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the Most Holy Trinity*

**SUNDAY MASS**

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

\*1:00 p.m.

\*Español/Spanish  
(Church & On-line)

**DAILY MASS**

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m.

(Chapel & On-line)

**OFFICE  
HOURS**

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION**

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**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**

First Friday of the Month

8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

(Chapel)

Every Saturday

*And Confessions*

@ Missionary Servant House

3347 S. Michigan

3:30 to 5:00 pm

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

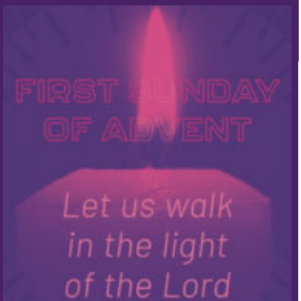
"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.  
But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because  
your redemption is at hand."

- Lk 21:27-28

**1<sup>er</sup> DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

"Entonces verán venir al Hijo del hombre en una nube, con gran poder y majestad.  
Cuando estas cosas comiencen a suceder, pongan atención y levanten la cabeza,  
porque se acerca la hora de su liberación".

- Lc 21, 27-28



**DECEMBER 1, 2024**

# ON THE WAY....



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

Respecting the spirit of Advent is probably a hopeless cause in US culture. It was bad enough when Christmas preparation started at Thanksgiving. Now that Christmas advertising starts before Halloween there is little chance that the quiet reflection which the Advent season intends will be possible. The round of Christmas activities (shopping, parties, visiting, etc.) fills the month of December and crowds out any chance for Advent spirituality to flourish. In fact, many people are so full of Christmas preparations that by the day itself they are sated and just want Christmas to be over. The “twelve days” of Christmas (up until the coming of the Magi at the Feast of the Epiphany) are overlooked. But if we do what we can to honor the season of Advent the liturgical life of the Church can help our spiritual journey immensely.

The season of Advent in the Christian calendar anticipates the "coming of Christ" (the meaning of the word) from three different perspectives: the physical nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the eschatological Second Coming. The scripture readings during this season reflect this three-fold focus. Advent is considered the beginning of the liturgical year and so the first weeks of the season accent the third of these perspectives and bridge the “end of days” language at the feast of Christ the King and those final weekdays. Our prayer during this time should contemplate the grand plan of salvation history – how God has been at work from the first moment of creation up until now and going off into the future in bringing about a more just and loving society. Readings from the prophet Isaiah are prominently featured given their broad sweep seeing the hand of God at work in the world. John the Baptist is featured as the prophet who was attentive to God’s saving action for the people of God. Later in the season Mary becomes the principle actor. Our prayer should direct us to imitate her in our willingness to obey the will of God wherever it leads. “Be it done unto me according to your word. The season ends leading us to Bethlehem where we contemplate the great mystery of God sharing a human life like any other with the birth of Jesus.

Given the cultural headwinds working against the season of Advent we need to make special efforts for this to be full of grace as intended. Since the season culminates in the “word made flesh” using our fleshy senses can be an appropriate way of getting an advent spirit. For example, there are Advent smells. Of course, the scent of pine from the Christmas tree and garlands play a major role but scented candles, spiced cider, and baking cookies help create an Advent feeling. Music. The radio bombards us with “you need a little Christmas” music during December but Advent music should be more meditative. For me, listening to Handel’s Messiah is the perfect Advent activity. Sights. An advent wreath (an evergreen with four candles, one for each week) in your home serves a visual reminder of the season. Lighting a new candle each succeeding Sunday helps prepare heart and mind for the coming of the Christ Child in our midst.

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

Sun  
12/01

## First Sunday Of Advent

	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</i>
	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	SPRED Mass (Presentation Hall) Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 12/02	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Jerrie Sherman by John and Katie Clance</i>
Tue 12/03	7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Wed 12/04	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Parish Council (On-line)
Thurs 12/05	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Taize (Presentation Hall & On-line)
Fri 12/06	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Sat 12/07	9:30 a.m.	Advent Retreat (Presentation Hall)

Sun  
12/08

## Second Sunday Of Advent

	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>For the people of St. James</i>
	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall) Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)

Join us for an Advent evening of song and reflection in the Taize tradition



Thursday, December 5

7pm

Free and open to all

St. James on Wabash, 21 East 29th Street  
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# Disrupting Darkness

*Love, Light, and  
the Birth of Jesus*



This retreat is for all who are holding onto hope, trusting that something new, something beautiful, is just over the horizon. We'll also discern how Jesus' birth calls us to live, love, and act.

**Saturday 12/ 7/2024**

**9:30AM - 2:00PM**

**Hospitality at 9:30AM, Reflection Begins 10:00AM**

**Light breakfast and lunch included. Suggested donation: \$20**

Advance registration is appreciated. Registration forms are available in the vestibules, or register online at <https://bit.ly/SJADVENT> or using the link under "Links for events" on our website. For more information contact [faithformation@stjameswabash.org](mailto:faithformation@stjameswabash.org) or 312-896-1911.

*With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit.  
Ephesians 6:18*

Join us in praying with and for each other and the needs of our community.

*Second Tuesday of each month, begins 12/10*

*6:30-7:30PM*

*Zoom*

*(<https://bit.ly/SJPRAYS>)*



## Eucharistic Adoration

Friday December 6

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

Confessions available  
upon request



## Save the date!!!

December 14 for the  
Christmas Tree  
Trimming open house  
pot luck at the rectory  
for 6pm to 9pm.



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



# In Our Prayers



**Our Home Bound:**  
 Judy Archer  
 Margie Bass  
 Paul Freeman  
 Juanita James  
 Barbara Southhall

**Our Sick:**  
 Aayliah Cooper  
 Patsy Cunningham

Marvelean Doss  
 Claude Fisher  
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