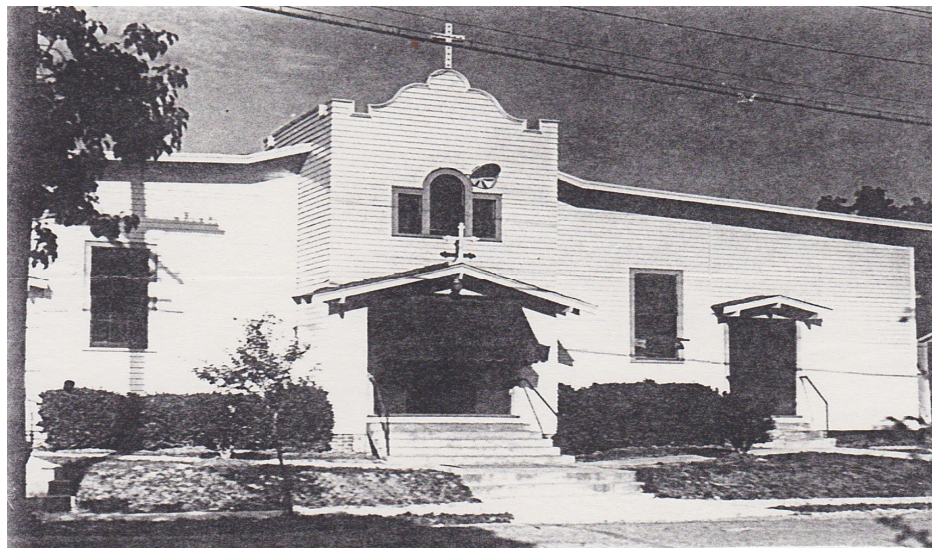


St. James Major Catholic Church



Celebrating
100 Years

1920-2020

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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



The Mass Explained

The Mass follows a set liturgical formula which, in itself, is filled with meaning. The many meanings within this ritual action of the Mass can easily be missed. Let's walk through the entire Mass and briefly touch on its meaning. Understanding what we do, why we do it and what it all means will help us to celebrate the Mass with much deeper faith and devotion.

Entrance Rite: This beginning part of the Mass can be broken up into four parts: 1) Procession (with entrance antiphon); 2) Act of Penance; 3) Gloria; 4) Opening Prayer. The ultimate purpose of this entire rite is to ensure that the faithful, who come together as one, establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's Word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily. Let's look at each part of this entrance rite and highlight the meaning found within.

Entrance Antiphon (song): The purpose of this chant is to begin the celebration of the holy Mass, to foster unity among all those present, to draw their thoughts into the wondrous mystery of the particular liturgical season or celebration, and to accompany the liturgical procession of the priest celebrant and the ministers who will assist with the Mass. This is done through the beautiful act of singing. The many voices join together in the one melodious proclamation of faith. The ideal is that the antiphon of the day is sung. However, it is permissible that another appropriate song be sung. The key here is the unity established by the song and text of that song.

Procession: As the song is sung, the procession takes place. It is led by the Cross which symbolizes that our journey through this world toward Heaven is made possible only by the Cross. The Mass servers and the ordained ministers participate in the procession. They, together, represent all the faithful on this journey toward Heaven. [to be continued]

December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation, except when that date falls on Sunday. There's a popular idea that it refers to Jesus' conception by the Virgin Mary. It doesn't. It refers to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived. She had a human father as well as a human mother, but it was special and unique in another way.

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

On 13 May 1846, the United States bishops unanimously chose the Virgin Mary, conceived without sin, patroness of the country, a decision approved by Pope Pius IX on February 7 of the following year and published in a decree of 2 July 1847.



Christmas Pageant

**Sunday, December 15
In the Gym
Following 10:00 Family Mass
Presented by the PSR**

Christmas Baskets for the Needy

Items needed

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| Canned sweet potatoes | Gravy |
| Cake mix & Frosting | Rice |
| Evaporated milk | Cranberry |
| Cornbread mix | |

Please bring these items to church next weekend. Baskets will be given to needy families living in this parish December 17.

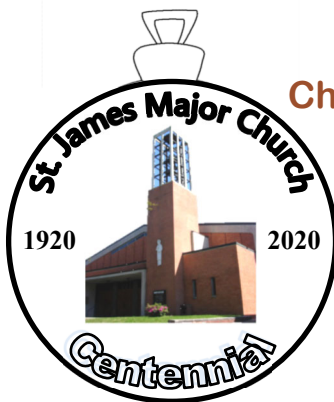


Blessing the Advent Wreath

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 2, Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen



SJM Centennial Christmas Ornaments

Christmas ornaments commemorating our Centennial are available after the Masses. They were made in a limited edition of 100. The ornaments are 4 inches in diameter; the cost is \$8.

Mass Intentions



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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:00 am Intentions of our parishioners who are ill, for all who have asked for prayer, in thanksgiving from the St. Joseph Altar Group and for the repose of the souls of

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| +O'Neil "OJ" Jr. Vappie | +Clifton Grinstead |
| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. | +Sam Weinstein |
| +Alphonse & Regina Ducre | +Rochelle Age |
| +Calvin Peter Casmier | +Norbert Christophe |
| +Willie W. Tucker | +Howard Austin |
| +Benedict Martinez, Sr. | +Cornelia Thomas |
| +James Fernandez, Jr. | +Laurece Serino |

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30 am Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 am +Joseph Chevis +Lashandra Jackson
+Andrew Rondeno +Laura Herbert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30 am Int. Bobby Montz

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30 am +Msgr. Carl J. Schutten

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 am +Poor Souls in Purgatory

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, Vivian Picou, Byron Williams, Jr., Kim Stovall, Michelle Irwin, Dennis LeBlanc, Betty Reynolds, Laurie Rob ert, Meredith LeBlanc, Pamela Jordon, Mallory Tuggles, Virgie Louis 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

- 09 Monday **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
- 10 Tuesday **SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**
Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps 96; Matthew 18:12-14
- 11 Wednesday **ST. DAMASUS I or WEEKDAY**
Isaiah 40:25-31; Ps 103; Matthew 11:28-30
- 12 Thursday **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13; Luke 1:26-38
- 13 Friday **ST. LUCY or WEEKDAY**
Isaiah 48:17-19; Ps 1; Matthew 11:16-19
- 14 Saturday **ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
- 15 Sunday **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10; Ps 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Lectors & Commentators



Dec 7 Greer Adams, Aggie Jackson
Dec 8 Madeline Curtis, Lawrence Dejan



Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Dec 7 Gaynell Marchand, Kerry Winder
Dec 8 Mona Johnson, Denise Thomas

The Perfect Gift

The gift that is perfect for everyone, even the person who has everything, is the Holy Mass. A Mass fits all, contains boundless graces and is very simple to wrap (a Mass card.) Call the rectory during church office hours or place the recipient's name and contact information in the collection basket at Mass. The suggested donation is \$5.



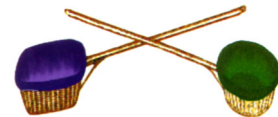
Our Men and Women in the Service



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

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| 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 |

Church Support



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (NOV. 30-DEC. 1)

First Collection	\$ 2367.00
Second Collection	524.00
	<u>\$ 2881.00</u>

Thank you for supporting your parish.