Sunday, December 17, 2017

Gaudete Sunday of Advent

“Living Our Timeless Catholic Faith in a Contemporary World”

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ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY: 9:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (Misa en español)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday-Friday: 1:00 p.m. (Misa en español)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)
Wednesday: 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Monday: 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
First Friday of each month: 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Second Friday of each month (en Español) 7:00pm -9:00pm

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TWO WEEKS prior to publication. Please keep this in mind when you have an announcement to submit for posting.

PARISH INFORMATION

NEWCOMERS: A warm welcome to you. We hope that you find a home with us here at St. James. If you would like to become a registered member of our parish family, please pick up a registration form locate on either side of the doors. If you wish, you may stop the parish office or please visit our website at STJTA.org We will be happy to assist you in any way.

INFANT BAPTISM: We are excited about you having your baby baptized here at St. James. For information concerning Baptism, please contact the parish office or please visit our website at STJTA.org

ANointing of the Sick: The church is here for you in times of sickness. If you wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office or see the priest or one of the deacons before or after mass. He will be glad to assist you.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations on your upcoming marriage! The church wishes to assist you in preparing for this important sacrament. Couples should contact the parish office at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date so that we can adequately prepare you to receive this sacrament or please visit our website at STJTA.org

RCIA: The church welcomes you as a son or daughter. We hope that you find a home with us here at St. James. If you are interested in coming Catholic and learning about our faith, please speak to the priest or one of our deacons. You may also wish to visit our website at STJTA.org. It is our pleasure and privilege to assist you on your journey of faith.

MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Altar Society: (Theresa Avila)………………………………..tavila@stjta.com

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(844) - 295 - 3167 myparishcounseling.com/stjta

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Parish Council: (Pam Schutz)……………………………..Pam.Schultz@anadarko.com

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PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND THOSE WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS

If you or a member of your family experiences illness or injury call the parish office at 281-353-5053 and we will add that name to the prayer list in the Bulletin. We will pray every day for those on the prayer list.
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**
**GAUDETE SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 a.m. Mass - Gary Mokry +
9:00 a.m. Mass - Don Martin +
11:00 a.m. Mass - Jim & Mildred Caffrey +
1:00 p.m. Misa - Pro Populo

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**
JER 23:1-8; PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; MT 1:18-25

10:30 a.m. Apologetics (St. James Room)
7:00 p.m. Adoration

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**
JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; PS 71:3-6AB, 16-17; LK 1:5-25

7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass - Michael Bielamowicz +
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. Springtimers Birthday Bash (Parish Hall)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**
IS 7:10-14; PS 24:1-6; LK 1:26-38

***CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD THIS EVENING***

7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass - Demerise Veros +
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. H. S. Youth Night: Gathering of Youth (Apostle Room)
7:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Night (Parish Hall)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**
SG 2:8-14; PS 33:1-2, 11-12, 20-21; LK 1:39-45

7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass - Int. Caitlyn I. Uvalle
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**
1SM 1:24-28; 1SAMUEL 2:1, 4-8ABCD; LK 1:46-56

7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. Mass - Int. Tom & Theresa Hamilton
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. Grupo de Oracion - Assembly (Parish Hall)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**
MAL 3:1-4, 23-24; PS 25:4-5AB, 8-10 AND 14; LK 1:57-66

***CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD THIS AFTERNOON***

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass - Pro Populo
7:00 p.m. Misa - Jeremias Olivares +

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**St. James 2017 Advent & Christmas Schedule**

**ADVENT ACTIVITIES:**
- First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd – Lighting and blessing of the Advent candles
- Wednesday 6th – St. Nicholas Feast Day Celebration, Mass at 7 p.m
- Friday 8th – Feast of The Immaculate Conception, Mass at 7 a.m, 12 Noon, and 7 p.m
- Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th – Christmas Toy Drive-Bring an unwrapped toy and place it at the altar.
- Tuesday 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 7 p.m, reception following in the Parish Hall.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**

- Vigil Mass 7 p.m. Vigil Mass
- Mass 9 p.m. Mass
- Family Mass (Christmas Eve) 7 p.m. Vigil Mass

**MIDDAY TIMES**
- Monday, December 25th – (Christmas Day)
  - 12 a.m. Midnight Mass
  - 7 a.m. Mass
  - 9 a.m. Mass
  - 11 a.m. Mass

