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## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS



**RE families are still finding ways to serve during the pandemic as Jesus calls us to do! Last week, RE held its annual Project Linus event. The event looked different this year as the blankets, made for children in hospitals, were all made at home. Families came together in church to celebrate in prayer.**

*BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.  
MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.*

**NOV 22**  
**2020**

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



## A MESSAGE FROM...

As we all know, this has been an unprecedented year. We have had to plan and replan ways to reach our families safely during these trying times. We were inspired by the Holy Spirit to gather families together for the 1 event per month that we are allowed to have for a time of prayer. We call these evenings “Encounter” and we are blessed to be able to teach, worship, and pray with our St. James families in RE and Confirmation. Each “Encounter” begins with praise and worship and is followed by a teaching/talk about our Catholic faith. Then we have the opportunity to adore Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist with times of praise and worship music and silence throughout.



The talks/teachings relate to the parents and their children and always give them something to think/pray about during adoration. It is incredible to witness faith come to life here at St. James each night that we have an Encounter.

We have received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from families that are thrilled to be able to take time out of their busy schedules to pray. The Holy Spirit has been moving and it is great to be able to safely connect with families in person. We have also been live streaming these events for anyone to join live on Facebook. Families seem to enjoy connecting this way as well. While we look forward to being able to be in person more sometime soon, we are thankful that God has blessed us with Encounter Nights. Please pray for our families as they journey closer to Christ this year!

Jonathan Blevins



Please join us to offer thanks for the gifts we have received at our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 26 at 9:00am in the church.

Individuals and households must register for this mass on our website: [www.stjamesah.org/mass-sign-up](http://www.stjamesah.org/mass-sign-up) The mass will be live-streamed on our website and Facebook page.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



## **JOIN FR. MATT FOR AN OUTDOOR MASS:**

**DATE:** SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - **NO MASS IF IT RAINS**

**TIME:** 6:30PM

**BRING:** SOMETHING TO SIT ON, MASK AND  
6 FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCE

**LOCATION:** ST. JAMES SCHOOL PARKING LOT  
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ACROSS TO THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.

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## ADVENT 2020 REFLECTION

### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK

As we move into the new Liturgical Year, we launch into the Gospel of Mark. It is believed to be the first of the synoptic gospels, and it is also the shortest. Mark moved right to the point of identifying Jesus as Messiah. It seems that he was anxious to tell the story of Jesus as Miracle Worker and Healer, and so the story starts with Jesus' public life. Perhaps we could envision Mark as a reporter – anxious to put his scoop out to those within his reach.

This gospel was written in a time of persecution of Christians in Rome. There is an emphasis on the servanthood of Jesus' life, encouraging the local Christians to follow Jesus in his suffering and perhaps, even death. He recounts instances of Jesus' real human responses to life.

Mark pays particular attention and detail to Jesus' last hours, suffering and crucifixion.

Unlike the other gospels, Mark's writing ends with Jesus' Resurrection and subsequent Great Commission. His urgent sharing of the story of Jesus encourages us to discipleship.

Cathy Collieran, Liturgy Board Member

### **Advent Preparation Opportunities at St. James**

Daily Masses offered M-F at 7:30AM and Noon

Adoration Chapel - see website for details

Adore - Thursdays at 7PM Confessions and Adoration. Registration required

Confessions offered at Adore 7-8PM and Saturday 8-9AM

Immaculate Conception (HDO), Dec. 8th Masses offered at 7:30AM, Noon, and 7PM



God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings.

The proclaimed Word of God is a powerful celebration evidenced by the Advent readings.

The readings help us connect Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.

The Word of God is not merely read during the liturgy, it is proclaimed. Proclamation rouses faith in those who hear the Word proclaimed. As you listen to the Advent readings, meditate on the Word of God, reflecting on the significance of each of the Advent letters.

### **A – arrival**

Preparing for the Arrival of the Messiah, arrival as the Lord of lords and King of kings

### **D – devotion**

Live as obedient and faithful servants of God, engaged daily in his service

### **V – volition (the act of willing or resolving)**

God is merciful and gives us grace, be willing to receive that grace and commit to his will and purpose

### **E – expectancy**

Throughout Advent we grow in expectancy for the arrival of the Son of God, joyfully fulfilled on Christmas: "To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord"

### **N – narrative**

The Scripture passages, the Bible narrative, read, heard and pondered during Advent

### **T – thanksgiving**

The meaning of the word "Eucharist" is "Thanksgiving" and thanksgiving is offered to the Father through the Son and with the Holy Spirit.

