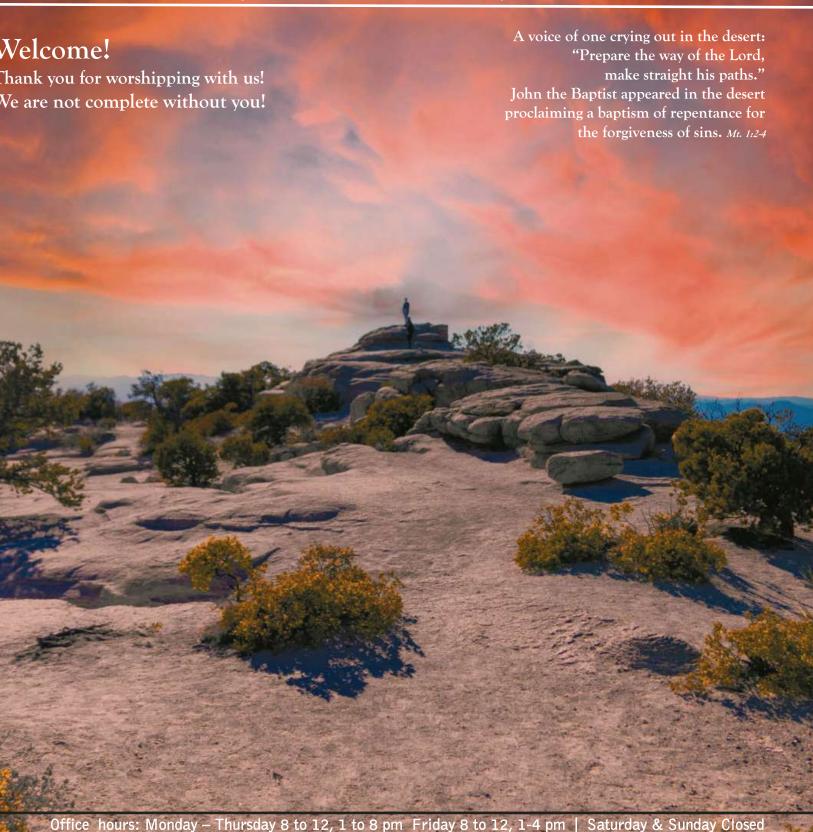


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Sunday Masses (Sat 5:30 pm) | Sunday 6:30 am, 8,10, 12 noon, 5:30 pm | Monday-Friday 8, 12 noon, Saturday 8 am



Pastor's Letter

Dear Members of our St. James Family,

I want to share with you that in October I submitted to Archbishop Gomez my desire to retire from active administration of a parish. He has accepted my request and I will be retiring as Pastor of St James, effective July 1, 2024.

The policy of the Archdiocese states that the normal age of retirement for priests is 70 and a priest must submit his retirement at age 75. I will be 73 next July when I retire. I am hoping to reside in another parish in the San Pedro Region where I could continue to assist with pastoral ministry rather than administration.

Originally I was expecting that the development of the new Parish Center would be completed by 2025 and I would stay to complete the project. With COVID, the long time in negotiating the sale of our property, the 2-year escrow, the focus now with trying to move the Preschool over to the school campus and the real prospect that the Parish Center project will likely take longer than hoped, the timeline is being pushed out much further than what I can do.

It is important then to get a new pastor here who would be able to be part of the planning and would be able to carry out the entire project to completion and beyond.

The transition won't happen for another 7 months, and we still have a lot of work to do on the preschool project and starting the plans for the new Parish Center. We have been through a lot in the last 12 years but our bond of faith has strengthened us and continues to guide us. What we have started here is one of the important blessings for the future of St. James. I have been tremendously blessed by the opportunity to serve here as Pastor during these past 13 years.

Blessings,

Msgr. Míke

Parish Office Schedule

Friday, December 22nd 8 am - Noon Monday, December 25th Closed Tuesday, December 26th Closed Wednesday, December 27th 8 am - 8 pm Thursday, December 29th 8 am - 8 pm Friday, December 30th 8 am - Noon Monday, January 1st Closed Tuesday, January 2nd 8 am - 8 pm

Red Cross Blood Drive This Sunday



December 10th in St. James parking lot. www.redcross.org/

Celebrate Christmas With Us!

