

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24

Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”
MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Liturgical Assignments – December 24/25	
	Lector
4:30 p.m.	Monica Purdy/Susan Przybylski
12:00 a.m.	
10:00 a.m.	Mary Jo Marek
Altar Servers	
4:30 p.m.	Aaden Pearce/Pax Hesel/Evan Charboneau Matthew & David Aberer
10:00 a.m.	Volunteers needed
Weekday	Volunteers are welcome
Money Counters	
Sacrificial Offerings to God – December 10/11	
Envelopes	12,673.57
Plate	621.82
Votives	40.50
Repair/Utility Fund	540.00
Retirement for Religious	Not in budget 1,288.06
Miscellaneous	771.00
TOTAL	14,646.89
Average Weekly Offertory Needed	\$14,360.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend the second collection will be taken up for the repair/utility fund.

Christmas Mass Times

SAT, DEC 24 – 4:30 pm

SUN, DEC 25 – Midnight (Latin)

SUN, DEC 25 – 10 am

January 1, **The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** is on a Sunday. We will have the regular weekend Mass schedule on DEC 31 and JAN 1.

NOTE: CCD, RCIA and Confirmation Classes will take a Christmas break and will resume on Sunday, January 8th.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all who participated in our recent Bake Sale and to those who decorated, made other preparations and attended our annual Christmas Dinner.

St. James Altar Society

Our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** would like to extend its thanks for food pantry items and donations in the St. Vincent box in the church.

The Imitation of Christ – Final Session this Sunday

Please join Deacon Hemke downstairs after the 9:00 Mass as we delve further into the spiritual insights of the Catholic classic, **The Imitation of Christ**. Hopefully, these discussions will inspire you to draw closer to Jesus in prayer and understanding as we draw closer to His Birth and Incarnation.

Whosoever, therefore, with simplicity of heart shall raise up his intention to God and disengage himself from all inordinate love or dislike of any created being, he shall be the most apt to receive grace, and to be worthy of the gift of devotion. For the Lord bestows His benediction where He finds vessels empty.

The Imitation of Christ – Book IV, Chapter XV



Remember Your Parish this Christmas

St. James Parish greatly relies on your generous Christmas offering. Thank you and God bless you!

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES

Sunday, December 18	Mass at 7AM Holy Hour/Confessions – 8 am Mass at 9AM The Imitation of Christ – 10 am, MMHall Confirmation = 10:05 am, School CCD – 10:05 am, School RCIA – 10:05 am – C. Erk Rm Confessions – 11 am Latin Mass at 11:30 am
Monday	Confessions – 7:30 am Legion of Mary – 8:45 am, C. Erk Rm
Tuesday	Confessions – 5 pm Mass – 5:30 pm
Wednesday	Confessions – 7:30 am
Thursday	Confessions – 7:30 am
Friday	Confessions – 7:30 am Office Closed
Saturday	Confessions – 3:30 pm Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday, December 25	Merry Christmas Candlelight Mass at Midnight (Latin) Mass at 10 am



Our 3rd Graders performed a beautiful production of a Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe play on December 9th.

The “O Antiphons” of Advent

The Church has been singing the “O” Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from DEC 17-23.

DEC 17 - O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

DEC 18 – O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

DEC 19 – O Root of Jesse’s stem, sign of God’s love for all His people: come to save us without delay!

DEC 20 – O Key of David, opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom: Come and free the prisoners of darkness!

DEC 21 – O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

DEC 22 – O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

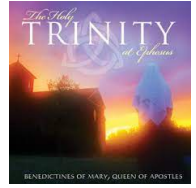
DEC 23 – O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

STILL NOT FINISHED WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

Scrip gift cards will be available in the parish office this week, Monday through Thursday.

New CD Available

The Benedictines of Mary in Gower have a new CD, “The Holy Trinity at Ephesus”. These are available in the parish office for \$15.



Annual Catholic Appeal Update for St. James

Households: 44 Current \$8,025.00

51% of our goal

This year’s goal for our parish is \$15,750.00.

Please make sure you mark St. James in St. Joseph as your parish when you send in your check or donate online.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. – Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. – Michael & Frances Hernandez, Mary Ann Ellis +

Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:30 a.m. (Latin)

Robert Kneib +

Monday, December 19

Late Advent Weekday

8 a.m. – Father Donald Sturm +

Tuesday, December 20

Late Advent Weekday

5:30 p.m. – Shirley Cox +

Wednesday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8 a.m. – Evelyn Stevenson +

Thursday, December 22

Late Advent Weekday

8 a.m. – Jennifer Cox Johnson +

Friday, December 23

St. John of Kanty, Priest

8 a.m. – Mildred Zuptich +

Saturday, December 24

The Nativity of the Lord

4:30 p.m. - Russell & Evelyn Stevenson +

Sunday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight (Latin) – Pro Populo

10:00 a.m. – Laudy & Genny Przybylski +

(A cross indicates that the Mass intention is for a deceased loved one.)