

ST. JAMES

the Greater Catholic Church

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

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The Immaculate Conception
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

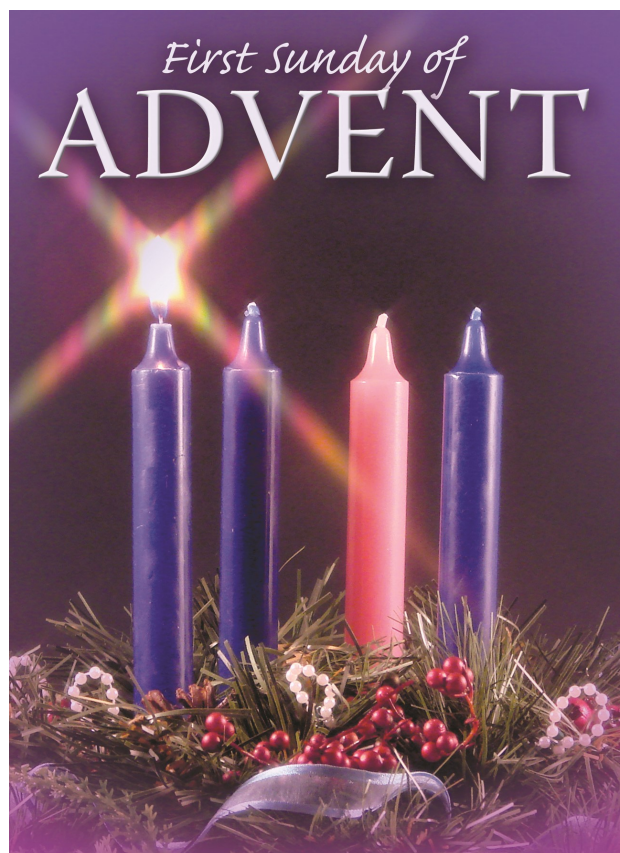
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Holy Day of Obligation

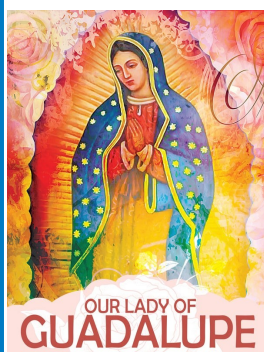
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass: Thursday, December 7 @ 5:30 pm

Holy Day Mass: Friday, December 8 @ 8:00 am & 5:30 pm



**Return Stewardship
Time, Talent & Treasure
Forms**



Please join us for a re-enactment of the visit of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sunday, Dec. 10 after the 10:30 am Mass in the Church. A Mexican dinner will be served immediately following the re-enactment in the school gym. For entertainment, Mexican dances will be performed by our St. James Youth. Donations will be accepted.

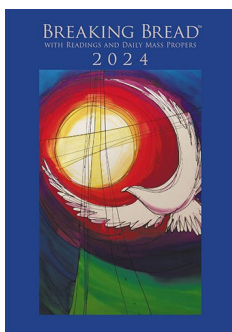
Come enjoy the celebration!!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 4 8:00 am †Alicia Redington by Redington Family
Tuesday, December 5 5:30 pm †Jack Anderson by Mary Anderson
Wednesday, Dec. 6 8:00 am Father P.J. Voegeli by M Elias & L Williams

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, December 7 5:30 pm †Susan Smeltzer by Jacki Conrady
Friday, December 8 8:00 am Father Michael Schemm by Kathi Martinez
 5:30 pm †Evelyn Hilger by Bev Hoheisel
Saturday, December 9 5:00 pm †Patrick Doell by Terri MacKay
Sunday, December 10 8:00 am †Geneva Demel by Michael & Allison Hoffmann
 10:30 am People of St. James



New Breaking Bread

Beginning the first weekend of Advent, December 3, you will find a new set of music books next to the Pray Together in the back of the church. These new books include weekend readings, a prayer section, new and familiar songs, and are smaller and lighter than our red Worship books. We will be keeping our red books in the pews and using both books throughout mass. A huge thank you to the very generous donor who purchased these books at no cost to the church. Please pick up and return the Breaking Bread books to the bookcase in back of Church and let St. Cecilia (Patron Saint of music) bring us closer to Heaven throughout this next year.

