



St. James the Greater Church

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The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am & 12noon

Weekday Mass

Tuesday thru Friday 9am
1st Saturday of the month 9am

Confession

Tuesday thru Friday 9:30am -10am
Saturday 4pm - 4:30pm
(or by appointment)

Adoration and Benediction

After Friday morning Mass for 30 minutes

Office Hours

Monday 9am—2:30pm
Tuesday to Thursday
9am - 12:30pm
Closed Fridays and statutory holidays.



PARISH STAFF

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January 5, 2022

Dear Parishioners of St. James,

Prayers and Best Wishes for 2022!

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5) As we begin this New Year 2022, I greet each one of you with a profound gratitude. The parish of St. James truly respects and appreciates your valuable prayers, support, and presence in our community. You have deeply impacted our Church and our people in more ways than one.

As we begin this New Year 2022, I join you in our prayers and firm resolve to keep the hope alive in each one of us. I personally believe that most of us already live with a certain degree of optimism and hope in the midst of the rising cases of COVID brought with the new onset of omicron.

However, sometimes fears and anxieties can creep in and rob us of it. We learn from other members infected with Covid or any member of our family. We see again that our number of Church's attendees are decreasing. And we worry also with other parish programs cancelled due to tighter gathering restrictions. And most of all we worry about the future of our Church.

These are all real challenges and its tempting to let them convince us to throw away our hope. But, at the bottom of such struggles are these two fundamental questions: Does God see what is happening? And is God going to do anything about it?

Jesus knows about it, and this is precisely why He chose to enter the world. Jesus is the light of our world, and no fears and anxieties can overcome our God. It does not mean that our struggles and current trials are gone, but it does mean that it will not have the final word. One day, every tear will be wiped away and there will be no more suffering (Revelation 21:4) in the end, Jesus will come again and reign over all the earth.

So, as you look back to the past of 2021 and look forward to 2022, I encourage you to keep Jesus in your hearts. Keep your eyes on Him who is our Good Shepherd. Look at the huge crucifix above our altar and think of how Jesus loves you and me. Receive with joy in the Eucharist and in other sacraments. Jesus is ever present in us, always full of promise, hope and power.

Love and prayers,

Fr. Eli Canete
St. James Catholic Church Pastor

Happy 50th Birthday, Fr. Eli!
Friday January 7

A thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at St James Church at 5pm on Friday, January 7th to celebrate Fr. Eli's 50th birthday. Please register for this Mass online through our website.
In lieu of gifts, donations can be made to the parish Food Bank.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER
Deadline January 14th

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open to all Catholic students who are in grade 6 or higher and who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist. Our program will be a combination of 5 monthly in-class sessions at the parish (Thursdays from 6:00-7:30pm) and 11 sessions with the **CHOSEN** online program. This program takes young people on a journey through the Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. Teens will be captivated by the story from Creation through salvation history, and will come to see how the sacraments, prayer, and discipleship are the keys to a happy life. The **CHOSEN** program is nothing short of winning over the hearts of teens and making them disciples for Christ.

In-class sessions will be presented by Fr. Eli and our Confirmation Sacrament Coordinator, Vicki Oliphant. In-class sessions are **parent/student classes** with a parent attending each session with their child. Parent and child will be seated together and physically distanced from other households. Registration deadline is January 14th, 2022. Space is limited. Registration forms can be found at the SW entrance of the church, at the office, and on our website. Return completed forms to the office along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. More information and class schedule will be provided at time of registration.

Sacramental Preparation
First Reconciliation/First Communion

Praise Jesus that in spite of Covid concerns, we have 34 children registered this year in our First Reconciliation and First Communion instruction program. Their names and photos are displayed at the back of the church near the baptismal font. We invite everyone to check them out, and if you wish, pick a child or more to pray for. Short inspirational messages can be added to their photos using the sticky notes provided.

13th Annual Breakfast with the Bishop
POSTPONED

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, the Breakfast with Bishop McGrattan scheduled for January 22 has been postponed until further notice.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 11

9:00am Maria & John Petrollini—R/S

Wednesday, January 12

9:00am Gabriel Waschmann Ortiz—R/S

Thursday, January 13

9:00am Kathryn Dickson—R/S

Friday, January 14

9:00am Intention of Peter Thov

Saturday, January 15

5:00pm Intention of Francis Phan

Sunday, January 16

10:00am Intention of Kirsten Gerein & Family
12:00pm St James Parish

Children's Resources

Children's Bulletin—[CLICK HERE](#)
Children's Coloring Page—[CLICK HERE](#)

Pope's Intention for the Month of January

For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originates from being brothers and sisters in the human family. of January

Together in Action

Grateful thanks to parishioners and visitors who so generously helped support our Together in Action Campaign. We are happy to announce that we made our 2021 goal of 25, 353!

Collection

Dec 25

\$5193

Dec 26

Regular \$3370

PAPS \$1742

\$5112

Gospel Reflection—Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Jesus' baptism is a part of the beginning of his ministry. This wasn't the same baptism that we experience when we are initiated into the Church. But the heavenly voice that pronounced Jesus *beloved*, says to us also: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased." Baptism is the springboard for our ministry as well, whether we were baptized as infants, children, or adults. Baptism roots us as children of God in relationship with all other children of God. From this grounding, each of us works to make the Kingdom of God known, just as Jesus did.

Daily Prayer 2022—LTP

Gospel Shorts:

Jesus himself is baptized by John. Then he prays. In his praying, the Spirit comes and the Father speaks words of possessive pleasure.

- o How will I pray this last day of the Christmas season?
- o When I am quiet enough, what do I hear God say?

What mercy work does the Spirit empower me to do?

Diocese of Springfield

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Duffy, Linda Evans, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Kirkland, Shirley Klein, Amorel Lerner, Elliott Nowell, Norma O'Hare, Darlene Otis, Michael Paplawski, Anthony Parel, Sarah Straathof, Shirley Valentine

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

Marie Moore, Annie Wrona, Jane Denis

Thank you for your support!

**We thank all who have continued to support our parish through the pandemic.
Your contributions are so greatly appreciated!**

- ◆ Online giving on the "Contribute" page of our website—one time or monthly with debit, Visa, Visa debit, Mastercard, and American Express
- ◆ Mastercard, Visa or Debit through the office—one time donation or monthly
- ◆ Pre-authorized Withdrawal (Direct Deposit) - get forms from the office or at the entrance
- ◆ Dropping off your envelope into the collection basket at the entrance of the church
- ◆ Dropping off your envelope into the office mailbox (by office entrance)
- ◆ Mailing your donation to the church

