



ST. JAMES THE GREATER CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 20, 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,

I write this in the reality of the Sunday before Christmas 2020. I hope this reflection from John O'Donohue (1999) will add to your spiritual growth as we await the coming of the Child in this time of

isolation and social distancing.

Please be on the lookout for a letter and/or email from me about a year end donation.

Blessings,
Fr. Quirk, Ph.D.

Our quest for meaning, though often unacknowledged, is what secretly sustains our passion and guides our instinct and action. Our need to find meaning is urged upon us by our sense of life. Normally, when we look at people whether at work, on the street, or in our homes, we inevitably think of them in practical terms. We experience other people very concretely. We notice the way they look, the role they play, the clothes they wear, the habits they have, and especially the styles of their personalities.

Yet when you distance your self from the particularities of individual lives, you begin to realize that no human person is here on earth accidentally or neutrally. Each person is a living world of longing. You are here not simply because you were sent here. You are here because you long to be here. A person is an incarnation of longing. Behind your image, role, personality, and deeper than your thoughts, there is a pulse of desire that sustains you in the world. All your thoughts, feelings, and actions arise from a secret source within you which desires life. This is where your sense of life is rooted. Your sense of life expresses itself in your convictions intentions and passions; it precedes them. Your sense of life is pre-reflective, yet passionate and powerful. This secret presence of longing helps you endure the routine of the daily round; it emerges strongly when difficulty entangles you, or when suffering strips away your networks of connection with the world. Your sense of life is not something you can invent or force with your mind. It is the wisdom of your clay and is eternally acquainted with awakening. As you discover the faithfulness of life within you, your sense of life transfigures your fear and assures you that you are more deeply rooted than you realize. It frees you for the adventure of solitude.

Parish Office

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Office hours are:
Monday - Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

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Christmas Eve - 4:30pm

Christmas Day - 9:30am

January 1 - 9:00am

All Masses will be in the church.



HOLIDAY HOURS

No Mass

There is no 7:30am Mass on December 23rd and 30th.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed December 23rd - 27th and December 30th - January 3rd. We will be open on December 21st, 22nd, 28th, and 29th.

Livestreaming

Mass will be livestreamed on Christmas Eve at 4:30pm. There will be no livestream on December 26th or January 2nd.

Parish Highlights

Decorating for Christmas

The decoration committee will be decorating for Christmas after the 9:30am Mass on December 20th. They could use some assistance. Masks are required. If you are interested in helping, please stick around after Mass on the 20th. Thank you.



THE GIVING TREE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society utilizes the gift cards donated each Christmas to assist the poor in our Parish. Gift Cards help us to provide warm socks, gloves, new blankets and items that we do not generally keep in stock in the pantry. And because of your overwhelming support, we use these cards throughout the year. With these gifts from you we can help the poor and those in need to celebrate Christmas. Thank you for helping us with the generosity of your time, talent and treasure. Take an ornament with a suggested business written on it. These are only suggestions but they are the most popular and useful ones. Please place cards in basket. Thank you and God Bless.



December 6, 2020

Weekly Collection: | unknown at publication

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

- 21st** ~ Rose Maloney née Rocchio (Church 7:30am)
- 24th** ~ Monahan & Sullivan Families (Church 4:30p)
- 25th** ~ Albert & Elsie Bedolli (Church 9:30am)
- 26th** ~ Reno Meneghetti (Church 4:30pm)
- 27th** ~ Cathy Berry (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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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Joan Acton | John Kelley |
| Jean Bohler | Pam Kellogg |
| Maureen Brine | Lisa Perez-Paintner |
| Barbara Ann Burke | Sr. Rosalie |
| Michelle Donaldson | Steve Unland |
| Bill Ellingham, Jr. | Ruth Whitmore |
| Pat Ellingham | David Stewart |
| Jozie Emmerich | |
| 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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