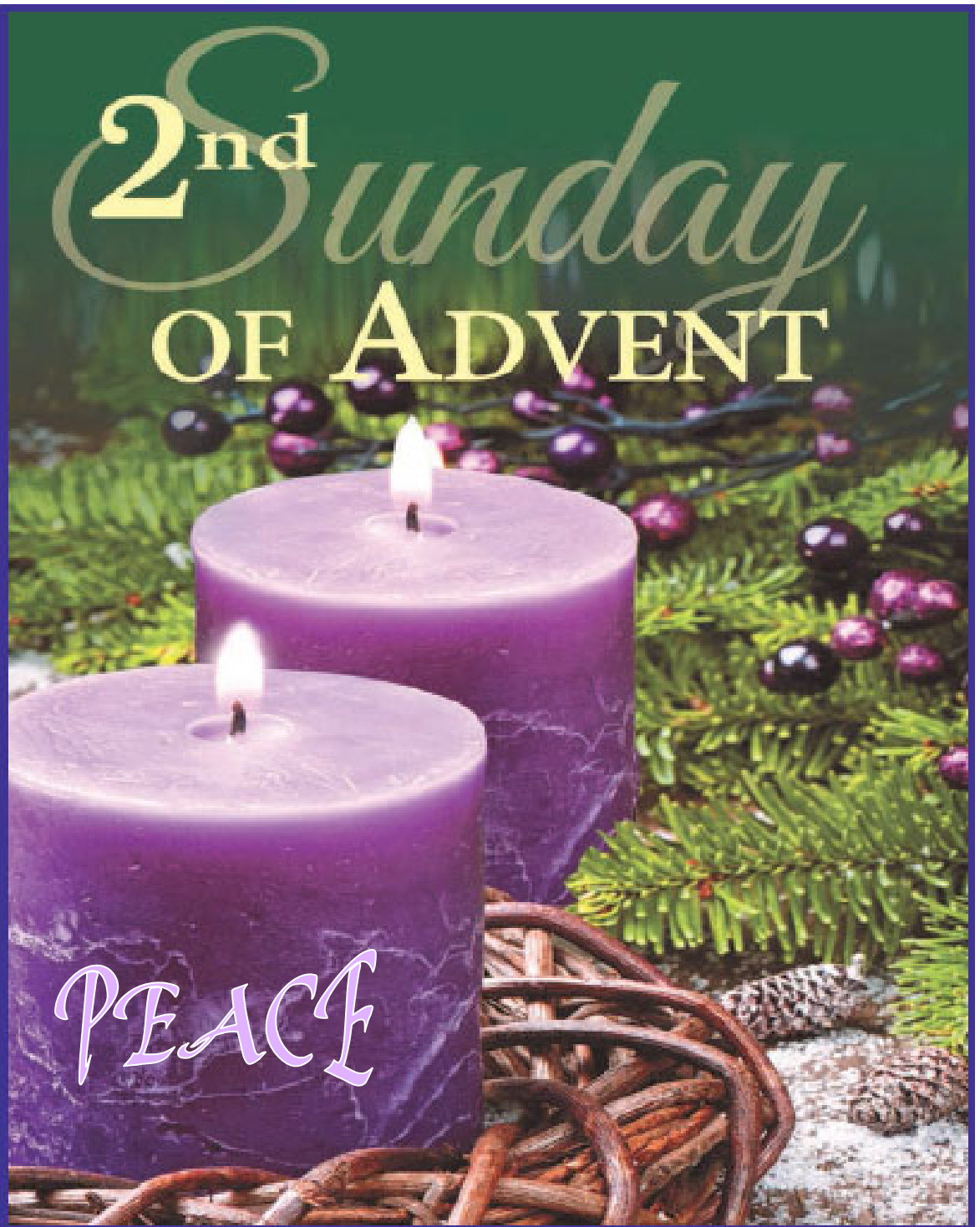


# *Saint James Catholic Community*

*Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2016*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



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### **Mass Schedule:**

**Weekdays:** M-F 8:00am (During school year Friday, 9am)

**Saturday,** 5:00pm

**Sunday,** 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am, 6:00pm

8:00pm William Jewel College, *when in session*

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4pm and Anytime by request

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## Mission Statement

We, the community of St. James, are a prayerful and Eucharistic people who treasure our Catholic traditions. We strive to grow in our faith by being good stewards of the gifts God has given us; sharing God's truth with all. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.

