

Announcements

Todos están invitados a quedarse y jugar Bingo después de nuestra cena comoartida

Everyone is invited to stay and play Bingo after our Potluck Dinner

St. James the Greater Christmas Potluck

Date: Tuesday, 12/16

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Parish Hall

Come enjoy dinner and visit with your fellow parishioners.

The Parish will provide meat and punch. Please bring a dish to share.

Please bring a non-perishable food item. Food items will be collected and donated to the Ashley Valley Food Pantry.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Stratton or any CCW member.

Vengan a disfrutar de la cena y a compartir con sus compañeros feligreses.

La parroquia proporcionará la carne y el ponche. Por favor traigan un plato para compartir.

Por favor traigan un alimento no perecedero. Los alimentos serán recolectados y donados al Banco de Alimentos de Ashley Valley.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor contacte a Michelle Stratton o a cualquier miembro de CCW.

Council of Catholic Women's

Annual HOLIDAY MARKET FUNDRAISER

December 13 & 14, 2025

(After 5:30 pm mass on Saturday & After 9:00 am & 11:30 am masses on Sunday)

BAKED GOODS CRAFTS

If anyone would to donate crafts or baked goods, please contact Linda Mitchell, Roxanne Burman, or any member of CCW. OR you can drop your donation off in the church basement on Saturday.

CCW Advent Mini-Retreat

"Mary, Our Guide through Advent"

Date: Sunday, December 21, 2025
Time: After 9:00 am mass
Location: St. James the Greater Catholic Church (In the Social Hall)

Please join us for a 45 to 50 minute mini-retreat in celebration of the advent season

All Women are Welcome

Questions: Please call Linda Mitchell (435-790-6426) or Roxanne Burman (435-219-0568)

Coffee & Donuts Provided

The Second Sunday of Advent



THE Faith CANDLE

Also known as the Bethlehem Candle, this second candle of Advent signifies the journey of Joseph and Mary to the City of David.


But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.
—Micah 5:2

Welcome to St. James the Greater




Parochial Administrator: Rev. Ariel Durian


Upcoming Calendar December 2025						
7 AS: Declan, Jesus, Manny Lectors: Vicki EM: Leonor, GasparKaran Novena Rosary for our Lady of Guadalupe 7pm	8 The Immaculate Conception of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) AS: Declan, Jesus, Manny Lectors: Brad/Spanish EM: Lenor/Spanish? Cynthia Novena Rosary for our Lady of Guadalupe 7pm	9 Trduum Mass for Guadalupe 7:00 PM Novena Rosary for our Lady of Guadalupe 6:45pm	10 Choir Practice Trduum Mass for Guadalupe 7:00 PM Novena Rosary for our Lady of Guadalupe 7pm	11 Trduum Mass for Guadalupe 7:00 PM Novena Rosary for our Lady of Guadalupe 7pm	12 Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:30 am (English) and 7:00 PM (Spanish)	13 AS: Avery, RJ, Haiden Lectors: Amy, Brandon EM: Tammy, Fabio, Linda M Holiday Market
14 AS: Evelyn, Chelsie, Aspyn Lectors:vicki EM: Leonor/Gaspar/Cynthia Holiday Market	15	16 Parish Christmas Party 6pm	17 Choir Practice	18	19	20 AS:Avery, RJ, Rozlynn Lectors: BSami/Sherry EM: Linda/Brandon? Roxanne
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 PM Midnights Mass 11:00 PM	25 Christmas Mass 10:00 AM	26	27




Website
<http://stjamesvernal.wixsite.com/stjp>



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<https://www.facebook.com/StJamesTheGreaterVernal>





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GIVING

 **ENVELOPE:** check or cask

 **ONLINE**
<https://www.givecentral.org>

 **Text-to-give**
text 435-246-0908
keywords: Sunday Intention, Candle, Garden

 **QR Code**



Knights of Columbus



Grand Knight: Brad Laney 435-828-5469
Deputy Grand Knight: Bob Meinrod 970-852-1917
Financial Sec.: Brad Mitchell 435-828-0803
Treasurer: Kevin Stratton: 435-828-0692

K of C meet the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the upstairs room of the ed building.

