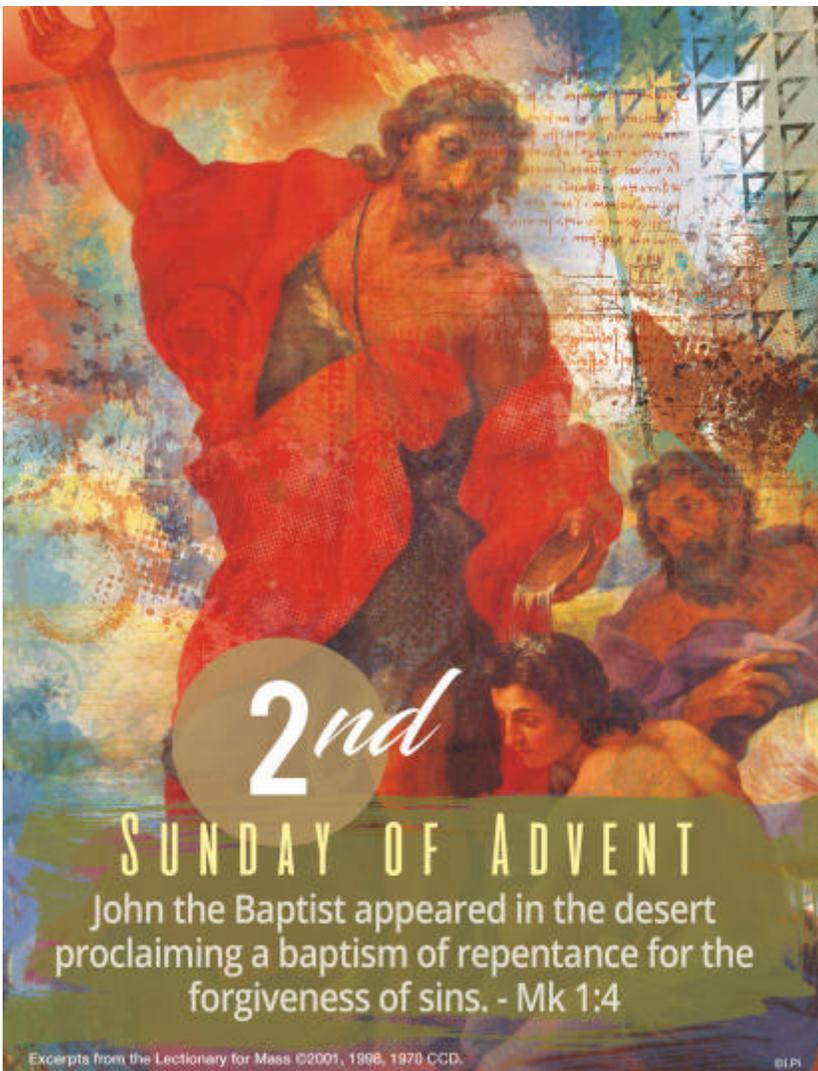


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DECEMBER 6, 2020



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 9:30am

DAILY MASSES

Mondays & Wednesdays
7:30am in the Church
Fridays
9:00am in the Chapel

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

By appt. only during the pandemic

BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office.
Families are encouraged to be registered in the parish.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior the proposed date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you know of someone homebound, sick, or in the hospital, contact the Parish Office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For those in need within our boundaries, call 314-289-6101 ext. 1152.

OUR PARISH COMMITMENT

As parishioners of St. James the Greater Catholic Church, we strive to follow Jesus Christ in our Eucharistic Community by witnessing God's love for ourselves, our families, and our growing diverse community; particularly in Dogtown, and its surrounding neighborhoods and institutions...sharing our blessings with our new neighbors, and those living on the margins of faith.

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From the Pastor's Pen...



Dear Parishioners,

Below is the first of two excerpts from an op-ed written by Pope Francis for the New York Times on November 26, 2020.

The first few paragraphs are remembrances of two nurses who cared for him in times of sickness. It is from their caring for him that he reflects on a larger theme of helping one another during Advent season and Covid 19.

Blessings,
Fr. Quirk, Ph.D.