Healing Penance Service

We will have a Healing Penance Service Thursday, December 14, @ 6:30pm. Fr. P.J. will give a talk on the healing and the merciful power of the Eucharist, followed by Exposition and Confessions. This will kick off our year in support of the Eucharistic Revival going on around the world. Once a month, from December 2023 through November of 2024, we will bring in a speaker from around the Diocese to present on different aspects and effects of the Eucharist. The talk will be followed by a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions when possible. Dates and times will be announced soon, but please do join us on December 14 at 6:30 pm for Adoration, Penance, and Healing to kick off a year of Eucharistic Revival in our Parish!!

Mass Times

Sunday obligation for weekend Mass remain same time
 Saturday, December 23: Mass @ 5:00 pm
 Sunday, December 24: Mass @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass @ 4:00 pm

Monday, December 25: 12:00 Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25: Christmas Day Mass @ 9:00 am

To fulfill your obligation for Sunday and Christmas, you must attend Mass 2 times.

The Parish Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ, St. James the Greater Catholic Community, seeks to grow in holiness through the stewardship way of life.

Stewardship of Treasure:

Weekly Tithe (Nov. 19)	\$14,451.25
Children's Envelopes	\$199.74
Weekly Tithe (Nov. 26)	\$14,080.25
Children's Envelopes	\$50.00
Monthly Tithe (Oct.)	\$89,923.48

Thank you for your stewardship.

Advisory Committees

Parish Finance Chair

Michael Clifton 316-648-2611

Parish School Council Chair

Josh Weaver 316-305-2275

Altar Society & Knights of Columbus

Altar Society

Donna Gerstenkorn 316-650-5760

Diana Ohman 316-650-5349

Knights of Columbus

Pat Terick 316-304-7543

Meetings & Events

Monday (12-4)

7:00 pm Natural Family Planning Class

Tuesday (12-5)

1:00 pm Rosary Making

7:00 pm RCIA Class

Wednesday (12-6)

5:15 pm PTO Meeting

6:30 pm PSR Classes

6:30 pm Women's Group

Thursday (12-7)

5:30 PM Holy Day Vigil Mass

Friday (12-8)

5:30 am Men's Study Group

8:00 AM Holy Day Mass

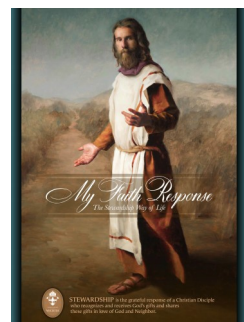
4:30 pm Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary

5:30 PM Holy Day Mass

Sunday (12-10)

Donuts served after 8:00

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration



Please return Stewardship Forms December 10

Stay awake! It's the official start of the new Liturgical Year in the Church. We need to RESPOND to our parish's efforts. Don't sleep through another year of stewardship opportunities. Try something new!!



Church Cleaning

Thank You!

The Church needs to be cleaned every week. Please use the link below to find a date available. THANK YOU!!

Anyone can sign up to help clean the church. Use link to sign up.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caea62aabf8cf8-church#/>

Altar Servers

Monday, December 4 8:00 am

Violet Kleinschnitz, Emerson Carey

Tuesday, December 5 5:30 pm

No Altar Servers

Wednesday, December 6 8:00 am

Violet Kleinschnitz, Emerson Carey

Thursday, December 7 5:30 pm

Anthony Korte, John Paul Korte, ??

Friday, December 8 8:00 am

Catherine Morgan, Maria Morgan,
Monica Morgan, Thomas Morgan

5:30 PM

Malachi Smith, ??

