

# 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 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.

## The Pastor's Corner



**Anointing of the Sick** is a sacrament of the Catholic Church that is administered to a Catholic who, having reached the age of reason begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age, except in the case of those who persevere obstinately in manifest grave sin. It is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for them to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived. The sacrament is administered by a priest, who uses the Oil of the Sick blessed by the bishop or Archbishop at in the current year to anoint the patient's forehead and perhaps other parts of the body while reciting certain prayers. It is believed to give comfort, peace, courage and, even forgiveness of sins. **Sacramental**

**graces:** The Catholic Church sees the effects of the sacrament as follows: As the sacrament of Marriage gives grace for the married state, the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick gives grace for the state into which people enter through sickness. Through the sacrament a gift of the Holy Spirit is given, that renews confidence and faith in God and strengthens against temptations to discouragement, despair and anguish at the thought of death and the struggle of death; it prevents the believer from losing Christian hope in God's justice, truth and salvation. Because one of the effects of the sacrament is to absolve the recipient of any sins not previously absolved through the sacrament of Penance. Only an ordained priest or bishop may administer the sacrament. The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects:

- the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church;
- the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age;
- the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance;
- the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of their soul;

the preparation for passing over to eternal life.

Catholic canon law indicates who may receive the sacrament: "The anointing of the sick can be administered to a member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age. If a new illness develops or the first illness relapses or worsens, the patient may receive the sacrament as often as needed. A priest may, on the basis of his pastoral judgment, administer the sacrament numerous times in cases of old age or chronic illness. Like any sacrament, anointing of the sick can be given only to someone who is alive; however, as the precise moment of death is not known or defined with precision, someone may be anointed conditionally ("if you are alive" prefixed to the sacramental formula) during a brief period after being declared clinically dead. The sacrament of anointing can be administered to an individual whether at home, in a hospital or institution, or in church. Several sick persons may be anointed within the rite, especially if the celebration takes place in a church or hospital. The celebration may also take place during a Catholic Mass.



*Fr. Labre, Deacon Wiltz and the Staff of St. James Major Church wish each of you and your families the peace, joy and blessings of our newborn Savior in this holy Christmas season.*

## Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

The Christmas and New Year's Masses will follow the weekend schedule: 4 pm Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and 10 am Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



**Parish School of Religion**

Parish School of Religion classes will resume Sunday, January 6 at 8 a.m. in the school.



The Church office and food bank will be closed December 24 through January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays.





# Mass Intentions

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22**

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23**

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

And for the repose of the souls of

- +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr.                    +Anita Collins
- +Louise M. Gonzales                        +Rochelle Age
- +Albert M. Jean, Sr.                         +David Domingue
- +Mary Lou Maginnis                        +Monique Massey

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24**

8:30 am Communion Service  
4:00 pm SJM parishioners, living & deceased

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

- 8:30 am +Willie Anthony Tucker
- +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr.
- +Jacques Marchand
- +Louisa Rondeno
- +Anthony Springer
- +Gwendolyn Flateau
- +Joseph Chevis
- +Lillian Crocker Jones
- +Peter Bonnee, Sr.



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26**

8:30 am +Poor Souls in Purgatory (PL)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27**

8:30 am +Marie Johnson

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28**

8:30 am +Chacón Family

**Please pray for them:** Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Gloria Mitchell, Denise Thomas, Audrey Wilson, Gail Wright, Nadine Rochell, 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, Marguerite Ragas, Irma Springer, Wilbert Clementin, Sr., Byron Williams, Jr., Kim Stovall, Michelle Irwin, Dennis LeBlanc, Betty Reynolds, Jill Courseault, Meredith 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 you or your relatives on the prayer list.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- 24 Monday **MORNING MASS**  
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Luke 1:67-79  
**VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
Isaiah 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25
- 25 Tuesday **NATIVITY OF THE LORD** (during the night)  
Isaiah 9:1-6; Ps 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14  
**NATIVITY OF THE LORD** (Dawn)  
Isaiah 62:11-12; Ps 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20  
**NATIVITY OF THE LORD** (During the Day)  
Isaiah 52:7-10; Ps 98; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
- 26 Wednesday **ST. STEPHEN**  
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31; Matthew 10:17-22
- 27 Thursday **ST. JOHN**  
1JOHN 1:1-4; PS 97; John 20:1a, 2-8
- 28 Friday **THE HOLY INNOCENTS**  
1 John 1:5-2:2; Ps 124; Matthew 2:13-18
- 29 Saturday **FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
1 John 2:3-11; Ps 96; Luke 2:22-35
- 30 Sunday **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52



**Lectors & Commentators**

- Dec 22 Gaynell Marchand, Montrelle Sinegar
- Dec 23 Hilda Bell, Darren Isabelle



**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

- Dec 22 Loretta Parent, Michael Sinegar
- Dec 23 Denise Huner, Al Courseault



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

- SSgt Bryan Stovall, Jr., USMC                    PO2 Melissa Flot, USN
- PVT Robert Cook, USA                         SGT Robert Lambert, USA
- SSgt. Anthony Montz, USAF                    Alvin Benjamin, USN
- SSgt. Davin Hornsby, USAF                    A1C Andrew Montz, USAF

**Church Support**



**OFFERTORY COLLECTION (December 17-18)**

Information not available at time of printing

Thank you for your support!