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to Mass with us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Sunday, Dec. 24th 6:30 am, 8 am, 10 am, 12 Noon

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

4 pm - Children's Choir 6 pm - Youth Choir

11 pm - Carols begin at 10:30 pm Adult Choir

Christmas Day Masses - Monday, Dec. 25th

6:30 am - Cantor & Piano/Organ

8 am - Cantor /Piano/Organ with Brass Ensemble

10 am - Adult Choir with Brass Ensemble
12 Noon - Resounding Grace (No 5:30 pm Mass)

The Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious is this weekend.

"Please give to those who have given a lifetime."

The Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members—today and tomorrow. Thank you for your support!

Thank you for your Continued Support of St. James!

Our parish ministries continue because so many people need our help. Recurring gifts helped sustain our parish in unprecedented times, and continue to be a vital source of support for ministries that are a lifeline to those in need in our community.

Luke 2:11- "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

As Christmas is rapidly approaching, this is our time to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord and savior. So, amidst the presents, cookie decorating and Christmas parties, remember, Jesus is the reason for the season.

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Maybe you grew up Catholic.

Maybe you think of yourself as Catholic.

Maybe you haven't been to church in awhile.

Or you are worried that you

won't be welcomed here.

And maybe it feels awkward and scary to take that first step.

Questions. Doubts. Yearning. But not sure for what.

We get it.
We've been there.
Now we are here.

Maybe God is calling you, too. Just as you are.

Welcome home.



Mistletoe Fundraising Event this year!

Funds will go towards paying for our Religious Emblem fees and Scout advancement requirements.

Sunday, Dec. 17th

Mass Times: 8am, 10am, and 12pm

Find the St. James Cub Scouts in Front of the Rectory steps (along Vincent) and by the parking lot benches.

Pricing: 1 for \$7 or 2 for \$10

These are very potent...use with care!

We accept Venmo, cash, and checks payable to;

"Cub Scouts Pack 863".

Merry Christmas!





Community Penance Services

Monday, Dec. 11th at American Martyrs Tuesday, Dec. 12th at St. James.

Both begin at 7:30 pm Priests from local parishes will be there to hear your confession. Why wait?

Confession every Saturday 4-5pm in church

Why go to confession?

Jesus entered this world to forgive sins. Recall the words of our Lord: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life." (Jn 3:16)

During His public ministry, Jesus preached about the forgiveness of sins: remember the parables of the Prodigal Son (Lk 15:11ff) or the Lost Sheep (Lk 15:1ff), and His teaching that "There will likewise be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over 96 righteous people who have no need to repent." (Lk 15:7)

Jesus Himself forgave sins: remember the story of the woman caught in adultery (Jn 8:1ff) or the woman who washed His feet with her tears. (Lk 7:36ff) He also taught us to pray for forgiveness in the "Our Father:" "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

His mission of reconciliation would climax in His passion, death and resurrection: Jesus suffered, died and rose to free us from sin and death. However, in His divine mercy, Jesus called the sinner to realize the sin, to repent of it, and to be reconciled with God and neighbor. Jesus wanted this ministry of reconciliation to continue. On the first Easter Sunday evening, Jesus appeared to His Apostles, "breathed on them," and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound." (Jn 20:21-23)

From: www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/why-go-to-confession-1028

Yes! Coffee and Donuts This Weekend!

Join us in Kavangh Hall for delicious brewed coffee and donuts after the 8 and 10am Masses on Sunday.

We've not served coffee for the past two weeks. It takes time for the Knights to prepare their secret Christmas Blend coffee served this weekend only.



This is the smoothest, and most delicious coffee!

Join the Knights and you too may learn how to prepare this special brew!

Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Happy Second Sunday of Advent!

Thank you to our families who joined us for our Family Day of Service when we caroled at the Feed the Needy program's Christmas Luncheon this weekend. As always, it is wonderful to help our children understand what it means to love our neighbor in concrete ways. Thanks, also, to Dr. Robin Potchka for her dedication to the Children's Christmas Choir and for leading the caroling for our Family Days of Service this year.

Traditional Faith Formation classes will meet this Tuesday at 4:15. We look forward to learning more about Advent this week. Also, please keep an eye out for the gift from the RE Office that your oldest child will bring home from class on Tuesday. This is our last class until the new year.

Finally, many of our parish children received their First Reconciliation recently. If you stop in the vestibule of church, you can see the artwork the children created after their family faith formation experience on the Gospel of the Lost Sheep. We ask you to continue to pray for these children and their families as they begin to prepare for First Communion this coming Spring.

