

#### TWO-WEEK MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

CHRISTMAS DAY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10:00 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Louis P. Wiseman 12:00 p.m.\*\* Parishioners of St. James

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26**

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

8:00 a.m. + Margaret Elizabeth Cecil

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. MASS AT CHURCH + Wanda Kauffeld

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28**

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. + Albert Ondo

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 a.m. + Deacon Bob Caspar

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30**

8:00 a.m. + Patsy Whitzell 5:00 p.m. + Paul McCamish

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 a.m. The Greenwell and Edmondson

**Families** 

10:00 a.m. + Paul McCamish

12:00 p.m. + Deacon Joseph Chathaparampil

and + Joseph Devers

3:00 p.m.\*\* Parishioners of St. James

+ Denotes deceased \*Convent Mass

\*\* Mass in Spanish

#### DECEMBER 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

### DECEMBER 31

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-5, 12-14 Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 1**

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. + Becky Darnell and

+ Elsie Gerbus

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 2**

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

7:00 a.m.\* + Anthony Dong Pham and

+ Madelena Tran

8:00 a.m. + Paul McCamish

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00 a.m. MASS AT SCHOOL

+ Terry Avenido

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

7:00 a.m.\* + Anthony Dong Pham 8:00 a.m. + Deacon Bob Caspar

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

7:00 a.m.\* John Thomas Blankartz 8:00 a.m. + Margaret Elizabeth Cecil

#### FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Saint André Bessette, Religious

8:00 a.m. + Paul McCamish and

+ Theresa Reesor

5:00 p.m. + Tom Lynch

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 a.m. + Paul McCamish and

+ Theresa Reesor

10:00 a.m. + Doug & Jon Prather

12:00 p.m. + Ed Cecil

3:00 p.m.\*\* Parishioners of Saint James

+ Denotes deceased

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# JANUARY 7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

#### JANUARY 14 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

#### TWO-WEEK PARISH WEEKLY PLANNER

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** 

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26** 

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church 7:00 p.m. Catholic in Recovery, Loretto Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

**SATURDAY. DECEMBER 30** 

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church 8:45 a.m. Men's Study Group, POB

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31** 

New Year's Eve

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Mass is at 9:00 a.m., no evening Mass.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church 9:00 a.m. Zumba Fitness Class, BH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Back to school for Saint James School. MASS AT SCHOOL

9:00 a.m. Rosary Guild Morning Meeting, Rodney Thomas

Room (RTR) Library

Catholic Women of St. James (CWOSJ), RTR

9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

11:15 a.m. Ora et Ambulora (Pray & Walk) Bacheldor Hall (BH)

6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, BH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

6:00 p.m. Fraternus, BH

6:30 p.m. Rosary Guild Evening Meeting, RTR Library

Respect Life Committee, RTR #1

7:00 p.m. Catholic in Recovery, Loretto Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30 a.m. Adoration, Church

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6** 

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church 8:45 a.m. Men's Study Group, POB

9:00 a.m. Hispanic Council Meeting, RTR #1 6:00 p.m. Epiphany Celebration! BH

- 9:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7** 

No meetings or activities scheduled

\* A funeral Mass may alter this weekly schedule

# SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.\*

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9:30 a.m. when Mass is at school and closes at 12:30 p.m.

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

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You may contact the Parish Pastoral Council via email at parishcouncil@stjames-etown.org

#### SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL





The Forever Young Club will meet on Tuesday, January 9th, at 6:00 p.m. in Batcheldor Hall. The potluck theme will be "soup night." Some members have signed up to bring the soups, so bring some kind of sandwiches or a dessert to have

with the soup. We will also be playing bingo following our meal. Hope to see you then.





Saint James School will sell raffle tickets after all Masses the weekend of December 30-31 in the vestibule of the church. Tickets are also available in the parish and school offices. The grand prize is an EZ-GO Valor golf cart (sponsored by Extreme Sports) or \$10,000 cash option.

Tickets are \$20.00 each and only a maximum of 2,000 will be sold. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to sell additional tickets (businesses welcome) contact the Raffle Chair, Courtney Fleck at courtneyrfleck@gmail.com.

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Here are some ways to live out the birth of Jesus Christ in your homes this Christmas Season! The Liturgical season of Christmas lasts until the Baptism of Jesus on January 9th!

\*Change your advent wreath to a Christmas wreath by swapping the candles out for white ones!

