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SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT



A MESSAGE FROM...

Last Saturday I offered my mother's funeral mass here at St. James. Losing your mother is a terrible shock, and for me and my sisters and brothers the beginning of a new phase in our lives. Our Dad died in 2013, and now we are without parents.



St. James was most helpful and loving as we gave Mom back to

God. So many staff members and parishioners were so gracious in offering their prayers and condolences. I am truly grateful.

As a new pastor, I have been overwhelmed by the care and compassion of so many wonderful people here. You remain in my prayers every day.

Again, thank you!

Fr. Ed



Thank you to all our Parishioners and Friends who have already donated towards the Jubilation Envelope Challenge! We are just over 25% of our goal for this year. So many ministries and charities rely on the money raised from Jubilation to run their programs and give back to our community and those around us. Don't miss your chance to help support such a great cause!

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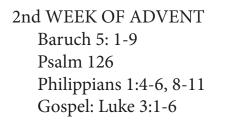
ADVENT READINGS AND LITURGIES

1st WEEK OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25 1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Immaculate Conception (HDO) Wednesday, December 8

7:30 a.m. (livestreamed)9:00 a.m. school liturgy12:00 noon, 7:00 p.m. (livestreamed)



3rd WEEK OF ADVENT Zephaniah 3: 14-18a Psalm Isaiah 12 Philippians 4: 4-7 Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

4th WEEK OF ADVENT Micah 5: 1-4a Psalm 80 Hebrews 10: 5-10 Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45



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HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve December 24 Church – 3:00 p.m. (livestreamed) 5:00 p.m. 12:00 Midnight Christmas Day December 25 Church – 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. (livestreamed) 12:00 p.m. Noon

Parish Center- 3:00 p.m. (Children's Mass) 5:00 p.m.



Solemnity of Mary January 1 Church – December 31, 6:00 p.m. January 1, 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed)

FORMING DISCIPLES

Refections for Advent from the Women of St. James

On Nov. 19, St. James Church was filled with 120 women for "Hope, Joy and Light - Advent by Candlelight," an evening of prayer, music and reflection to prepare our hearts for Advent. Over the next three weeks, we will be sharing shortened versions of the reflections that were given that evening. You can watch a recording of the event at www.stjamesah.org/get-involved/parish-life/wosj/.

Light by Sharon Moeykens

Advent is a wonderful time to think about light. As the days get shorter, we see Christmas lights in houses and yards. We also have added light through the candlelight of the Advent wreath each week. While the world becomes darker, we pray to experience more Christmas Light. This is a time to remember how the world waited in the darkness for the Savior to come. Throughout the Old Testament we hear prophets offering glimmers of hope as they foretold God's plan to send a Savior. But these were like tiny Christmas lights compared to the full sunshine of hope and salvation they were given when Jesus was born, died, and rose again.

During Advent, we look back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people. Jesus came into the world to bring the light of salvation in our lives. God sent Jesus to be fully human, to share in our darkness and lead us towards the light of Christ. Jesus spoke, saying "I am 'the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' " (John 8:12) Those who follow Him will be called children of the light as His light illuminates within our lives. As we seek to be closer to Jesus we can leave behind our anxieties and be grounded in God's ultimate love for us. In doing this we reflect the light of the Son of God - the one that brings us new life, offering peace and joy into our hearts so we can pour out love.

It is easy to get caught up in the flurry of activities that go along with preparing for Christmas and all are beautiful and special because they express the love we have for our family and friends. Can there also be opportunities during this Advent season to more intentionally run towards Jesus Christ? To pause, rest, and pray - to be truly present to the One who brings us a new light. A light born from an encounter with the true God. A light which touches us, engages our mind, and allows us to share the Light of Christ with others...to bring hope and to bring joy.









LITURGY + WORSHIP



ANGELS & SHEPHERDS Christmas Eve Mass 3:00pm in the Parish Center

Practices 12/12 or 12/19 at 1:00pm

If your child(ren) would like to participate in this special mass, please complete the Google doc below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQgZrQhyRWBQl0fCcHdKM9NoCnisiUrTXVtHvMfOpMjuKJoQ/viewform

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LESSONS AND CAROLS

Music

FOR ADVENT

Prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ with this unique service of scripture readings and song. Our choir members of all ages will share beautiful choral music and beloved carols.

ST JAMES CHURCH DECEMBER 18 AT 2 PM

Featuring: Combined Choirs and Children's Choir Sing along with favorite carols!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Project Linus 2021!

Thank you to all our families who came out in service for this special Family Faith Night. 150 blankets will be delivered to Project Linus coordinators to help provide security through blankets to hospitalized children.