Katie Sowa  
Liturgy Board Member



## Advent ... Prepare and Be Ready

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year and a time to prepare for the birth of Christ. We make ready Christmas decorations, sing carols, and display a Nativity creche. We focus our attention on the little town of Bethlehem and its most famous occupant. In the collect (opening prayer) for Mass on the first Sunday of Advent, we ask God the Father for “the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming.” This is a wonderful time to run to the Lord, to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come. But it may come as a surprise to you, as much as Advent looks toward the manger in Bethlehem, it is an appropriate time to prepare for the second coming of Christ more so than His first! Advent teaches us to have the same attitude looking forward to the second coming as we have looking back at the first. The readings and prayers of Advent encourage us to celebrate the Incarnation, but also prepare for the day when Christ the Lord comes again in glory. Advent is a time for considering our lives, the circumstances, and situations we find ourselves in, and making a decision to live with faith in Christ Jesus. We look to that vulnerable Child laying in a manger and with great love we bring Him gifts. We provide a gift greater than the gold, frankincense and myrrh offered by the Maji. Place your vulnerabilities and fears beside Him. More than the worldly goods brought by the Wise Men, Jesus wants to take from us our brokenness, our hurts, and our sins. He wants to take these from us so that we too can live with the innocence of the newborn Child.

This Advent, let us look back on the first coming of Christ while preparing for His second coming. The greatest gift you can give this season is your brokenness, your hurts, and your sins. You can give them to Christ. The greatest gift you will receive in turn is the peace that comes from that intimate exchange with our Lord and God. However far we have ventured from the innocence of a babe in the cradle, the Lord is continually calling us back to His side at Bethlehem.

The Gospel for the first Sunday of Advent cautions us to “Be watchful! Be alert! We do not know when the time will come. We do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.” We do know that Christ has come. And we know that He will come again. This Advent let us run to the Lord and renew within us a real longing for Christ who we know is to come. Deacon Ryan Brady

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During the time of Advent, we are in a state of wonderment and mystery as we await the coming of the Christ Child. The liturgical music reflects a sense of mystery with restrained joy. Our music is with a sense of watching, waiting, and anticipation. Our souls in stillness are waiting for Emmanuel, God with Us, to come and share in the hope of His love and His pure light. May the Savior of the nations come and show us His glory this Advent Season!

Wishing you a blessed Advent season,  
Tamaron Conseur





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# VIRTUAL INFORMATION NIGHT

## *Preschool and Kindergarten*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 7:00PM

Save the date for our upcoming virtual Pre-K and Kindergarten Information Night on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00pm! Families will learn about our early education programs, events, and enrollment steps for the 2021-2022 school year. To learn more and to register, please visit our website: <http://www.stjameschoolah.org/2020/11/04/virtual-prek-and-kindergarten-information-night/>

### MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

## St. James Over 50 Social Group

Fr. Bill will celebrate our annual  
Thanksgiving Mass on  
Monday, November 23 at 12:00pm.  
Attendees will receive an Advent book.

Please RSVP to Frank and Peg:  
847-398-2233

by Friday, November 20.



ST. JAMES PARISH  
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## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

We are thrilled to announce that the St. James Annual Mercy Box program will be a part of our Christmas charities again this year. Fr. Matt has identified three city parishes with families struggling to make ends meet. This year St. James will deliver "Mercy Boxes," to needy families to St. Malachy, St. Agatha, and The Kolbe House in Chicago. The spirit of Christmas is alive as these food boxes benefit a diverse group of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

### *HOW CAN I GET A BOX?*

Mercy Boxes will be distributed after the Saturday and Sunday masses on the weekend of November 28th and 29th. The boxes come unassembled, with a list of food items needed, attached to the box. It will not be necessary to wrap the box. Filled boxes are due back to the St. James Parish Center parking lot on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th from 8AM-1PM.

If you are attending a virtual Mass the weekend of November 28th and 29th feel free to stop by the gathering space and pick up a box.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Borst: [bev51064@gmail.com](mailto:bev51064@gmail.com)



## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

### *Chase the Chill Reminder*

If you haven't already created a scarf, it's not too late. All warm knit or crocheted scarves 6 inches wide and 60 inches long are most welcome and appreciated by those who will receive them. Don't forget to bring your warm winter scarves to the designated bin outside the parish office next weekend, November 21st and 22nd. Please look for the blue recycling bin in front of the Parish Office door! For any questions, please contact Kathy Kasprovicz at [kk\\_ek@msn.com](mailto:kk_ek@msn.com)





## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

This Christmas Season, 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 of those being remembered will be published in the Dec 26/27th bulletin, the Feast of the Holy Family.

To create a Christmas Remembrance, please fill out 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 21st.

Thank you, St James Liturgical Environment Ministry



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Remembered by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

## DEVELOPMENT



**Happy Thanksgiving**

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# FOR TEENS FROM TEENS

## A Virtual LIFETEEN Christmas Drive

Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in West Humboldt Park has a mission: to assist the materially poor and to share the Catholic faith. This December, St. James is invited to help! This year, the Sisters are collecting Christmas gifts for teens! Teens are invited to choose, purchase, and send gifts through the [Mission of Our Lady of the Angels Gift Registry \(click here\)](#). You can select one of the items on the list, or send another item you know another teen would love. For more information, please contact our Youth Minister, Christina Hudson at [chudson@stjamesah.org](mailto:chudson@stjamesah.org).

PLEASE SEND ALL  
GIFTS BY DEC 9

\*\*The sisters are also collecting items for warmth for families- blankets, socks, hats gloves, space heaters and large coats. Toys and items for children are also appreciated. All items and gifts can be ordered and sent through their [Amazon Wish List \(click here\)](#).

To learn more about Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, [click here](#).



