



Saint James Catholic Church

Sunday, December 16 – The Third Sunday of Advent



Our third presenter in our new Advent Video Reflection series is Nicolas Rugo, an 8th grade student at St. James. To hear Nicolas' thoughts on this week's reading, visit <https://bit.ly/2PuNg2j>. We hope his insight will serve as a springboard for your reflections on the Word in relation to your spiritual preparations for Christmas.

Throughout this December as we celebrate the season of Advent and look with joyous hearts to the commemoration of the birth of our Lord, we are highlighting our brand new Advent reflection video series. Each short video, presented by a student from St. James Catholic School, discusses that particular Sunday's readings. We hope that these videos along with their corresponding "Light Your Heart" reflection questions, on page six, will add insight and support for your faith journey during this holy time of year.

Reflection We get excited about gifts under the tree, but the greatest gift ever given us was born under a stable roof. Let us take this week especially to thank God for the gift of his Son. What else in your life are you thankful for?

This Week at St. James

Sunday, December 16

There will be NO Holy Hour this evening.

Donut Sunday and
Work of Human Hands Sale
8:30am – Noon,
Heller Hall – Door 13
Simbang Gabi Mass
4:30pm
Church

Simbang Gabi Reception
5:30pm – 8:30pm
Heller Hall – Door 13

Tuesday, December 18

PREP Christmas Pageant
5:30pm
Church

Wednesday, December 19

Homeless Shelter Christmas Gift
Wrapping
4:00pm – 9:00pm
Heller Hall – Door 13

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon, and 7:00pm
Spanish Mass: 2:30pm
Daily: 6:30am, 8:30am & 12:00 noon
Saturday: 8:30am

Federal Holidays:

6:30am and 8:30am only
Holy Days: 7:30pm Vigil
6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon and 7:30pm

FIRST FRIDAYS:

Exposition: 9:00 - 11:45am
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 11:45am
Eucharistic Holy Hour:
Sunday: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

Friday: 11:15 - 11:45am
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30pm & 7:30 - 8:00pm and by appt.

RECTORY HOURS:

Weekdays 9:00am - 9:00pm (closed 12:45 - 1:30pm)
Saturday 9:00am - 1:30pm

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*Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 9:00am
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From Our Pastor



"Rejoice in the Lord always. The Lord is near. ... Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:4-7

In this letter, Paul writes to the first community he began in Europe, that of Philippi. As with all of life's "firsts," this group held special affection in Paul's heart. Scholars believe that he wrote this while imprisoned in Rome. If anyone had few reasons to "rejoice," it would have been Paul. How could he possibly believe the "Lord is near" when experiencing such profound degradation? How could he have "no anxiety?" His life was in the balance, his care and concerns for his brethren ever-present. How could he ever find that joy? How could he (and even we in some circumstances) expect to radiate the glow of Gaudete Sunday?

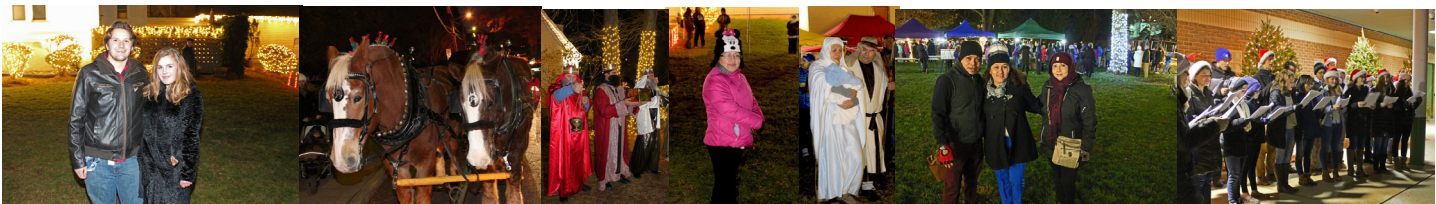
I'm reminded of a recent conversation with one of my staff. She spoke of attending a retirement party for one of the workers at her local Giant. This woman, who had fled Vietnam as a child, found safety and security in Paris, risked all by immigrating to the States. She started a family, her daughters speaking of their parents working in shifts to raise them, sacrificing time, and often sleep, for their benefit. Sadly, her husband developed ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. A terrible affliction which progressively robs the patient of their ability to stand, walk, talk and, eventually, breathe. It was a joyful spirit she presented to others. "I am blessed," she would say. Her smile, her acts of kindness, inquiring after people's families, praying always for the imprisoned or afflicted made her beloved not only to her own family but to her surrounding community as well.