DEVELOPMENT

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Your donations to St. James made possible the steeple repairs that brought back our bells. Thank you for your generosity!

ease remember St. James Parish this Christmas season! r giving page <mark>to make an online donation here:</mark> stjamesah.org/online-giving/

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Miniseries 3

"Social Sin": What it is and what can be done about it

Mon., Dec. 6 + Tues., Dec. 7 7pm-Laramie Room

Live-streamed and recorded. Questions? Email frryan@stjamesah.org. MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

ST JAMES OVER 50 CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

GIACOMO'S 740 N. Wolf Road, Des Plaines Friday - December 10, 2021 12-3:00 Chicken Francese with Mixed Vegetables **Oven Roasted Potatoes - Spumoni** Coffee & Soda included (Cash Bar) Cost: \$25 Featuring: Prospect High School MADRIGAL SINGERS White Elephant Grab Bag - optional RSVP: by Dec 6 Peg & Frank 847-398-2233

Drop check off at Parish Office Payable to St James Parish "Christmas Party" in Memo section

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

St. James Liturgical Environment Ministry invites you to be a part of our annual "remembrance" in honor or memory of someone special in your life. Your donation will be used to purchase flowers for the Christmas décor of the Church. The names being remembered will be published in the Dec 25th bulletin.



Please complete the form below place it in an envelope marked "Christmas Remembrance." We kindly ask for a monetary donation of \$25 per remembrance. You may include cash or check (made out to St James Parish with Christmas Remembrance noted) with your submission. Submissions may be dropped in collection boxes at church or the parish office or can be mailed in no later than December 14th. Thank you, St James Liturgical Environment Ministry.

In Memory Of: _____

Remembered By: ______ Please Print

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

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Christ our Light,

Shine in our lives with hope and promise.

Give us right vision so that we remain attentive

to this holy season.

Remind us to look for you in small acts of

kindness and love.

We await your coming with wonder.



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WEEK 3

Light three candles and sit for a moment in silence.

Christ our Joy,

- Brighten our homes with your presence.
- Clarify our vision so that we might see you
- in the people we cherish.
- Make every holiday activity an opportunity
- to spread your light and love.

We await your coming with delight.



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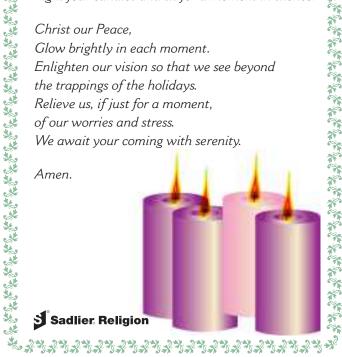
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Christ our Peace,

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- Glow brightly in each moment.
- Enlighten our vision so that we see beyond
- the trappings of the holidays.
- Relieve us, if just for a moment,
- of our worries and stress.
- We await your coming with serenity.



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CHANGES COMING TO MASS INTENTIONS: On January 1, 2022 we will be making changes to our

mass intentions. Four take-aways to keep in mind:

- 1.) Intentions don't have to be for the deceased; you can also ask that a mass be offered up in thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary or other worthy causes. Please do indicate if it is for someone deceased.
- 2.) No more than four intentions will be remembered at Sunday masses. Sunday intentions will be assigned to a specific mass as requested.
- 3.) Mass intentions are a free-will donation, but it's customary to donate \$10/mass.
- 4.) Request an intention at least two weeks ahead of time for a specific date.

Please pray for our sick…

Jim Mackey, Baby Jack, Norine Naselli

Baptisms

Mariel Josie Ulahannan, child of Shibu Ulahannan and Nimisha Ulahannan

Callahan Sophia Hoffman, child of Frederic Hoffman and Tamara Hoffman

Grace Catherine Samikkannu, child of Steve Samikkannu and Beth Gilkey Samikkannu

Leandrew Cawaling Esguerra, child of Edgardo Esguerra and Leslie Saunders

Jerzy Edward Jacks, child of Mark Jacks and Julia Gralczyk

Rose for Life

This week's Rose For Life is donated by the Schaefer Family in loving memory of Estelle and Don Schaefer. **Remembrances**

Saturday Evening/Sunday December 4th/5th

Patricia Cooper, John Glueckert Sr., Eileen Platten, Bob Jarosz, Franco Patino

Monday, December 6th

Helena Jochaniewiez, John LaMonica, Kara Marchelle **Tues., December 7th** Michael Wisnieski, Jack Ruane

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

	Mass Times	Presider
For Saturday	Sat. 5PM	Fr. Ed
and Sunday	7AM	Fr. Ed
December	8:30AM	Fr. Ryan
11th & 12th	10AM	Fr. Ryan
	11:30AM	Fr. Ric
	5PM	Fr. Ed

Wednesday, December 8th

John McDermott Sr. (1st. Anniv.), Anne Kneesel, Jeffrey Schnierle

Thursday, December 9th

Jack Ruane, Gerald O'Malley, Chris Mannion, Estelle Schaefer, Virginia Gasey, Mary Pat McGivney

Friday, December 10th

Gerald Turner, Patricia Jaszka (1st Anni.), Lucy McGrath, Dolores Hansen, Regina Tay

Saturday 7:30am December 11th

Pavica Zeman (1st Anniv.), Helen Marie Bailitz, Sharon Seiler-Scanlan, Donald Seiler

In Loving Memory

Christopher O'Brien is survived by his siblings, Elena (James) Grzenia, Peter O'Brien, Patrick O'Brien, Timothy "Tim" O'Brien and Mary Anderson.

