

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ~ December 28, 2025

Mission Statement: We are a united faith filled community, dedicated to Christ, obedient to the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Word of God through sacramental life. We are committed to the enrichment of our children with faith, hope and love.



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph ...

*"Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ"
(Ephesians 5:21)*

Today we celebrate the Holy Family comprised of the child Jesus, Mary Most Holy, and St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Together, they model a Christian family focused on both "human and supernatural virtues." May the patterns of love and mutual care in this house of Nazareth elevate the love and peace in our own homes.

Christmas is a religious celebration. Christmas points us to what matters in our lives: the people we love and those who love us. Most importantly, it points to our faith, the gift of eternal life. That's what presents and cards and the like represent. Most of us want to be with people we love today; if they are far away, we miss them; if they have passed away, we grieve for them. And of course, sometimes even the ones that irritate us are with us today, but that's part of life too! Without these people, how on earth would we learn to love?

We have another family that we belong to! Jesus wants to invite you into his own family and to a place at his table. Christmas is all about Jesus inviting you into his family and, maybe even, to be a bigger part of our church family. Who knows?

If Christmas is only about presents and parties it won't be enough, because that's not what Christmas is all about. But if you want a deeper relationship with Jesus, now is the time to begin again. Now is the time to begin to pray every day again. Now is the time to think about returning to Church if you have been away. Now is the time to ask yourself: "What is my life about and where am I going? Who or what is the goal of my life?"

God the Father destined the Christ Child to come into the world by means of a family: one man and one woman joined in Holy Matrimony for the gift of life. God, the designer of the family has made this union of male and female the richest vocation available. We stand in relation to one another because of the family. And because of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we now stand in direct relation as children of God.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Timothy J. Hall, priest

New Years Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary Vigil - December 31

5:30 p.m. - St. Mary

7:00 p.m. - St. James (*Spanish*)

Solemnity of Mary - January 1

9:00 a.m. - St. James



St. Mary's School ~ Gift of Gratitude

There are families in our St. Mary's School System in need of tuition assistance. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider a donation to the annual *Gift of Gratitude Campaign*. Donations may be dropped off at the St. Mary's School Office or placed in the collection basket clearly marked for this purpose.



St. Mary's School ~ Winter Raffle Winner

December 28, 2025 ~ \$200 ~ Dick Bradley

Prayer for Christian Unity

Almighty and Eternal God, you gather together what has been scattered. Look upon the sheep of your flock, that those who have been sanctified by one baptism may be united in the fullness of faith and the bond of love. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos

¡Dios Todopoderoso y Eterno, que unes lo que está disperso! Mira a las ovejas de tu rebaño, para que aquellos que han sido santificados por un mismo bautismo se unan en la plenitud de la fe y en el vínculo del amor. Te lo pedimos por Cristo, Nuestro Señor.

Amén

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Mass Schedule & Intentions: December 29, 2025 - January 4, 2026

Mon 29	No Mass		
Tues 30	8:00 a.m.	St. James Parish	✠ Larry Sandmeyer
Wed 31	5:30 p.m.	St. Mary Parish	✠ Scott & Tom Durheim
Wed 31	7:00 p.m.	St. James Parish - Spanish Mass	✠ Aloysius & Patricia Hall
Thur 1	9:00 a.m.	St. James Parish	<i>pro populo</i>
Fri 2	8:00 a.m.	St. James Parish	✠ Dewey Sandmeyer
Sat 3	5:30 p.m.	St. Mary Parish	✠ Leon Kirchner
Sun 4	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary Parish - Spanish Mass	<i>pro populo</i>
Sun 4	10:00 a.m.	St. James Parish	✠ Christian Mother's
Sun 4	12:00 p.m.	St. James Parish - Spanish Mass	✠ Guadalupe Vela

Liturgical Roles: January 3 & 4, 2026

Sat. 3 - St. Mary 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Matt Hagen, David Hagen

Reader: Joan Helling

Ushers: Mark Klinkner, Christopher Hagen

Sun. 4 - St. James 10:00 a.m.

Servers:

Reader: Nona Runge

Communion Ministers:

Ushers:

2025 ~ Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Donors</u>
St. James	\$19,158	\$6,185	19
St. Mary	\$11,211	\$2,200	6

Remember: If parish goals are not met by December 31, 2025, the parishes **must** pay the amount remaining from operating funds.

***"And of all that you give me
I will surely give one tenth to you."*** Genesis 28:22

<i>As of December 21, 2025</i>	St. James	St. Mary
Church Support needed per week:	6,379	2,388
Church Support giving last week:	<i>Not Available</i>	1,125
Church Support needed fiscal year-to-date:	159,475	59,700
Church Support giving fiscal year-to-date:	<i>Not Available</i>	37,898



READINGS

For the Week

MONDAY, December 29

*Fifth day within the Octave
of the Nativity of the Lord*

1 John 2:12-17

Luke 2:36-40

TUESDAY, December 30

*Sixth day within the Octave
of the Nativity of the Lord*

1 John 2:12-17

Luke 2:36-40

WEDNESDAY, December 31

St Sylvester I, Pope

1 John 2:18-21

John 1:1-18

THURSDAY, January 1, 2026

*The Octave of the Nativity
of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God*

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

FRIDAY, January 2

*Ss. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops &
Doctors of the Church*

1 John 2:22-28

John 1:19-28

SATURDAY, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 John 2:29-3:6

John 1:29-34

SUNDAY, January 4

The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

Matthew 4:2-1-12



Faith Formation News

St. James & St. Mary

Faith Formation Classes

Please register your children for Faith Formation Classes as soon as possible. There are registration forms located at the back of the churches. Return forms to the parish offices or place in the collection basket at Mass.

