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Sacrament of Confession: Before weekend Masses and by request.
Sacrament of Baptism: Contact priest 2 weeks prior to Baptism.
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact priest 6 months in advance.
Sacrament of the Sick: Inform priest about the person to be anointed.

First Sunday of Advent

Sat.	Nov. 29			No Mass Scheduled
Sun.	Nov. 30	8:00 AM	(SJ)	Carrie Plunkett by Michelle and Jason Roberts
		10:00 AM	(SA)	Anna Bialahoski by Rosalie Fendick Vroman
Mon.	Dec. 1			No Mass Scheduled
Tue.	Dec. 2	8:30 AM	(SJ)	Communion Service
Wed.	Dec. 3	8:30 AM	(SJ)	Communion Service
Thu.	Dec. 4	8:30 AM	(SA)	Communion Service
Fri.	Dec. 5	8:30 AM	(SA)	Communion Service
Sat.	Dec. 6			No Mass Scheduled
Sun.	Dec. 7	8:00 AM	(SJ)	Katherine Dillon by Nancy and John Seifts
		10:00 AM	(SA)	Anna Bialahoski by Edna Rew

Collections last week:	St. Ann	\$780	CCHD	\$305
	St. James	\$1,464	CCHD	\$447

Please send to the office email any information and announcements that you feel are important and helpful so that it all can be included in the weekly parish bulletin. Thank you!
JVT

From the Pastor’s Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the season of Advent! This Sunday, perhaps still feeling a bit stuffed from Thanksgiving, we begin the journey of these four weeks to Christmas and the birth of our Savior. It is a great time of hope, especially again this year, with the expectation that the Lord’s Nativity grants and through our preparations as we observe these holy days.

I think Advent gives us an understanding of time in our world that we deal with each day but perhaps are not so conscious about due to the busyness we experience and the pressing in on many things to do and fulfill. We live in the present, of course, but each of us can reflect frequently on the things of the past and anticipate as best we can what will come forth in the time ahead. From the past, we learn through history, and we find much that shapes our understanding of the present and what we can and should do. With an eye to the future, we discover hopes and dreams and work in the here and now to help bring them about in due time. And so, while we do live in the present, all aspects of time are important and meaningful.

The same is true in our lives of faith. In the present, we live this most sacred gift through prayer, worship, charity, teaching, sharing, and building communion in Christ. As each liturgical year reminds us, in order to do so we must go back into the life of Christ and its foundation to recall the mysteries so central and what our God has worked in the history of our salvation. From the past, so much comes forth to be our present observance and belief. We also journey forth in time, with the hope of the world to come, and with the gift of eternal life guiding us as to how we can live today with brothers and sisters of faith in the Lord. Sacredness is ours to encounter and share presently, as we recall and as we walk forth as a pilgrim people.

Advent is about preparing for that most transforming coming of God in the mystery of the Incarnation, Jesus Christ born among us in time, in our history, to teach us and to suffer, die, and rise again for the redemption of the world. It is also a season in which we renew our hope of what is to come, with the Lord’s return at the end of time in majesty. And it helps us to encounter his coming in mystery, through the life of faith, and especially as we find Jesus in Word and Sacrament, among us as his disciples who gather together and journey as one. May all dimension of time that we experience and observe proclaim the “Adventus Domini” – the Lord indeed comes to his people!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Jim Teti

Reminders for Advent and Christmas

The gifts for the children need to be brought to Saint James no later than 11/30/25 – unwrapped and with the original paperwork. Christmas parties: Sunday, December 7th, 5 ^{PM} (Saint James) and Sunday, December 14th, 1 ^{PM} (Saint Ann’s) ... The December meeting of the Saint James Rosary Altar society will be held in the church on Monday, 12/01/25 at 4 PM.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation, the patronal feast of the Church in the United States. Mass will be celebrated at Saint Ann’s at 8:30 AM and at Saint James at 4 PM.

Recitation of the Rosary at Saint James

Parishioners would like to start once again the practice of reciting the rosary together before Sunday Mass beginning at 7:25 AM. Please sign-up in church to lead if you are willing. Eucharistic Adoration will still take place on the first Sunday of each month with the rosary recited on the remaining Sundays.