"This theme of helping others has stayed with me these past months. In lockdown I've often gone in prayer to those who sought all means to save the lives of others. So many of the nurses, doctors and caregivers paid that price of love, together with priests, and religious and ordinary people whose vocations were service. We return their love by grieving for them and honoring them.

Whether or not they were conscious of it, their choice testified to a belief: that it is better to live a shorter life serving others than a longer one resisting that call. That's why, in many countries, people stood at their windows or on their doorsteps to applaud them in gratitude and awe. They are the saints next door, who have awakened something important in our hearts, making credible once more what we desire to instill by our preaching.

They are the antibodies to the virus of indifference. They remind us that our lives are a gift and we grow by giving of ourselves, not preserving ourselves but losing ourselves in service.

With some exceptions, governments have made great efforts to put the well-being of their people first, acting decisively to protect health and to save lives. The exceptions have been some governments that shrugged off the painful evidence of mounting deaths, with inevitable, grievous consequences. But most governments acted responsibly, imposing strict measures to contain the outbreak.

Yet some groups protested, refusing to keep their distance, marching against travel restrictions — as if measures that governments must impose for the good of their people constitute some kind of political assault on autonomy or personal freedom! Looking to the common good is much more than the sum of what is good for individuals. It means having a regard

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December 8 (Holyday) - 9:00am

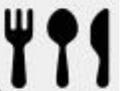
Christmas Eve - 4:30pm

Christmas Day - 9:30am

January 1 - 9:00am

All Masses will be in the church.

Meals Ministry



There are times when our fellow parishioners need relief from meal preparation after coming home with a new baby, recovering from a medical procedure, or other unforeseen circumstances.

The Meals Ministry coordinates the donation of meals for short-term relief. If you are in need of the help this ministry provides, or would like to assist with his effort, please contact the coordinators, K2 Kelley at 314.707.3629 or Terry Daugherty at 314.795.0964.



Parish Highlights

for all citizens and seeking to respond effectively to the needs of the least fortunate.

It is all too easy for some to take an idea — in this case, for example, personal freedom — and turn it into an ideology, creating a prism through which they judge everything.

The coronavirus crisis may seem special because it affects most of humankind. But it is special only in how visible it is. There are a thousand other crises that are just as dire, but are just far enough from some of us that we can act as if they don't exist. Think, for example, of the wars scattered across different parts of the world; of the production and trade in weapons; of the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing poverty, hunger and lack of opportunity; of climate change. These tragedies may seem distant from us, as part of the daily news that, sadly, fails to move us to change our agendas and priorities. But like the Covid-19 crisis, they affect the whole of humanity.

Look at us now: We put on face masks to protect ourselves and others from a virus we can't see. But what about all those other unseen viruses we need to protect ourselves from? How will we deal with the hidden pandemics of this world, the pandemics of hunger and violence and climate change?"



In today's Gospel, St. John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord". We are called to prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please have them call SVDP at 314-289-6101 ext. 1152 so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.



November 29, 2020

Weekly Collection: | \$6807.05

To sign up for online giving, the link for Faith Direct is: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/MO54>

Our church code is MO54.

Thank You.



December

- 7th ~ Joe Barbay (Church 7:30am)
- 8th ~ People of the Parish (Church 9:00am)
- 9th ~ Tony Esenwah (Church 7:30am)
- 11th ~ Greg Hoegemeier (Chapel 9:00am)
- 12th ~ John Weisbrod (Church 4:30pm)
- 13th ~ Albert & Elsie Bedolli (Church 9:30am)

Please consider a Mass Intention for our deceased families and friends as well as special intentions. Mass Intentions are \$10.00 each.

Please contact the Parish Office for a Mass Intention Card or visit our website at <https://www.stjamesthegreater.org/mass-intention-request> to submit your request.



All are invited to:

REMEMBER
in your prayers

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| Jean Bohler | Rico Lange |
| Maureen Brine | Lisa Perez-Paintner |
| Barbara Ann Burke | Sr. Rosalie |
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| Donna Frank | |

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email

contactchurch@stjamesthegreater.org

To add a name, you must have permission from the person you are adding to the prayer list.

Names will be honored for 4 weeks in the bulletin, then the request must be made again.

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