

Saint James Parish



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- Mt 2:10-11

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 8:00 AM
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday 8:00 AM
Thursday 7:00 PM
Friday & Saturday 8:00 AM
Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM
Sunday 7:30 & 10:00 AM

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday 6:00-6:45 PM and Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM
Or call the rectory for appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at noon. Call the rectory to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning for marriage should contact the rectory one year prior to the wedding date.

CARE FOR THE SICK

Please contact the rectory if you know of anyone who is hospitalized or confined to home because of age or illness.

Please call
Father Anthony if you have any questions or concerns.

Parish Office Hours: M, W-F 8:30 AM-2:00 PM

We are a Stewardship Parish
TIME TALENT TREASURE



Saturday, January 1, Mary, Mother of God
 9:00 AM George & Anne Flynn by their family
 No Mass at 4:30 PM

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany
 7:30 AM Dolores Marte by Maria Wallen
 10:00 AM Gerald Berube by his family

Monday, January 3
 8:00 AM In honor of St. Jude for favors received
 By a parishioner

Wednesday, January 5
 8:00 AM Edward Butler by Kathleen Torrey

Thursday, January 6
 7:00 PM Mary & Joseph Kosiba by Philippe Lavallee

Friday, January 7
 8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Next Saturday, January 8
 8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
 4:30 PM Dominic Vinh Vu by the Pham family

Next Sunday, January 9
 7:30 AM Richard Glispin by a parishioner
 10:00 AM Norman Folster by his family



Reading the Signs

Wise men came from the east. They had not had the benefit of the Hebrew Scriptures, but they were wise enough to read the signs and fall in homage before “the glory of the Lord.” In their wisdom, they offered gifts which acknowledged Jesus as both king and sacrificial victim.

King Herod, meanwhile, had not learned from his people's Scriptures, and in his lack of wisdom, he became greatly disturbed. He became the enemy of the child, for he refused to accept that *kingship is his, and government and power.*

The contrast between the acceptance by the Gentile wise men and the rejection by the Jewish king underscores the message that Jesus is the “light of all peoples.” No one is excluded. The chosen Jews and the foreigners from “the ends of the earth are members of the same body and sharers of the promise.”

Those who exclude others from the life of the human family are being unfaithful to the Son “revealed to the nations.” Those who accept only the rich and powerful are being unfaithful to the God who shall have pity for the lowly and the poor.

Basic justice demands the establishment of minimum levels of participation in the life of the human community for all persons. The ultimate injustice is for a person or group to be treated actively or abandoned passively as if they were nonmembers of the human race. To treat people this way is effectively to say that they simply do not count as human beings.

U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, 1986:77
 Gerald Darring

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

December 18 & 19 \$3,771.00.00
 Utilities \$220.00
 Candles \$188.00

THANK YOU!

MASKS REQUIRED

Effective immediately, everyone must wear a mask at all Masses and parish functions. Masks will be available for those who need them. Thank you for all you are doing to keep us all safe.

Any Suggestions?

There is a Suggestion Box in the main vestibule where we welcome any comments, concerns and suggestions. Please let us know what's on your mind.

Calendars have arrived and are available at both church entrances. Thank you to Michael Braun of Trusted Like Family Home Care, Inc. for sponsoring the calendar this year!



The parish office has been closed since Friday, December 24th but will reopen Monday, January 3rd.

Most Holy Name of Jesus Jan 3 Saint of the Day

Saint Paul tells us in his Letter to the Philippians that Jesus' name is above every other name. It is the name in which we are all saved. Devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus is deeply rooted in Christian history.

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Jan 4 Saint of the Day**

Convert, wife, mother, widow, teacher, religious—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton did it all. Yet, in many ways, she was an ordinary woman of her time who lived life in an extraordinary way.

**Saint John Neumann Jan 5 Saint of the Day**

Saint John Neumann was the first member of his community, the Redemptorists, to profess vows in the United States. He did missionary work in Maryland, Virginia, and Ohio, and became the bishop of Philadelphia. Noted for his humility and organizational skills, he helped form the Church in the New World.

**Saint André Bessette Jan 6 Saint of the Day**

Saint André Bessette was orphaned at 12, and eventually worked in the United States during the Civil War. At 25, he became a Brother of the Holy Cross. Having a deep devotion to Saint Joseph from childhood, Saint André built the Oratory on Mount Royal in his honor. Although sickly most of his life, Saint André lived to be 92.

**Saint Raymond of Peñafort Jan 7 Saint of the Day**

Saint Raymond of Peñafort was a lawyer who used his talents to both compile legislation for easy access and to write legal treatises on penance for the use of confessors. He was named the Archbishop of Tarragona, but resigned due to sickness within two years. He lived to be 100.

**Saint Angela of Foligno Jan 8 Saint of the Day**

Saint Angela of Foligno was a wife and mother who had little interest in the spiritual life until about age 40. After her husband and children died, Angela entered the Secular Franciscans, spending the rest of her life in prayer and service.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES****Saturday, January 1, Mary, Mother of God**

9:00 AM Mass

No 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, January 2, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM & 10:00 AM Masses

9:00 AM Religious Ed classes Gr. 1-6

Monday, January 3

6:00 PM Religious Ed classes Gr. 7-9

Wednesday, January 5

6:00 PM Outreach meeting

PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

Lord of All Nations,
 We long to see your face, to hear your voice.
 We keep the faith, and reach out in prayer
 But too often, we've failed to find you.
 And then, one day in time
 You thought to place yourself within reach
 In the person of a child as vulnerable as any of us
 King and peasant beheld you
 Man and woman
 Slave and free
 Jew and gentile
 For you had come for all.
 "Epiphany," we called it
 A living manifestation of the God we call on.
 We have since known other epiphanies.
 We have met you in the faces of our brothers
 The grace of our sisters.
 The hand that reaches out.
 The heart that weeps for the other.
 In the strength of one who protects
 In the gentleness of one who forgives
 We have seen your face.
 We have heard your voice.
 As broken as we are
 As scared and hollowed and sinful
 May others see something of you in us,
 May they hear the sound of your voice.
 May you be revealed to all nations
 All peoples on earth.
 And may epiphanies abound.
 Be born in us, O Lord.
 Amen

**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS**

If anyone is interested in volunteering on a Sunday morning, from 9:30 to 11:30, we are in need of counters for the weekend collections. There needs to be two people (not related) each week. It won't be a commitment every week if there are enough volunteers. Please call the parish office or email Celeste at catstjames@aol.com if you can help Saint James in this way. Thanks!



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