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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.

### LOCATION

2907 South Wabash  
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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

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the  
fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

## LA PRESENTACIÓN DE JESÚS

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de muchos en Israel”. - Lc 2, 34

## BEHOLD

“Behold, this child is  
destined for the fall and  
rise of many in Israel.”

LUKE 2:34A

**FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

# ON THE WAY....



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

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord commemorates that Joseph and Mary followed the law of Moses and presented Jesus in the temple forty days after his birth. While there, the holy man, Simeon, declares the Jesus is “a light to the nations and the glory of God’s people, Israel.” For this reason, this is the day when the Church traditionally blesses the candles used both in the liturgy and in the home as a reminder that Christ is our light. In the Spanish-speaking world the feast is known as “Candelaria,” the feast of the candles. Any reader of old English novels will recognize the feast as Candlemas since the Spring semester at the university was known the Candlemas term.

Additionally in 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II established February 2 as the day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. In his message for the first World Day of Consecrated Life, the late pontiff stressed the importance of the day to recognize the beauty and impact of a life dedicated to poverty, chastity, and obedience. Just as candles are blessed on this day to symbolize Christ as the light of the world, “So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.” In establish the commemoration, Pope John Paull II wrote: “The mission of the consecrated life in the present and in the future of the Church concerns not merely those who have received this special charism, but the entire Christian community. The consecrated life is at the very heart of the Church as a decisive element for her mission, since it manifests the inner nature of the Christian calling and the striving of the whole Church as Bride towards union with her one Spouse.”

In his 1997 address, Pope Saint John Paul II listed three reasons, beginning with thanking God for this “stupendous gift!” The day “answers the intimate need to praise the Lord more solemnly and to thank him for the great gift of consecrated life,” he said. Next, “this day is intended to promote a knowledge of and esteem for the consecrated life by the entire People of God.” The last reason, he said, concerned consecrated persons. “They are invited to celebrate together solemnly the marvels which the Lord has accomplished in them,” he said, “to discover by a more illumined faith the rays of divine beauty spread by the Spirit in their way of life, and to acquire a more vivid consciousness of their irreplaceable mission in the Church and in the world.”

Pope Francis, himself a religious as a Jesuit, has continued the commemoration. Last year at the homily on February 2 he said, “Dear friends, today let us joyfully renew our consecration! Let us ask ourselves what ‘moves our hearts and actions, what renewed vision we are being called to cultivate, and above all else, let us take Jesus into our arms. Let us put the Lord back in the center and press forward with joy.” St. James is blessed to have many in consecrated life -- sisters, brothers and priests -- who worship with us. We are blessed by their presence.

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

Sun 2/02	The Presentation Of Our 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)
	†	<b>Louis Marano from Mena Marano and Debra and Shirley Barker from Phyllis Barker</b>
	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Mass SPRED (Presentation Hall) Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 2/03	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Tue 2/04	7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Wed 02/05	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Parish Council (On-line)
Thurs 02/06	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 02/07	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Sun 02/09	5th 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)
	†	<b>for the people of St. James</b>
	11:00 a.m.	LGBTQIA+ Ministry (On-line)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)



**Ministry for  
LGBTQIA+ persons,  
family & friends**

**Next meeting  
February 9th  
11:00AM**

**St. James Rectory  
2942 S. Wabash**

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION

AT ST. JAMES

**FEBRUARY 7, 2025**

**8:30 - 9:30AM RECTORY CHAPEL**

**6-7PM RECTORY CHAPEL**

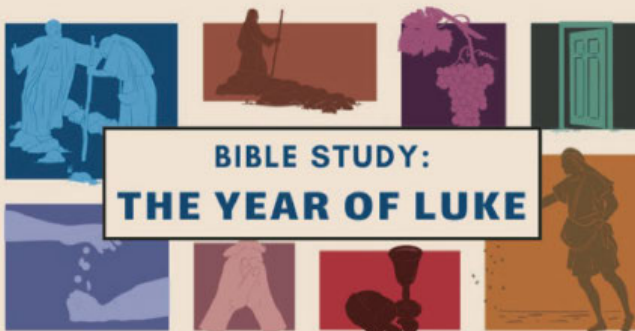
**CONFESSION AVAILABLE FROM 6-7PM**



"DURING A HOLY HOUR OUR LOVE FOR JESUS  
BECOMES MORE INTIMATE, OUR LOVE FOR EACH  
OTHER MORE UNDERSTANDING, AND OUR LOVE FOR  
THE POOR MORE COMPASSIONATE."

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

This year we will be celebrating the African American Heritage Celebration on Sunday February 23, 2025 following mass which will be at 10:30 am., allowing time for our guests from St. Edna's to arrive. There are sign-up sheets in both vestibule's and downstairs. Please make sure to let us know how you are able to participate. Thank you and if you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann: [faithformation@stjameswabash.org](mailto:faithformation@stjameswabash.org)



## BIBLE STUDY: THE YEAR OF LUKE

**Mondays,  
7-8:30PM**

**Feb, 17 and 24, Mar. 10 and 17**

**Zoom**

The gospels for the Sundays of this year 2025 are mostly taken from the Gospel of St. Luke. He did not know Jesus personally, and wrote his Gospel to help others to come to the faith as he had. Several themes are stressed in his presentation of the mission of Jesus: the importance of prayer, the role of women in the Church, the presence of the Holy Spirit, the option for the poor. This short course will introduce Luke and his gospel to help our own prayerful reflection as we go through the liturgical year. Classes will be held on zoom on four Mondays from 7pm to 8:30pm.

Register in advance to receive Zoom links and materials. Registration forms are available in the vestibules at church, or to register online go to <https://bit.ly/SJBIBLUKE>, or see link under "Links for events" at [www.stjameswabash.org](http://www.stjameswabash.org).

For information: Fr. John, [jedmunds@stjameswabash.org](mailto:jedmunds@stjameswabash.org) or 312-842-1919.



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**\*\*\*MORE ON BACK**



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmIR6A>



# In Our Prayers



### Our Home Bound:

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  
Donald Rogers  
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