Saturday, December 9 5:00 pm

Olivia Cervantes, Elizabeth Danler,

Kolbe Mace, Philip Mace,

Malachi Smith - MC

Sunday, December 10 8:00 am

Hank Jefferis, Logan Jefferis,

Kaycee Kavalauskas, Parker Sigler,

Hunter Smith - MC

10:30 am

Isaac Webster, Ellery Webster,

Isaac Vittitow, William Watson,

Sam Vittitow - MC

Liturgy Assignments

Thursday, December 7 5:30 PM

Lector: Terri McClure

Host: Mike & Lucy Clifton,
Connie Tillett, Jennifer Husselman

Friday, December 8 8:00 AM

Lector: Liana Torkelson

Host: Bud & Peggy Cyphers,
Dennis & Penny Mosier

5:30 PM

Lector: Bev Steiner

Host: Gerry & Stacy Lipscomb,
Henry Ratcliff, Shawn Schoenthaler

Saturday, December 9 5:00 pm

Hospitality: Jennifer Leeker,

Jamie Tullis, Jacki Conrady,
Bob Hirschfeld, Alan Schneider

Lector: Liana Torkelson

Host: Bud & Peggy Cyphers,
Shawn Schoenthaler, Maria Hansen

Sunday, December 10 8:00 am

Hospitality: Gary Weber, Cora Berndsen,
Melanie Weaver, Donna Gerstenkorn

Lector: Ron Engelbrecht

Host: Don Gerstenkorn,
Fred & Linda Morrison, Vickie Knebeler

10:30 am

Hospitality: Joe & Chelsea Teter,
Jason & Andee Kant, Pat Perkins

Lector: Ellen Martinez

Host: James Watson,
Mike & Lucy Clifton, Henry Ratcliff

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Sunday, December 3, donuts will be provided by Knights of Columbus after 8:00 & 10:30 am Masses.



Advent Candles and Wreaths

Advent is quickly approaching! Do you have everything you need to observe this season with your family? The Guild of the Holy Family will have Advent Wreaths and candles available for sale in the foyer the First Sunday of Advent (December 2/3).

Natural Family Planning

Our next introductory class at St. James will be Monday, December 4 @ 7:00 pm in the church classroom (east side of foyer). For more information or to register for a class call Pat Lowrance (775-5663), or the NFP Office (685-5240).



Altar Society

The Altar Society would like to invite the ladies, of all ages, of the parish to our annual Christmas get together on Wednesday, December 13 @ 6:30 pm in the church classroom. Please join us for a wonderful catered meal, fellowship and celebrating our Catholic Faith! **RSVP to the church office @ 316-775-2155 by Friday, Dec. 8.**



Sunday, December 10, donuts are provided by Altar Society only after 8:00 Mass.



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated money, beef, desserts or your time for our Monterey Dinners. The November dinner was successful as over \$2,489.00 was made after the expenses. Cash donations are always accepted to offset the cost of supplies. Ground beef & desserts are welcome, too! No Monterey Dinner will be held in December. The next Monterey Dinner will be Friday, January 19, 2024.



St. James Music Program

The St. James Christmas program will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 6:30pm at Augusta High School Auditorium. All parishioners welcome!



Advent Tree Here Again

Help us in providing a Christmas for many families in our Community. The drive will begin on November 26 and end December 11. Please tape your Angel tag to your unwrapped gift when you return it to the church. All gifts need to be at the church by 12:00 noon on Monday, Dec. 11. We appreciate any help you can give. We will put many gift card options on the tree. If there are no options fitting your desired gift, feel free to purchase gift cards from any local stores for any amount. We truly appreciate your help. Questions? Want to help? Contact Brooke Terick @ 316-452-0969.



Christmas Dinner Fund Raiser

Come to a delicious dinner prepared by Con Otto. Donations goes to local Charities helping families in need this Holiday Season.

Saturday, December 16, 2023

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

St. James Catholic School Gym

Menu: Sesame Chicken, Fried Rice and Steamed Vegetables
Questions or to help call Con @ 316-347-5418