May you be aware of Emmanuel, God-with-us, as you keep watch this Advent season!

God Bless!

Andrea Sullivan,
Director of Religious Education

Virtus® Classes being held in January

We will be offering the original Protecting God's Children



Virtus® class on January 13th from 1 to 4pm in Kavanagh Hall.

This class is for those who are already in ministry and have an expired certificate and/or those

who are brand new to a ministry.

Please check your records or call the parish office if you are not sure of your certification status. Registration is required as space is limited. Please call the office to register.

A **Recertification class** will be offered on Wednesday, Jan.17th from 6 to 7:30pm in Kavanagh Hall. This class is for those who have a current certificate that is expiring soon.

If you haven't received an email from the office that your certificate will soon be expiring, please call the office to verify your expiration date.



St. James Catholic School

Feast Of St. Nicholas at SJS

On Wednesday, SJS students celebrated the feast of St. Nicholas by placing one of their shoes outside their classrooms in hopes that St. Nick would come and place a treat inside. Students emerged at recess surprised that St. Nick came through and supplied a treat in each shoe of every student on his feast day. Later today, students will partner with their buddy grades and St. James Preschoolers to do crafts together. All students are hoping that St. Nicholas himself will be stopping by as well.

New Playground! St. James School broke ground on Nov. 27 on a new playground structure. Students and staff are very excited to see and play on the completed structure after we return from Christmas Break.



School will be closed for Christmas Holiday from Dec. 20 through Jan. 5. We are currently accepting mid-year transfers for the 2023 school for grades TK-7 New Student Applications for the 2024 school year begin in January.

Wishing everyone a blessed season of Advent and Merry Christmas!

Danína F. Uy, MA, M.Ed, Principal



Men's Cornerstone Retreat

Friday/Saturday, February 23-24,

Saint Lawrence Martyr Parish Hall



This year's theme is: "Building the Kingdom of God"

Join other men in our community on this 26-hour retreat as we build

fellowship to enrich our lives.
This retreat is a blessing you will keep forever.

Come and see how we're "Building the Kingdom of God" Questions? Call **Alex: 310.406.9545**

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING DATES

Confirmation Nights

Year 2: Sunday, December 10th

This Sunday, our teens in Year 2 Confirmation reunite after learning about the lives of the saints at our last session together. Once we enter into the new year, it'll mark the midpoint of this Confirmation year bringing us closer to these same teens becoming fully initiated members of the Church. Please keep them in your prayers!

If you have any questions on joining our team or any future youth ministry events, please feel free to contact us at the information provided below.

Gretchen Nobleza **Director of Confirmation & Youth Ministry**

Contact us:

saintjamesym@gmail.com Email: Website: www.saintjamesym.weebly.com

424.265.8336 Text:





Sunday Night Worship Aide

Please join our Sunday Night Youth band in worship during our 5:30pm Mass by scanning the QR code to our virtual worship aide where all are encouraged to worship with us during Mass.

It will also take you to our parish website, our youth



ministry website where many of our teens/young adults are also active in & our Sunday Night Youth YouTube page. We're excited to continue offering new ways to connect with the community!

Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass



All interested children, ages 4 thru 12 are invited to join together and sing at the 4pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass on December 24.

Practices are on the following dates:

Saturday, December 9, 1:15-1:45, Kavanagh Hall Dec. 10th from 9-10am in parish center room 5 Dec. 16th from 5:45-7:15pm -Caroling thru Sleepy Hollow Dec.17th from 9-10am in parish center room 5 Dec.24th 4pm Christmas Eve Mass

This is a great opportunity for children to celebrate Jesus' birthday! Questions/ Concerns/Suggestions

Robin Potchka 310.722.3573 Drpotchka@gmail.com

St James Moms Group!

Please join the St James Moms Group! We have weekday morning meetings along with family and mom events on the weekends. Email karen.cuni@gmail.com for more information.

St. James Catholic Preschool is open!

St. James Catholic Preschool still has some openings and is currently enrolling.

Please call the Preschool Office at 310.376.5550 to schedule a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!



Thank you!

We would like to thank the St. James Cub Scout Troop 863 for coming over to the church and switching out the old missalettes for the new ones!

They did a fantastic iob!



Community and Putting Your Faith in Action

Feed the Needy Ministry

We thank you for all your donations! We continue this year of providing meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Because of your generosity, we have continued to feed our homeless community throughout the year.

