

Pastor's Corner

I pray all are well and have seen more turkey than they could ever stand! I'm writing this very far in advance so I'm hoping all is well in the world. While I am projecting into the future please humor me a little more.

This coming Advent (the fourth week to be exact) rides right up to Christmas. The 4th week being December 24th. Please note that Christmas Mass ONLY COUNTS after 4pm on the 24th. Christmas Masses on the day are posted below.

Today we celebrate Christ the King! This is one of my favorite church Holidays. Jesus IS truly King of the universe and sooo much more. What Jesus really longs to be is King of our hearts. Each one of us is the only one who can place Him there. He lived for you, He died for you, He laughs when you laugh, He cries when you cry. He loves you more than anyone ever can! Knowing you to be a sinner he was whipped, mocked and underwent the most painful type of death known to mankind. ALL FOR YOU!

We are just about to enter Advent, celebrating that Jesus came to us as a helpless baby, totally vulnerable. The King of Creation longs for the one thing that only we can give Him—Our devotion and love. Have a great week!

Love,

Father Mike



December Mass Schedules

Immaculate Conception:	Thursday, December 7th Friday, December 8th	4:00pm 8:30am and 7:00pm (both in Centrum)
Fourth Sunday in Advent	Saturday, December 23rd Sunday, December 24th	4:00pm 8:00am and 10:00am Only
Christmas Eve:	Sunday, December 24th	4:00pm
Christmas Day:	Monday, December 25th	12:00am Midnight 8:00am 10:00am
Solemnity of Mary (<u>not a holiday Day of obligation for 2018</u>)	Monday, January 1st, 2017	8:30am Daily Mass

There will be **NO** Confessions on Saturday December 23, 2017

Advent Penitential Services

St. James	Mon Dec. 4,	4pm
St. Michael the Archangel	Thurs., Dec. 7	5:30pm
St. Peter the Apostle	Tues., Dec. 12	7pm
Our Lady Queen of Peace	Thurs. Dec. 14	4pm
St. Thomas Aquinas	Tues., Dec. 19,	3pm and 7:00pm
St. Vincent de Paul	Thurs Dec. 21,	3pm and 7:00pm

Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

Will be in a later Bulletin.

Liturgy & Worship

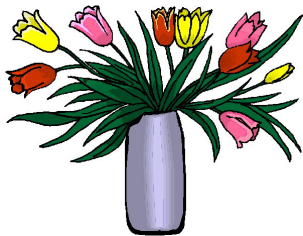
Mass Intentions

<u>Monday: 11/27</u> 8:30am	Robert Harrop
<u>Tuesday: 11/28</u> 8:30am	Carl V. Garafalo
<u>Wednesday: 11/29</u> 8:30am	Kirsten Hobbs
<u>Thursday: 11/30</u> 8:30am	Maria Massaro
<u>Friday: 12/01</u> 8:30am	Louise Baldwin
<u>Saturday: 11/25</u> Vigil 4:00pm	Mickey Chassey
<u>Sunday: 12/02</u> 8:00am	Deceased Members of the Murray Family
10:00am	Parishioners
1:00pm	Eduardo Saldacruz Sr. and Lourdes Saldacruz

Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017

Monday	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; I Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Candles & Flowers



Remember your loved ones or your special intentions. You can do this with candles that burn all week in the Chapel or in the grotto or a monthly candle. You can also request to support the flowers that are on the altar for the week. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested 727-869-3130.



Altar Candles

The candle burning on the altar in the Chapel and Church for the month of November is **in memory of Mary Miller** and were donated by **Sheila Miller**.

Our Parish Family

We welcome into the parish community all new members and those returning Home to us.

We remember all who are sick at home or in the Hospital: Maria Warren.

We remember in our prayers those who have died.

~SAVE the DATE~



Please join us on Sunday December 10th at 4:00pm for our annual Christmas Concert. We have very talented parishioners from our music ministry programs working tirelessly to make this a very special event for our St. James family.

Admission is free though we will ask for a donation, after the show, with all proceeds going to replenish the cupboards of St. Vincent de Paul Society for all they provide throughout this holiday season and the entire year.

**This is the FOURTH year that our Lord has blessed us with the abilities to put on this small but very heartfelt production.

There are even some new faces in the choir that will add additional fun and talent to the show!

A small reception will follow the show!!

ANNUAL WHITE MASS



The annual White Mass for physicians and other healthcare professionals will be celebrated by Bishop Parkes on December 2, 2017 at 5:30 pm at Christ the King Church (821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa). Dinner will follow in McLoughlin Hall. Speaker is Fr. Scott Francis Binet, MD, MI, Regional Representative on the National Board of the Catholic Medical Association (CMA). Event hosted by Tampa Bay Guild of St. Philomena.