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st**
- 1 p.m. Mass
- 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (myparishapp)

**Do you have the St. James parish app on your phone? It has been updated with Advent reflections!**

Go to myparishapp and download it for FREE.
ATTENTION MEN OF ST JAMES:
When was the last time you devoted a full weekend to yourself, your faith, and the Lord? Holy Name Retreat Center invites you to join other men from our parish and community on the weekend of JANUARY 19 - 21, 2018, for our Men’s Weekend Retreat.
For more information, please contact BILLY MAYO, 281 814-5397 OR JAVIER GALINDO, 281 787-3902 or www.passionist.org/holyname

The Season of Giving
The blessing of the Advent season is upon us and soon it will be Christmas! St. James the Apostle Catholic Church is grateful for your continued generosity. The season of giving is the perfect time to set up a one-time or recurring gift to benefit our mission. Donate online by visiting www.stjta.org. It’s quick, easy, and secure!

OUR GIFTS TO GOD
Thank you for your generous stewardship.

Week ending December 10, 2017

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Attendance: 1982

SCHEDULED SECOND COLLECTIONS:
1st Sunday: Maintenance Fund
5th Sunday: Social Ministry

Sign up for Online Giving by visiting www.stjta.org

DSF 2017 ~
“GO FORTH AND BEAR FRUIT THAT WILL LAST…”

Parish Goal for 2017: $90,000.00
Amount Paid: $96,294.31
Amount Pledged: $102,540.25
# of participants: 307
% paid at: 106.99%
Report date: 12/11/2017
GAUDETE SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Faith Formation News

For any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office (281-353-5053 ext. 124)

Faith Formation Secretary: Rachel Weatherby - rweatherby@stjta.com
CFF (Grades 4-6 & 7-8): Jackie Brown - jbrown@stjta.com
CFF (Grades 1-3 & 9-12): Theresa Avila - tavila@stjta.com
Adult Faith Formation: James Spurgin - jspurgin@stjta.com
Youth Ministry High School: AJ Bituin  Youth Ministry Middle School: Eric Co

Youth Ministry News

High School Youth Nights:
All students in high school (Grades 9-12) are invited to our youth night every Wednesday at 7pm. Join us for snacks, activities, & fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend!

Middle School Youth Nights: All students in middle school (Grades 6-8) are welcome to join for snacks, games, and fun!!! We meet every Wednesday from 7:30pm - 9:00pm.

— MORE PARISH NEWS —
Join St. James the Apostle Catholic Church Forum on Facebook
And visit our web site at: www.stjta.org

Attention Parents!
Come Learn More About Catholicism while your children attend faith formation. Participate in the Catholicism Series by Bishop Barron from 6 - 7:30pm.

Every Wednesday that you bring your children to Faith Formation

Take your children to their class, then come to the St. James Room.

—- DIOCESAN NEWS —-

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND AND ROME

April 15 - 28, 2018 (14 days)
Price $3,447.00 per person

For more info. Call Carolina Chambers 281-821-3135

Circle of Friends is open to all adults who are single, widowed, divorced or separated. People from any Parish and Faith are invited to participate in Ministry Activities. Please visit: staoptw.org/circle-of-friends for details on more events.
---MINISTERIO HISPANO---

~ Recursos gratuitos ~
Asegúrese de pasar por el pasillo donde se encuentran folletos informativos cerca de la entrada lateral (entrada con techo). Estos folletos son disponibles en Inglés y en Español!

Consejería Católica para los feligreses de St. James.
Aquí en St. James estamos trabajando con “Rejoice Parish Counseling” para ofrecer servicios de consejería profesional a individuos, parejas, y familias. Para más información acerca de estos servicios, visite la página www.myparishcounseling.com/stjta o llame al (844) 295-3167 para hacer una cita.

El coro de Español está buscando a un acompañante de piano. Un acompañante de piano necesita tener experiencia tocando el piano. Si está interesado en esta posición, por favor hable con la Directora de Música, Therese Thomasen después de la misa o por teléfono. Si no está seguro si tiene bastante experiencia, por favor aún así, hable con la directora.

VIAJE DE PEREGRINACION
A TIERRA SANTA Y ROMA

FECHA: ABRIL 15-28, 2018 (14 DIAS)
Para mas info.
Llame a Carolina @281-821-3135

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