

# Saint James Catholic Community

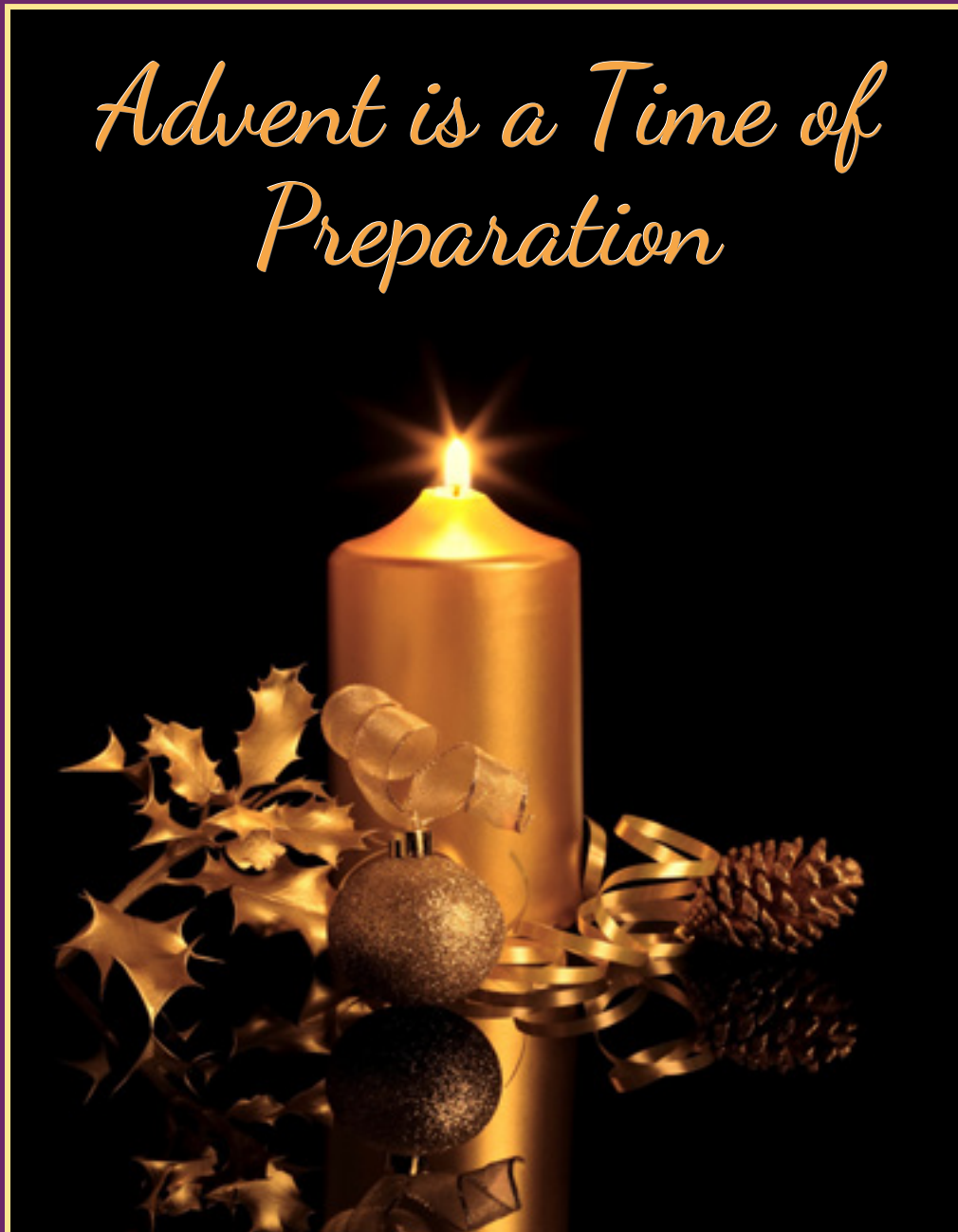
*First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024*

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Together We Can Do Great Things



*Advent is a Time of  
Preparation*



## **St. James Catholic Church**

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## **Mass Schedule:**

**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday, 8:15am

**Saturday,** 5:00pm

**Sunday,** 8:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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## Mission Statement

We, the community of St. James, are a prayerful and Eucharistic people who treasure our Catholic traditions. We strive to grow in our faith by being good stewards of the gifts God has given us; sharing God's truth with all. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.



