

**DECEMBER 8, 2024**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C**

Welcome to our weekend Mass. Sunday Mass is for the Members of the Parish and we pray for those at mass as well as for those who cannot attend mass and for those who are ill. Please pray for all health care workers and their families, medical researchers, civic leaders, and all public servants who continue to serve us.

There is a daily mass most every weekday; consider having a Mass intention scheduled for a weekday. The person who requests a mass intention, does not have to be present when the petition is offered. One's physical present is not a requirement yet the graces/benefit of the Mass are still given.

**Immaculate Conception Mass**  
Mon. Dec. 9 12:00 Noon Mass at St. James

**Christmas Mass Schedule**  
Wed. Dec 18 7:00pm St. James Communal Penance  
Tues. Dec. 24 5:00pm Mass at St. James  
Tues. Dec 24 10:00pm Mass at St. James  
Wed. Dec 25 10:30am Mass at Sacred Heart

**New Year's Mass Schedule**  
Tues. Dec 31 Time 4:15pm Mass at Sacred Heart  
Wed. Jan 1 12:00 Noon Mass at St. James-Solemnity of Mary

**Office will be closed Dec. 25 thru Jan 1**  
**Will reopen Jan 2, 2025**

**Schedule of Ministries**

	St. James 4:30pm Sat. Dec. 14	Sacred Heart 9:00am Sun. Dec. 15	St. James 11:00am Sun. Dec. 15
<b>Altar Servers</b>	T.Antonacci		M.Weaver
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	R.Gaston		S.Marra
<b>Readers</b>	M/ B.Barberio		R.Short
<b>Ushers</b>	Ferrari	M. Cain	Malfregeot Bellotte
<b>Counters</b>		April Susan Cathy	Donna Brenda

**Liturgy Schedule & Intention**  
*The Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Heart is burning this week for Viola Talerico*

**Immaculate Conception**  
Mon. Dec. 9 - 12:00 Noon + Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Dosier  
Tues. Dec. 10 - 12:00 Noon **No Mass**  
Wed. Dec. 11 - 12:00 Noon + Garcia Family  
Thurs. Dec. 12 -12:00 Noon + Viola Talerico  
Fri. Dec. 13 - 12:00 Noon - Fr. Brian Crenwelge  
Sat. Dec. 14 - 4:30pm + William E. Tiano, Sr.  
Sun. Dec. 15 - 9:00am + Mary Boner  
Sun. Dec. 15 - 11:00am - Members of the Parish

**It is a Holy and Wholesome Thought to Pray for the Dead** More effective than flowers or memorial gifts, is to have the Liturgy offered for your deceased loved ones or a Liturgy celebrated as a "special intention" for a living person. Call or visit the parish office to request a Liturgy. The person requesting the mass intention does not have to be present when the petition is offered.

**Light a candle** (\$1 & \$3), **make a Mass Intention** (\$10 weekday/\$20 Saturday), or **light a Sanctuary candle** (\$10 week) in memory of your loved ones that have passed, or for a special intention or occasion. There is also a box of blessed candles for home use in the candle corner. Stop by the office to make arrangements for a Mass or Sanctuary candle. **The donation amounts listed above are for St. James. Sacred Heart donation amounts may vary, please check with Nancy for correct amounts.**

**Prayer Requests & Intentions**

To submit a prayer request at St. James or Sacred Heart, please contact the St. James office at 622-1668. Help us keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name. Names will be published for until requested to be removed. To place someone on the list, (we must have their permission) please contact the office.

**St. James Prayer Network:** Remember to place your prayer intention in the Prayer Box located near the Shrine of the Holy Family in the Worship Area of the church. All intentions are included in the daily prayers of our Prayer Ministry Coordinators: **Mary Jo Veltri** (304-677-6457) and **Sylvia Basile** (304-623-4782). Also, if you feel called to this ministry, please notify either of the coordinators.

Sharon Stewart, Ralph Stanton, Ms. Jenn, Carmine Faro, Rose Brunetti Bennett, Makayla Posey, Terry Antonacci, June Angiulli, Nancy Scardina, Faith Garrett, Mary Jane Merandi, Virginia Liptak, Frances Pandora, Doug Bailey, Louie Talerico, Catherine Mancina, Dale Garrett, Jim Ayers

**Offerings & Attendance**

**Nov. 20-Dec.1, 2024**

**Regular Collection** \$2263.00  
**Maintenance** \$535.66  
**Flowers** \$285.00  
**Jubilee CD's** \$200.00  
**Support Catholic Schools** \$79.00  
**Monthly Food & Charity** \$339.00  
**Attendance: Saturday 45 Sunday 31**


**Dec. 1, 2024 (Salem)**

**Regular Collection** \$517.00  
**Maintenance** \$300.00  
**Flowers** \$74.00  
**Retirement Fund** \$100.00  
**Attendance: Sunday 32**

*To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please notify civil authorities first and then please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.*

**Anniversary or Birthdays:** If you are celebrating your Wedding Anniversary or Birthday call the office and we will announce it in the bulletin on the following Sunday. Father will do a "special blessing" for you at the Liturgy.

**Rel Ed:** Dec. 22 - Family Session for Children & Adults in the Parish Center 9:30-10:45  
Dec. 22 - Luncheon in the Parish Center 12-15/Christmas Caroling 2:00pm  
Jan 5 - Confirmation Class #4 in the Parish Center 5:00pm -6:30 pm

 **Question of the Week:** In what ways can you share Jesus with others?

**Loving Memory Ads:** New Loving Memory ads deadline is Dec. 9. Payment due by Dec. 16. Anyone wishing to renew or make a new ad, please contact Patty at 304-623-4085.