## Do You Know?

The garden surrounding the illuminated sign is complete. Extra thanks to parishioners Mike Kromeich, Wally McCubbin, Gretchen Lathrup, Sandy Turner, Sean and Eric Scanlon and our landscape consultant Theresa Brosman for their contributions.

The clean up of the area will be completed in the next week and seeding of the surrounding area will be accomplished, perhaps as late as next spring, depending on the decision of our garden team.

Also, thanks so much for the great group who came out on Sat. Nov. 19 and labored through some cool and windy conditions to clean up the grounds and spread mulch.

The facility looks better than it ever has. Thanks to all who have pitched in to help in so many ways.

**Thank You,**  
**Jim Newell, Operations Manager**

## Special Advent Event By Fr. Joe Nassal, C.P.P.S. Monday, December 5 - 6:30pm

### *Advent Longing An Evening of Reflection*



Advent advises us to remember that we are more than we think we are at any given time in our history. What are my limits? How do I limit myself? What limits do I place on God's grace, God's generosity, and God's love?

On this evening we will reflect on how our readings for this Advent season invite us to long beyond our limitations. As Father Ron Rolheiser writes, "The season of Advent is a time to get in touch with our longing, our aching, our frustrations.... In our longing are the deep seeds of hope."

Through prayer, stories and song, we will explore how Jesus, the incarnation of God's mercy, takes us beyond the limits of sin and death.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18),
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

## From the Pastor's Pen

Is it really December? Is it really Advent? I know what the calendar says but I'm not sure I believe what Mother Nature is saying. As much as I love the summer, I still love the cold of winter and the changing of the seasons. I'm not sure I could live down south where it's warm enough to wear shorts on Christmas Day. That's just not my tradition.

What a difference traditions make in our lives. The shopping frenzy of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday challenge and encourage us to spend and give in different ways. This year I spent Thanksgiving in Chicago with some friends. We had a wonderful week preparing a Thanksgiving feast with fried turkey and all the fixings. It was a relaxing week of just hanging out and watching movies and baking. My friends live in a six-flat with steam heat. So either the heat is on or it is off. It was 90 degrees at one point and I was roasting. The only way to cool down the apartment was to open the doors and windows and let the cold wind blow through. Although the heat felt good, it sucked the energy right out of me.

As we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent, we hear the story of John the Baptist, the voice crying out in the desert. In our own day, we hear many voices crying out in our lives vying for our attention. Which voices do we listen to? Which voices do we ignore? Can we even distinguish between the two or are we on overload and it's all just noise?

We hear the image of the stump of Jesse. A stump of a tree, or at least what's left of it once it's cut down. The roots are still intact. There is still some life there. A sprout will come forth and grow. In the midst of all the noise of our lives, can we still find a ray of sunshine, a sprout of new life?

I found myself enjoying the peace and quiet of the week away. But I also found myself asking the question, "What am I doing? What good am I called to bring about?" We get so caught up at times in the busyness and the traditions and what has to get to done, I sometimes wonder do we still remember why we are doing what we are doing?

This season of Advent calls us to prepare for the birth of Christ. What will this gift mean to us this year?