The awesome God of the universe chose to come to earth and be born in human flesh because God loves us so much and wants us to be close to Him. When we experience Jesus, we are experiencing the awesome God who created the universe and who keeps it in existence, but at the same time this God wants to be very personal with each of us. Can you imagine that?

The Season of Advent invites us to personally encounter this awesome God. At first glance we might see an ordinary child. But look more deeply.

**Join us for a two evening Advent Retreat  
 in the St. James Parish Hall on December 1  
 and December 4 at 6:30 – 8:00pm  
 led by Fr. Ron Will, C.PP.S.**

*from the Precious Blood Renewal Center.*

The word "Advent" means "Coming." God desires to come to each of us personally during this sacred season. This retreat experience will help us open our eyes, ears, and hearts for the coming of the Lord in a new way and on a deeper level than ever before.

Mark your calendar now and reserve the times. If you can't attend both nights, come to the one that you can.

### CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Thursday, December 12 - 6:00pm

#### Celebration includes:

Singing of "Las Mañanitas" while dancers offer flowers to Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 Holy Mass



Reenactment of the apparitions of our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego

Reception with Mexican Food and More

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org).

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate at 816.392.0011 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## From the Pastor's Pen

Once again we celebrate the beautiful liturgical season of Advent, beginning on the Sunday closest to the feast of Saint Andrew, which falls on November 30. During these days, the Church invites us to reflect on the coming of the Lord. The word "Advent" means "coming into being, arrival, appearance." In the very early centuries the Advent season was mostly an anticipation and longing for the second coming of the Risen Lord Jesus.

The words of the hymn "O come, O come, Emmanuel" summarize so very well the earliest spirit of the season: "O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appears. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel." These words were especially meaningful in those early centuries when disciples of Jesus were experiencing persecution. We, too, look to that time which Christ will come again in glory and renew the face of the earth.

Gradually, the Advent season came to be associated more with the historical birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We love to remember the story of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, no room in the inn, finding shelter in a cave, the birth of Jesus, the choirs of angels and the visit of the Magi. Erecting a nativity scene, small or great, reminds us of the nativity. We use the four candles of the Advent Wreath as we count the weeks and days until the arrival of the feast. We, too, are filled with a spirit of longing and anticipation.

How might we best celebrate the Advent season? It is difficult, we know, because of the commercialization of these weeks before Christmas. Already in early November, Santa appears, store sales begin, and colored lights begin to appear. But how do we prepare spiritually? Despite all the external displays, we strive to be mindful of the ways the Lord comes into our lives. We open our hearts to a spirit of hope, a spirit of anticipation, of expectation, of longing for a deeper presence of the Lord Jesus in our lives. Our God is a God of hope, even when the situation in our world and country our lives can seem so grim. Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Let us live in peace. We are a redeemed people of God

My prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

## Mass Intentions

### Week of December 2 - December 8

<b>Monday</b> 8:15am	†Edith Gravatt Carl & Mary Inzerillo
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:15am	†Lorraine Greenwald Joe Mahoney
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:15am	†Kermit Davis †Patricia Burke
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15am	†Fr. Vincent Capadonno Tripp Eslick
<b>Friday</b> 8:15am	<i>St. Nicholas</i> Military Families
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	†Kermit Davis †Joanne McMahan
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	†Wally McCubbin †Richard Raznick & Family
10:30am	†Harry Woltkamp †Janie Woltkamp Thacker †Alex Bruening †Jake Glasford
5:00pm	†Ambrose Buckman Rosario Conechado

### 1st Saturday Confessions



Confessions will be heard from  
7:30am - 8:30am  
on Saturday, December 7.  
This time is in addition  
to the regular Saturday  
afternoon confession time.

## Contact Info

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 4pm until finished; any time requested.