My staff member recalled asking her how she did it; how could she possibly come to work every day with joy on her face, if not concern in her heart? "I believe in my Savior; I believe in the people around me; I believe Jesus comes to me when I see you when we share a laugh or a prayer." For this woman, her anxieties were real; she did not discount them. But she found things in her life for which to be thankful. She found examples of the nearness of our Lord.

This Gaudete Sunday, Nicolas Rugo asks in his Advent reflection for what can we be thankful? I would add, ask yourself how you can see Christ in your own life, and even more importantly, how can others see Him in you?

Thank you to everyone who made our Country Christmas such a success; I am grateful to all our volunteers who braved the North Pole-like elements; Bishop O'Connell's singers and bands, my staff (especially our facilities crew of Vince Dufrane, Miguel Cruz, Sig Ayala Giovanni Ramirez, and Paul Pacheco) and of course, Head Elves: Maureen Hannan, Anita Clark, Jean Whitesell, and Sara Tindall, who once again will remain on the "Nice" list.

~ Fr. Posey



Mass Intentions for the Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 15

5:00 p.m. +Hugh Charles McWhinney

Sunday, December 16

7:30 a.m. Ntengwe Bagenda Family

9:00 a.m. +John Scaria

10:30 a.m. +David Person

Noon People of St. James

2:30 p.m. +Alcira Molina

7:00 p.m. +Eric Tuttle

Monday, December 17

6:30 a.m. +John B. Delaney, Sr.

8:30 a.m. +Brian McNiff

Noon +C. Anders

Tuesday, December 18

6:30 a.m. +Alexander H. Korbeck, Jr.

8:30 a.m. Claire Hanley

Noon +Frederick Wall

Wednesday, December 19

6:30 a.m. +Myong Sook Rhee

8:30 a.m. +Poornima Sivalingam

Noon +Suzanne Driscoll

Thursday, December 20

6:30 a.m. +Edith Sair

8:30 a.m. +Ed Scheid and
Suzann Scheid Southworth

Noon +Judith Reichbart

Friday, December 21

6:30 a.m. +Dr. Peter V. and Mary A. Caruso

8:30 a.m. +Jim Ginty

Noon +Elena DePalma

Saturday, December 22

8:30 a.m. +James and Martha Carney

5:00 p.m. +Jan Hissong, Willard King, Sr. and
Peter Christian

Sunday, December 23

7:30 a.m. People of St. James

9:00 a.m. +Ed Scheid and
Suzann Scheid Southworth

10:30 a.m. +Gregorio Urmeneta and Felipe Brazil

Noon +Mary Louise Clemens

2:30 p.m. +Bertha Depaz

7:00 p.m. +Ms. Lucille Maroon

Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Please pray for our disabled veterans,
military retirees, and those serving
overseas in the military and foreign
service, especially **Justin Berg, Capt.**

**Albert C. Young, Michele Petersen, and Roger
VanSanford.**



This Week's Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;
Las Posadas begins

Tuesday: International Migrants Day

Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Today's Readings

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

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

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

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

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Frank Amorosi	Jose Mario Gerez
Janice Chory	Jeannie Hunt
Joseph Claffy	Joan La Rocca
Ernestine Elguera	Ann McDermott
Dorra Dee Estes	Mary Remshard
Elizabeth Fielder	Ann Smith
Patricia Gaughan	

and the deceased of our parish family:

Nancy Bartosavage	Maryjane Gardner
Jim Bellor	William Quigley
Kathleen Black	
Ruth Cooray	
Judith Dassira	

“Be doers of the word, and not just listeners”

— James 1:22



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On December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our wonderful IHM Sisters renewed their vows to Christ at the 8:30am Mass. Our Sisters add so much to our parish community, educating our youth, ministering to our sick, and being vital parts of our Parish's life. Please join me in congratulating each of them and continue to pray for their health, safety, and strength as they carry out Christ's Ministry on Earth.

