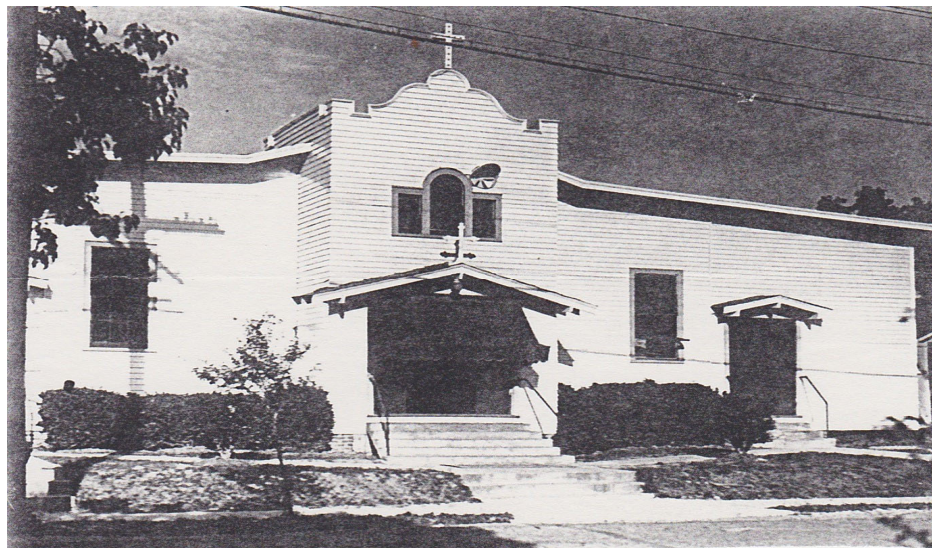


St. James Major Catholic Church



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.



Advent Wreath Explained

Advent candles readily demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light, which is an important biblical image. Jesus referred to himself as the "Light of the World" that dispels the darkness of sin: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Traditionally, each of the four Advent candles has a deeper meaning::

The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

The second Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

The fourth Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."

The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent. Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.

The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us—a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ. Some Advent wreath traditions also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity, that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Proposed Tasks Centennial Celebration Requiring Money

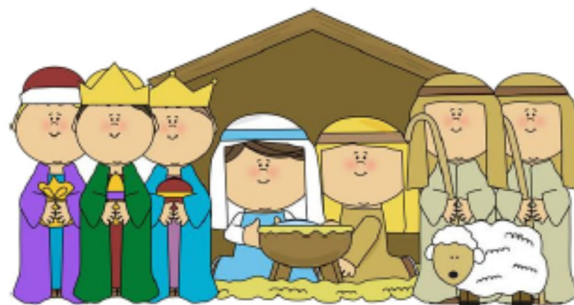


1. Repair leaking ceiling in church
2. Repair falling plexiglass (stained glass windows)
3. Varnish church doors
4. Repaint church walls
5. Replace rusty sinks in church
6. Repair parking lot
7. Repair steps to the sanctuary
8. Create a St. James altar
9. Repair masonry & waterproof bell tower



Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 15 In the Gym

Following 10:00 Family Mass
Presented by the PSR
Light Refreshments Following



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.

The Gift for the Person Who Has Everything

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



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.

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 3, Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions



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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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

- +Audrey Wills Wild +Arthur Collins
+Clarence & Clare Jupiter +Kenneth Hibbets
+Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. +Kathy LeBlanc
+Felice & O'Neil "OJ" Jr. Vappie +Rochelle Age
+Justin & Theresa Bartholomew +Floretta Scott
+Donald E. Benjamin +Eugenie Roch

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:30 am Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 8:30 am +Joseph Chevis
+Dolores A. Fortuné
+Eva Weinstein
+Phyllis Campbell

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory (PL)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:30 am +Laura Dalmás

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30 am +Adolph Moline, Sr.

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 Robért, 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

- 16 Monday THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25; Matthew 21:23-27
17 Tuesday LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Matthew 1:1-17
18 Wednesday LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY Jeremiah 23:5-8; Ps 72; Matthew 1:18-25
19 Thursday LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Luke 1:5-25
20 Friday LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY Isaiah 7:10-14; Ps 24; Luke 1:26-38
21 Saturday LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Ps 33; Luke 1:39-45
22 Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Isaiah 7:10-14; Ps 24; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Lectors & Commentators



- Dec 14 Gloria Jordon, Michael Sinegar
Dec 15 Hilda Bell, Marlin Gusman

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



- Dec 14 Montrelle Sinegar, Roy LeBlanc
Dec 15 Lawrence Dejan, Louis Flattmann



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

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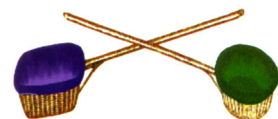
A Sacrament of Healing

Saturday & Sunday Dec. 21 & 22, after Mass



Last weekend's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious amounted to \$579. Thank you for your generosity.

Church Support



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (DEC 7-8)

First Collection \$ 1955.00

Thank you for supporting your parish.