## Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



Scripture Readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67 Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." LUKE 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

Liturgical Assignments – January 7/8			
		Lector	
4:30 p.m.		Matthew Ball	
7:00 a.m.	J	I.L. Robertson	
9:00 a.m.	Josh Bachman		
	Altar Servers		
4:30 p.m.	Evan Charbo	oneau / Volunteer Needed	
9:00 a.m.	Matth	ew & David Aberer	
Weekday	School Servers		
Money Counters			
Elizabeth Marek / Jeanie Waggoner			
Sacrificial Offerings to God – December 24/25			
Envelopes		14,974.14	
Plate		797.27	
Votives		53.23	
Repair/Utility Fund		488.67	
Miscellaneous		6.00	
TOTAL		16,319.31	
Average Weekly Offertory Needed		\$14,360.00	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

In the Joy of the Season, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the Christmas greetings I received in various and beautiful cards and gifts. May God bless you for your kindness. - Father Totton

### St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive - Next Weekend

Please leave your non-perishable items in the back of church.

## Happy Birthday to Father Totton – JAN 4<sup>th</sup> !

The First Sunday of the month is **Altar Society Sunday**. The ladies will sit together this Sunday but will not have a meeting.

# ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE www.saintjamescatholic.church

Donors have the option to cover the fees (by clicking the box "cover fees"). Also, please note that fees for "credit card" are significantly higher than using "bank account". ANOTHER OPTION

Many parishioners have their banks set up to mail us their donations. This is an easy process. Call your bank with any questions.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**St. James Parish Epiphany Party** SAT, JAN 7<sup>th</sup> after the 4:30 Mass Don't pack up the tree and mistletoe on Christmas Day - the fun has just begun! Come celebrate the season

of Christmas and the Feast of the Epiphany with merriment, karaoke, and your parish family! Please bring your favorite casserole to share. Drinks, dessert, and salad will be provided. Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm. Msgr. Moriarty Hall (church basement).

#### Ad Space is Available on the Back of our Bulletin!

Call J.L. Robertson at 816-238-1797 for more information.

**St. Serra Club of St. Joseph #531** "Promoting Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life" invites you to their Re Charter Celebration, Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Mass at 6:00, Celebrant Bishop James Johnston, dinner and program to follow. All are welcome to join us if you would like to be a part of this important work to support vocations.

Please pray for vocations, especially from our parish.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES		
Sunday,	Happy New Year!	
January 1	Altar Society Sunday – 9 am Mass	
	No Coffee and Donuts after 9 am Mass	
Monday	Confessions – 7:30 am	
	Legion of Mary – 8:45 am, C. Erk Rm	
	Office Closed	
	Knights Mtg. – 7 pm, Casper 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	
	Epiphany Party – 5:30 pm, MMHall	
Sunday,	Holy Hour – 8 am to 8:45am	
January 8	Coffee and Donuts – 10 am, MMHall	
	Holy Name Mtg – 10 am, MMHall	
	RCIA – 10:05 am – C. Erk Rm	
	Confirmation – 10:05 am, School	
	CCD – 10:05 am, School	

#### Prayer to Mary, the Holy Mother of God

We beg you, Holy Virgin, that we may have Jesus from the Holy Spirit by whom you brought Jesus forth. May our souls receive Jesus through the Holy Spirit by whom your flesh conceived Jesus, and



may we love Jesus in the Holy Spirit in whom you adore Jesus as Lord and gaze upon Him as your Son.

The St. Monica Club meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Please join us in praying for souls who have left or are away from the Catholic Faith. Group prayers and rosary from 6:45-7:15pm. Adoration available from 6:30-8pm. Text @saintmclub to 81010 for more information and to receive reminders.

#### 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.



Have you or a loved one experienced an abortion? Come to the **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** on April 14-16, 2023. Contact Teresa O'Donnell at 816-679-4973, <u>rvkcmo@gmail.com</u>, or <u>www.rachelsvineyard.org</u>.



### Annual Catholic Appeal Update for St. James

Households: 47 Current \$9,375.00 60% 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, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 7:00 a.m. – Charles & Mary Hanway + 9:00 a.m. – Daniel Ramirez + The Circumcision of Our Lord 11:30 a.m. – Latin Pro Populo

Monday, January 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 8 a.m. – Bill Sanger +

> Tuesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus 5:30 p.m. – Shirley Cox +

Wednesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 8 a.m. – Leon Fisher +

> Thursday, January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop 8 a.m. – Wayne Totton +

<u>Friday, January 6</u> St. Andre Besette, Religious 8 a.m. – Jennifer Cox Johnson +

Saturday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord 4:30 p.m. – *Roger Pawluk* +

Sunday, January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord 7:00 a.m. – Pro Populo 9:00 a.m. – Draga Zuptich + Holy Family 11:30 a.m. – Latin Deceased Members of Legion of Mary +

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