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A MESSAGE FROM...

Christmas 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We joyfully celebrate the birth of the Lord. As we do so, we are also very much aware of the challenges that we face—moving beyond the pandemic, building social peace in our society, and finding economic stability in uncertain times. In all of this, we reaffirm our faith that Jesus truly is Emmanuel, God-with-us. He accompanies us and walks with us. And that gives us great confidence and sure hope.

This year, Pope Francis has called the entire Church to reflect on synodality, a word that means “being on the road together,” as we make our life journey. We believe that Jesus is on the road with us. And our faith also leads us to commit ourselves to be on the road with each other. In this season, we take inspiration from the Christmas gospel stories of Mary and Joseph journeying on the road together to Bethlehem and the Magi on the road together to find Jesus.

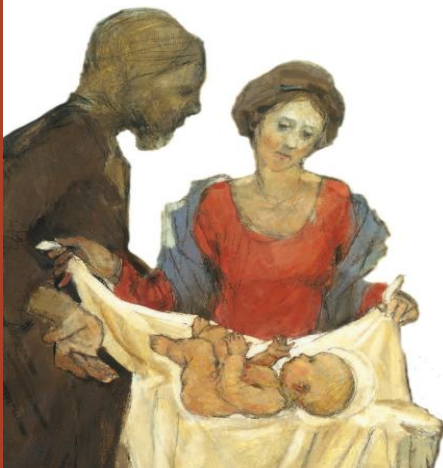
I pray that, accompanied by the Lord, we may learn to be sources of encouragement for each other on the journey.

During this holy season, I will bring you, your loved ones, and your special intentions to the altar. As I pray for you, I also ask you to pray for me, so that together all of us may find renewal in the Lord.

God bless you and keep you,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve December 24

Church – 3:00 p.m. (livestreamed)

5:00 p.m.

12:00 Midnight

Parish Center- 3:00 p.m. (Children's Mass)

5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day December 25

Church – 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. (livestreamed)

12:00 p.m. Noon



Solemnity of Mary January 1

Church – December 31, 6:00 p.m. January 1, 9:00 a.m. (livestreamed)

Advent

TAIZE

DECEMBER 20 AT 7:00 PM

As we await the birth of Christ, the Light of Hope, let our voices be a light for all as we pray through our singing.

Taize worship is prayer consisting of meditative singing and periods of silence in order to reach a contemplative state.

All are welcome to participate in singing and silent prayer.

The St. James Parish Office will be closed
December 24-25, December 31st, January 1st and 3rd.

LITURGY + WORSHIP

*Attention all
Kindergarten-5th Grade Students*

ANGELS & SHEPHERDS

Christmas Eve Mass
3:00pm in the Parish Center

Practices 12/12 or 12/19 at 1:00pm

If your child(ren) would like to participate in this special mass,
please complete the Google doc below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQgZrQhyRWBQl0fCcHdKM9NoCnisiUrTXVtHvMfOpMjuKJoQ/viewform>

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Reflections for Advent from the Women of St. James

Hope *by Lynne Gasey*

Wouldn't it be nice if hope in God meant that He would give us the outcomes we want and make our lives easy and struggle free? But think honestly about the last time you got what you wanted. Oscar Wilde said: "In this world there are only two tragedies: One is not getting what one wants, and the second is getting it."



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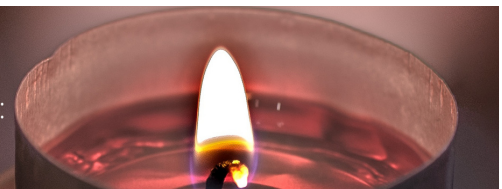
Jesus clearly does not offer us a pain-free, struggle-free life. He clearly states in John 16:33, "In this world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." This means that our hope isn't in a thing or an occurrence, it is a person—Jesus Christ our Lord.

So how do we have hope when life gets hard, messy and painful? We can remember that "tribulation brings about perseverance, and perseverance, character; and character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:2-5).

