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### 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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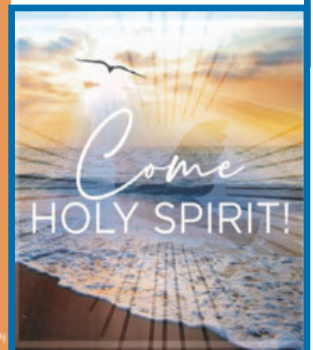
**First Friday of the Month**  
8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
(Chapel)  
**Every Saturday**  
*And Confessions*  
@ Missionary Servant House  
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3:30 to 5:00 pm

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

## EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR

Sucedió que entre la gente que se bautizaba, también Jesús fue bautizado. Mientras éste oraba, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él en forma sensible, como de una paloma. - Lc 3, 21-22



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**JANUARY 12, 2024**

# ON THE WAY....



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

Since the preparation for Christmas (which in the US context means shopping) society in the United States is pretty much finished with Christmas on the day after. However, in the liturgical life of the Church the Christmas season actually begins on Christmas and ends on this day, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Tomorrow will begin the few weeks of ordinary time before Lent. Maybe some final thoughts to help us reflect on the meaning of the season are in order.

First, Christmas means so much for the Church because it reminds us that God has chosen to become part of the human family. When we despair about our species – our violence, our greed, our wastefulness, our disregard – we can look at the events of Christmas and be reminded that we are so much more than our faults. A human being was capable of bearing divinity so every human being has the potential to live a divine life. The doctrine of the Incarnation that we celebrate at Christmas is the blessed assurance that we are all members of the family of God.

Second, it is during Christmas that we can meditate on the “hidden life” of Jesus. For most of the Church’s year we hear of the preaching of Jesus, his miracles, his suffering and death. However, the vast majority, ninety percent, of the life of the Son of God come into the world was spent doing all the things that we do. Learning how to walk, washing up and cleaning house, going to school, being taught a job, participating in family life, getting along with the neighbors, worrying over finances, dealing with illness and death. Jesus was just as much the Son of God when he was taking out the trash as he was when he was multiplying the loaves. The powerful lesson of the Christmas season is that the seemingly mundane activities of living can be suffused with divine purpose when they point toward the God who orders all things mightily.

Related to that reality is that Christmas also highlights the place that being part of a family played in formation of Jesus’ identity and what that says to us today. In the United States today what it means to be family is undergoing a profound shift. Only 15% of households are what have been called “Norman Rockwell” families (named after the American artist) of working father, stay at home mother and several children. Blended families, extended families, intentional families have become part of the scene. The essential point that the life of Jesus teaches us is that we grow as human beings by the interactions we have with the people closest to us. Whatever your family looked like in the past or looks like today, the lesson of Christmas is that we all contribute toward the spiritual well being of the people who are woven into our lives.

As we move into ordinary time in the liturgical year let us take the lessons of Christmas to heart and celebrate the gift of God-with-us in every circumstance of our lives and at every moment.

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

Sun 1/12	The Baptism Of The Lord	
	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)
	11:00 a.m.	† For The People Of St. James LGBTQ+ Ministry (Rectory)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 1/13	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Tue 1/14	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
	6:30 a.m.	Prayer Ministry (On-line)
Wed 01/15	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Thurs 01/16	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
	6:00 a.m.	Social Care Board (On-line)
Fri 01/17	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sat 01/18	10:00 a.m.	Grief Circle
Sun 01/19	2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	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)
	11:30 a.m.	† <b>For The People Of St. James</b> SPRED Mass Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)

*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**

*Next session on 1/14*

*6:30-7:30PM*

*Zoom*

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



# Grief Support

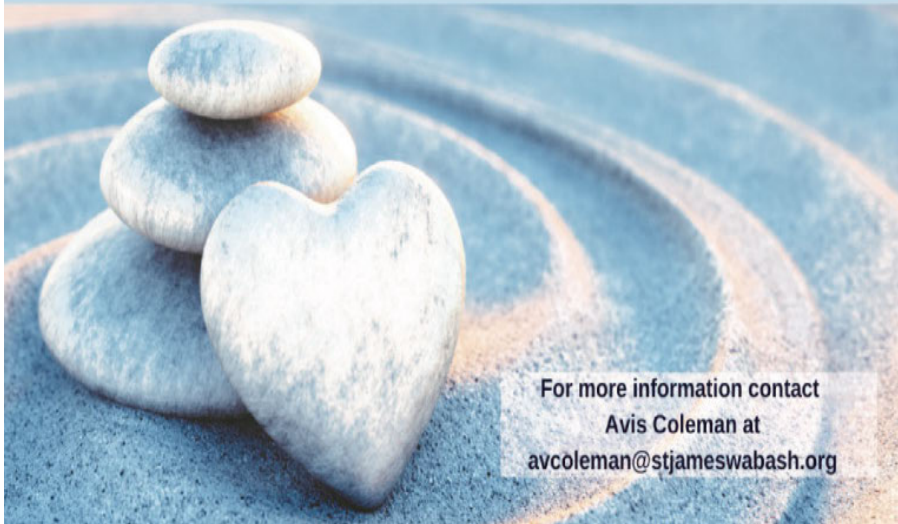
Third Saturday of the month

10 - 11:30AM

Next session: January 18th

St. James Lower Level

We offer a safe space for you to share how your grief is affecting you and/or those with whom you interact; how the loss has prompted change for you. You are invited to share your story of your loved one. We are not problem solving. We are not counseling. We are a sharing group. Confidentiality is important to us. Come when you're ready. Leave when you please.



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## Observances for the week of January 12, 2025

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord  
**Monday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Tuesday:**  
**Wednesday:**  
**Thursday:**  
**Friday:** St. Anthony, Abbot  
**Saturday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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\*\*\*MORE ON BACK



MAKES A CROSS IN FRONT OF THE THROAT

BLESSING  
OF THE  
THROAT



## Devotions, *Explained!*

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

## Prayer for Baptism

Oh God,  
You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You.

Amen.

# 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  
Paul Kanzer  
Linda Griffin Kennard  
Nancy McCarthy  
Samuel Akuo Opong Duah  
Sandra Reynolds  
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