Las clases de formación en la fe

Por favor, inscriba a sus hijos en las Clases de Formación en la Fe lo antes posible. Hay registro ubicados en la parte de atrás de las iglesias. Devuelva los formularios a las oficinas parroquiales o colóquelos en la canasta de colecta en la Misa.

St. James – No Class on December 31, 2025

Wednesdays - Grades 1-5 - 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Grades 6 & up - 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Cada Miércoles - Grados 1-5 - 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Grados 6 y mayor - 7:00 - 8:00 pm

St. Mary – No Class on December 31, 2025

Wednesdays - Grades 1-6 - 4:30 pm
Grades 7 & up - 7:00 - 8:00 pm (in St. James)

Cada Miércoles - Grados 1-6 - 4:30 pm
Grados 7 y mayor - 7:00 - 8:00 pm (en St. James)

“As citizens, we should be guided more by moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group.”

-Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB

“Como ciudadanos, deberíamos ser guiados mas por nuestras convicciones morales mas que nuestra fidelidad a un partido político o grupo de intereses.”

-Formando Conciencias para una Ciudadanía Fiel, USCCB

¡Hablando en español!



Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José ...

*“Estad sujetos los unos a los otros en reverencia a Cristo”
(Efesios 5:21)*

Hoy celebramos la Sagrada Familia compuesta por el niño Jesús, María Santísima y San José, su más casto esposo. Juntos, modelan una familia cristiana centrada en "virtudes humanas y sobrenaturales". Que los patrones de amor y cuidado mutuo en esta casa de Nazaret eleven el amor y la paz en nuestros propios hogares.

La Navidad es una celebración religiosa. La Navidad nos señala lo que importa en nuestras vidas: las personas que amamos y quienes nos aman. Lo más importante es que apunta a nuestra fe, el don de la vida eterna. Eso es lo que representan los regalos, las tarjetas y cosas por el estilo. La mayoría de nosotros queremos estar con las personas que amamos hoy; si están lejos, los extrañamos; si han fallecido, nos lamentamos por ellos. Y, por supuesto, a veces incluso los que nos irritan están con nosotros hoy, ¡pero eso también es parte de la vida! Sin estas personas, ¿cómo demonios aprenderíamos a amar?

¡Tenemos otra familia a la que pertenecemos! Jesús quiere invitarte a su propia familia y a un lugar en su mesa. La Navidad se trata de que Jesús te invite a su familia y, tal vez, incluso, a ser una parte más grande de la familia de nuestra iglesia. ¿Quién sabe?

Si la Navidad solo se trata de regalos y fiestas, no será suficiente, porque de eso no se trata la Navidad. Pero si desea una relación más profunda con Jesús, ahora es el momento de comenzar de nuevo. Ahora es el momento de comenzar a orar todos los días nuevamente. Ahora es el momento de pensar en regresar a la Iglesia si ha estado ausente. Ahora es el momento de preguntarse: “¿De qué se trata mi vida y hacia dónde voy? ¿Quién o cuál es el objetivo de mi vida?”

Dios Padre destinó al Niño Jesús a venir al mundo por medio de una familia: un hombre y una mujer unidos en el Santo Matrimonio por el don de la vida. Dios, el diseñador de la familia ha hecho de esta unión de hombre y mujer la vocación más rica disponible. Nos relacionamos unos con otros por la familia. Y debido a la Sagrada Familia, Jesús, María y José, ahora estamos en relación directa como hijos de Dios.

¡Feliz Navidad!

P. Timothy J. Hall, sacerdote

Meetings & Events Calendar ~ December 28, 2025 - January 10, 2026

Sunday 28	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 	St. Mary School No School Christmas Break	St. James Rosary - 7:30 am in the church. St. Mary School No School Christmas Break	St. Mary Rosary - 8:00 am in the church. No Faith Formation Classes Christmas Break Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God Vigil Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule: <i>English</i> 5:30pm St Mary <i>Spanish</i> 7:00pm St James St. Mary School No School Christmas Break	Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God  Holy Day of Obligation Mass: 9:00am - St James St. Mary School No School Christmas Break Parish Office will be closed	St. Mary School No School Christmas Break	The Epiphany of the Lord Vigil 
Sunday 4	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	Saturday 10
The Epiphany of the Lord 		St. James Rosary - 7:30 am in the church.	St. Mary Rosary - 8:00 am in the church. Faith Formation Classes See Faith Formation News Column on page 3 for details. St. Mary CCW Meeting 5:30 pm in the Social Hall St James/St Mary Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm in Room 5 			The Baptism of the Lord Vigil  St James First Reconciliation 8:00 am in the church.