Registration online: <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=hzcny>. Contact for questions: Guild President, Dr. John (Rob) Hamill: 727-785-3445 (leave message) or Tampawhitmass17@gmail.com.

Project Happiness

The Project Happiness Boxes will be in the annex under the tables starting December 9th / 10th and the following weekend the 16th / 17th for donations of new or slightly used stuffed animals. This event has been a huge success in helping Boy Scout Troop 86 to provide joy to residents of the Angelus and Bear Creek nursing home as well as helping the local police departments. Please donate stuffed animals and help create those smiles!!



What's Ahead

SCRIP NEWS!



SCRIP NEWS! It's not too late to get your Holiday SCRIP, the deadline for SCRIP orders is Monday, December 11th so please grab a form now and drop it in offertory basket or front office. Cards will be available for pickup in the church office. You can purchase SCRIP to shop ... for yourself or for others.. You save money shopping and through your SCRIP purchase

St. James Church receives a percentage from your order. SCRIP gift cards make the perfect gift. For more information. Order forms may be picked up in the office or in the vestibule of the church. If you still have questions regarding our SCRIP program please call the parish office at 869-3130. Let your shopping dollars work for us.



Secular Franciscans

Is Christ calling you to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi? Our Fraternity consist of members from all Roman Catholic churches in Pasco and Hernando Counties. The Holy Spirit Fraternity for the Secular Franciscans meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M at St. Theresa's Rosmini Hall. If you need more information call Anita Behan 727-841-7338

S.T.A.T.I.C. CALENDAR

St. James Teens Active Together In Christ Middle and High School Youth Ministry

- ◆ December 2nd – Youth Night – 5-7pm – Youth Room
- ◆ December 16th - Youth Christmas Party – East Wing
- ◆ December 17th – Assisted Living / Dairy Queen

Stop by the Youth Table and check out what's happening and sign up for events and activities and pick up a recent calendar. Thank you and God bless. Ms. Lorraine Cell Phone (best way to contact me via text) : (727) 967-3768 Office : (727) 869-3130 ext. 1309 Email : youth.group@stjamesportrichey.org

The youth group would like to thank all of you for your monetary donations from last week's Will Work for Food Collection. We are so grateful that we are able to help St. Vincent de Paul Society's and their Pack a Sack Program and the Knights of Columbus' Veterans in Need Program.



Great time at the Assisted Living, the beanbag baseball was a very close game. I would like to thank the youth and their families who spent an hour with the residents. We noticed that the number of residents who play bean bag baseball is dropping down, some had passed away and some very weak and sick. We made a pledge that as long as there is somebody who wants to play, we will continue to visit. Please include the residents of the Regency Park Assisted Living in your prayers.

Thank you to the Perro family, as well as, Barbara and Wayne, Vivian and Vincent. This was the first time Mrs. Barbara (mom of Wayne) played beanbag and she was hitting the home run and 3rd base!! LOL!! I should have captured the moments with pictures. I kept scores and Vincent kept on asking who is winning (so cute!), Vivian and Genna were good cheerleaders, “mom” Kara and “dad” Geoff were just pretty cool parents , young Geoffrey and Wayne tried hard to get the HR !! Mr. Hank, Ms Adele and Ms Claire had so much FUN and so sweet and that’s what made our hour rewarding and well worth the visit. I forgot to mention Mr. .Frank (who just watched us played), had fun talking to Barbara in Italian !! GRAZIE!!

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Tree of Life memorial



"We have had such a tremendous response to our Tree of Life memorial, that we have just added on the tree top!! We have 30 leaves available for purchase as either a testimonial, or memorial, for loved ones. The cost is \$300 per leaf. Please contact me if you are interested or have any questions. I want to thank all of our participating families, and especially Father Mike, because for me personally I would never have known a Parishioner here was my mothers Aunt had I not purchased a memorial leaf for my mom! What a true Blessing! ~ Randi"

BLCS Open house



There will be an
open house
Sunday,
December 3rd,
1-3 pm at Bishop
Larkin Catholic School.

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

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Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12noon/1:00-4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm in Chapel

Morning Prayer weekdays Monday-Friday 8:00am in Chapel

Adoration: 1st and 3rd Friday (3pm) and 2nd and 4th Thursday (7pm)

Masses: Daily: Monday - Friday 8:30am

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm/Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am and 1:00pm