



# Saint James Catholic Church

Sunday, December 9 – The Second Sunday of Advent



Our second presenter in our new Advent Video Reflection series is Catherine Crone, a sixth grade student at St. James. Watch at <https://bit.ly/2Q6DBE2> as Catherine shares her perspective on today's readings. We hope her insight will serve as a springboard for your reflections on the Word in relation to the Christmas season.

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 will be 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.

## This Week at St. James

**Wednesday, December 12**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass  
Followed by Reception  
7:00pm

**Friday, December 13**  
Christmas Party for  
Food Distribution  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
Heller Hall, Door 13

**Sunday, December 16**  
No Holy Hour  
Simbang Gabi Mass  
Followed by Reception  
4:30pm



**Reflection** It's always easier to take a straight road to home or to a friend's house. We should follow a straight road to Jesus too. What road will you follow?

### 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

## **Stewardship: Year End Giving Opportunities**

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## From Our Pastor

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*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”  
Luke 3:4-6*

My siblings are much older than me, eleven and six years respectively. I remember as a young child attending a play at Bishop O’Connell while my brother was a student. It was “Godspell,” and I can’t remember why we were there except perhaps it was because he was a photographer for the yearbook.

The one thing that stays in my mind is the song, “Prepare Ye.” The auditorium was quiet, dark, and all of a sudden from the back came this loud, strong voice singing, “Prepare ye, the way of the Lord!” It certainly shook me awake as I am certain I had fallen asleep. The only lyric is its title, repeated over and over again, each time with increasing excitement. What was captivating to a young child resonates in my adult mind: the actor who portrayed John striding confidently to the stage joined by other cast members in anticipation. The Savoir is near.

Everyone in the audience that night turned at the sound of the actor’s voice. All were amazed; all focused on him as he led the other cast members to the stage. We were compelled to pay attention.

Parishioners, friends and even fellow priests and religious tell me how easy it is to get sidetracked during Advent. The press of to-do lists, the call of gatherings, last-minute details and responsibilities all conspire to distract us. Who, or what is the voice of John the Baptist for us? What (or who) helps us keep our spiritual life centered and focused on Christ our Savior? I hope that the grace found in the celebration of the Eucharist is one way; reading Scripture is another way. Even taking time to just... be... to be silent... to be with the Lord as a friend can awaken our souls and “make straight our paths.”

I hope you enjoy our reflection for the Second Week of Advent, given by sixth grader, Catherine Crone. Prepare not just your homes, but your hearts with the words of our God.

~ Fr. Posey



### A Special Thank-You From PREP

Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM , and the Parish Religious Education Programs (PREP) team offer a big THANK YOU to the following Confirmation students who changed the Missalettes in church on Saturday, December 1!

Casper Bieglecki  
Anna Dickson  
Zach Hardy  
Sydney Kosco

Stella Nierman  
Diwata Penaranda  
George Vogel-Rogers  
Claire Zywicki

They were organized by their catechists, Marissa Johannes, and Waret Chastain, and assisted by several adults.

## Mass Intentions for the Second Week of Advent

### **Saturday, December 8**

5:00 p.m. +Virginia Dawdy

### **Sunday, December 9 (Second Sunday in Advent)**

7:30 a.m. +Mary Czosnyka

9:00 a.m. +Mary Jane Liverman

10:30 a.m. +Bernard and Virginia Donnelly

Noon +Fr. Austin Coupe, O. Carm

2:30 p.m. People of St. James

7:00 p.m. +Wilma Hurley

### **Monday, December 10**

6:30 a.m. +Alexander Bautista

8:30 a.m. +Dick Heid

Noon +Grace and John Mulligan

### **Tuesday, December 11**

6:30 a.m. +Christine Cunnane

8:30 a.m. +Maria del Carmen Lopez

Noon +Concetta Gaudiosi

### **Wednesday, December 12**

6:30 a.m. +Ed Scheid and

+Suzann Scheid Southworth

8:30 a.m. +Glen and Mary Shenk

Noon +The Deceased Members of the  
Charles Brasche Family

### **Thursday, December 13**

6:30 a.m. +Joe Romero

8:30 a.m. +Herbert Neyland

Noon +Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.

### **Friday, December 14**

6:30 a.m. +Mike Durand, Sr.

8:30 a.m. +Kenneth Whitehead

Noon +Maria Hanh thi Nguyen

### **Saturday, December 15**

8:30 a.m. +Clarence R. Dauer

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

## 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.** Please send names to [bulletin@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@stjamescatholic.org), and let us know when your loved ones return home.



## This Week's Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: International Human Rights Day

Tuesday: St. Damasus I

Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday: St. Lucy

Friday: St. John of the Cross

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

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## Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;  
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or  
Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the  
Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:  
Zac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;  
Lk 3:10-18

## Remember in Your Prayers...

### **the sick of our parish family:**

Frank Amorosi

Joan Bellwoar

Janice Chory

Ernestine Elguera

Dorra Dee Estes

Elizabeth Fielder

Patricia Gaughan

Jeannie Hunt

Ann McDermott

Mary Remshard

Ann Smith

### **and the deceased of our parish family:**

Kathleen Black

Camille Byrnes

Judith Dassira

Constance Lyons

William Quigley

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

— James 1:22



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Frances Cabrini  
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(Purple)

John Neumann  
(Orange)



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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 9:30am - 12:00pm

Tuesday: 2:30pm - 8:30pm or by appointment

If during these winter months you have questions about whether PREP is being held or not, please see our inclement weather policy at: <https://bit.ly/2RrQTrf>

## Reflection for the Second 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:** Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

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

**Watch the Reflection Video:** <https://bit.ly/2Q6DBE2>

**Reflection Question:** It's always easier to take a straight road home or to a friend's house. We should follow a straight road to Jesus too. What road will you follow?