I invite you to try some of these ways to grow in Hope during Advent (and after):

- Pray for it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us Hope is one of the theological virtues and given as a gift from God through the Holy Spirit (CCC 1812-13).
- Get to know God's prior performance through Scripture and in our own lives. Joining a Bible study helps us see God's faithfulness in Scripture. And a prayer journal can be a place to write your prayers, as well as allow you to look back and see how God has answered your prayers and walked with you during difficult seasons in your life.
- Bring hope to others. Viktor Frankl discovered that the people who survived in concentration camps were the ones who had a why—a purpose; they focused on helping others. Jesus tells us that to have eternal life we have to lose our life—to give of ourselves (Matthew 8:35).
- And lastly, because Hope is waiting for something in the future, it requires patience. Every time I pray for patience, I receive opportunities to practice it. St. Monica is a great example of patience. She spent 15 years praying for her wayward son to embrace the faith. Her son, St. Augustine, became a Doctor of the Church. She never gave up Hope; she knew God's promises and she trusted in Him.

The reflection above can be seen in it's full version by watching a recording of the "Hope, Joy and Light - Advent by Candlelight" event:
www.stjamesah.org/get-involved/parish-life/wosj/





ENCOUNTER

December 21, 5:30pm

Topic: Kerygma
by Sarra Stanley

Talk, praise and worship, Adoration,
confessions, and Chick-fil-a!





St. James Senior Christmas Luncheon 2021



Eighty-five Seniors attended the Luncheon on December 1st. We were so lucky to have Fr. Ryan as our guest speaker, along with Tam Conseur and Julie Cohen leading us in our favorite Christmas melodies. We want to thank Nino's Catering for providing our delicious meal and to the Evangelization Team for hosting this wonderful event.



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Kindergarten **FOR A** DAY

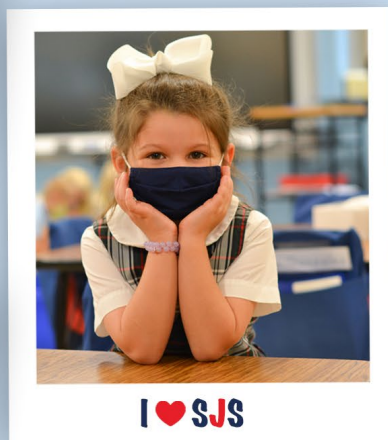


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12
9:00-10:00AM@SJS

YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION IS SKYROCKETING!
Join us to learn more about our out-of-this-world Kindergarten program at St. James School.

You and your child will be welcomed into the classroom where parents and children will meet our teachers, do activities together and learn more about how Kindergarten is experienced at SJS.

Please Register by Friday, Jan. 7



You feed the hungry!

Generous donations make it possible for St. James to reach out to others in mercy. Your love flows through our parish and out to the world.

Please remember St. James Parish this holiday season!

Online donations can be made here: stjamesah.org/online-giving/

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Merry Christmas to ALL from St. James Respect Life

Ut Vitam Habeant



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Let
There Be
Peace On
Earth



And Let
It Begin
... With
Me

With God as our Father, brothers all are we ...

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Christmas Carol

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.

(O weary, weary were the world,
But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast,
His hair was like a star.

(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.

(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood on Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown,

And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down.

G.K. Chesterton

Merry Christmas from your religious education family. We are praying for you this holiday season. May it be restful, joyous and bring you closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

God Bless,
Kevin Byrnes
Theresa Storto
Karen Jarosz

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Save the Morning – Sat, Jan 22nd, Parish Center

Fleeing For Your Life Refugee Journey Simulation

Join St. James in this simulation – including boats, tents and border security – where you will take on the roles of refugees forced to flee their homeland, making tough decisions along the way. Gain insight into the challenges that refugees face. Adults and children under 18 with adult.

This immersive experience engages participants through compelling true stories and discussion questions.