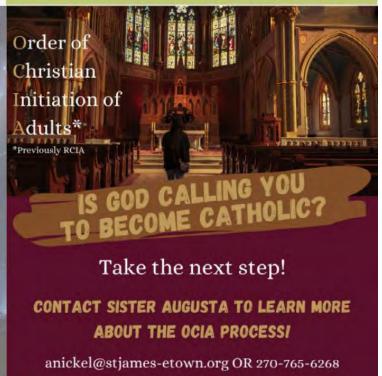
\*Have celebratory meals for the Octave of Christmas! (The 8 days after Christmas)

\*Keep the Christmas tree up until the end of Christmas!

\*Read about the many saints and feasts celebrated during this season, including the Holy Family, Saint Stephen, Saint John, Commemoration of the Holy Innocents, Mary, Mother of God, Holy Name of Jesus, and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.



\*Read about the meaning behind the 12 days of Christmas! (Scan the QR Code!!)



#### **PARISH LIFE**

#### Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Hoy es el cuarto y último domingo de Adviento. La celebración de hoy es un gran cántico para el eterno amor de Dios revelado en su alianza con su siervo David. El misterio de la antigua alianza pronto será revelado en María, el arca de la nueva alianza de Dios.

En nuestra primera lectura, en agradecimiento al amor de Dios, David quiso construir una casa para Dios. Sin embargo, Dios no lo permitiría. En cambio, Dios le hizo una promesa a David, y la selló con una alianza: "... Preservaré a la descendencia de tu cuerpo después de ti. Seré un padre para él, y él será un hijo para mí. Tu trono será establecido para siempre." Esta promesa y alianza es lo que esperamos que se cumpla pronto.

Se basa en esta misma promesa que tanto Lucas, como Mateo procedieron trazar y escribieron la genealogía de Jesucristo (Mt1:1-17; Lc 3:23-38). El propósito era para demostrar que Jesús es realmente del linaje de David, y el que los profetas hablaron. El misterio oculto de la antigua alianza está a punto de ser revelado en la nueva alianza.

A medida que continuemos con nuestra preparación para la Navidad, debemos seguir dando toda la gloria a Dios por lo que él está a punto de hacer en nuestras vidas y en nuestro mundo. Por lo tanto, el mensaje de Pablo hoy nos pone en la pista hacia la encarnación de la Palabra de Dios que está muy cerca.

El Evangelio de hoy nos presenta dos figuras importantes en el "drama de la natividad de Cristo". Primero el ángel Gabriel, el mensajero fiel aparece con un mensaje. Su mensaje es sobre el cumplimiento de una promesa. Es también, sobre la revelación del misterio oculto en la antigua alianza que cumplió en la nueva. ¡Jesucristo es ese misterio!

El papel de María en la historia de la salvación se destaca claramente hoy. Ella recibió el mensaje con humildad: "Yo soy la esclava del Señor, hágase en mí según tu voluntad." Con estas humildes palabras, María aceptó su papel en la historia de la salvación. La fe de María fue una declaración de su auto donación total a la voluntad de Dios para nuestra salvación.

Su respuesta fue una declaración de su humildad, generosidad, valentía y amor por la humanidad. Por lo tanto, la generosidad de María nos recuerda que esta es una temporada de gozo, de recibir y de compartir. Hoy, como el ángel trajo la buena nueva a María, así también, debemos continuar difundiendo este mensaje.

Finalmente, mientras que esperamos las próximas dos horas para la manifestación de la nueva alianza y el cumplimiento de la promesa de Dios a su siervo David, y a nosotros, unamos al salmista para proclamar: "Cantaré eternamente el amor del Señor. ¡Anunciare su fidelidad por todas las edades!

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Today is the fourth and last Sunday of Advent. Today's celebration is a great song for the eternal love of God revealed in his alliance with his servant David. The mystery of the old covenant will soon be revealed in Mary, the ark of God's new covenant.

In our first reading, in gratitude for God's love, David wanted to build a house for God. However, God would not allow it. Instead, God made a promise to David, and sealed it with a covenant: "...I will preserve the descendants of your body after you. I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to me. Your throne will be established forever." This promise and alliance is what we hope will be fulfilled soon.

It is based on this same promise that both Luke and Matthew proceeded to trace and wrote the genealogy of Jesus Christ (Mt1:1-17; Lk 3:23-38). The purpose was to demonstrate that Jesus is really of the lineage of David, and the one the prophets spoke of. The hidden mystery of the old alliance is about to be revealed in the new alliance.

As we continue our preparation for Christmas, we must continue to give all the glory to God for what he is about to do in our lives and in our world. Therefore, Paul's message today puts us on the track towards the incarnation of the Word of God, which is very close.

Today's Gospel presents us with two important figures in the "drama of the nativity of Christ." First the angel Gabriel, the faithful messenger appears with a message. His message is about the fulfillment of a promise. It is also about the revelation of the mystery hidden in the old alliance that was fulfilled in the new. Jesus Christ is that mystery!