My prayers are with you this day.  
Fr. Timothy

## Mass Intentions

### Week of December 5 - 11

<b>Monday</b> 8:00am	Kathleen Catania
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00am	†Nadeyne S. Ganahl
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00am	<i>Saint Ambrose</i> Mary Hesse Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>  6:30am 9:00am 7:00pm	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> For the Homeless For Our Rosary Group For Our Parishioners
<b>Friday</b> 9:00am	†Shirley Britt
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	†Anthony and Marie Paon
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30am 9:15am 11:00am  6:00pm	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> †Robert Nystrom †Mary Bobski †Joyce Biggs †Mary Lou Lambert For Our Country
	Sunday night Mass at 8pm William Jewell College Campus Grand River Chapel All Are Welcome



### *From Death to New Life*

**Our prayer support is with ...**

Shawn and Molly Doherty and family on the death of Shawn's mother.

Charles Curtis and family on the death of his wife Bernetta "Bernie".

***May the healing hand of our Lord Jesus be felt by all who are coping with grief and missing loved ones.***

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Sat 4pm until finished; any time requested.

### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

Baptismal Preparation Classes: 2nd Wed of each month.  
Contact Kirsten Maggi in Parish Office, ext. 202

**Religious Education:** For Preschool through adult spiritual development, please notify office of needs.

**New Parishioners:** Please register at the parish office.

***We Welcome You!***

## Contact Info

**St. James School:** PS-8th grade offered.

Call the School Office, to inquire, 781-4428

**Sacrament of Marriage:** 9 months advance notice

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the parish office.

**To Schedule an event in our Parish Facility:**

**email [daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org)**

or call Daryl in the Parish Office.

**All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday**

**12Noon to: [bulletin@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:bulletin@stjames-liberty.org)**

## The Week Ahead

**Sun December 4 :** Knights of Columbus serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30 and 9:15 Masses. All are welcome

**Mon December 5 :** Mass at 8am, rosary to follow  
 —Mass at Ashton Court, 10:00am  
 —Advent Reflection with Fr. Joe Nassal, 6:30pm in the church  
 —Adult Faith Formation Class "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" at 7:00pm in the School Library

**Tue December 6 :** Mass at 8am, rosary to follow  
 —Advent Penance Service, 7:00pm in the church

**Wed December 7 :** Mass at 8am, rosary to follow  
 —Sponsor's for Christ meet 1st and 3rd Wed; 6:30pm  
 —Prayer Shawl Ministry meet 2nd and 4th Wed; 6:30pm

**Thurs December 8 :** Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
 Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 6:30, 9:00am, and 7:00pm  
 —10:00am - 5:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 —1:00pm Rosary of the Blessed Mother in the church

**Fri December 9 :** Rosary prayed at 8:15am  
 —Mass at 9am

**Sat December 10 :** That Man Is You at 6:15 in the Social Hall  
 —Faith Sharing at 10:00 in the School Library  
 —Rosary prayed at 3:00pm

**Sun December 11 :** No coffee and donuts  
 —Glory Be Tea, 12:30pm in the Parish Gymnasium

**Scriptures for December 10 and 11**  
 Is 35:1- 6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2 - 11

**Gift Bearers for December 10 and 11**

**Sat 5:00pm:** Pat May, Carl Palermo, and Margie Kromeich  
**Sun 7:30am:** Larry & Loretta Venneman  
**9:15am:** Chad & Mindy Weinzerl and Family  
**11:00am:** Ryal & Theresa Brier and Family  
**6:00 pm:** Marla Neal and Family

**Hospitality Greeters for December 10 and 11**

**Sat 5:00pm:** Steve & Tammy Seggerman and Mary Jo Hopkins  
**Sun 7:30am:** Rick Conard and Helen Lynn  
**9:15am:** John & Lori Riedel and Joe & Connie Scassellati  
**11:00am:** The Corsione Family  
**6:00 pm:** Carol Bloomer