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Reflection for the Third Week of Advent

We continue with our special collection of Advent reflections this week looking at the various roads we can take in life to find Jesus Christ. We hope you are enjoying this special series of longer reflection questions coupled to the student presented reflection videos, and that they are helping you spiritually prepare for the Nativity of our Lord.



Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18A; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Read the Readings: <https://bit.ly/2O3cjJL>

Watch the Reflection Video:

Reflection Question: We get excited about gifts under the tree, but the greatest gift ever given us was born under a stable roof. Let us take this week especially to thank God for the gift of his Son. What else in your life are you thankful for?

**Simbang
Gabi 2018
The Eucharist
Renews
Our Faith
in Christ**

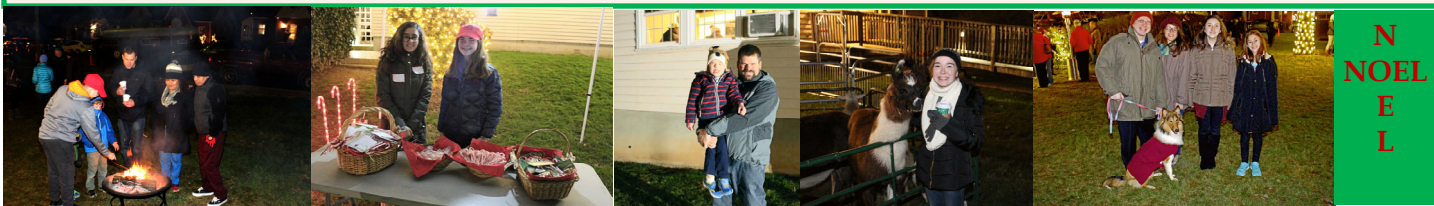
SIMBANG GABI (FILIPINO NIGHT MASS) AT ST. JAMES – December 16

Everyone please join us in celebrating a traditional Filipino Mass at St. James on Sunday December 16 at 4:30pm. Ours is one of many celebrated by Filipino Catholics from December 16-24 throughout our diocese. It is in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary leading up to Christmas Eve. Our St. James Mass will include Filipino prayers and responses and a choir singing beautiful Filipino songs. And of course - please join us for Filipino food in Heller Hall after Mass.



Donut Sunday and Work of Human Hands Sale – December 16

The Social Outreach Committee invites everyone to its Donut Sunday and Work of Human Hands Sale, Sunday, December 16, from 8:30am to Noon in Heller Hall – Door 13. Be sure to stop by after Masses to avail yourself of delicious donuts and coffee. Come for the food, stay for the Work of Human Hands Sale. The sale will feature Divine Chocolate, fair trade coffee, and other fair trade items that support artisans and farmers worldwide. There will also be a craft table for children interested in making Christmas tree ornaments! Please be sure to attend. For a complete list of Advent and Christmas season activities being offered by the St. James Social Outreach Committee, visit <https://bit.ly/2Qq5lmk>





IHM Sisters Renewed Vows To Christ on December 8

Our IHM Sisters renewed their vows to Christ on Sunday, December 8, during the 8:30am Mass. The Mass celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception which is the Feast Day for IHM Sisters. Father Posey thanked the Sisters for all they contribute to our Parish community, and for being faithful servants of Christ.

Father Posey noted that the Congregation of the Sister, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, have been an integral part of the St. James community since 1923, when six Sisters arrived to run St. James School, which at the time had 92 students. Under the leadership of the Sisters, the school population grew to a population of 2,000 students in the 40's and 50s. Today, the Sister's ministry includes running the School, ministering to the sick and homebound parishioners, and overseeing our Parish Religious Education Program, among other duties.



Left to Right: Sr. Melissa Mastrangelo, IHM; Sr. Helen Dolores Gilroy, IHM; Sr. Patricia Helene Earl, IHM; Sr. Mary Sue Carwile, IHM; Sr. Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM; Sr. Margaret John Stichter, IHM; Sr. Trish Long, IHM

Country Christmas 2018

On Saturday, December 8, we celebrated our second annual "St. James Country Christmas." The evening featured camel rides, a hayride, a train, live music from Bishop O'Connell High School Choirs and Jazz Band, and fellowship for all. The event was capped off by a live Nativity scene, made possible by members of our Hispanic community. In case you missed it, here are some pictures from the evening. Be sure to join us next year on Friday, December 6, for what promises to be another fun evening for the whole family!