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptismal Preparation Classes: Once a month  
Contact Kirsten Maggi in the parish office, ext. 204 or  
kirsten.maggi@stjames-liberty.org

**Religious Education:** For Preschool through adult  
spiritual development, please notify office of needs.

**New Parishioners:** Please register at the parish office.

*We Welcome You!*

**St. James School:** PS-8th grade offered.

Call the School Office, to inquire, 781-4428

**Sacrament of Marriage:** 9 months advance notice

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the parish office.

**To Schedule an event in our Parish Facility:**

**stjamesoffice@stjames-liberty.org**

or call the Parish Office, ext. 202.

**All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday**

**12Noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org**

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 9



### Holy Day of Obligation

#### Mass Times

6:30am

8:15am

7:00pm\*

\* The 7:00pm Mass will be live-streamed

## Honor Your Loved Ones With Flowers



The sanctuary will be decorated this Christmas Season with flowers in honor or memory of our families and friends.

To add your loved ones, drop the Christmas Flower Offering envelope with your name, the names of the people to remember or honor, and your donation in the collection or bring your envelope to the parish office weekdays between 9:00am - 12noon..



**Wednesday  
December 11  
7:00pm**

An important way to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, is to attend an Advent Penance Service as we gather together to celebrate the communal form of the Sacrament of God's mercy and focus on the spiritual meaning of Advent.

The service includes prayer, scripture readings, a homily and an examination of conscience, followed by the opportunity for individual confessions.



## Someone is Watching and Wondering



There have been many days in the past several weeks when I feel unsure about so many things. What is up; what is down? Is there justice for all? Should I turn left or right, move ahead or reverse

course? Where do I belong; where am I going? Why do I feel anxious, alone, discouraged, and lost? How do I leave these feelings of darkness behind? How do I return to a sense of optimism and hope? The tunnel in which I find myself seems too long, dark, and frightening to venture further, even though there appears a dim light ahead.

As is often the case when I am struggling, I read, listen to music, or experience God's creation as a new day dawns. Recently, a close friend suggested that I read Psalm 118:8-9. Upon receiving the email, I immediately opened my Bible: "Better to take refuge in the Lord than to put one's trust in mortals. Better to take refuge in the Lord, than to put one's trust in princes." These words renewed my hope. Later, returning to Psalm 118 I read all the verses, and continue reading the words as part of my daily prayer: "Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose love endures forever. . . In danger I called on the Lord {who} answered me and set me free. The Lord is with me, I am not afraid. . . I was hard pressed and falling but the Lord came to my help. . . I thank you for you answered me, you have been my savior. . . the stone which the builder rejected has become the corner stone." Jesus was reject by many yet he lives. God is truly loving and merciful. God's grace is abundant and freely given. For me, to live outside God's grace is not possible. When I find myself in a dark tunnel, feeling alone and in despair, I search for the light of Christ. Truly my hope is in him. I beg God for forgiveness, understanding, and mercy. I simply do not have the answers without God, nor can I fully live and experience each day outside God's embrace.

This first Sunday of Advent, with its theme of **HOPE**, we sing Psalm 25: "To you oh Lord I lift my soul. . . make known to me your ways, teach me your paths, guide me in your truth. . . {God} shows sinners (like myself) the way, guides the humble to justice. . . the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy." St. Paul instructs us in 1 Thessalonians: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all. . . so as to strengthen your hearts to be blameless in holiness before God. . . at the coming of our Lord Jesus." In **HOPE**, I continue to open my heart to my Lord Jesus. May his coming into my life soften my heart and renew my spirit as he leads me out of the darkness into his light. We light one candle today in anticipation.

Your Sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*



## Enjoy the Vocals of the Liberty Community Chorus.

**Sunday, December 8 ~ 2:00pm**

What is Christmas without a choir?

Bring sweet harmony to your Christmas season with the Liberty Community Chorus and our special guests, the Liberty High School Concert and Chamber Choirs.