## Special Events

### Million \$\$\$\$ Opportunity

We Think We Can !  
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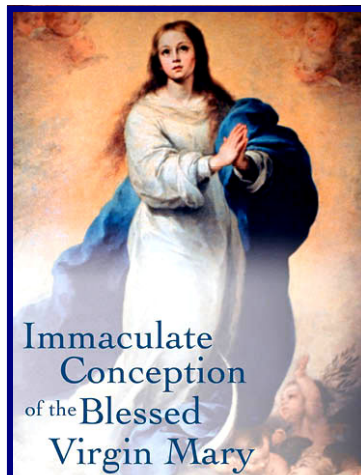
We will receive a gift of ONE MILLION DOLLARS from our diocese

**IF WE CAN MATCH THE MILLION**

**Help Us March The Million  
 It's Not Too Late  
 To Return Your Pledge Card**



**Tuesday  
 December 6  
 7:00pm**



**Thursday  
 December 8**

**Holy Day  
 Of Obligation**

**Mass Times  
 6:30am  
 9:00 am  
 7:00pm**

**Buy HOPE Gift Cards Early  
 For Christmas Giving**



**Deadline For Advent Tree Gift Returns  
 This Sunday - December 4  
 1:00pm**

A  from the  
Liturgy/Music Office

## Singing The Christmas Story

Come and hear the story of the  
birth of our savior  
through the reading of sacred scripture  
and singing of popular Christmas hymns

Monday, December 19  
7:00pm

### Attention Liturgical Ministers



**Ushers  
Lectors  
Servers  
Eucharistic Ministers**

**Sign Up For The Feast of  
the Immaculate Conception**

**Sign Up Sheets  
In the Narthex**

### Children's Choir



We have begun practicing music for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. We will be busily preparing to sing at "Singing the Christmas Story" on December 19 and on Christmas Eve. In the meantime, we will continue to sing at the regularly scheduled 11:00am Masses.

Contact Lori Tajchman if you have a Kindergarten through 5th Grade student who would like to sing, or if you have a Middle School Student who would like to sing as a youth helper!

#### Children's Choir Schedule:

12/10 - Practice at 10am  
12/17 - Practice at 10am  
12/18 - 11am Mass  
12/19 - Singing the Christmas Story, 7pm

### Someone is Watching and Wondering



Today two candles are lit on our Advent Wreath. This second candle is a reminder to rest in the peace of Christ. Unfortunately, much of our world is currently torn by conflict and division which all too often leads to violence. For the first time in my memory, even the presidential election was accompanied by protests, and malicious acts of bigotry. The news and social media seem filled with intolerance. I wish I had quick, simple solutions to the current events of the world, which at times seem to engulf my everyday life. I wish I could offer shelter and protection to all who are threatened, who feel alone, passed by and disenfranchised. In reality, there are so many times I feel helpless, and I ask: How do I make sense of all that is happening? What can I do to calm my inner turmoil? Where do I go to find the "Peace" represented by this second candle?

I think today's readings (Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72, Romans 15:4-9, and Matthew 3:1-12) provide insight for answering these questions. God is wondrously present with us today. Jesus isn't historically past. He lives in us, among us, and through us. He feels our pain, knows our fears and sorrows, leads the way, and reassures with His words. The prophet proclaims: "Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. . . justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips." The Psalmist sings: "Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more." St. Paul instructs: "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another. . . Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." Finally Matthew confirms: "Prepare the way of the Lord. . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Then like old friends, the Saints remind me that even small acts of kindness reveal God's peaceful presence. One example is St. Nicholas of Myra whose feast we celebrate December 6th. In spite of all the legends surrounding this man, it is generally accepted that his wealthy parents died when he was very young, and he used his inheritance for the poor. He is the Patron Saint of Greece and Russia, and is also known as the patron of the poor, the weak and the vulnerable, especially children and those who are faceless and forgotten in society. With Jesus as guide, may we follow the example of St. Nicholas and care for anyone on the fringes of today's society. In communion with St. Nicholas and all the saints, both living and dead, may we feel Christ's peace this week, and strive to do His will.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

