

St. James Major Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Anticipated)
Sunday: 10:00 am
Monday – Friday: 8:30 am (in Chapel)

Holy Hour: First Friday following the 8:30 am Mass.
Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays after Mass

Confessions

Saturday: 3:15 – 3:45 pm
And by request

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

New Parishioners: Welcome to the Parish! Please complete a registration form (found on the tables at the doors) and introduce yourself to the priest.

Baptisms: Please contact the Priest or Deacon to arrange for a seminar and time for the Baptism.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months in advance of the date of the wedding. Please contact the priest before committing to any other arrangements.

Funerals: Please contact the church as soon as the need arises and before making any arrangements with the funeral parlor.

Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2017



Jesus spent 30 of his 33 earthly years in Nazareth. Some spiritual writers have called these the 'hidden years', because there is so little written about them in the Gospel narratives. However, they reveal the holiness of ordinary life and show us how it becomes extraordinary for those baptized into Christ. From antiquity the Christian family has rightly been called a domestic church. In our own Christian family we can learn the way of selfless love in the School of Nazareth. *Catholic Online*



Welcome

No matter where you are from, what you do, what your current family, marital or life situation...

No matter your personal history, age, background, race or political affiliation...

No matter your religion or self-perceived relationship with God or the Church...

We are very happy you are with us

Mary, the Holy Mother of God



This feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to Thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

It's Time to Make New Year's Resolutions

It's a new year! That's a great time for a fresh start. How about trying something you've never done before? Perhaps you could use an interest or talent that you already have to help where you are needed.

Your church parish has a wealth of opportunities to enhance your spiritual life, your social life and your personal enrichment. Look at the ministries listed below and see what's your best fit. Then sign up! Every group will welcome you.

Altar Servers
Altar Society
Choir
Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion
Hospitality

Immaculate Conception
Sodality
Lectors
Parish School of Religion
SJM Guild
Ushers

Silver Bracelet Found

A silver bracelet was found December 8 outside the church door behind the rectory garage. If this bracelet is yours, please speak contact the rectory.

Mass Intentions



Each Mass is offered for the intentions of all present and for the following:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 am Intentions of all our parishioners who are ill and those who have asked for prayer

Repose of the souls of

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| +Isadore Dunnaway, Sr. | +Rochelle Age |
| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. | +John Armant |
| +Hedi Hedwig-Joullian | +Anita Collins |
| +William M. Dwyer, Sr. | +Helen Hunter |

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 (in church)

8:30 am Not a Holy Day of Obligation because it is a Monday
+Poor Souls in Purgatory (P.L.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30 am +Joseph Chevis

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

8:30 am +Clarence "Benny" Parent, Jr.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

8:30 am +Margo Lightfoot

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30 am Int. Ken & Pat Martinez

Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light is burning this week in memory of Rochelle Age



Please pray for them: Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Trina Cousin, Gloria Mitchell, Denise Thomas, Audrey Wilson, Lt. Nichele Magee, USN, Gail Wright, Theresa Morris, Kerry Malter, Gloria Harris, Gertrude Harris, William Mitchell, Maggie Haney, Dominic Carmouche, Loretta Parent, Walter Glapion, Yvonne Bechet, Gerald Mercadel, Sr., Susan Lauterbach, Thais Ardoin, Russell Jordan, Denise Rachal, Herbert Briant, Sr., Irene Ward, Theresa Jupiter, Marguerite Ragas, Irma Springer, Wilbert Clementin, Sr., CPL Darren Brazley, Jr., John Washington, Yolande Adams, Byron Williams, Jr., Kim Stovall, Michelle Irwin, Pamela Jordon, Dennis LeBlanc and Clarence, Robert and Buster Mitchell.



Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially those who are homebound or in hospitals, nursing homes and hospice. Please notify the rectory of the change in status of your relatives on the prayer list.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- 01 Monday **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
Numbers 6:22-27; Ps 67; Galatians 4L4-7; Luke 2:16-21
- 02 Tuesday **STS. BASIL & GREGORY NAZIANZEN**
1 John 2:22-28; Ps 98; John 1:19-28
- 03 Wednesday **MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS or CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**
1 John 2:29-3:6; Ps 98; John 1:29-34
- 04 Thursday **ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON**
1 John 3:7-10; Ps 98; John 1:35-42
- 05 Friday **ST. JOHN NEUMANN**
1 John 3:11-21; Ps 100; John 1:43-51
- 06 Saturday **ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE or CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**
1 John 5:5-13; Ps 147; Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38 or Luke 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
- 07 Sunday **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Lectors & Commentators

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



Dec 30 Montrelle Sinegar, Elisa Triplett

Dec 31 Adaline Patterson, Madeline Curtis

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Jan 01 Raphael Carmouche, Kerry Winder

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



Dec 30 Raphael Carmouche, Kerry Winder

Dec 31 Mona Johnson, Lawrence Dejan

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Jan 01 Louis Flattmann

Our Men and Women in the Service

Please remember to pray for our men and women who are serving in the armed forces, especially:

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| SSgt Bryan Stovall, Jr., USMC | PO2 Melissa Flot, USN |
| CPL Darren Brazley, Jr., USA | PVT Robert Cook, USA |
| SSgt. Anthony Montz, USAF | Alvin Benjamin, USN |
| Sr.A. Davin Hornsby, USAF | A1C Andrew Montz, USAF |
| SGT Robert Lambert, USA | |



OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS (December 23, 24, 25)

Information not available at time of printing

Please support your parish!