## **MoSJ - PLEASE JOIN US FOR A Farewell Address by Fr. Matt Friday, December 11th 6:30am Via Zoom**

Our goal is to gather 100 men to honor and thank Fr. Matt at this very special event. Fr. Matt will share his thoughts about leaving, his hopes for the Men of St James and his legacy. (The regular Friday Morning Bible Discussion to follow Fr Matt's remarks.) Please RSVP for this event to Dave or Mike at [msj@stjamesah.org](mailto:msj@stjamesah.org)

### WEEKLY READINGS

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**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

### WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick...

Mary Opon, Norine Naselli, Michael McGowen, Russ Wagner, Mary Wagner

**Rose For Life**

Rose for Life was donated by Kaki Newgard in loving memory of her son, Will, who lost his life in Baghdad in 2006 while serving his country. His birthday is November 27th.

**Baptisms**

Dylan Daniel Swiniuch, child of William Swiniuch and Katherine Swiniuch

**Remembrances**

Saturday Evening/Sunday November 21st/22nd 2020

John Glueckert Sr., Patrick Callero, Richard Priess, J.T. Foley, Della Guarraci, Bob Firnbach,

Lynn Vernsten

Monday, November 23rd

John Micheli, Erin M. Meegan, Nikki Carso, Joan

Hails (4yr Anniv), Catherine Flannery

Tuesday, November 24th

Margaret Coyle, Jennifer Reiprich (1st Anniv),

Angeline Laveck, Viola Roth (15th Anniv)

Wednesday, November 25th

Misha Arsic, Thomas Joseph Fahey,

Joan Andrea Tracz

Thursday, November 26th

Donald Seiler, Sharon L. Seiler Scanlon, Roz Gourley,

Meggan McDermott, Alice Matthews, Candace

Duggan, Marion McDermott, Dana Mangi, William

Destiche, Joanne Destiche, Vincent Mangi,

Joanne Mangi, Dennis Thune

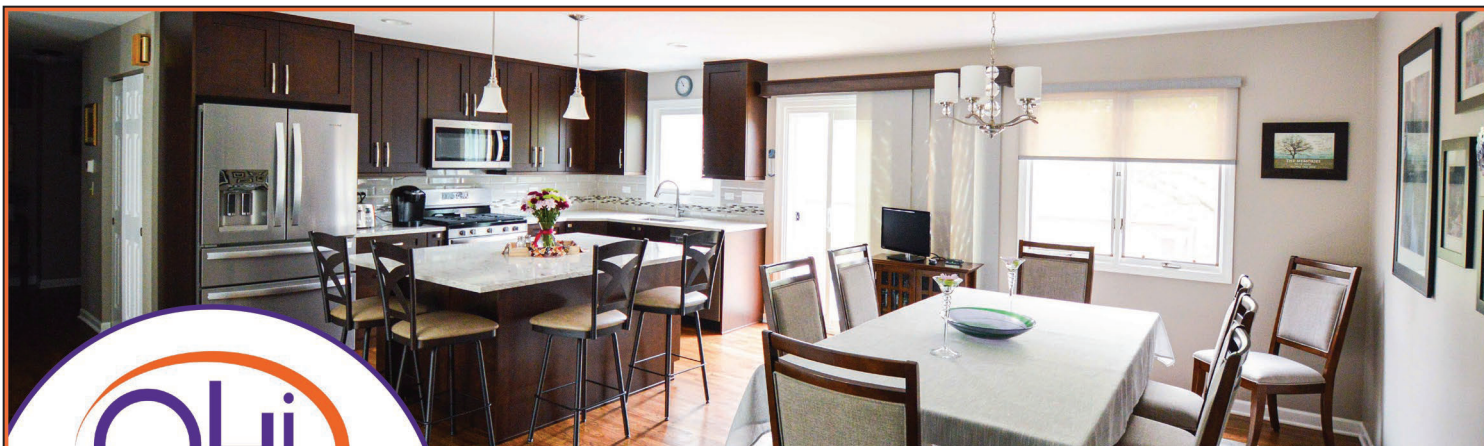
Friday, November 27th

Frank Pietrolonardo, Will Newgard, Edward Sowa

Saturday 7:30am, November 28th

Frank and Victoria Bosco, Helen Bailitz





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Sunday 7:00am	Traditional Cantor
Sunday 8:30am	Traditional Choir
Sunday 10:00am	Contemporary Choir
Sunday 11:30am	Contemporary Choir
Sunday 5:00pm	Contemporary Group

### Weekday Masses (Church)

Monday – Saturday Mass at 7:30AM and 12:00PM

Saturday Confessions 8-9AM

### Holy Day Liturgy

Please see special schedules for Holy Days.

### Parish Office Hours

#### Monday-Thursday

9:00am—8:00pm

#### Friday

9:00am—6:00pm

#### Saturday & Sunday

9:00am—1:00pm

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**Reconciliation** - Saturdays 8-9 AM and Thursdays 7-8 PM

**ADORE** - Join us Thursdays in the Church for Eucharistic Adoration, procession of the blessed sacrament, a witness talk, meditative praise and worship music, silent prayer, and confession.



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