Mary's role in salvation history is clearly highlighted today. She received the message with humility: "I am the slave of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your will." With these humble words, Mary accepted her role in salvation history. Mary's faith was a declaration of her total self-giving to the will of God for our salvation.

His response was a declaration of his humility, generosity, bravery and love for humanity. Therefore, Mary's generosity reminds us that this is a season of joy, receiving and sharing. Today, as the angel brought good news to Mary, so too, we must continue to spread this message.

Finally, as we wait for the next two hours for the manifestation of the new covenant and the fulfillment of God's promise to his servant David, and to us, let us join the psalmist in proclaiming: "I will sing forever of the love of the Lord. I will announce his faithfulness to all ages!

#### Fiesta de la sagrada Familia

El amor del Espíritu Santo, vínculo de unión familiar y fraterna

Litúrgicamente hemos vivido el Adviento, el nacimiento del Señor, y hoy, celebramos la Fiestas de la Sagrada Familia, dentro de la Octava de Navidad, que concluirá mañana, día 1 de 2024, con la solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios.

Este año 2023, la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, instituida por el papa León XIII, cumple 150 años. Razón añadida para celebrarla como gran familia humana de la que Dios, es el Padre.

Los medios informativos comunican con cierta frecuencia lo convulso que está nuestro mundo y cómo afectan al ambiente familiar las transformaciones de la sociedad (la ingeniería social). Las distintas clases de uniones, no solo entre personas, sino incluso de cualquier otro tipo, reciben también el apelativo de familia. A nosotros, los seguidos de Cristo, nos obliga a poner nuestra mirada en el mejor de los modelos de familia, en la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. Ha de ser un día propio para pensar (en oración) cómo vivir en clave cristiana nuestra relación familiar para fortalecer esa relación. Pablo a los Colosenses, en la segunda lectura de hoy, marca la pauta de la vida familiar: "Sobrellevaos mutuamente y perdonaos, cuando alguno tenga quejas contra otro" porque el amor, "es el vínculo de la unidad perfecta"; también lo escucharemos del Eclesiástico. La vida de familia vivida en esta clave cristiana conlleva las palabras del evangelio, aplicables a los hijos que honran a sus padres y provocando así la admiración todos: "Su padre y su madre estaban admirados por lo que se decía del niño" que escribió San Lucas.

El evangelio, rico en colorido: un viaje a Jerusalén, unos padres, un niño, unos ancianos, unas tórtolas, un bullicio, etc. nos introducen, no solo como meros espectadores, sino en personas interpeladas por la escena.

Hoy en día, en nuestra sociedad, se dan cambios profundos y frecuentes en las leyes, incluso en las que rigen la familia, cosa que no ocurre en el evangelio de hoy: la humilde familia nazarena cumplió con todo lo prescrito.

Los padres de hoy en día, tienen que preguntarse sobre la obligación del cumplimiento de ciertas leyes, que sirven más de adoctrinamiento, en lo referente a la educación de sus hijos (sacar del interior de cada persona) y, más concretamente, en lo que se refiere a la educación de ellos en la fe. El amor familiar, reflejo del de Nazaret y procedente del Amor Trinitario, ha de cultivarse viviendo los consejos del Eclesiástico (1ª lectura de hoy), y que, de no ser así, los nubarrones del fracaso amenazarán la relación entre quienes forman la familia.

No todos los hijos son "Jesús", ni todas las madres y padres son "María y José". Si el diálogo y el perdón fluyen familiarmente, se va haciendo camino según el modelo de la Familia de Nazaret, se va construyendo Iglesia Doméstica según la Lumen Gentium (nº 11) del Concilio Vaticano II.

#### **Feast of the Holy Family**

The love of the Holy Spirit, a bond of family and fraternal union

Liturgically we have lived Advent, the birth of the Lord, and today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, within the Octave of Christmas, which will conclude tomorrow, the 1st of 2024, with the solemnity of Saint Mary, Mother of God.

This year 2023, the Feast of the Holy Family, instituted by Pope Leo XIII, turns 150 years old. Added reason to celebrate it as a great human family of which God is the Father.

The news media frequently communicate how turbulent our world is and how the transformations in society (social engineering) affect the family environment. The different types of unions, not only between people, but even of any other type, are also called family. For us, those who follow Christ, it forces us to set our sights on the best of family models, on the Holy Family of Nazareth. It should be a proper day to think (in prayer) how to live our family relationship in a Christian way to strengthen that relationship. Paul to the Colossians, in today's second reading, sets the tone for family life: "Bear with each other and forgive each other when someone has complaints against another" because love "is the bond of perfect unity"; We will also hear it from the Ecclesiasticus. Family life lived in this Christian key carries the words of the gospel, applicable to children who honor their parents and thus provoking admiration for all: "His father and mother were admired by what was said about the child" written by Saint Luke.