Our work continues and we once again ask for your assistance to ensure that we maintain the items needed for our homeless community members. We always need the following items:

hamburger buns cheese sticks

fruit (oranges, bananas & grapes)

chips granola bars

lunch meat & cheese 8 oz. water and juices

In addition to the food items we are in need of **toiletries** and socks. Due to the pandemic and limited storage space we are unable to accept used clothing.

Again we thank you in advance for your generosity in allowing us to keep our homeless community fed and healthy.

If you have any questions regarding our ministry I can be reached at **310.488.9480**.

Línda Cabíbbo, Ministry Coordinator

We've Missed you!

The church is open for quiet prayer from 7am- 7pm daily.

Our daily Masses are at 8 am and 12 noon Monday-Friday with the rosary prayed immediately afterward.

Our Saturday Mass is at 8am.

Take a moment to rediscover what's missing in your life! We're not complete without you!



YouTube

If you are unable

to attend in person, we Livestream Mass Monday– Friday at 8am and our Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5:30

Human Trafficking Awareness

Traffickers will recruit at locations that kids frequent like schools, malls, parks, and group

homes.
Get Involved!

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Contact: Rick Page CandRpage2@gmail.com

Do You Need Someone to Hear You?

It's something we do well.

If you feel it would be helpful to have a confidential space and caring listener as you are trying to work out a problem in your own mind, please consider a call to a Stephen Minister.

We would be happy to act as a sounding board as you work out

solutions. Contact: Didi Egnatuk 310.540.0329



Join the Catholic Daughters of America

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We donate generously to several charitable causes. Members give their time, energy and support to help others in the service of Christ.

Our monthly meetings held on the third

Wednesday of each month at 7pm in Kavanagh Hall. We are inviting all Catholic women of all ages to join us as pray the holy Rosary before each meeting.

Contact: Kristal Trapani-Landry

Email: Ktrapani.Landry.cda@gmail.com Email courtourladyofvictory@gmail.com

Cookies for the Homeless

If you like to bake delicious cookies, consider making an extra batch once a month for our homeless neighbors.

Contact **Sandy: 310.542.4851**Thank you!





I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ.

but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you,

but I want you to be wise as to what

is good and innocent as to what is evil. — Romans 16:17-19



It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion.

It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness.

Opportunities to Grow your Faith

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

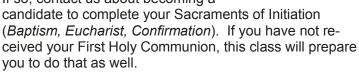
The Order of Christian Initiation (OCI), formerly the RCIA, is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith. It is the process for an unbaptized person to be baptized into the church and for those baptized by another Christian denomination to enter into the Catholic Church. While coming to know Jesus and His invitation to become a disciple, the OCI process involves the journey of faith, formation and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in learning more or starting the OCI process in September, please contact: **Ben Aranda at 310.427.5775** or email:

Ben_Aranda@yahoo.com

Would You Like to Complete Your Sacraments?

Are you a baptized Catholic, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, contact us about becoming a



Our Winter, 2024 series of classes is scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 4th, 2024.

To receive further information and details on this process, please contact Deacon Bob & Patty Miller at **dnbob99@gmail.com** or call us at **310.386.2930**.If you know of someone who may benefit from this process, please feel free to past this information along to them.

St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle:

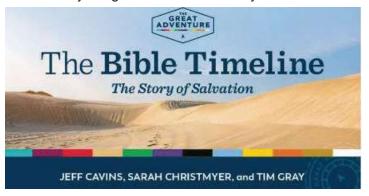
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host,

by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen. The St. James Tuesday Night Online Bible Study group is currently taking a break for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

We will resume our course on The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation on **January 9**th, **2024**.

Please contact Donna Wilson (dwilson94@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining our class in the new year.



Come, share and participate in our Church Community.



Benediction and Adoration

December 15th
after the 8am Mass until 12 noon

Holy Hour Adoration

December 22nd at 7 pm

Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is creature before his Creator.

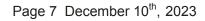
It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil.

Adoration is the homage of the spirit to the King of Glory, respectful silence in the presence of the ever greater God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives us assurance to our supplications.-CCC 2628

Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group

Join us! We continue to pray the rosary in the midst of this difficult time.

We meet in Kavanagh Hall every
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Catholic Q&A Topic: In the Spirit of Advent

Q: What is the basic message of Advent?

