

# Every nation on earth will\* adore you!>

*BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST. Make Disciples of Christ.*  JAN 5 2 0 2 5

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## Today's Readings

#### First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

#### **Psalm:**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

#### **Second Reading:**

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

#### **Gospel:**

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

## "Darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory."

Isaiah 60:2

#### Dear Friends,

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is the source of the custom of the Twelfth Day of Christmas. Although we have the calendar slightly off, due to the recent move of the Epiphany to the nearest Sunday, we still celebrate the same solemn feast.

The word comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, which means "manifestation" or "appearance." Both are appropriate understandings of the meaning of this day. The fact that the Magi, or the Three Kings, appeared from the East bearing gifts to the newborn baby, indicates that the Christ Child is the Messiah of Israel. His salvation, however, is also a gift to the entire world, not just to the Chosen People.

In fact, the people of Israel were chosen to present the Savior to the rest of the world – to the Gentiles.

This feast was always associated also with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which we observe next Sunday. In that event, Jesus was also revealed as the Son of the Father, anointed by the Holy Spirit for his mission to reveal the Father to the world.

The Psalm response today is "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Our mission as Christian disciples is to bring this saving Good News of Jesus Christ to every man and woman on earth. We start right here in Arlington Heights.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

## THIS WEEK



Women of St. James

# 01.10 | 7 PM | St. James Church Reception to follow

Bring a friend and join us for our annual WOSJ Celebrating Women event, where we gather with other women in our community and give thanks to God.

Celebrant: Fr. Michael

Questions? Email wosjministryleads@gmail.com

MEETING MENTAL HEALTH WITH GRACE mental health ministry through St. James, St. Edna & O.L.W.

# Wednesday, Jan. 8 7:00 - 7:30 pm

This month's topic: Finding Light in the Darkness

Join us to pray for those living with mental health concerns and their loved ones.

Submit prayer requests to: 847-253-5390 or mentalhealthministry@stjamesah.org



stjamesch.org/mentelhealthresources

### MINISTRY NEWS

# Sacred Sounds

We are seeking choristers for our next major work. Rossini: Stabat Mater Concert is March 20 at 7pm Rehearsals begin 1.9.25

All voice types sought | some experience preferred Contact: Tamaron Conseur, tconseur@stjamesah.org



OPEN REHEARSALS TUES. JANUARY 7

GRADE 2-4 AT 5:45 PM GRADE 5-8 AT 6:45 PM No commitment necessary: come check us out!

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### MINISTRY UPDATES



At St. James School, we're proud to foster lifetime friendships while providing a Blue Ribbon Catholic education. Our close-knit community supports students in their faith, academics, and personal growth, helping them build strong relationships and values that last a lifetime.

# FOR YOUR DONATION

Thank you to all the groups and individuals who provided gift cards and cookies to support the luncheon held for youth from Maryville and the PADS program. Your generosity and kindness has made a difference in the lives of our guests.

> And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' -Matthew 25:40

## **OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS**

#### Please pray for our sick

Bunny Velasco Norine Naselli

#### **Recent Baptisms**

Easton James Romanello, child of Lucas Romanello and Paige (Wagner) Romanello Olivia Eliana Isla, child of

Anthony Isla and Kristin (Manis) Isla

#### **Rose for Life**

Donated in loving of Martin Arens on his birthday

#### **Celebrant Schedule, January 11-12**

5:00	Fr. Michael
7:00	Fr. Paul
8:30	Fr. Paul
10:00	Fr. Ed
11:30	Fr. Ed
5:00	Fr. Michael

#### **Readings for the Week of January 5**

Sunday:	ls 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	ls 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday, January 4

5:00	Alois (Lou) Simeth
	Marcin Bukowski

#### Sunday, January 5 The Epiphany of the Lord

Marcin Bukowski
Patricia Flynn
Mary Lyman
For the people of the parish
Bob Duffer
Marianne Giannini
Bob & Andy Jarosz
Christie Tansor (6th Anniv.)
Virginia Fox (2nd Anniv.)
Peter Sweeney
Mary "Lolly" McDonald

#### Monday, January 6 St. Andre Bessette

Helena Jochaniewicz
Jean Schmit
Rev. Robert Spiekerman
Josephine Gillespie

#### Tuesday, January 7 St. Raymond

7:30 Dianna Werba Charles Kett Catherine McDonald Mary Ellen Spiekerman

#### Wednesday, January 8

7:30 Robert Duffer (1st Anniv.) Richard Montavon

#### Friday, January 10

7:30 Don Demski Adelaide Lehnis Frann & Darrell Griffin James Valvoda Marie Valvoda Rosalie Valvoda

#### Saturday, January 11

7:30 Paul Wasikowski Lou Daly



evening prayer | rosary | benediction | confession

Hour on

### SELECT PARISH MINISTRIES

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

**Grief Support Ministry** is about overcoming your grief. Are you struggling with a loss? Having a hard time coping? We meet twice per month. Please email the address below for more details. **griefsupport@stjamesah.org** 

**Jr. Ambassadors** is a group for all children of St. James to practice their faith in service to others and as an example of our Catholic faith to everyone. Jr. Ambassadors act as representatives and promoters of our faith while learning about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and Catholic Social Teaching. **kcoughlin@stjamesah.org** 

Loaves and Fishes Ministry provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood. stjameslandf@gmail.com

**Men of St. James** provides opportunities for Christian fellowship through social, spiritual and service activities for men of the parish at least 21 years of age. **msj@stjamesah.org** 

**Ministers of Care** bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to leave their homes or are in care homes. Ministry volunteers must complete a mandatory training session and follow Archdiocesan guidelines. **ministryofcare@stjamesah.org** 

**Peace & Justice Ministry** educates the faithful on the Catholic social teachings, supports and complements parish ministries and empowers people to transform lives and society, both locally and globally. Meets the last Tuesday of each month.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** creates a wide variety of shawls for anyone in need of prayers or blessings. We pray as we knit or crochet, and meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month to bless the fruits of our labors. **prayershawlministry@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. **mschoney@astound.net** 

**Stepping Stones** raises awareness, promotes understanding and prevents relational violence by educating communities and providing referrals to victims and survivors of emotional, financial, physical and sexual abuse. (IL Domestic Violence Helpline: 877-863-6338), **steppingstones@stjamesah.org** 

**St. Vincent de Paul** provides emergency, short-term financial help for anyone living within the parish boundaries. For information on volunteering for or using this service, call the Parish Office followed by x8517. Please leave a message and one of our volunteers will call you back. All requests kept confidential.



## SAINT JAMES PARISH

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

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Last Rites/Anointing of the Sick: call (224) 345-7200 ext. 8510 (24 hours a day, seven days a week)





## Daily Mass Monday - Saturday at 7:30am Mondays & Wednesdays at Noon

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday5:00 pmPraise & Worship EnsembleSunday7:00 amCantor and OrganSunday8:30 amTraditional Choir & OrganSunday10:00 amContemporary ChoirSunday11:30 amContemporary ChoirSunday5:00 pmPraise & Worship Ensemble

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 8 pm Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

date at least one month in advance.

**Baptism** - Please call the Parish Office with preferred

please contact the Parish Office about setting a date.

Holy Hour - Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the church for

Marriage - At least six months prior to your wedding date,

procession of the blessed sacrament, evening prayer, rosary

**The Perpetual Adoration Chapel** open to the public M-F 6:30 am - 8:30 pm; Sat & Sun 6:30 am - 6:30 pm or 24 hours a day

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