At Christmas with the LCC, you'll enjoy familiar carols like "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "Carol of the Bells" along with modern classics by John Rutter, Bob Chilcott, and Elaine Hagenberg

Tickets are \$15 for adults; children and students are admitted free.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

## #GIVINGTUESDAY™

**December 3, 2024**

**A Day When Every Act of Generosity Counts  
And Everyone Has Something to Give**

Giving Tuesday is a day that encourages people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. It is a day of generosity and charity celebrated the Tuesday after Thanksgiving each year. It was created to help the "giving season" get started, reminding people that there is more to holidays than consumerism and commercialization.

### Ways To Give

In this uncertain time when many are still struggling financially, there are some small things we can do to be generous to others. For example, drop some coins or a dollar bill in a Salvation Army bucket, put an extra dollar or two in the collection basket after Mass, donate to your favorite charity.

Being generous is not only about giving money - it's giving of yourself. Consider: call or send a card to someone and let them know you're thinking about them, say a rosary for someone on the St. James prayer list, reach out to someone who is homebound, give someone a compliment - let them know you appreciate them. And don't assume your loved ones know you love them - tell them "I love you."

## HELP CLOTHE THOSE IN NEED BY SHARING NEW AND GENTLY USED WINTER COATS and WARM CLOTHES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive again this year.

Many coats are needed as well as socks, gloves, scarves and other warm clothing.

**This coat drive begins next weekend and will run weekends through December 21/22, except the weekend of December 7/8.**

Please bring your donations to the Narthex on Saturdays or Sundays between now and December 21/22 from 7am and 6:30pm. There is a section for adults and one for children's. Signs will be posted.

Monetary donations will also be accepted.

Please scan the QR Code to make your donation.

Monetary donations will be sent to St. James Midtown to purchase coats and warm clothing for those in need.

Donated coats and outerwear will be distributed to St. James Midtown and homeless veterans.



**Thank you in advance for your donations**



### *A Reflection*

Today we begin the season of Advent, a time of preparation and remembrance and with this we begin the new liturgical year. The word "Advent" stems from the Latin word *adventus*, which literally means "coming" or "arrival." In context, this commonly refers to the coming of Jesus on Christmas day.

Advent is a time of joyful waiting. We wait hoping and expecting that He will come into our hearts and homes on Christmas day with all the peace and joy that only a loving God and Savior could bring. It is a time when we remember that Jesus came to earth over 2000 years ago to begin the Christian era with the divine gift of salvation which He holds out to all who are willing to commit themselves to His way of living.

Advent is a time of new beginnings. We have an opportunity to grow, or develop, a spirituality of waiting – a time of hope – as we pray constantly for ourselves, our world and our Church in the ancient prayer of Advent – "Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus, Come!"

### **Join Our Glory Be Tea Cookie Brigade**



Help us stock up the cookie tables with four dozen of your favorite homemade cookies for the December 8th tea.

Cookies should be on the smaller side - 2" or less in diameter. Cookie bars cut in small squares are also welcome.

Please bring your cookies to the Social Hall during one of the following times.

Friday, December 6- from 9am - 2pm

Saturday, December 7 - from 9am - 5pm

To let us know that we can count on you to provide cookies, scan the QR Code and provide the number of cookies and your contact information.

Or contact Jeanne Verssue at 816-294-0236, or email at [bverssue@gmail.com](mailto:bverssue@gmail.com) or call or text Sharon Benson at 816-507-9811.



### **Morning Advent Reflection Questions For The Season**

**Led by Fr. Timothy Armbruster, C.P.P.S.**



This Advent and Christmas season, the church will be reading in the Gospel of Luke.

Luke was a storyteller and poet. His Gospel gives us canticles

and questions that lead us - if we dare - on a spiritual journey that will intertwine our lives with the lives of the Gospel figures.

Specifically, we will be weaving our story with the stories of Zechariah, Mary and Elizabeth, as we answer questions they asked themselves.

Advent invites us into a time and gives us space for self-reflection, waiting and expecting God to show up and even speak to us. Please join us on .....

**Saturday, Dec. 7, 10:00 - 11:30am**

or

**Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 - 8:00pm**

In-person and Zoom options available.

