

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



“BUILDING FOR GOD’S GLORY”

Ministries and Organizations

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Parish Pastoral Council.....Meets 2nd Wednesdays at 5:45pm
Finance Council.....4th Wednesday at 5:45pm
Choir.....Practice each Thursday at 6:59pm
Women’s Auxiliary.....2nd Sunday following 11:00am Mass
Knights of Columbus.....3rd Saturday at 11:30am
Knights of Peter Claver.....4th Saturday at 9:30am
Knights of Peter Claver-4th Degree.....4th Saturday at 12pm
Gracious Ladies-4th Degree.....1st Saturday at 11am
Ladies’ Auxiliary of Peter Claver.....3rd Sunday at 12:45pm
Spiritual Enrichment Committee..1st Saturday every other month 10am
Sandwich Making Ministry.....1st & 3rd Sunday following 8am Mass
Free Lunch for Neighbors.....Wednesdays at 10:30am
(sponsored by the KPC and Ladies Aux)

Nevadans for the Common Good (*Interfaith*).....4th Thursday at 5:30pm

Special Events Revival in February
Gospel/Jazz Brunch 3rd Sunday in October

Not Listed: Bible Study Group, Outreach, Liturgy Committee, Junior Knights and Daughters of Peter Claver. Please see bulletin for dates and time.

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Office Hours:

Monday- Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm

Sunday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Office is closed on Fridays and Saturdays

December 15, 2019

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday 8 a.m. (*Community Choir*)

& 11a.m. (*Gospel Choir*)

Reconciliation (Confessions): *between Sunday masses*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Wedding Information – Please contact the office 6 months in advance and before any dates are considered.

Baptismal Information – Please contact the office 3 months in advance and before any dates are considered.



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~~ Sunday, December 15, 2019 ~~
 ~~ Third Sunday of Advent ~~

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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Respectfulness in the Sanctuary and the Vestibule

Please refrain from talking during Mass. Also the vestibule is an extension of the Sanctuary when Mass is going on. There are parishioners and little ones in the vestibule who want to participate in the Mass but need to sit in the vestibule. If there is a need to discuss other matters, please do so outside. *Thank you!*

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH **MISSION STATEMENT**

Rooted in the Catholic Faith, in order to build up the reign of God, the mission of St. James the Apostle Catholic Church is to live out the message of Jesus Christ by worshipping God by serving the world.

Pray for ...

Anthony Canapa
 Yakkia Comminey
 Thomas Nicholson
 Rudy Brewington
 Vinita Lavizzo

Eric Adams, Sr
 Robert Smith
 Elizabeth Simons
 Catherine Tasker

If you would like to add a family member to our prayer list, you may do so by contacting the parish.

Weekly Offering

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St. James needs to collect **\$ 7,500.00** each week in order to meet our operating expenses.
 Please help us meet this goal

December 8, 2019

Online giving for the week Dec 2 –December 8: \$440

Ordinary Offering	\$ 5,550.00
Outreach/Poor	\$ 360.00
Flowers	\$ 87.00
Land Debt:	\$ 1,265.00
Religious/Gift Shop	\$ 177.00
Total	\$7,879.00

Second Collection for the Retirement of the Religious: \$553.00

Sunday Masses (Dec. 8) attendance 8:00 am: 88
 11:00am: 211

May God Bless your generosity

Please don't forget to include your envelope number on your offering contributions. Thank you!

St. James webpage for online giving: sjtac.org

*If you would like to use **your debit/credit card** for your weekly offering, please stop by the church office. You can also set up automatic deposits from your bank to the church. Thank you for your contributions.*

Please consider including your St. James family when planning your will.

St. James Land Status

Initial Loan: \$375,783.88

Monthly Payment of \$3,788.75 (began Dec. 2012)

Est. Balance as of Nov 30, 2019: \$134,366.84

New Members to the St. James Community

If you are a new member and have **officially registered** here at St. James Catholic Church, you are encouraged to attend a new members' meeting. Meetings are scheduled the second Sunday of each month after the 11:00 am Mass. The next scheduled meeting is **January 12 with Robert Bass**. If you have any questions, contact the parish office at 702-648-6606.

Schedule of Events

Sunday: December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent
LV Diocesan Retired Priests Collection
 Mass ~ 8:00 am
 Catechism Classes ~ 9:15 am - 10:30 am
 Mass ~ 11:00 am (Gospel Choir)
 KPCLA Mtg following 11:00 am Mass
 Confirmation Classes ~ 1:00pm - 3:00 pm

Thursday: December 19, 2019
 Delivery to Schools ~ 9:00 am
 Bible Study Group ~ 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
 Gospel Choir Practice ~ 6:59 pm

Saturday: December 21, 2019
 Christmas Play Practice ~ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 KPC's Mtg ~ 9:30 am.
 Knights of Columbus ~ 11:30am
 Eucharist Minister's Training ~ 11:30am

St. James is participating in **Operation Warmth** sponsored by the Las Vegas City Council and Councilman Cedric Crear, Ward 5. This Program helps the Courtyard Homeless Resource Center during this winter season. We are asking parishioners to donate new and gently used coats, hoodies, beanie caps, socks and gloves by placing them in **the donation box located by the Parish Office Window**. Your donations will be accepted until January 5, 2020. Thank you for your participation.