DEVELOPMENT

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Thank you to all our Parishioners and Friends who have already donated towards the Jubilation Envelope Challenge! We are just over 25% of our goal for this year. So many ministries and charities rely on the money raised from Jubilation to run their programs and give back to our community and those around us. Don't miss your chance to help support a great cause!

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WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick...

Baby Jack, Norine Naselli, Theresa Schott, Joyce Kowalski, MaryJo Schneider, Jim Forrester

Baptisms

Nolan Graham Viken, child of David Viken and Shana Viken

Henry Jon Longtin, child of Johnathan Longtin and Margaret Longtin

Nolan Grace Wild, child of Jamie Wild and Michelle Wild

McKinley Nicole Herling, child of Patrick Herling and Ashley Herling

Lorenzo John Forlani, child of Donald Forlani and Natalie Forlani

Rose for Life

This week's Rose for Life is in loving memory of Jack and Peg Hanahan & Jack's brother Andrew Hanahan.

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday December 18th/19th

Thomas Rothfus, Heather Annakiyoshi (1st anniv), John Gluekert Sr., Corneluis Vanderweil Jr., Dr. Robert J. Laveau, Beth Klopp Lansing, Jack O'Doherty, Al Underys, Edmend Mayer

Monday, December 20th

Alberto Zapata (1st Anniv), Virginia Gasey, Janet Myers, John Kordek, For the poor souls in purgatory

Tuesday, December 21st

Irene Gawron, Jack Ruane, Mary E. McDonald, Kenneth Green, Mary Aileen Pelrine, For the poor souls in purgatory

Wednesday, December 22nd

Leonard Waller, Dennis Trzesniewski, Al Underys, Christine Kelly, Tom Merek

Thursday, December 23rd

Bronius Underys's Debra Grego, Barbara Chengary (1st Anniv) Jason M. Saccone, Jack Ruane, Maggie Bunce Stacy Rosten-McDarren, Louis Metzger, Jr.

Friday December 24th & Saturday, December 25th

Raymond J. Bieniasz, Mitchell Bruski, Ann Therese, Michael Emerson, Mary Pat Arnold, Alice Matthews, Frank & Victoria Bosco, Alex & Martha Wrobel, Candace Duggan, George Halm, Helen Marie Bailitz, Richard & Catherine Lyons, Meggan McDermott, Donald Seiler, Sharon Seiler Scanlon, Louise Gehrke, Edward Gehrke, Dolores Colabuono, Anne Kneesel, John P. Brady, Monica Ward, Thomas & Ann Ronan

In Loving Memory

Michael Majkowski, son of Joe and Nancy Majkowski, brother of Kate (John) Hayes

Elizabeth Marston is survived by her 3 children, Kathy (Bob), Sharon (Tim), and Kevin (Lily); 6 grandchildren.

Zita Carina Chambers is survived by her daughters, Zaina Clarisse A. Chambers and Zanais Christiana A. Chambers; her parents Dr. Calixto A. Atienza, and Dr. Aurora A. Atienza; and her brother, Calixto Allarde (Mary) Atienza, Jr.

Michael J. Krams, is survived by his wife Bev, Benjamin, his children; Benjamin(Lisa Lewandowski), Nicholas (Jessica Sorapar) and his 5 grandchildren.

Al Underys, husband of Janemarie (nee Abbs) Underys; father of Lauren (Gregory) Orf, Lucas (Kate) Underys and Andrew Underys; grandfather of Benjamin, William and Claire, brother of Laima (Tomas) Petroliunas, Vitas (Taura) Underys and the late Ramunas (Laima) Underys.

Sister Jean C. Krieter SLW, is survived by her sister Marion (late Edward) Radzik and by many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Patrick Kenneth Murray, Sr. is survived by his wife Sheryl Ann nee Schuett; his sons, Patrick Kenneth (Lana) Murray, Jr., Brian R. (Kristin) Murray, and Tim Murray; his grandchildren, Brittany, Patrick III Murray, Masey Eastman, Jack, and Scott Murray.