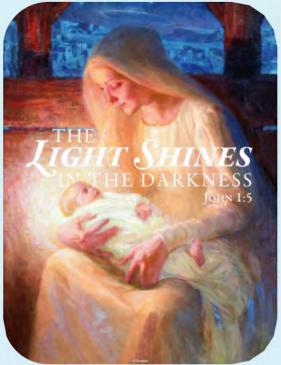
The gospel, rich in color: a trip to Jerusalem, parents, a child, elderly people, turtledoves, a bustle, etc. They introduce us, not only as mere spectators, but as people interpellated by the scene.

Today, in our society, there are profound and frequent changes in the laws, even those that govern the family, something that does not happen in today's gospel: the humble Nazarene family complied with everything prescribed.

Today's parents have to ask themselves about the obligation to comply with certain laws, which serve more as indoctrination, in relation to the education of their children (bringing out from within each person) and, more specifically, in what It refers to their education in the faith. Family love, a reflection of that of Nazareth and coming from Trinitarian Love, must be cultivated by living the advice of the Ecclesiasticus (today's 1st reading), and if not, the dark clouds of failure will threaten the relationship between those who make up the family.

Not all children are "Jesus", nor are all mothers and fathers "Mary and Joseph". If dialogue and forgiveness flow familiarly, the path is being made according to the model of the Family of Nazareth, the Domestic Church is being built according to Lumen Gentium (no. 11) of the Second Vatican Council.

#### **PARISH LIFE**



#### The Incarnation

"By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" (St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n.2).

The readings of today, and the closeness of Christmas, thrust us into reflections on the Incarnation.

Christmas is not only the Feast of Christ's birth, but the celebration of the entire mystery of God taking on a human nature – beginning with the event narrated in today's Gospel, whereby Christ was conceived within Mary's body. [In] [t]he passage quoted above, God redeems us by joining every aspect of our lives to his. God even becomes an unborn child. Human life was already sacred because it always was and is God's creation, made freely from his love. But in the Incarnation it takes on an even deeper meaning and sanctity, because human nature is forever united with Divine Life. This affects all who share human nature, even the children still in the womb. That is why Evangelium Vitae can make the following two assertions:

"Life, especially human life, belongs only to God: for this reason whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God himself" (EV n. 9).

"By his Incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every person. It is precisely in the "flesh" of every person that Christ continues to reveal himself and to enter into fellowship with us, so that rejection of human life, in whatever form that rejection takes, is really a rejection of Christ" (EV n. 104).

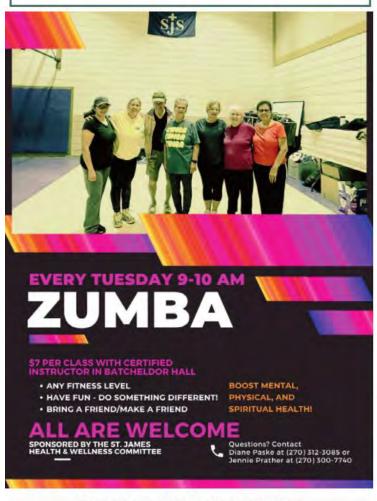
The fact that Mary was not expecting to carry a child, and was troubled at the greeting, also leads us to reflect on the Providence of God. No unexpected pregnancy has ever affected history so profoundly, and no woman besides Mary is a better example to those who feel they cannot handle a pregnancy. ~ Priests for Life

We wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas

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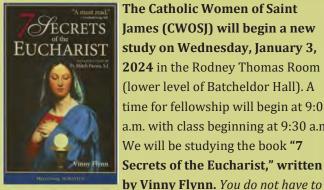
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Weekend of December 16th & 17th

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The Catholic Women of Saint James (CWOSJ) will begin a new study on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 in the Rodney Thomas Room (lower level of Batcheldor Hall). A time for fellowship will begin at 9:00 a.m. with class beginning at 9:30 a.m. We will be studying the book "7 Secrets of the Eucharist," written

attend each week to benefit from these lessons. Please come when you are able. All women are

invited to attend and bring a friend or two.

You can purchase the book on Amazon, EWTN, The Catholic Company, Thriftbooks.com, or download it on your Kindle.

If you have any questions please contact Maggie Beville at 270-307-7907, or Betty Howell at 270-401-2250.



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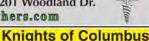
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