A: Pope St. John Paul II wrote, in December 2002:

"Watch." "This admonition that Jesus addresses to us (Mark 13:33) is the basic message of the Advent Season: to be vigilant while waiting for the Messiah. Let us remain alert, to be ready to meet the Savior who comes to reveal to us the face of the heavenly Father."

The Second Letter of Peter offers additional guidance applicable to our attitude and comportment in faith as we wait and watch during this anticipatory, penitential season. Scholars tell us that the author of this Second Letter, (part of our readings this week), seeks to strengthen readers in faith, as we "grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ."

The Letter also exhorts the faithful to "be attentive to the prophecy of scripture; prophecy which always comes from the Holy Spirit..."

The Catechism, in Paragraph #716, marks a profession of faith that observes God's plan for the coming of Christ; the Spirit making ready "a people prepared for the Lord."

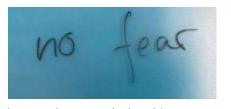
As part of a beautifully encouraging meditation on the message of Advent, the late Mother Mary Frances, former abbess of the Poor Clare Monastery in Rosewell, New Mexico, wrote about the forgiveness of sins. She talked about accepting God's mercy; accepting "the gift of being forgiven." Her view was that this acceptance on our part was "...the whole meaning of Advent, that we are the forgiven ones."

A favorite Choir Hymn by composer Dan Schutte provides a lovely artistic interpretation of the message of Advent:

"Beyond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our hunger, Lord, to see your light. Our eyes have longed to see your loving face, to live within your courts for all our days."

Amid the spirit of Advent may we be like the sparrow who finds her home beneath His wing, and, as the hymn goes, "may we come to rest where angels sing."

'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will also help you,



I will also uphold you with My righteous right hand.' Is. 41:10

Gospel Meditation— Father John Muir

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.



Sacramental Confession

No sin is new to him.

No wrongdoing too great.

Come to Confession and experience mercy and joy.

Confession is available Saturday from 4-5 pm in Church or by calling the office for an appointment.



Readings

Monday
Our God will come to save us!
Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

You are the highest honor of our race. Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday

O bless the Lord, my soul! Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and of great kindness.

Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

My soul rejoices in my God. Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16 - 24 /Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Prayer Requests

For those suffering illness, infirmity and those in need of our prayers:

Barbara Mullen, Nancy Cebra,
Loretta Palmer, Louie Rota,
Ula Jalbert, Michael Cutuli,
Cameron Noble, Michael Teskey,
Norma Alvarado, Isabel and Jorge Leon

For the souls of the recently departed,
that through the mercy of God,
May they rest in peace:
Kathryn Dowd, David Nicholson, Patricia Wolf,
Virginia and Nilda Torres, Billie Douglas

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	December 9 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Patricia Wolf ∜ Elizabeth Tanyi Persais Family ∜
Sun. 6:30 am	December 10 Msgr. Mike	2 nd Sunday of Advent Le Gallo Gilardino Family Stoner Persais Family
8 am	Fr. Jim	Patricia Czarske &
10 am	Msgr. Mike	James Mather & Froilan Yabes &
12 noon	Fr. Thaddeus	Peter Siedler & Shirley Arnerich &
5:30 pm	Msgr. Mike	Gaspard Kasparian ช Rusch Family ช
Mon. 8 am 12 noon	December 11 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	All Souls in Purgatory Jesse Martinez ⅌
Tues. 8 am 12 noon	December 12 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Thaddeus Switzer Rosalinda Savedra
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	December 13 Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike	Dixie Girard Steve Gervig ⊕
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	December 14 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	Steve Holman ชิ John Hofert ชิ
Fri. 8:00 am 12 noon	December 15 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Salustiano Tope មិ Mary Lou Biesecker មិ
Sat. 8:00 am 5:30 pm	December 16 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Kathryn Dowd ⊕ Baby Francis Standefer Baby Nicolas Ragsdale
Sunday 6:30 am	December 17 Fr. Thaddeus	3 rd Sunday of Advent Prescila Reyes ⊕
8 am	Msgr. Mike	Pacita Valerio Yonzon ひ Eileen Persais Stoner む
10 am	Fr. Thaddeus	Zoyla Rodriguez ∜ Lynette Laney
12 noon	Fr. Jim	Erasmo Ortega Magallanes & Mary Ann Wilson &
5:30 pm	Fr. Thaddeus	Darlene Evans む Kathryn Troeger Patricia Forsythe む

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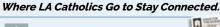
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