

St. James Major Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Anticipated)
Sunday: 10:00 am
Monday – Friday: 8:30 am (in Chapel)

Holy Hour: First Friday following 8:30 am Mass.
Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays after Mass

Confessions

Saturday: 3:15 – 3:45 pm
And by request

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

New Parishioners: Welcome to the Parish! Please complete a registration form (found on the tables at the doors) and introduce yourself to the priest.

Baptisms: Please contact the Priest or Deacon to arrange for a seminar and time for the Baptism.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months in advance of the date of the wedding. Please contact the priest before committing to any other arrangements.

Funerals: Please contact the church as soon as the need arises and before making any arrangements with the funeral parlor.

The
Pastor's
Corner



ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Are you registered in the parish? Do you use contribution envelopes? Consider the following situations:

- ◆ You are asked to be a sponsor for a Baptism or Confirmation and need a statement from your pastor stating that you are a registered and attending member of the parish, but there is no record of you.
- ◆ You decide to itemize your tax deductions and need the amount you contributed to the church, but you don't use envelopes, so there is no record.
- ◆ Your child needs church involvement or attendance information for acceptance into high school, but you are not listed as a parishioner.
- ◆ You need a letter attesting to your character for employment or organizational inclusion, but your name is not familiar because you are not registered.
- ◆ Someone living alone dies, and the relatives tell the funeral director, "He always went to St. James," but when the church is called for the service, no one knows the deceased.

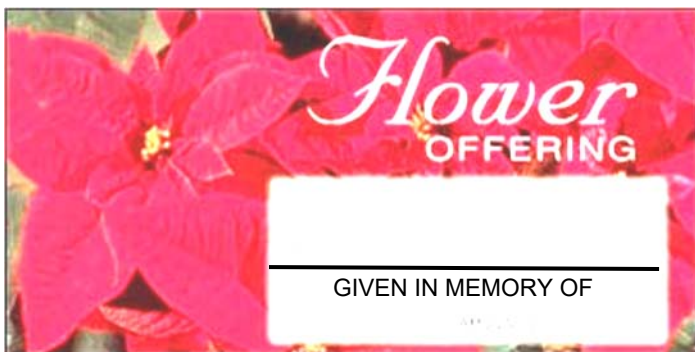
These are real situations that have occurred here. **REGISTER! MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN!** Actively support your parish by using envelopes and joining ministries. Census forms and contribution envelopes are on the table in the vestibule and by the church doors.



PSR Christmas Pageant

A Christmas presentation
by the Students of
the Parish School
of Religion

**Sunday, December 16
In the Gym
Everyone Is Invited!**



Christmas Flowers for the Church

Envelopes for your donations for the Christmas decorations in the church are available at the church doors and in the pews. The cost will cover real Christmas trees and live poinsettias. There is a line on the envelope where you may write the name of a person in whose memory you are giving the donation. The Mass on December 30 will be offered for all those on the "Memory" list. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

Christmas Baskets for the Needy

St. James is giving Christmas baskets of food for the needy of this area. Your donations of the following items will help families enjoy a great Christmas dinner: stuffing, canned sweet potatoes and vegetables, evaporated milk, rice, macaroni, cranberry, gravy, cornbread mix, cake mixes and frosting. Your donations can be placed in the church vestibule at Mass times or brought to the rectory during office hours (8-3:30, Monday–Friday).

Anointing of the Sick after Mass December 22 & 23

Canon law states that anyone who is in some danger of death from an illness or from old age can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Likewise, should the person's condition worsen, the sacrament may be repeated. The code then immediately offers this caveat: If there is any doubt as to the seriousness of the illness or condition, the sacrament is to be received.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* adds that it is also appropriate to receive the sacrament prior to surgery.



Mass Intentions

Each Mass is offered for the intentions of all present and for the following:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

10:00 am Intentions of all our parishioners who are ill, and for all who have asked for prayer,

And for the repose of the souls of

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| +Peter & Marguerite Boudreaux | +Christina Baham |
| +Howard & Darlene Jordon | +Rochelle Age |
| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. | +Gail Dotson |
| +Jesús Modesto & Frances Vega | +Mildred Landry |
| +Stanley & Nellamae Montz | +Lillian Rodriguez |
| +Anthony C. Vanderpool | +Joseph Hunter |

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 am Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30 am Int. Bobby Montz
+Joseph Chevis
+Louisa Rondeno

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30 am +Poor Souls in Purgatory (PL)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 am +Ralph Dennis

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30 am Peter Flattmann

Please pray for them: Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Gloria Mitchell, Denise Thomas, Audrey Wilson, Gail Wright, Nadine Rochell, Gloria Harris, Gertrude Harris, William Mitchell, Maggie Haney, Dominic Carmouche, Loretta Parent, Walter Glapion, Yvonne Bechet, Gerald Mercadel, Sr., Susan Lauterbach, Thais Ardoin, Russell Jordan, Denise Rachal, Herbert Briant, Sr., Irene Ward, Marguerite Ragas, Irma Springer, Wilbert Clementin, Sr., Byron Williams, Jr., Kim Stovall, Michelle Irwin, Dennis LeBlanc, Betty Reynolds, Jill Courseault, Meredith LeBlanc and Clarence, Robert and Buster Mitchell.



Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially those who are homebound or in hospitals, nursing homes and hospice. Please notify the rectory of the change in status of you or your relatives on the prayer list.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| 10 Monday | SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT
Isaiah 35:1-10; Ps 85; Luke 6:17-26 |
| 11 Tuesday | ST. DMASUS or WEEKDAY
Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps 96; Matthew 18:12-14 |
| 12 Wednesday | OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10 ab; Judith 13; Luke 1:26-38 |
| 13 Thursday | ST. LUCY
Isaiah 41:13-20; Ps 145; Matthew 11:11-15 |
| 14 Friday | ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
Isaiah 48:17-19; Ps 1; Matthew 11:6-19 |
| 15 Saturday | SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps80; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 |
| 16 Sunday | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18 |



Lectors & Commentators
Dec 8 Gloria Jordon, Elisa Triplett
Dec 9 Adaline Patterson, Denise Thomas



Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Dec 8 Janice James, Roy LeBlanc
Dec 9 Evangeline Richard, Mona Johnson



Please remember to pray for our men and women who are serving in the armed forces, especially:

SSgt Bryan Stovall, Jr., USMC	PO2 Melissa Flot, USN
PVT Robert Cook, USA	SGT Robert Lambert, USA
SSgt. Anthony Montz, USAF	Alvin Benjamin, USN
SSgt. Davin Hornsby, USAF	A1C Andrew Montz, USAF



A Stewardship Moment

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our Stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those who are in need.

Church Support



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (December 1-2)

First Collection	\$ 2788.00
Second Collection	677.00
	<u>\$ 3465.00</u>

Thank you for your support!