



Saint James
CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. James Roman Catholic Church,
a diverse community rooted in vibrant
Eucharistic Liturgy, serves those in need
in partnership with others.



*Saint James Church is
staffed by the priests
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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.

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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

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

- Lk 1:41-42

4^o DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

En cuanto [Isabel] oyó el saludo de María, la creatura saltó en su seno. Entonces Isabel quedó llena del Espíritu Santo, y levantando la voz, exclamó: "¡Bendita tú entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre!"

- Lc 1, 41-42

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

*The Lord
has not
forgotten us*

DECEMBER 22, 2024

ON THE WAY....



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

As we end the Advent season the figure of Mary becomes featured. The coming of the Christ, the blessed one, was possible because of her “yes.” However, her story is not simply for our admiration, it is also intended for our imitation. Just as Mary brought Christ into the world, we too are to bring Christ into the world. Obviously, we don’t do that biologically but we can do that spiritually. At least that was the opinion of St. Augustine, the great, fourth century African bishop. Every time we invite someone to share with us who are the Body of Christ as Church we are, as it were, giving birth to Christ anew. This is an excerpt from a sermon of Augustine’s which expresses this idea.

The Virgin Mary is both holy and blessed, and yet the Church is greater than she. Mary is a part of the Church, a member of the Church, a holy, an eminent — the most eminent — member, but still only a member of the entire body. The body undoubtedly is greater than she, one of its members. This body has the Lord for its head, and head and body together make up the whole Christ. In other words, our head is divine — our head is God.

Now, beloved, give me your whole attention, for you also are members of Christ; you also are the body of Christ. Consider how you yourselves can be among those of whom the Lord said: Here are my mother and my brothers. Do you wonder how you can be the mother of Christ? He himself said: Whoever hears and fulfills the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and my sister and my mother. As for our being the brothers and sisters of Christ, we can understand this because although there is only one inheritance and Christ is the only Son, his mercy would not allow him to remain alone. It was his wish that we too should be heirs of the Father, and co-heirs with himself.

Now having said that all of you are brothers of Christ, shall I not dare to call you his mother? Much less would I dare to deny his own words. Tell me how Mary became the mother of Christ, if it was not by giving birth to the members of Christ? You, to whom I am speaking, are the members of Christ. Of whom were you born? ““Of Mother Church,”” I hear the reply of your hearts. You became sons of this mother at your baptism, you came to birth then as members of Christ. Now you in your turn must draw to the font of baptism as many as you possibly can. You became sons when you were born there yourselves, and now by bringing others to birth in the same way, you have it in your power to become the mothers of Christ. Christmas is not a time, then, for nostalgia, for remembering sweetly what happened back in the day. It is a challenge to all of us to do as Mary did and make the light of God appear once again in a world of darkness.

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

Sun
12/22

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

- 9:30 a.m. Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line)
<https://zoom.us/j/622647147>
Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
† *Andrea Mae and LoRouen Ellis by Renee DeBerry and Frantz Jean-Bart by Winnie Jean-Bart*
- 11:30 a.m. Mass (Presentation Hall)
1:00 p.m. Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)

Mon
12/23

- 7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)
† *Ginny Picken by Bev Rebich*

Tue
12/24

- 7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)
† *Vincent Southall by Barbara Southall and Isnelle Jean-Bart by Winnie Jean-Bart*
- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Carols (Church)
6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line)

Wed
12/25

- 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (Chapel & On-line)
† *Peter, Louis and Anna Marano and Ralph Garofalo by Mena Marano*
- 11:00 a.m. Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)

Thurs
12/26

- 7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)
† *Andrew Kridell by Tom Hawley and Tom Mantel*

Fri
12/27

- 7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)
† *John Tokarz by Pamela Tokarz*

Sun
12/29

The Holy Family

- 9:30 a.m. Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line)
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† *For the people of St. James*
- 11:30 a.m. Mass (Presentation Hall)
1:00 p.m. Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)



December 24
Christmas Eve
Carols at 6pm
Mass at 6:30pm

December 25 Christmas Day Mass at 9:30am
11:00am (Español/Spanish)

January 1 New Year's Day
Mass at 10:30am

Followed by a brunch supplied by Deacon Terry and his family

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
 too small to be among the clans of Judah,
 from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

"Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll,
 behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" (Heb 10:7)

Gospel:

"And how does this happen to me,
 that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:43)

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Saint of the week

St. Margaret Clitherow (1556-1586), the pearl of York hid priests and allowed Mass to be celebrated in her home, a criminal offence at the time. She was pressed to death. Margaret was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of 40 martyrs of England and Wales.

Prayer for Advent Joy

Dear Jesus,

The news of your coming was met with boundless joy — fill us anew with the wonder of your presence. You are Emmanuel, God with us.

Amen.

Jazzin' to Feed Report 2024

Appeal	\$76,787.31
Raffle	\$11,625.00
Admission	\$9,445.00
Silent Auction	\$7,417.94
Sponsors	\$17,793.40
Ad Book	\$700.00
Flowers	\$50.00
T Shirts	\$220.00
Gross Profit	\$124,038.65
Expenses	\$27,211.48
Net Income	\$96,827.17



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

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