### 12 de Diciembre - La Fiesta de la Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe December 12 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Please join us on Wednesday, December 12, at 7:00pm, for a Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. After Mass, participants will process from the Church to Knecht Gymnasium where a reception will be held. All are invited.

Únase a nosotros el miércoles 12 de diciembre, a las 7:00 pm, para una misa para el Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Después de la misa, los participantes procesarán desde la Iglesia hasta el gimnasio de Knecht, donde se llevará a cabo una recepción.



### 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.

**For a complete schedule of masses and confession times for the  
Christmas season and New Year's please visit:**

**<https://bit.ly/2PjrHRY>**

16 Days Until Christmas – How Will You Present Your Gifts to the Lord?



## 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

5:30pm (Children's Mass), 7:30pm, 9:30pm, 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 )

### 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 to us a child is born, to us a son is given..."

Isaiah 9:6

### Holy Days of Obligation – Know Your Church

Ever wonder why we celebrate Holy Days of Obligation and why they are so important to us as Catholics? Do you wonder what days are Holy Days and which days aren't, and why a Holy Day mandates obligatory attendance at Mass one year but not necessarily the next?

Brother John Samaha, M.S., explains all here: <https://bit.ly/2GdDlij>.

## ADVENT 2018

Last Sunday, December 2, the First Sunday of Advent, marked the beginning of the Church year.

The Gospel of Luke is our guide through the final Sundays of 2018 and most of the Sundays of 2019. Luke, whom Paul calls *our most dear physician*, brings us into fellowship with the gentile community for whom he wrote in the first century. To those new Christians in an ancient world, and to men and women and children today, Luke offers the Good News of salvation for all people. No one is denied an invitation to the Kingdom inaugurated by Christ's life, death and resurrection. Women and the poor and sinners receive especially tender attention from Jesus in Luke's book.

In the first words of his Gospel, Luke promises a faithful account, based on the evidence of *eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word*. Luke keeps that promise, providing *certainty* about the teachings his readers have seen and heard. We too can join those early believers, proclaiming during this year *what we have seen and heard*. We will sharpen our senses on the whetstone of the Gospel so that we can see and hear Jesus in our midst today, as He reveals himself in ordinary men and women, and in the events of our daily lives.

IN ADVENT, four Old Testament prophets — Jeremiah, Baruch, Zephaniah and Micah — join with Luke to tell us what they have seen and heard: the ancient promise of a savior nears fulfillment, first in Bethlehem, and then to the ends of the earth and the end of time. The Advent scriptures call us to repentance and to vigilance — to alertness and sensitivity so that we will see and hear the Lord in His coming.

The Advent psalms and Paul's Advent letters repeat the refrain: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy*.

During the last weekdays of Advent, the Church calls forth those familiar and moving words from Matthew's and Luke's infancy accounts. This is what we have been waiting for: the genealogy of Jesus from Abraham to Joseph and Mary. The annunciations to Joseph and to Zechariah. Gabriel's annunciation to Mary and her going to Elizabeth. Mary's Magnificat. Zechariah's canticle of praise.

AT CHRISTMAS, angels, shepherds and kings — an unlikely chorus — tell us what they have seen and heard:

A Savior has been born to you!



### 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>



## 2019 Arlington Diocese WorkCamp Registration Deadline – December 19

Any student currently in grades 9-12 is welcome to sign up for WorkCamp that will be held June 22-28, 2019. Participation includes four mandatory preparation meetings held from January-May, plus other optional events, in addition to the actual week of WorkCamp. For more information about WorkCamp, and to watch a video about the program's impact, please visit the Arlington Diocese Website, <https://bit.ly/2ONDgFU> and send an email to Karen Graffam at [klgraffam@gmail.com](mailto:klgraffam@gmail.com). All participants must sign up by December 19, so even if you are just thinking about it, send a note to Karen.



## Scenes From WorkCamp 2018



## Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale Through Sunday, December 16



Boy Scout Troup 681, St. James' own, are selling Christmas Trees in the Teacher's Parking Lot through December 16. Hours of the sale are: Monday through Friday from 6:00pm – 9:00pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am – 9:00pm . Prices are below:

4/5' \$45    7/8': \$100

5/6' \$65    8/9': \$150

20" wreaths \$20

24" wreaths \$25

## *November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis*

### **Universal – In Service of Peace**

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

## ***This Week in Our Parish***

### **Sunday, December 9**

10:15am – 11:30am	Baptism Class	School Library – Door 17
11:30am – 2:15pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
1:00pm – 2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School – Door 16
1:30pm – 3:30pm	Scripture Study (co-ed)	School Library – Door 16
3:45pm – 6:00pm	Grupo de Oración Emmanuel	Heller Hall – Door 13
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
5:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

### **Monday, December 10**

7:00pm – 9:00pm	Hogar English Classes	School – Door 16
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Pray and Life Seminar	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
7:30pm – 9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 8

### **Tuesday, December 11**

4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP	School – Door 16
7:00pm – 8:30pm	High School PREP (Young Ladies Only)	School Library – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

### **Wednesday, December 12 – Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe**

9:15am – 11:00am	Scripture Study – Women	Knecht Meeting Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Heller Hall – Door 13
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Hogar English Classes	School – Door 16
7:30pm – 8:30pm	PTO Meeting	School Library – Door 16

### **Thursday, December 13**

9:30am – 11:30am	Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Art Room – Door 17
7:30pm – 9:00pm	CONNECT	House of Ministries – 913 Park Ave

### **Friday, December 14**

11:15am – 11:45am	Confessions	Church
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Food Distribution Christmas Party	Heller Hall – Door 13
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Grupo Santiago Apostol Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

### **Saturday, December 15**

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



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