Suggested Offering \$10.00

For more information and/or to REGISTER

- Online: [www.pbrenewalcenter.org](http://www.pbrenewalcenter.org)

- By email: [info@pbrenewalcenter.org](mailto:info@pbrenewalcenter.org)

- By phone: 816-415-3745

Precious Blood Renewal Center  
2120 St. Gasper Way - Liberty MO

### **Novena to the Christ Child and The Holy Family**



The beautiful reflections and prayers of this Novena focus on the birth of Jesus and His family in the early years of His life.

The Novena will be held in the AV Conference Room (lower level of the church) from 6:30 - 7:30pm on the following dates.

**Wednesday, December 3**

**Wednesday, December 11**

**Wednesday, December 18**

**Everyone is Invited and Welcome to Participate in This Novena**

**Attending this Novena is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.**

## ATTENTION ALL ST. JAMES HILLCREST HOPE VOLUNTEERS!!



The time has come and we will soon be filling our apartment! No details on the resident(s) yet, but we will be getting that information!

On November 18, an email was sent out to all volunteers. If you did not receive an email from me, please call, text, or email me with your email, name, and what team you wanted to be assigned to for Hillcrest Hope.

I am wanting to be sure this list is complete and that everyone will be getting future emails.

Thank you all for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to this ministry.

Betsy Lewey

816-679-9910 [allshandling@gmail.com](mailto:allshandling@gmail.com)

## Special Collection Next Weekend



Next weekend we will have a very important special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

This is a wonderful way for us to help financially support those who spent their life spiritually supporting us. So many of the current senior religious provided for us with little pay, as teachers, parish staff, pastors and more. Now we can assist them.

You may use the envelope in your giving set, or just drop your assistance in the special collection basket.

**Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

*First Sunday of Advent  
The Beginning Of  
A New Liturgical Year*

## The Advent Wreath



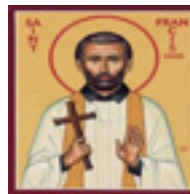
We all decorate our homes in preparation for Christmas, but do you include in those decorations an Advent Wreath? What a wonderful tradition to start with your family!

There is such rich meaning and symbolism in the Advent Wreath. The circular shape symbolizes God's complete and unending love for each of us and eternal life which is ours through our faith in Jesus.

The four candles, which the wreath traditionally holds, serve a purpose to dispel the darkness of the sins of the world and to help us to contemplate the birth of Jesus, who comes to redeem mankind and make all things new.

The candles also remind us that we are meant to shine the light of Christ throughout the world.

## Saint Francis Xavier Feast Day ~ December 3



St. Francis Xavier was born in the Kingdom of Navarre on April 7, 1506.

When he became of age, he studied at the University of Paris where he was heavily influenced by Ignatius of Loyola, who encouraged him to become a priest. He was ordained on June 24, 1537.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. According to his letters, he often had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but he was always filled with joy.

He died in 1552. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa, India. He was canonized: March 12, 1622.



## Visit the St. James Website This Advent

Advent is a time to help us prepare for Christmas, when we celebrate the fulfillment of our longing for the Savior with the birth of Jesus.

On the website, click on the Advent-Christmas blue menu on the Home Page to access Advent Resources and Activities, as well as blessings, stories and legends to help you understand the season more fully.

## Parish Religious Education

### Did you know?

As we light the first candle in the Advent wreath this weekend, it is full of symbols within our faith. It is circular, without a beginning or end. It symbolizes God's unending love for us, so much that he sent his Son into the world. This Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, we will light the first purple candle, the "Prophet's Candle". This candle symbolizes Hope, reminding us that Jesus is coming.

### PreK-5th grade

The 3rd through 5th grade classes started to prepare for the Advent season by going to confession during class this past weekend. We are so thankful for Fr. Mike and Fr. Michael helping us to make this a possibility for the children. It is truly a great way to begin the Advent season. Back in the classrooms, our PreK-2nd grade children were learning about being thankful and sharing the many things they are thankful for as they prepared for the Thanksgiving holiday. Perhaps even more exciting was learning about Advent and the time we take between now and Christmas Day to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

### Middle School

This year we were blessed with the opportunity to take the middle school students to reconciliation as well. Fr. Timothy and Fr. Michael were here to hear confessions for them and their families. Back in the Parish Hall we had a good time preparing Advent wreaths and learning about all the meanings within

this "decoration" we see at church and in homes. The kids also enjoyed a little snack while having some fun.

