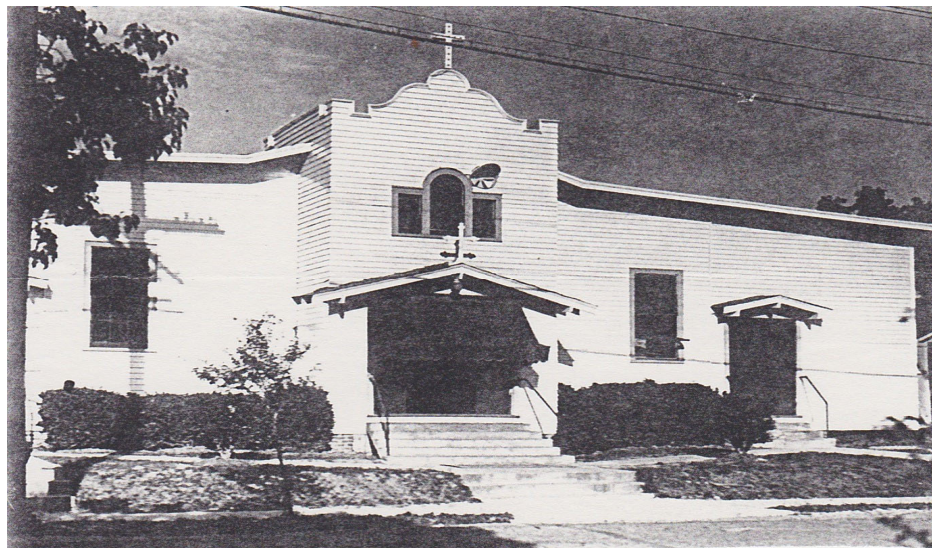


# St. James Major Catholic Church



Celebrating  
100 Years

1920-2020

## St. James Major Church 1935-52

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### Mass Times

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

Monday: Communion Service 8:30 am

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



Advent

People don't know exactly when the celebration began. There are several disputes concerning the tradition. It was proposed by the Christian Catholic Church. Some religious books admit that the period of Advent was proposed in the early 5th century and lasted for six weeks. It began on St. Martin's Day, November 11. During the Advent period of those times people had a strong fast. It was a preparatory period for Christmas day. A hundred years later the Catholic Church proposed to reduce that period and cancel the tradition of a fast, though the Orthodox Christians kept the tradition of strong fasting before Christmas Eve.

The initial aim of Advent was to prepare body and soul for a great holiday. Many things were restricted during that period. Winter fast was comparable with the preparation for Easter. People also had a long period of Lent. Nowadays in winter there are not so many limitations.

Advent is recognized as one of the really festive seasons. Beginning from the First Sunday of Advent, people look forward to one of the most grandiose events of Christianity. This period is dedicated to preparation for that day. People usually begin looking for Christmas presents for their loved ones and colleagues. They start decorating their houses and thinking about their Christmas vacations and parties.



Catholic Christians pay much attention to decorating their homes. They visit many stores looking for the best Advent wreath which is placed on a dinner table. Another wreath is hung on the front door. The tradition of lighting candles is followed during the whole period of Advent. The first candle is lighted during a meal on the First Sunday of Advent. Christians light a new candle, as well as the previous ones, every Sunday before Christmas. The worshippers always read Scripture before starting dinner. Families pray together, involving their children, thus passing on the tradition.

When is the First Sunday of Advent 2019? You can light the first Advent candle on December 1.

Blessing the Advent Wreath

Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this holiday season.

Week 1, Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



Christmas Pageant

Does your child want to take part in the Parish School Religion annual Christmas Pageant? All children, first through 12th grades are welcome to participate in this program presented to the parish each Christmas. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Evangeline Richard at 407-9991. Rehearsals begin November 24, 8:30 a.m. in the school. The children will be finished in time to attend the 10:00 Family Mass.



An Advent Quiz

What do you know about Advent? The answers will be in next week's bulletin.

