
- 5:00 pm M.Kamp, C.Kamp, P.Jacks

**Sunday:**
- 7:00 am S.Michelini, W.Michelini, E.Madden
- 8:30 am L.Hackmann, C.Hackmann, I.Kennedy
- 10:00 am M.Dzupin, A.Ferriess, C.Ferriess
- 11:45 am C.McMahon, M.Leno, M.Muscarello
- 5:00 pm J.Imhoff, T.Woolsey, E.Saquin, Jr.

### Lectors

**Saturday evening:**
- 5:00 pm D.Greising, K.Sowa

**Sunday:**
- 7:00 am J.Brueitt, R.Brueitt
- 8:30 am J.Grib, C.Jarosz
- 10:00 am S. Tippereiter, C.Colleran
- 11:45 am K.Ponce, R.Klicki
- 5:00 pm B.Mangi, L.Matz

### Scripture Readings

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 23rd**

**Monday:**
- Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
- Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:**
- Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:**
- Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:**
- Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5;
- Lk 21:20-28

**Thanksgiving Day (suggested):**
- Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
- Lk 17:11-19

**Friday:**
- Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:**
- Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday:**
- Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
- 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

### How Are We Praying?

Your Liturgy Board is interested in hearing about your experience of prayer and worship at St. James.

We welcome your evaluation of Mass in the Church and Parish Center and your ideas about things we are doing well or ways we can improve our experience of praying together.

E-mail us at: stjamesliturgyboard@yahoo.com
Celebrate Christmas at St. James, have Milk and Cookies with Santa

Saturday, December 6th
3:00-5:00pm
St. James School Cafeteria
$5 per child
Crafts geared toward ages 2-6

Please join us after your visit for 5:00 mass in the Parish Center.
Space is limited, so please register by December 1st!

We are on the nice list and can’t wait to come!

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Saturday Evening  5:00pm   Parish Center
Sunday Morning     7am & 8:30am    Church
Sunday Morning    10am & 11:45am  Parish Center
Sunday Evening     5:00pm    Church

Weekday Masses (Church)
831 N. Arlington Heights Road
Monday – Friday. . . . . . . . . . . 7:30am Mass
Saturday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .8:30am Mass

Holy Day Liturgy
Please refer to publicized special schedules for Holy Days.

Sacramental Celebrations

Baptism
Parishioners must notify the Parish Office of preferred Baptismal date at least one month in advance.

Marriages
Congratulations on your engagement! At least six months prior to your wedding date, we warmly welcome you to contact the Parish Office. Our Office Manager will explain the process of preparing for a Christian marriage and assist you in selecting a date for your wedding liturgy.

Reconciliation
Saturdays. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3:30—4:30pm
In the Chapel—820 N. Arlington Hts. Road, or you may call for an appointment anytime at 224-345-7200.

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday  9:00am—8:00pm
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