Daughters of Mary Orphanage

Thank you, good people of St. James for your generous donation to the **Okwelle Orphanage in Nigeria**. As a result of your kindness we were able to raise **\$1,054.30** that will be transmitted directly through the Diocese of Las Vegas to the Orphanage. Thank you also to the Ladies of Peter Claver for your semi-annual donation of \$159.00. Love Cares!

Stephen & Susan Okosisi-Nwogbe

Women's Aux (WA) Scholarship Bake Sale

The WA Scholarship Bake Sale will be held next Sunday, December 22nd following both Masses. This is an opportunity for you to purchase your goods for Christmas and support a good cause.



Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA)

The 2019 CSA campaign will soon end. St. James the Apostle's assessment to the Diocese is **\$31,661**. We have received pledges in the amount of **\$42,335.50** from 110 parishioners and have payments of **\$36,211.00**. We are hoping all pledges will be completed before this campaign ends. **Please remember that any funds received over our assessment obligation will be returned to St. James for our use.**

"No gift is too small and no gift is too large!" The ministries that this campaign funds allows us together as a church to reflect the light of Christ in many ways.

Thank you for your prayers and continuous support.

Mass Intentions for the week

December 15, 2019

8:00 am: People of the Parish

11:00 am: KPCLA all shut-ins (health and healing)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a;
 Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
 Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10;
 Psalm 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
 Matthew 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jeremiah 23:5-8;
 Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
 Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a;
 Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
 Luke 1:5-25

Friday: Isaiah 7:10-14;
 Psalm 24:1-4ab, 5-6;
 Luke 1:26-38

Saturday: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or
 Zephaniah 3:14-18a;
 Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
 Luke 1:39-45

Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-14;
 Psalm 24:1-6;
 Romans 1:1-7;
 Matthew 1:18-24



ARE YOU
THE ONE
WHO IS
TO COME?



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St. James Parishioners—We want to keep all parishioners informed of parish activities and other important information regarding our community. **Email** is a great way to communicate with you. We will try to minimize the number of emails sent out. If you are currently not receiving any of the St. James emails, please check with the parish office to see if we have your correct email on file. *Thank you!*

"Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy." —Isaiah 35:10a

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Faith Formation Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays ~ 9:00am – 3:00pm

Thursdays ~ 1:00pm – 7:00pm

**December Calendar**

- 15 - Catechism Classes (GROUP CELEBRATION) ~ 9:15am
- 15 - Confirmation Classes ~ 1:00pm
- 21 - Practice for Christmas Play ~ 10:00am
- 22 - NO CLASSES
- 23 - Practice for Christmas Play ~ 10:00am
- 29 - NO CLASSES

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

If you would like to have your child baptized or would like to be married in the Church, you must complete the preparation process. Contact Ms. Eagan in the Faith Formation office for details.

Annual Christmas Children's Play

It's not too late for your child to sign up for our annual Christmas play. We need many participants. Our next practice will be on Saturday, December 21st at 10:00am.

If you have any questions, please see Ms. Eagan, the director of faith formation.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you are 18 years of age or older, or know someone who is, and would like to become Catholic, the Church has a special program to help you through this process. Also, if you were baptized into the Catholic faith but have not received your Sacraments of Confirmation or First Eucharist, this program is for you as well.

Please contact Ms. Eagan in the Faith Formation office for more details.

Victim Advocacy Number

If you believe you are a victim of sexual and/or physically abused, please call our 24hr-hotline at 702-235-7723.

Religious Education Congress, Anaheim, California

The annual Religious Education Congress in Anaheim, California, will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 21-23, 2020. Thousands of Catholics, from all over the world, gather at this event for praise, worship, workshops, Liturgies, and fellowship, all to celebrate our Catholic faith and our unity in Christ. There are many dynamic speakers, lots of beautiful, spiritual exhibits and lots and lots of vendors selling some great religious merchandise. It's a wonderful way to spend a weekend. We have a few registration books out on the counter in the vestibule if you are interested

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**Month of December**

- Dec 02: Gail Boler, Oscar Sanchez
- Dec 03: Patricia Fautt, Lillian Kelly
- Dec 08: Mary Jennings
- Dec 09: Michael Nwokike, Juliette Njanje
- Dec 10: Shirley Morris
- Dec 11: Pete Willis, Keyotte Wilson-Porche, Damien Garcia, Cassandra Brown
- Dec 12: Pauline Sanchez-Allen
- Dec 14: Jacqueline Brown, Dedra Geran, Thomas Nicholson Margarita Estrada
- Dec 16: Andrew Garcia, Maria Escamilla
- Dec 19: Hugh Jones, Julien Castro, Aazalea Johnson
- Dec 24: Gloria Smith, **Anniv:** John & Bettie Bodley
- Dec 25: **Our Lord Jesus Christ**, Bev Heislen, Dr. Gail Tompkins
- Dec 26: Dr. Christine Clark
- Dec.27: Betty Allen, Margaret Johnson
- Dec 28: Cathy Anshutz, Marissa Villano
- Dec 29: Edwin Zigah-Benedict
- Dec 31: Christian Neal

If your birthday or anniversary date is missing and you are a registered parishioner, please contact the church office.

Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, - Did you know we have a special reserved area for prayer in our church? It's our little Blessed Sacrament chapel, and it's located in the Northwest corner of the church. There, we reserve some consecrated hosts - the Body of Christ - in the tabernacle (that is why we have a candle burning in that area). We also have a panel of votive candles. A strong tradition among Christians since the beginning of the Church is to light a candle, while saying a prayer for a loved one or for a special intention. The lighted candle represents Christ, the Light of the World, who brings light and life into our lives. Donations are made when lighting a candle. So, take a moment after mass sometime, to visit Our Lord in the chapel, and Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, and Support your Church!

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School**

Opening at **St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church** in Henderson! We are excited to announce that St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Henderson is opening Fall 2020! Student enrollment is now open for grades **Pre-K through 8th**. Please visit our school webpage at www.sfahdnv.org/school for more information and to fill out an online student application form. A \$50 nonrefundable application fee is due to hold your spot for the **school year 2020-2021**.

Priest's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

HAPPY GAUDETE SUNDAY!

Gaudete (pronounced: gow-DAY-tay) means "rejoice!" On this third Sunday, the church provides us with an opportunity to rejoice in the joyful expectation of the Lord's second coming and the remembrance of his birth at Christmas.

So, why not make a special effort today to give someone else a reason to rejoice? Maybe a phone call or a visit to someone you haven't spoken to for a long time might bring some joy to a lonely heart. Maybe invite someone out for a bite to eat. Maybe a special extra donation to your favorite charity. The possibilities are endless. But, doing something special for someone else without expecting something in return will also bring God's joy into your own heart. It's a win-win situation. Therefore, Gaudete! Rejoice!

HOSPITALITY REMINDER

We have such a great opportunity coming up on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to be Christ to one another. The great spirit of hospitality here at St. James has the power to make such an impact on those who may be joining us for the first time, or maybe it will bring someone back to the practice of their faith that they may have lost. Nonetheless, many extra visitors will grace us with their presence at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. St. James the Apostle has a reputation of being a very hospitable parish as we welcome all who grace us with their presence. In this way we are also living out our call to be missionary disciples!

So, in advance of the crowds who will join us on Christmas Eve/Day, thanks to ALL of you who will make sure that every soul feels welcomed at our parish. It may provide an inconvenience for some and you may even lose or willingly give-up your "usual seat," but a welcoming and loving disposition on our part has the potential to inspire someone who may be reconsidering becoming a member of our parish family. This is a perfect example of how all of us can be missionary disciples! It's that simple! It's Christ-like! It's who we are anyway!

Peace always,



Fr. James Michael Jankowski
Temporary Administrator



**St. James the Apostle
Roman Catholic Church**
Sunday, Dec 22nd Regular Mass 8am & 11am

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve
Mass 7 pm (Gospel Choir caroling at 6:30 pm)



Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Mass 9 am

Sunday, December 29th Regular Mass 8 am & 11 am

Wednesday, January 1, 2020, New Year's Mass 9:00 am
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Christmas Food Baskets

Today our Confirmation Students will be preparing the Christmas food Baskets and wrapping our Angel Tree gifts. Delivery assistance with Christmas food baskets to our surrounding schools is needed. Delivery will be on **December 19, 2019** at 9:00 am. Please contact the Church Office or Linda Pietranton at **702-809-1619**.



Angel Tree

Thank you all for your support of St. James'

Angel Tree Giving

KIT CARSON ES

Kindergartens and 1st Graders



**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of LAS VEGAS**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Following consultation with the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Las Vegas, we have initiated a new, annual second collection benefitting the Retired Priests of the Diocese of Las Vegas. It will be called the Diocese of Las Vegas Retired Priests Collection, and will be taken up on Sunday, December 15, 2019, the Third Sunday of Advent.

Las Vegas priests have selflessly ministered to the faithful of our community, continuing Christ's mission. They have served us for decades; in some cases, for over half a century. Our priests have been there for each of us and for our families, providing spiritual support year in and year out, throughout our lives. Please join the faithful today in being there for them, to assist them in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service through this annual Retired Priests Collection.

The Retired Priests Collection takes place annually on the third Sunday of Advent. This year's collection will take place on December 14 and 15, 2019. Envelopes have been provided by your parish for you to enclose your support. You may also send a check made payable to Retired Priests Collection to your parish, or donate online where this option exists. Thank you for your generosity. I especially thank you for praying for future priestly vocations in our diocese, so that upon their ordinations, they may build upon the good work of these selfless priest servants.

Asking our Lord Jesus, our great High Priest, to continue to bless you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+George Leo Thomas
Bishop of Las Vegas