### ***We pray for Our Country, Leaders, and Loved ones serving our Country:***

Chad Wilson, Paul Mooney, Jeff Auksel, Phil Plack, Robert Harrison, John Barry, Alex Reilly, Gary Lee, Bobby Kern, Geoff Wiese, Casey Snodgrass, Chris Griese, Ryan Villines, Paul Tyrrell, Charles Hensley, Gary Hogan, Jeremy Finn, Michael Caine, Alex Worth, Dan Knudson, Paul Stamer, Bong Vtug, Brianna Hannum, Aaron Dolak, Cole Roberts, Tony Velasquez Jr., Raymond Lopez, David Castro, Jr., Jeff Gardner, Brad Nees, Josh DeLeone, Joe Binggeli, Jeremy Pyle, Cody Londo, Jason Lyday, Andy Sparks, Ray Writesman, Cody Zoglman, Adam Parnacott, Charlette Pruet, Daniel Wilson, Nicole Dobbelaere Martindell, Jeffrey Pelling, Jeff Duncan, Nicholas Caine, Jon Watson, Jacob Schmidt, Chris Kandlbinder, Zachary Ildza.



***If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be gone under.***

#### **H.O.P.E. / SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS**

##### ***Dashing Through the Stores***

If you're "dashing through the stores" without a one horse open sleigh, simplify your Christmas shopping by giving HOPE gift cards for their favorite stores to all on your Christmas list.

HOPE gift cards are on sale in the narthex after all weekend Masses and in the parish and school office during the week.

You can obtain a complete list of all cards available in the parish office and on the St. James website at [www.stjames-liberty.org](http://www.stjames-liberty.org).

While HOPE gift cards are kept in stock for most of the frequently asked for cards, the card you want may need to be ordered in advance. Make sure you get the cards you want by ordering soon. Special cards for Christmas must be ordered by Monday, December 19 and may be picked up on Wednesday, December 21.



**Simplify Your Christmas Shopping !  
Give HOPE Gift Cards**

#### **Food Drive Thank You**

A big THANK YOU to all who donated food and non-perishable items to the Thanksgiving Food Drive benefiting the In As Much Food Pantry.

This was one of the most successful food drives - it was one of the biggest yet.

## ***Stewardship of Treasure***

### **2017 Tithing Pledge Cards**

2017 Tithing Pledge cards are available in the Narthex on the information stand. These are very helpful for our budgeting. As a reminder: Tithe is only the money given to the operating account for everyday business. Thank you for doing this.

### **Million \$\$ Opportunity Update**

Look to the barometer in the Narthex for \$\$\$ updates. It is taking me longer to input these along with other everyday duties. Please be patient with me as I enter the pledges and get the numbers out to be posted. We are moving along so well. We can all be proud of our parish family for the positive response. Our community is growing not only physically, but spiritually. God bless our efforts.

If you have any questions and/or concerns on any financial numbers, please feel free to contact me, Katie in the parish office.

Katie Klassen

816-781-4343 x220 [Katie@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:Katie@stjames-liberty.org)

***"God's work done in God's way  
will never lack God's supplies."***

*Hudson Taylor*

### **Honor Your Loved Ones With Flowers**

The sanctuary will be decorated this Christmas with flowers in honor or memory of our families and friends.



To add your loved ones, drop the Christmas Flower Offering envelope with your name, the names of the people to remember or honor, and your donation in the collection or bring your envelope to the parish office.

## CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

*Monday, December 12 - 6:00pm*

**FUN! FUN! FUN!**

**Come enjoy Faith, Fellowship, and Food**

Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, on **Monday, December 12** at **6:00pm** starting with the traditional singing of Las Mañanitas, Mass, followed by a free reception.

This beautiful celebration starts with singing “Las Mañanitas” while young dancers offer flowers to our Lady of Guadalupe - a traditional dance with *The Matachines*. We will celebrate the Holy Mass and then have a reenactment of the apparitions of our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego.

