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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 19, 2022

6:00 p.m. + Jackie and Lyndon Hebert

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

8:00 a.m. + Deacon Joseph Chathaparampil AND

+ Donnie L. Thomas

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 (@ Church)

(Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church) 8:00 a.m. + Deacon Joseph Chathaparampil

Thursday, December 22, 2022

8:00 a.m. + Carol and Tom Lynch

Friday, December 23, 2022

(Saint John of Kanty, Priest)

8:00 a.m. + Mary Ann Selorio

Saturday, December 24, 2022

(Christmas Eve Masses)

4:00 p.m. + Terry Avenido

7:00 p.m. Missa pro populo (Mass in Spanish)

10:00 p.m. + Alma "Bunny" Marr

Sunday, December 25, 2022

(Christmas Day Masses) (The Nativity of the Lord)

10:00 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Louis P. Wiseman

12:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving ~ Jeanie & Keith Mouser

3:00 p.m. Missa pro populo (Mass in Spanish)

+ Denotes deceased

Additional Confessions during Advent - We will offer additional time for Confessions. In addition to the usual times, we will add **Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

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You can contact the parish council via email at:

parishcouncil@sjschoolonline.org.

SAINT JAMES SCHEDULE

Monday, December 19, 2022

3:00 p.m. Archery Practice, *BH* **5:00 p.m.** Confessions, *Church*

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church* **6:30 p.m.** RCIA Class, *Rodney Thomas Room*

6:45 p.m. Confessions, *Church*

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

3:00 p.m. Archery Practice, *BH*

5:30 p.m. SVDP Store Board Meeting, *Library*

6:30 p.m. Hispanic Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

9:00 a.m. Rosary Guild, PO Basement
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
12:00 p.m. Finance Council, PO Basement

3:00 p.m. Archery Practice, *BH* **5:00 p.m.** Confessions, *Church*

Thursday, December 22, 2022

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

3:00 p.m. Archery Practice, *BH*

Friday, December 23, 2022

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

Saturday, December 24, 2022

3:00 p.m. Confessions, *Church*

Sunday, December 25, 2022

*A funeral Mass would alter this weekly schedule.

St. James Catholic Church has partnered with Hallow this Advent to encourage all parishioners to prepare their heart this season by incorporating prayer into each day. This Advent, we're inviting you to join Hallow's #Pray25 Challenge: Journey through Salvation History feat. the cast of 'The Chosen.'

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Hallow

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 24 - 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

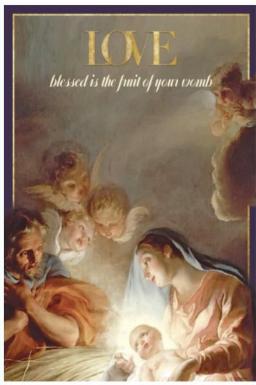
Saturday, December 24 - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 25 - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 - 3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

PARISH LIFE



All Oppression Shall Cease

The Christmas song "O Holy Night" includes the following words: "Truly he taught us to love one another. His law is love, and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease."

This is a reminder that as we celebrate Christmas, we renew our commitment to ending all oppression, particularly of those who are most oppressed, the children living before birth within their mothers...children who have been deprived of legal protection, and are oppressed by the mythology of choice.

In the name of the newborn Christ, the oppression of our unborn children will cease. May Christmas give us the strength to be silent no more, and more active than ever in the pro-life cause.

On the verge of Christmas, on the verge of the celebration of welcoming Christ into the world, the readings today focus on the virginity of Mary. Today's homily can draw out the significance of what this says about us. Mary, after all, symbolizes the whole Church. She received Christ into her virginal body. The Church, too, as the Bride of Christ – and each of us individually – is called to a total fidelity which is symbolized by the virginity of Mary.

In other words, whatever the vocation of each of us, this spiritual (if not physical) virginity means we have no Lord besides Jesus. We do not worship false gods or become intimate with other deities.

As Mary welcomed Christ in her virginity, so does the Church. "It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her," the Gospel passage tells us. So can we say, "It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in us," and "It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in the world." No human effort brings about Christmas. But by our "virginal" fidelity, the Spirit brings him forth into the world through us.

This is the "obedience of faith" of which Paul speaks in the second reading.

And part of this virginal fidelity, part of this obedience of faith, is our commitment to be pro-life. "God is with us" means that he is on the side of every human life, against all that would destroy it. So must we be. ~ Priests for Life.



Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

En el Evangelio según Mateo, la llegada e infancia de Jesús está vinculada a la persona de José, el prometido esposo de María. Hoy contemplando a la figura de José podemos ver la acción de alguien que quiere vivir su vida rectamente, en justicia... que escucha lo que el Señor le dice y que es capaz de responder con generosidad a su llamada. El actuar de san José tiene consecuencias que favorecen a María y al niño que nacerá; le da a Jesús la pertenencia a una familia y a un pueblo, por tanto, le da una identidad y un lugar en la sociedad. Dios entra de lleno en la existencia humana y terrenal, y lo

hace con la colaboración del varón justo, que obra en todo "para que se cumpla la Escritura". Hoy a la luz de la figura de José nos podemos preguntar: ¿Cómo descubro el llamado de la Palabra de Dios en los hechos de mi vida? ¿cómo estoy respondiendo a ese llamado?

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Want to make a Eucharistic Visit for prayer?

If you find the church locked during our regular parish office hours and want access to the church, please come to the parish office to sign out a key.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

Due to holiday closures at Diocesan Printing, bulletins must be submitted earlier than usual. **The bulletins for December 25th and January 1st** will be submitted **one week sooner that usual**. All bulletin items are to be submitted to Deacon Dean Sears two weeks prior to those listed dates.

ATTENTION: *Sacristans, Lectors, EMHC & Ushers.* Volunteer sign-up sheets for our **Christmas Masses** are in the Ministry binder in the narthex. Thank you all for your dedicated service to the parish in fulfilling the needs of these ministries.



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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.;

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.;

3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday: 6:00 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m-12:00 p.m.

& 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch $12 \sim 1$ p.m.)

Phone numbers:

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Eucharistic Adoration Hours:

Mon: 6:30-8:00 p.m.,

Tues-Thurs: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday: 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Confession:

Monday: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. & 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION

What's Happening This Month



For Baptism Preparation Class: Please contact Olivia Dvorjak. Pre-registration is required.

(odvorjak@stjames-etown.org).

Family Faith Formation FAMILY FAITH (FFF):



This is our parish program for on-going formation and religious education of children pre-K thru grade 6, including preparation for 1st Communion. New families are always welcome! Contact Sr. Augusta to learn more.

(sranickel@stjames-etown.org).

Middle School Youth Ministry (7th & 8th grade)

Meets every other Wednesday night. For more information, contact Olivia Dvorjak. (odvorjak@stjames-etown.org).

High School Youth Ministry (9th - 12th grade)

Discipleship groups have started meeting at their various times. For more information, contact Olivia Dvorjak.

(odvorjak@stjames-etown.org).



Blessing of the Child in the Womb



Expectant mothers awaiting the birth of their child are invited to receive a blessing during or after the following

Saturday, December 17 5pm Mass

Sunday, December 18 8am, 10am, & 12N Mass

To RSVP, please email Olivia Dvorjak at (270) 765-6268 ext. 504 or odvorjak@stjames-etown.org by Wednesday, December 14

> CALLING ALL SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH 8TH GRADE GIRLS:

TH ANNUAL

Evening Retreat Friday, January 13 6:00-9:00 pm

If you are in 8th grade at a local public/private school or are homeschooled, you are invited to attend our 9th annual Women of God retreat for 8th grade girls and their moms/grandmothers.

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Eucharistic Adoration Pray for Vocations

During Eucharistic Adoration many of our adorers pray for an increase in vocations and for an end to the abomination of abortion in our land. If you are interested in learning more about Eu-

charistic Adoration or would like to schedule an hour of Adoration, please call 270-737-5213.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach is requesting the following items for their food pantry: Peanut butter, cereal, spaghetti sauce, syrup, and pancake mix. Y our donations are greatly appreciated. *Thank you!*

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To make a contribution to the Saint James Catholic Church Endowment, contact Jennifer Moran jmoran@stjames-etown.org or 270-765-7011 ext. 110.

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Christmas Eve

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6
Second Reading: Timothy 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Christmas Day

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6 Gospel: John 1:1-18

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Break from Monday, December 26, 2022 ~ Monday, January 2, 2023!

This is a change from the usual parish office closure for the Christmas holidays.

Friday, December 23, 2022 will be the last work day of the calendar year if you need access to the office.

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