- 1. How many Sundays occur during Advent?
2. What major feast day of our Blessed Mother is always in Advent?
3. What is a Jesse Tree?
4. When is the feast of St. Nicholas?
5. What is the more commonly used title of the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas"?



Proposed Tasks Centennial Celebration Requiring Money



- 1. Repair leaking ceiling in church
2. Repair falling plexiglass (stained glass windows)
3. Varnish church doors
4. Repaint church walls
5. Replace rusty sinks in church
6. Repair parking lot
7. Repair steps to the sanctuary in the church
8. Create a St. James altar
9. Repair masonry & waterproof bell tower

The money raised from our capital campaign shall be used for the above projects. If an individual or a group would like to take care of any of these projects, please contact the Improvement Committee. Check on the board in the vestibule for the names of the Improvement Committee members.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# Mass Intentions



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

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

+Clarence & Clare Jupiter	+Emile Oliver
+Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr.	+Junior Frederick
+William Mike Dwyer, III	+Rochelle Age
+Leonard Thomas, Jr.	+Lillian Rodriguez
+James Fernandez, Sr.	+Lawrence Herbert
+Eugene G. Johnson, Sr.	+Walter LeBlanc
+Daniel Carmouche, Jr.	+Vernita Williams

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:30 am Communion Service

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:30 am +Joseph Chevis  
+L. D. Benjamin  
+Al & Dorothy Martin  
+Rosemary James

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:30 am +Warren Thompson

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30 am +Louisa Rondono

**Please pray for them:** Gloria Age, Thais Ardoin, Herbert Briant, Sr., Dominic Carmouche, Wilbert Clementin, Sr., Gail Wright, Jill Courseault, Melody Sanderson, Cheryl Napoleon, Sarah Lafitte, Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Gloria Mitchell, Denise Thomas, Audrey Wilson, Nadine Rochell, Gloria Harris, Gertrude Harris, William Mitchell, Maggie Haney, Loretta Parent, Walter Glapion, Susan Lauterbach, Russell Jordan, Denise Rachal, Irene Ward, Marguerite Ragas, Irma Springer, Byron Williams, Jr., Kim Stovall, Michelle Irwin, Dennis LeBlanc, Betty Reynolds, Laurie Rob ert, Meredith LeBlanc, Pamela Jordon, Mallory Tuggles, Virgie Louis, Vivian Picou 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

02 Monday	<b>FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT</b> Isaiah 4:2-6; Ps 122; Matthew 8:5-11
03 Tuesday	<b>ST. FRANCIS XAVIER</b> Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 72; Luke 10:21-24
04 Wednesday	<b>ST JOHN DAMASCENE or WEEKDAY</b> Isaiah 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Matthew 15:29-37
05 Thursday	<b>FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT</b> Isaiah 26:1-6; Ps 118; Matthew 7:24-27
06 Friday	<b>ST. NICHOLAS or WEEKDAY</b> Isaiah 29:17-24; Ps 27; Matthew 9:27-31
07 Saturday	<b>ST. AMBROSE</b> Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
08 Sunday	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 72; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

### Lectors & Commentators



Nov 30	Elisa Triplett, Montrelle Sinegar
Dec 01	Denise Thomas, Darren Isabelle



### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Nov 30	Janice James, Michael Sinegar
Dec 01	Denise Huner, Tony Tabor



### Our Men and Women in the Service



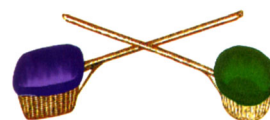
Please remember to pray for our men and women who are serving in the armed forces, especially:

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

## The 2020 Mass Book Is Now Open

Masses can be requested for your loved ones (living or deceased) or for your intentions. The Saturday Anticipated Masses and one Mass each Holy Day of Obligation are said for the St. James Major parishioners, living and deceased. Intentions will be taken for all other dates except Holy Thursday (April 9) and Good Friday (April 10).

### Church Support



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (NOVEMBER 23-24)

Information not available at time of printing

Thank you for supporting your parish.