### Camino de Santiago

Our Camino (high school) program took their class to the St. Mary's Kitchen on Sunday. The teens had the opportunity to help prepare and serve hot lunches to those in need. This was a service project Theresa Brier helped to coordinate as a way for the youth to understand ways we can serve the Poor in Spirit and the meek. Thank you to all who joined and helped with this experience.

### First Sacraments

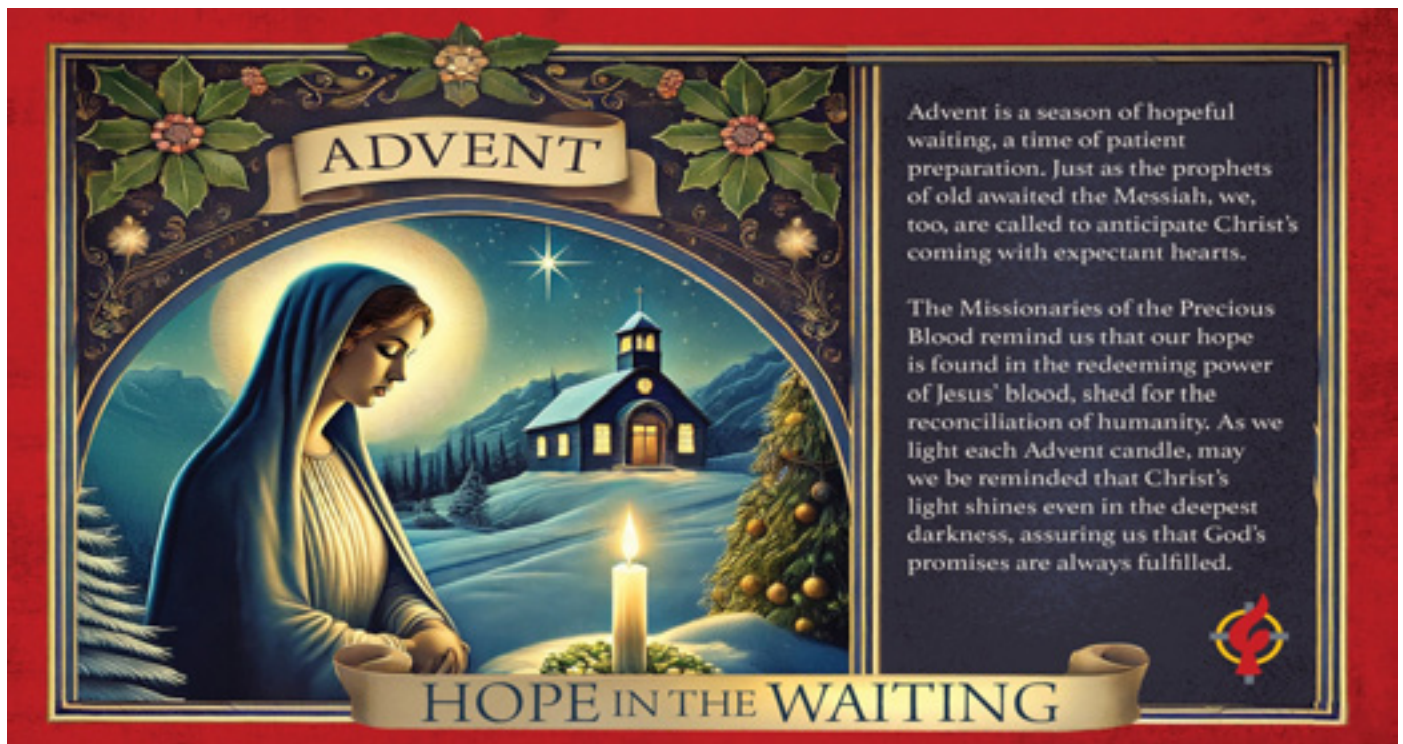
Our last celebration of First Reconciliation will be Monday, December 2nd. If you were unable to make either celebration, please let me know so that we can coordinate a time for this sacrament. We ask the St. James community to keep these kids in prayer as they receive the gift of their First Reconciliation. Please note, the December 8th parent meeting for First Communion will be rescheduled until after the first of the year.