The celebration ends with a free reception in the social hall with Mexican food, and more.

This event invites all of us to meditate on the great love of God who gave us our loving Mother who always loves, guides and intercedes for us.

*We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends.*



### CELEBRACION DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE



*Esta Hermosa celebración será el lunes 12 de diciembre a las 6:00pm., iniciaremos con las mañanitas y ofrecimiento de flores a la Virgen, la Danza de los Matachines, continuaremos con la Santa Misa, la representación de las apariciones de la Virgen, y finalizaremos con una recepción en el Salón. Esperamos verte, no faltes.*

#### November Blood Drive Results

Our final blood drive of 2016 was a success! We welcomed 106 donors. The Community Blood Center collected 97 units of blood, which was our goal, and we had 4 first time donors. That brings our total for units collected during 2016 to approximately 565, which is about 50 more units than last year. Your generosity in donating blood impacts not only the lives of the patients, but the lives of their loved ones too. Each donation brings them the promise of new hope and the chance to make new Christmas memories. Thank you for saving lives!

Thank you to the many, many helpers who lent a hand in so many ways. I am grateful to each of you and I appreciate you sharing your time and talent to make the drives here at St. James successful!

Our next drive will be Tuesday, January 24, 2017. Look for more information to be posted in the bulletin in January. Merry Christmas every one! May you be filled with the joy and peace of the season. God bless you!

Nikki Power, St. James Blood Drive Site Coordinator



**Interactive Advent Calendar  
Now Available on St. James Website**

[www:stjames-liberty.org](http://www.stjames-liberty.org)

**Included For Each Day**  
**Reflection ♦ Daily Readings**  
**Activity ♦ #Hashtags**

## Our Faith In Action



Help **CLOTHE THE NAKED**  
this December  
by sharing **NEW**  
**AND GENTLY USED**  
**WINTER COATS and WARM**  
**CLOTHES**

Due to storage limitations at church, Pastoral Council members are collecting the coats at their homes.

Please contact one of our Pastoral Council Members to arrange collection.

RC Arciga 898-3614	Clint Elliott 913-433-6496
Steve Gregoire 792-8399	Julie Harman 810-4888
David Jones 868-5718	Doug Lewey 783-3761
Matt Maggi 808-1281	Hugo Mendoza 935-4691
Marla Neal 500-9532	Kevin Nordhues 718-2820
Randal Pearson 792-2997	

A barrel is available at church if you are unable to contact a Council member to arrange your donation.

Donations will be distributed to St. James Midtown in December for the homeless and needy.

*Thank you to Fr. Mike, Fr. Timothy,  
Danny Baker and  
our former Stephen Ministers for  
providing a very special  
Remembrance Service  
and luncheon this past Sunday.  
We have a wonderful community here  
at St. James and many hands were a  
part of this much appreciated gathering.*

## Little Saints

**Christmas Party**  
**Monday, December 12**  
**10:00am in the Social Hall**

Little ones (birth through preschool) and their grown-ups are invited to join Little Saints at our annual Christmas party!

We will enjoy crafts and snacks, and more.

## 6th-12th Grade Youth Ministry

### 6TH-8TH GRADE FAITH SHARING

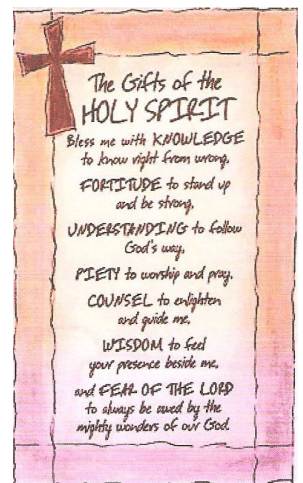
In the Gospel this week John the Baptist urges people to turn towards God and change their lives. He is preparing the people for the coming of the Messiah. This gospel reminds us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.



