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NOV 29

2020

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



# A MESSAGE FROM...

I cannot believe that it is already the first Sunday of Advent! This has been a wild year and I think we can all agree that we will be singing "O Come O Come Emmanuel" louder than ever this Advent season. To say that this year has been "challenging" would be an understatement but I believe Advent is here at the perfect time.



Advent is a time for us to prepare our hearts for Christmas and to recognize our need for a savior. I don't know about you, but this past year has made it very obvious that I need Jesus to be the center of my life. It can be very easy to go from Thanksgiving to Christmas, but I think Advent is one of the best times of the year to prepare our hearts for the beauty of the Christmas season. Here are some tips to embrace Advent this year.

## Celebrate the Season

Get an Advent Wreath and light a candle each week while praying as a family. Listen to Advent music to help prepare your heart. You can find a lot of great prayers and Advent music by googling "Catholic Advent Prayers" or "Catholic Advent Music". Look up some Advent recipes and cook together as a family.

## Daily Prayer

I highly suggest using Advent as a time to reset your prayer life. Read the daily mass readings, pray a rosary, spend time in silence, or do an Advent journey online. Advent is great time to start a prayer journal. Writing is a beautiful way to pray and to watch your relationship with Jesus grow in real time.

## Confession

Advent is a great time to go to confession. Confession is good for the soul. God showers his mercy on us and we are able to turn back to Him. We offer confession every week at Adore on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm and on Saturday mornings from 8:00-9:00am. Haven't been in a while? Just let the priest know and he will walk you through it!

These are just a few ways that we can journey with God this Advent season. I pray that your Advent is fruitful and that we all grow closer to Christ as we approach Christmas.

- Jonathan Blevins



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

**DATE:** SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – **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  
(WEST SIDE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS RD.)

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ACROSS TO THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.

THERE WILL BE NO PARKING IN THE  
SCHOOL PARKING LOT.

## 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-S at 7:30AM and M-F at Noon**

**Confessions offered Saturdays 8-9AM and Thursdays 7-8PM and in the Music Room**

**ADORE - Adoration Thursdays at 7PM**

**Immaculate Conception (HDO), Dec. 8th Masses offered at 7:30AM, Noon, 5PM, and 7PM**

**Adoration Chapel - see website for details**



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



# 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](#).



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VIRTUAL INFORMATION NIGHT  
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 7:00PM

Save the date for our 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.stjamesschoolah.org/2020/11/04/virtual-prek-and-kindergarten-information-night/>



Dear Parishioners,

As you can tell by the cover photos, our 26<sup>th</sup> annual *Jubilation* HOUSE PARTY 2020 held on Saturday, November 7, was a wonderful success thanks to the hundreds of supporters who assisted in our efforts that began last May. We are incredibly grateful that St. James now can give our collective donations, upwards of \$135K, to our fellow brothers and sisters in need. Hard work from the Jubilation planning committee, clever co-chairs Megan & Matt Callero and John & Terri Todesco, and a dedicated and resourceful parish staff brought this event to life. The outpouring of creativity and enthusiasm from our hosts and guests, and a little help from God who provided perfect weather, is what pulled the night together in virtual community, stewardship and fellowship. *We are thankful to all!* We hope to host an in-person event in 2021. To honor our parishioner and community veterans is on the horizon for our *Amazing Grace Gala* scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>. Save the date! ~ With humble gratitude, Fr. Matt, Julie Cohen and Sheryl Lifka

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And to all the HOSTS and GUESTS of our House Parties on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you for your support and participation!*

## 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 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



In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

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## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

# **Men - 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.)

To join this event, please RSVP to  
Dave or Mike at [msj@stjamesah.org](mailto:msj@stjamesah.org)



For over 30 years, the St. James community has reached out to the homeless in Chicago's Uptown Neighborhood. The LOAVES & FISHES Ministry provides an evening meal and a brown bag lunch for Women at Sarah's Circle [www.sarahscircle.org](http://www.sarahscircle.org) and Men at North Side Housing [www.northsidehousing.org](http://www.northsidehousing.org). Our ministry operates every Saturday beginning mid-November through the last weekend in April. We will continue to help those in need, especially now during the COVID 19 crisis.

Many organizations prepare lunches including; the WOJS (Women of St. James), CFM groups, Confirmation groups, SOR groups, members of the Youth Ministry and Scouting Troops. Many individuals too numerous to mention also make lunches, pick up soup and bread and give up their Saturday evenings to deliver food to the shelters. To all of you, THANK YOU.

LOAVES & FISHES needs volunteers for any of the following:

- Pick up bread from Central Continental Bakery on Saturday afternoon.
- Pick up soup from local restaurants on Saturday afternoon.
- Make approximately 125 lunches.
- Transport the donations (soup, bread, & lunches) to the shelters late Saturday afternoon or early Saturday evening.

**A very special thanks to those businesses who donate food on a regular basis and most especially renewing their commitment to this ministry during the Covid 19 crisis. Please consider patronizing The Palm Court and Egg Harbor restaurants in Arlington Heights and Central Continental Bakery in Mount Prospect.**

Those who are interested and have questions may contact Kevin and GERALYN Walsh at 847-338-1234 or 847-361-1480 [gbw1026@wowway.net](mailto:gbw1026@wowway.net) or Art and Patty Brown 847-651-9215 [abrown9157@aol.com](mailto:abrown9157@aol.com).