PRESIDER SCHEDULE

	Mass Times	Presider
	7AM	Fr. Ed
December 26th	8:30AM	Fr. Ed
	10AM	Fr. Ryan
	11:30AM	Fr. Ryan
	5PM	Fr. Ric

WEEKLY READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

PARISH EVENTS

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is the parishioners' voice to the Pastor and Parish Administration. You may approach any member of the staff directly or choose one of the following ways to engage the Parish Council:

- 1) Contact PPC member in person. Please refer to the Parish's Website for member's information.
- 2) Contact the Council through its email address: ppc@stjamesah.org. The PPC monitors this daily.
- 3) Contact the Council through its voice mailbox. Call the Parish Office at 224-345-7200 and ask for

the PPC's voicemail. The PPC monitors this daily. All inputs will be reviewed and directed to the proper staff member for response. If it is something that a PPC member can answer directly we will do so. Please leave your name and best way to contact you. All information will be handled confidentially. We ask for your patience in replying, We will address all feedback and questions ASAP. God Bless!

Charles Perron, PPC member
cperron50@yahoo.com - 847-962-8778

PARISH MINISTRIES

Earth Shepherds aims to provide opportunities to learn about the relationship between Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and our responsibility to be stewards of God's Creation. Contact sjearthshepherds@gmail.com.

Grief Support Ministry is about overcoming your grief — Are you struggling with a loss? Having a hard time coping? Join us the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Senior Room in the church basement. Contact grief-support@stjamesah.org.

Men of St. James is an exciting ministry providing opportunities for Christian fellowship through social, spiritual and service activities for all the men of the parish at least 21 years of age. Contact MSJ@stjamesah.org.

Mental Health Ministry strive to provide support, education and awareness to our parish communities on issues related to mental health. strives to provide resources of support, education and hope. Contact Tracy Sherva tsherva@gmail.com.

Mom's Plus (part of Women of St. James) is a ministry of mothers is a faith-filled community providing support and fellowship to Catholic moms. Contact momsplus@stjamesah.org.

Over 50 Social Club provides social outings, game days, cards, speakers, parties, current events/news and spirituality to any parishioner over the age of 50. Contact Gerry Stec at StecStan@sbcglobal.net.

Peace + Justice Ministry is a guiding voice for peace and justice by: educating the faithful on the Catholic social teachings; supporting and complementing parish ministries; and empowering people to transform lives and society, both locally and globally. Contact Matt & Sarah Tipperreiter peaceandjustice@stjamesah.org.

Respect Life Ministry strives to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death. Contact Mike & Marybeth Schoenwald at mschoney@wowway.com

Stepping Stones is dedicated to raising awareness, understanding, and the prevention of domestic violence by educating our community and supporting the victims and survivors of emotional, financial, physical and sexual abuse. Contact Terri McDonnell terrimcdonnell79@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul is an emergency source for short-term financial help for parishioners and others living within the parish boundaries. For information on volunteering for or using this service, call the Parish Office at (224) 345-7200 x8517. Please leave a message and one of our volunteers will call you back. Be assured that all requests for assistance are handled with care and confidentiality.

Women of St. James is a community of Catholic women who are committed to growing and sharing our faith through sisterhood and service. Contact WOSJministryleads@gmail.com

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Alcoholics Anonymous 312-346-1475

Alanon/Alateen 847-358-0338

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Families Anonymous 847-795-8320

NAMI -National Alliance on Mental Illness 847-899-0195

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Sunday	7:00am	Traditional Choir
Sunday	8:30am	Traditional Choir
Sunday	10:00am	Contemporary Choir
Sunday	11:30am	Contemporary Choir
Sunday	5:00pm	Contemporary Choir

Weekday Masses

Monday – Saturday Mass at 7:30AM

Holy Day Liturgy

Please see special schedules for Holy Days.

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