Council of Catholic Women



Chair Committee:
Co-Chair: Linda Mitchell 435-790-6426
Co-Chair: Roxanne Burman 435-219-0568
Secretary: Vicki Myers 307-399-6213
Treasurer: Lisa Stringer 435-260-2682

CCW meet the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the education building. September - May

Youth Group



Contact Vanessa Liesik at 435-724-5719 for more information.



CONTACT US

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December 6 and 7 2025

The Second Sunday of Advent

Gospel Reading
Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas.

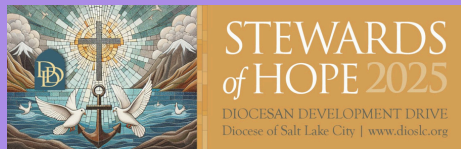
It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/first-sunday-of-advent-cycle-a-sunday-connection/>



2025 DDD Report

(As of 10/14/2025)

- 2025 Goal: \$25,500.00
- Total Paid: \$15,830.95
- Amount needed to reach goal: \$9,669.05

“Eucharist, The Heart of Giving.”

Please consider pledging/donating to the 2025 DDD.

No gift too small.

Scan to Donate:



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 6: The Birthday of Raelynn Gaskill

Sunday, December 7: The health of the Christianson Family, and The 50th anniversary of Roberto Certeno and Maria del Refugio Gama.

Monday, December 8:

Tuesday, December 9 :

Wednesday, December 12:

Thursday, December 11:

Friday, December 12:

Parishioners are invited to bring in requests for Mass Intentions. Contact Hillary in the parish office to have your intentions added to the bulletin.

Stay connected in our parish and diocese:

Upcoming Mass Changes

^tNo Daily Mass December 24th - 26th

No Daily Mass December 31st-January 2nd

Upcoming Holiday Office Closers

Dec 23rd to the 26th in observance of Christmas

December 30th -January 2nd in observance of New Years

If you have an emergency during this time please contact Father Ariel or Hillary on her cell phone this number is listed in the bulletin

We have a great need of more Lectors and Euceristic Ministers especially for the 9 am Sunday Mass. Please contact Father or Roxaine Burman if you would be interested. This is a wonderful way to sere in the Parish.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Novena

We will be praying a Novena Rosary for our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 3rd 7pm

Thursday, December 4th 7:00 pm

Friday, December 5th 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 6th 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 7th 7:00 pm

Monday, December 8th 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 9th 6:45 pm

Wednesday, December 10th 6:45 pm

Thursday, December 11th 6:45 pm

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend of 11/27 and 11/28/2025

- Weekly Goal: \$3,000.00
- Total Mass Collection: \$1875.60
- Difference: **-\$1124.40**

Second Collection: 405.16



The next Knights of Columbus Blood drive will be this Monday December 8 from 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Upcoming Special Masses

- December 8 The Immaculate Conception of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) 8:30 am (English) and 6:00 pm (Bilingual)
- December 9th Triduum Mass for Guadalupe 7:00 PM (Spanish)
- December 10th Triduum Mass for Guadalupe 7:00 PM (Spanish)
- December 11th Triduum Mass for Guadalupe 7:00 PM (Spanish)
- December 12th Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:30 am (English) and 7:00 PM (Spanish)
- December 24th Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 PM (English)
- December 24th Midnight Mass 11:00 PM (bilingual)
- December 25th Christmas Day December 25th 10:00 AM (bilingual)
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass December 31st 7:00 pm
- Solemnity of Mary January 1st 10:00 AM



100th Anniversary books are now on sale for \$5.00. This is a beautiful book documenting the history of our Parish. Pick up your copy in the Parish office!

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTION

Upcoming 2nd Collection:

December 7th
DDD

*All 2nd collection envelopes can be found at the back or side entrances of the church.