### Next Classes

12/15 – PreK-5: 9:10-10:20am (St. James School)  
 12/8 – Middle School: 6-7:15pm (Parish Hall)  
 12/8 – Camino: 6:00-7:30 (School Cafeteria)  
 12/1– Confirmation: 6-7:30pm (Parish Hall)

Questions?

Contact Stephanie at [dre@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:dre@stjames-liberty.org)





**Birthdays this week: Today we celebrate all that you with God's help, have accomplished.**

Brandon Beyer	Preston Hogan	Mary Hayward
Laura Comer	Rachel Johnson	Annabelle Heinse
James Connery	Patricia Roach	Michael Jensen
Ramon Curiel	Lucas Scott	Carol Noble
Danielle Dillon	Austin Sellmeyer	Chad Phillips
Weston Edwards	Meredith Weick	Grant Schuster
Grace George	Keith Ballard	Terrance Shannon
Carolyn Harris	Randolph Curnow	Patrick Steinkamp
Tara Haynes	Lucas Lozano	Sarah Weiler
Carl Inzerillo	Ryan McLean	Richard Woodruff
Mary Inzerillo	Jolene Mears	Jill Bolling
Wani Juma	Robert Schreiber	Sarah Crable
Bob Kern	Stephen Stark	Bailey Eddy
Jim Kern	David Wallisch	Glynn Gallagher
Henry Langhorst	Lucille Wight	Brian Haynes
Daniel Mears	Leila Yap	Katie Kohrs
Margie Myers	Sarah Catignani	Adele Landry
Mary Neibergall-Timm	Michael DePalma	Hollis Pettz
Susan Olson	Julie DiGiovanni	Angela Reed
Kyleen Sherman	Harper Dixon	Christina Spencer
George Svetleic	Layla Florido	Sharon Willis
Christopher Tipton	Jeanne Jackson	Connor Cooney
Rita Van De Lune	Ainsley Lanter	David Curasi
Charles Weishaar	Adam Pittman	Maleah Gusman
Wyatt Whelan	Kristen Redford	Mark Hill
Madelynn Bamberg	Carolyn Roach	Angela Holtkamp
Stella Maris Burns	Benjamin Saverino	Owen Hughes
JoeAnthony Clark	James Schmidt	Amber Johnson
Sophia Donnici	Kevin Schneider	Robert Kosorog
Nancy Focht	Emily Seiter	Douglas Lewey
Cassandra Fuentes	Samuel Shumate	Thomas Lindley
Karen Guenther	Laney Timmerberg	Margaret Reyes
Charlotte Herr	Luca Venditti	Joanna
Wade Herrman	Rebecca Wright	Venneman
	Grayson Carullo	Payton Whiston

## St. James School News



**Help Us Pray for ALL the Children of St. James Parish**



### Prayer in honor of Saint Nicholas:

We thank you for good Saint Nicholas who was known for his love and care for children. Through his intercession we ask you to help us always to take care of children, to protect and guide them, and to keep them safe. Help us to be open to all that children can teach us about pure joy and unconditional love. May we in turn help our children to grow into the beautiful persons that you created them to be. Keep us mindful of the needs of others and to reach out with love and generosity as Saint Nicholas did. We rejoice in your servant Nicholas and pray that we too may follow you with singleness of heart and mind.

Amen.

### St. James School

Call: 816-781-4428  
Webpage: [www.sjsliberty.com](http://www.sjsliberty.com)  
Facebook: St. James Catholic School



### Sunday and Wednesday Mornings Beginning Dec. 1

Join Fr. Timothy as he breaks open the Word every Sunday and Wednesday throughout Advent. Scriptures during Advent urge us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." What other messages do the Scriptures offer us during this time of year devoted to waiting and watching?

Videos posted on-line Sunday and Wednesday morning @6:30am

Scan the QR Code to watch on YouTube



## We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

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*Please pray for the sick*

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#### Rosary For Healing

#### Thursdays at 6:30pm

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