**McDonald's Community Card:** We have McDonald's Community Cards available. **Over \$110 value for just \$5. 100% profit for parish.** Coupons expire Sept. 30, 2025. Contact Reta Gaston to get yours to sell or at 304-709-4005 or call the office at 304-622-1668. Everyone eats at McDonald's, so lets strive to sell all 100 cards.

**Christmas Brunch and Decorating** at Sacred Heart, Sunday Dec 22. All are welcome, bring your favorite dish and donate some time to help prepare for Christmas Day Mass.

**The Second Collection** this week is for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service-praying, teaching, and caring for those in need- usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousand of senior women and men religious. Please give generously!

**Second Sunday of Advent:** The Second Sunday of Advent Year C calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Through the readings, we are invited to reflect on themes of joyful return, partnership in the gospel, and clearing the path for Jesus. These reflections guide us in our spiritual journey, encouraging us to remove obstacles, grow in faith, and support one another.

The first reading from the book of Baruch speaks of a joyful return to God. Baruch invites the people to take off their garment of sorrow and put on the beauty of God's glory. This symbolizes a transformation from despair to hope. It reminds us that God is always ready to restore us, no matter how far we have strayed.

God promises to make the path smooth and fill the valleys, making the journey easier. This imagery shows that God removes the obstacles that hinder our return to Him. As we reflect on this reading, we can be encouraged that no matter the mountains or valleys in our lives, God is ready to help us overcome them.

The Second Sunday of Advent Year C invites us to prepare our heart for Jesus. In the Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to make our paths straight, which means removing anything that stands between us and God. We all face different challenges, such as pride or comfort, which can hinder our spiritual journey. This Advent, we are called to address these obstacles and make room for the Lord.

John the Baptist's message was compelling because people were overwhelmed by the difficulties of their time. He offered them hope by announcing that change was coming and they needed to be ready. This preparation wasn't passive; it required active effort. John's call to baptism was a call to leave behind old habits and prepare for something new. It was about transforming their hearts and lives to welcome Jesus.

**"Through the Gospel, John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ."--Pope Benedict XVI**



**Second Advent Candle:** Peace: Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle." It reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. This second candle recalls that after all the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth-Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace.

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**Parish Mission Statement**  
 Saint James Catholic Church is a parish family that lives the Gospel of Jesus Christ through liturgy, prayer, teaching, and service, inspired by the example of Saint James the Greater.

**Location:** 2107 Pride Ave., Clarksburg, WV 26301  
**Phone:** 304-622-1668  
**Parish Center:** 304-918-9447  
**Email:** stjamesparishclarksburg@gmail.com  
**Office Hours:** Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm  
**Website:** www.stjamesparishclarksburg.org  
**Facebook:** St. James Parish Clarksburg  
**Live Streaming** on Facebook Sunday at 11:00

**Mass**  
 4:30pm Every Saturday  
 11:00am Every Sunday  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 3:30pm - 4:15pm Every Saturday  
 or by appointment

**Parish Pastoral Staff**  
**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. B. K Akila Rodrigo, T.O.R  
**Parish Secretary:** Linda Insani (304-622-1668)  
**Music Director:** Gerald Somazze (304-622-5869)  
**DRE:** Mike Spatafore (304-622-8270 or 304-641-5764)  
**Organists:** Mary Kay Greer (304-641-3420)  
 Barbara Cale (304-952-8112)  
**Youth Group, Evangelization & Safe Environment:**  
 Mike Spatafore: (304-622-8270 or 304-641-5764)  
**Parish Pastoral Council:** Larry Wooffer (304-622-0133)  
**Finance Council:** Marlene Wooffer (301-641-8807)  
**Liturgy Committee:** Gerald Somazze (304-622-5869)  
**Social Ministries:** Helena Kerns (304-622-4862)  
**Altar Rosary Society:** Sheila Marra (304-940-0242)  
**Parish Sacristan:** Reta Gaston (304-709-4005)  
**Prayer Network Coordinators:** Mary Jo Veltri (304-677-6457)  
 Sylvia Basile (304-623-4782)  
**Hospital Ministry:** Larry Wooffer (304-641-9063)  
**Community Room Rental & Dinners:**  
 Patty Gonzalez (304-623-4085) **Parish Center** (304-918-9447)

**Location:** 53 Sacred Heart Lane, Salem, WV 26426  
**Phone:** 304-782-2277

**Mass:**  
 9:00am Every Sunday

**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. B. K Akila Rodrigo, T.O.R  
**Parish Secretary:** Nancy Cain (304-782-2277)  
**Organist:** April Seamone (304-871-0817)  
**Youth Group, Evangelization & Safe Environment:**  
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**Women's Club:** Nancy Cain (304-622-5856)

**Sacraments:** If anyone is sick or in need of a sacrament, please do not hesitate to call the church office at 304-622-1668.

**Parish Membership:**  
 We warmly welcome new or returning members and families to our Parish Community. Please register with the Parish Office during regular office hours to update the Census information.

**Infant Baptism:**  
 Baptism preparation classes are required of parents wishing to have their baby baptized. Contact Fr. Akila to make an appointment. (Appointment prior to the birth of the baby is highly encouraged.)

**Marriage:**  
 Marriage preparation classes are required by our Diocese. Couples wishing to get married should contact Fr. Akila at least six months prior to the requested marriage date to make arrangements.