The Sign up Link is listed below.

Additional instructions will be provided.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48a9aa28a7ff2-volunteer>



## 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 church gathering space to pick up a box.

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



## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



St. James is a Faith Community Partner with St. Viator House of Hospitality. This is the home for over 20 young asylum seekers. They have a need for winter clothes items.



### WINTER DONATIONS FOR VIATOR HOUSE

Greetings from Viator House! As winter fast approaches, we are in need of winter gloves, scarves, wool caps, wool hats with face covering, heavy socks, thermal underwear (tops + bottoms), and hoodie type sweatshirts ... Men's sizes Small and Medium.

"Gently used" sweatshirts and sweaters also accepted

Many thanks - it is greatly appreciated!

For information on how to drop off your donation, email [peaceandjustice@stjamesah.org](mailto:peaceandjustice@stjamesah.org)



### Becoming the Light After Darkness: Welcoming Asylum-Seekers after their Deadly Journey

Viator House of Hospitality, Bethany House of Hospitality, and League of Women Voters AH-MP-BG recently sponsored this [online presentation](#) where you can learn more about the deadly journey young women and men seeking asylum make to the U.S. after fleeing their homes alone. Learn what you can do to welcome local asylum-seekers who fled their nations as children and how you can help build a nation that compassionately does so, as well.

## WEEKLY READINGS

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

## 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 Marilee Cripe in thanksgiving for her daughter, Sara.

**Baptisms**

Chelsea Anneliese Heaton child of Michael Heaton and Kalene (Pfister) Heaton

Luka James Hockey child of Travis Hockey and Ewelina Kulak

Parker David Tobey child of David Tobey and Taylor (Fusinatto) Tobey

**Remembrances**

Saturday Evening/Sunday November 28th/29th 2020

John Glueckert Sr., Patrick Callero, Jozef Dobek,

Bernice Juris, Charles Leonard, Lynn Vernsten,

Patrick Keenan

Monday, November 30th

Frank Karlovits, Pete Lippert, Catherine Flannery, Regina Tay, Eric Pedersen

Tuesday, November December 1st

Adele Thompson (1st Anniv), Frank Karlovits, Jessica McNamara (5th Anniv), Chiha-Li Smith

Wednesday, December 2nd

Walter Kowalski, Dana Mangi

Thursday, December 3rd

Nikki Cozzi-Carso, Madeline Brock

Friday, December 4th

Mary Ellen Dubin, Joseph Mariano, Stella Favia, James Biel

Saturday 7:30am, December 5th

Sharon L. Seiler Scanlan, Donald Seiler,

Patrick Cooper, Theodore Smith (1yr Anniv),

Marcella J. Kooi (1yr Anniv), Bob Jarosz,

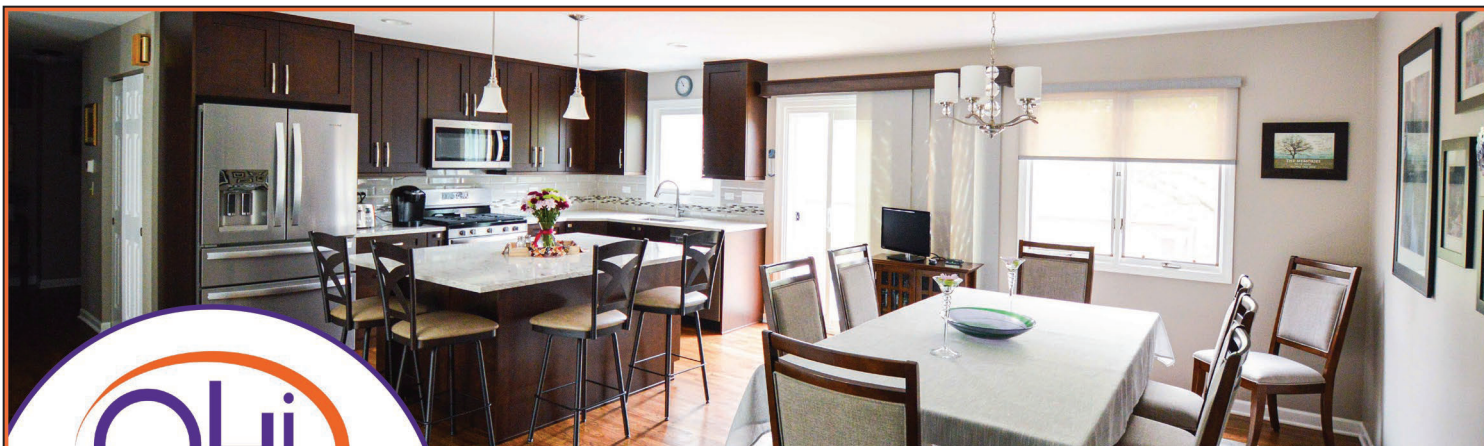
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