### HIGH SCHOOL

#### High School Youth Group

Did anything in the first reading sound familiar to you this week? The Prophet Isaiah is looking forward to, and waiting for a new king, just as we do during advent. He uses the seven gifts of the holy Spirit to describe the future king. If you've already been confirmed, you've been sealed with these same gifts. Invite the Holy Spirit to help you use these gifts to guide your decisions and emotions this week.



**Youth group meets again**  
**NEXT Sunday the 11th after 6pm Mass**  
**See you there!**

#### Pictures from KCYC





## Parish Religious Education

### RE Calendar - Important Dates

Dec 4	Sunday RE Class
Dec 6	Parish Reconciliation Service, 7pm
Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Mass @6:30, 9am, 7pm
Dec 11	Sunday RE, Third Sunday of Advent
Dec 14	Wed RE, Family Night
Dec 18	Sunday RE, Family Day, Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dec 19	Singing the Christmas Story, 7 pm
Dec 21/25	NO CLASSES, Christmas Break
Dec 28	NO CLASS, Christmas Break

## Advent Wreath Blessing

Week #2 begins Sunday, December 4th

Light the first purple candle, the Candle of Hope, and now the second purple candle, the Candle of Peace. Many families choose to have the oldest child light the second candle. God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem.



*Oh, my Jesus, John the Baptist told the people, "If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else."*

*As we light this candle, we remember that you bring the light of service into our lives. May your Word be always in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.*

*Amen*

## Million Dollar Campaign

Can We Get a Million?

Our children's ministries are trying to see if we can collect one million coins as an effort to support the Million Dollar Opportunity campaign. There is a fish tank right outside the doors of the church for the coins that we collect. Any denomination will do – we aren't fussy! We would just like to see what one MILLION coins looks like. So empty those penny jars, clean out the couch cushions and let's see if we can get to a million!

*Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.  
May we let ourselves be drawn by the light  
of God made man.*

*Pope Francis*

## St. James School News

### St. James School Auction

Our 26th Annual St. James Auction was a SUCCESS! We hope that all who attended the auction enjoyed the evening. Our auction could not have been such a success without the effort and dedication of many people!

Dinner was so yummy with the chicken provided by Chad Weizerl and Cosentino's Price Chopper. Drinks were following thanks to Vince Maggio and Central Beverages! The LIVE auction started off with a fantastic Fund-A-Need video created by Nicole Burkhardt!

The auction catalogs were the best yet, designed by Lori Burns. Doug Stewart kept things alive and moving with our auctioneer, David Schulman, aided by Quinn Knabe at the DJ Table. Let's not forget Shawn Doherty and Michael O'Brien with Computerized Auction Services!

### SAVE THE DATE!

**28TH Annual St. James Auction**  
**Saturday, November 11th, 2017**

**If you would like to join the auction committee please contact Vicki Milano in the school office!**



**Birthdays this week: Today we celebrate all that you with God's help, have accomplished.**

Madeleine Boneau	Richard Roveto	John Lewis
Michael DePalma	Christina Spencer	Melissa Panis
Julie DiGiovanni	Lisa Crawford	Malissa Pennington
Harper Dixon	David Curasi	Ava Perez
Ryder Eckersley	Maleah Gusman	Grace Schmidt
Layla Florido	Megan Hachman	Owen Solidum
Monica Hatch	Mark Hill	Linda Stramel
Jeanne Jackson	Angela Holtkamp	Marissa Vernickas
Ainsley Lanter	Robert Kosorog	Quentin Zuber
Carol Moore	Douglas Lewey	Jamie Adams
Michelle Mull	Shane Moore	Lisa Barbosa
Adam Pittman	Margaret Reyes	Abigail Brannon
Kristen Redford	Madison Styhl	Melissa Colby
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*Christmas Mass Schedule*

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 4:00pm in the Church  
 4:00pm in the Gym  
 7:00pm in the Church  
 11:00pm in the Church  
 (Carols begin at 10:30pm)

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 9:00am in the Church



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