Noreen Nordin is survived by her children, John R. (Linda), Jr, James F. (Kathleen), Paul C. (Leslie) and Glenn R. (Lizabeth) Nordin.

Maggie Ann Bruce daughter of Maureen and John Bunce, sister to brothers Sean, Kevin and Brendan, and loving partner of Willy Pelland.

Owen Keenan Jr. husband of the late Lottie T. (Lee) (Siwicki) Keenan; father of Owen V. (Karen) Keenan Jr., Kathleen Keenan, Karen (David) Gorman, and the late Kevin (Donna) Keenan.

Jean Brauweiler is survived by his children, Michael (Dorothy) Brauweiler, Mary Beth (Ron) Rutkowski, Martin (Karen) Brauweiler, James (Patti Marston) Brauweiler, John, Margaret (Timothy) Jacobs, Claire (Timothy) Ziffer, David (Nora) Brauweiler and Monica (Peter) Lind.

WEEKLY READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the

day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26 **Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14 **Wednesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15 **Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19 **Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

PARISH EVENTS

Multi-Parish Mission

"Sacraments, The Treasury of our Faith" presented by Fr. Thomas R. McCarthy, O.S.A. Brought to everyone by St. Colette, St. Mary, St. James, Our Lady of the Wayside, and held each night at St. Edna! The three day mission begins November 29 (Monday), and concludes December 1. 7:00pm—8:30pm each night. Mass will be celebrated on the Dec. 1st.

Jubilation Envelope Challenge

Your generosity in the past is greatly appreciated and our hope is you will rise to this challenge for 2021. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring an envelope. See the link here https://aesbid.com/STJP21 to sponsor an envelope. OR please take an envelope from the display in the

gathering space of the church. Questions? Please contact Deacon Matthew at 224.345.7207 or mhahn@stjamesah.org.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Earth Shepherds aims to provide opportunities to learn about the relationship between Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and our responsibility to be stewards of God's Creation. Contact sjearthshepherds@gmail.com.

Grief Support Ministry is about overcoming your grief — Are you struggling with a loss? Having a hard time coping? Join us the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Senior Room in the church basement. Contact griefsupport@stjamesah.org.

Men of St. James is an exciting ministry providing opportunities for Christian fellowship through social, spiritual and service activities for all the men of the parish at least 21 years of age. Contact MSJ@stjamesah.org.

Mental Health Ministry strive to provide support, education and awareness to our parish communities on issues related to mental health. strives to provide resources of support, education and hope. Contact Tracy Sherva tsherva@gmail.com.

Mom's Plus (part of Women of St. James) is a ministry of mothers is a faith-filled community providing support and fellowship to Catholic moms. Contact momsplus@ stjamesah.org

Over 50 Social Club provides social outings, game days, cards, speakers, parties, current events/news and spirituality to any parishioner over the age of 50. Contact Gerry Stec at StecStan@sbcglobal.net.

Peace + Justice Ministry is a guiding voice for peace and justice by: educating the faithful on the Catholic social teachings; supporting and complementing parish ministries; and empowering people to transform lives and society, both locally and globally. Contact Matt & Sarah Tipperreiter peaceandjustice@stjamesah.org.

Respect Life Ministry strives to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death. Contact Mike & Marybeth Schoenwald at mschoney@wowway.com

Stepping Stones is dedicated to raising awareness, understanding, and the prevention of domestic violence by educating our community and supporting the victims and survivors of emotional, financial, physical and sexual abuse. Contact Terri McDonnell terrimcdonnell79@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul is an emergency source for short-term financial help for parishioners and others living within the parish boundaries. For information on volunteering for or using this service, call the Parish Office at (224) 345-7200 x8517. Please leave a message and one of our volunteers will call you back. Be assured that all requests for assistance are handled with care and confidentiality.

Women of St. James is a community of Catholic women who are committed to growing and sharing our faith through sisterhood and service. Contact WOSJministryleads@gmail.com

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Alcoholics Anonymous 312-346-1475 Alanon/Alateen 847-358-0338 Narcotics Anonymous 708-848-4884 Families Anonymous 847-795-8320 NAMI -National Alliance on Mental Illness 847-899-0195 Arlington Heights Snow Shoveling Referral Program provides Arlington Heights residents who are over age 60 or who have a disability with the names and contact information of teens willing to shovel snow. Call the Village Hall for more info: 847-368-5000. **AARP Tax Aide:** Beginning Monday, January 4, 2021, the A.H. Senior Center Main Office will begin scheduling tax preparation appointments to be conducted at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. This free service is offered through the Tax Counseling Service for the Elderly (TCE) program. Appointments will be conducted on Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning February 3 through April 15. Make your appointment early, as spots fill up quickly the closer we get to the end of tax season!



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