Country Christmas, 2019 – December 6!



St. James 2018 Christmas and New Year Mass and Confession Schedules

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve (December 24)

**The Vigil of the
Nativity of our Lord**

5:00pm (Children's Mass), 7:00pm, 9:00pm, Midnight

Christmas Day (December 25)

The Nativity of our Lord (A Holy Day of Obligation)

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, Noon, and
2:30pm (Misa en Español)

New Year's Eve (December 31)

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

7:30pm



New Year's Day (January 1, 2019)

**The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
(A Holy Day of Obligation)**

6:30am, 8:30am, Noon, and 2:30pm (Misa en Español),
and 7:30pm

Christmas Confessions

December 20

10:00am – 11:45am and 7:00pm – 8:30pm

December 21

10:00am – 11:45am and 7:00pm – 8:30pm

December 22

10:00am – 12:00pm, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
and 7:30pm – 8:30pm

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16

9 Days 'til Christmas – How Are You Preparing Your Heart to Receive the Good News of the Birth of our Lord?



Last Weekend to Buy a Christmas Tree From the Boy Scouts – Sale Closes December 16

7/8': \$100	4/5' \$45
8/9': \$150	5/6' \$65
	6/7' \$80

20" wreaths \$20
24" wreaths \$25

Don't miss your last chance to support Boy Scout Troop 681, St. James' own, by buying a Christmas Tree. Hours of the sale are: Monday through Friday from 6:00pm – 9:00pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am – 9:00pm . The sale is located in the Teacher's Parking Lot.



Christmas Wafers (Oplatek) Available Now

Traditional Christmas wafers, known as Oplatek, a part of every traditional Christmas Eve supper in central Europe, are now available for your Christmas Eve supper here in the St. James community. If you would like to include this traditional wafer in your dinner, contact Connie Donnelly, 703-237-7935. To learn more about the Oplatek Wafers, visit: <https://n.pr/2EgzU8p>.

Social Outreach Committee Christmas Activities

Our Social Outreach Committee is offering a host of programs during this Christmas season, all aimed at helping those whose Christmas might be a little bleaker than it would be otherwise without our help. Make a difference in our community, check out their list of activities at <https://bit.ly/2Qq5lmk>, and get involved!



CONNECT
Young Professional Community
at St. James

CONNECT Young Professional Community Events

The CONNECT: Young Professionals Community invites you to attend the following upcoming event:

- **Thursday, December 20** - Holy Hour followed by Northside Social (205 Park Ave., Falls Church).



November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Evangelization - In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 16 – No Holy Hour This Evening

10:00am – 2:00pm	Parish Library Open	House of Ministries – 913 Park Ave.
8:30am – Noon	Donut Sunday and Work of Human Hands	Heller Hall – Door 13
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Catechist Meeting	Room 17
1:30pm – 3:30pm	Bible Study	School Library – Door 17
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
4:30pm	Simbang Gabi Mass	Church
5:30pm – 8:00pm	Simbang Gabi Reception	Heller Hall – Door 13

Monday, December 17

7:30pm – 9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 8
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Tuesday, December 18

4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Christmas Pageant – 5:30	School – Door 16
7:00pm – 8:30pm	High School PREP	School Library – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, December 19

4:00pm – 9:00pm	Homeless Shelter Christmas Gift Wrap	Heller Hall – Door 13
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, December 20

9:30am – 11:30am	Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
10:00am – 11:45am	Confessions	Church
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Women’s Bible Study	School Art Room – Door 17
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
9:00pm	CONNECT at Northside Social	205 Park Ave, Falls Church

Friday, December 21 – School Early Dismissal at 11:30am – Winter Break Begins

10:00am – 11:45am	Confessions	Church
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Grupo Santiago Apostol Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm – 8:30pm	Confessions	Church
7:30pm – 9:30pm	St. James Men’s Group	House of Ministries – 913 Park Ave

Saturday, December 22

10:00am – 12:00pm	Confessions	Church
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Confessions	Church
5:30pm – 9:00pm	Hispanic Prayer Group Santiago Apostol	Heller Hall
7:30pm – 8:30pm	Confessions	Church





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