

**Mass Schedule**

Monday, 6:30am  
 Tuesday, 6:30am  
 Wednesday, 6:30pm  
 Thursday, 6:30am  
 Friday, 8:00am  
 Saturday, 8:00am  
**Saturday, 5pm**  
**Sunday, 8am**  
**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Confessions**

30 min. before Sunday and Holy Days Masses  
 20 minutes before Daily Masses and by appt.

**Exposed Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday 7pm to 8pm.  
**Benediction at 7:50pm**

**CCD** PK-12 Classes are from 9:00am to 10:20am on scheduled days



# Saint James Catholic Church

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## December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

“I have baptized you with water;  
 he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

*Mark 1:8*

- Dec 7 Mon:** **Ambrose, bp, dr M**  
*Is 35: 1-10/ Ps 85: 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Lk 5: 17-26*
- Dec 8 Tue:** **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY S.**  
*Gn 3: 9-15. 20/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Eph 1: 3-6. 11-12/ Lk 1: 26-38*
- Dec 9 Wed:** *Is 40: 25-31/ Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 8 and 10/ Mt 11: 28-30*
- Dec 10 Thu:** *Is 41: 13-20/ Ps 145: 1 and 9. 10-11. 12-13ab/ Mt 11: 11-15*
- Dec 11 Fri:** *Is 48: 17-19/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Mt 11: 16-19*
- Dec 12 Sat:** **Our Lady of Guadalupe F**  
*Zec 2: 14-17 or Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab/ Jdt 13: 18bcde, 19/ Lk 1: 26-38 or Lk 1: 39-47*
- Dec 13 SUN:** **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*Is 61: 1-2a. 10-11/ Lk 1: 46-48. 49-50. 53-54/ 1 Thes 5: 16-24/ Jn 1: 6-8. 19-28*

### Readers Schedule

Mass Times	Dec 5-6	Dec 12-13	Dec 19-20	Dec 26-27
Sat. 5:00 pm	Diana McCown	Jerry Lentfer	Michelle Milke	Diana McCown
Sun. 8:00 am	Joe Vinton	Chris Hytrek	Larry Etmund	Joe Vinton
Sun. 10:00 am	Karl Gramann	Shirley Yates	Frank Pytlik	Karl Gramann



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** The Lincoln Catholic Social Services is once again collecting gifts for the needy of our diocese. The PCCW will have the Giving Tree by the front door of our church. Please choose an ornament, purchase a new toy for that child (toys without batteries is suggested), put the ornament tag on the gift, and return it unwrapped to the Giving Tree. All gifts will be delivered to Catholic Social Services the week of December 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Heusinvelt at [jrhmyown@gmail.com](mailto:jrhmyown@gmail.com)

**ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS** will be celebrated on Monday, December 28th. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. This year, the Mass will take place at Cathedral of the Risen Christ Church due to the pandemic and social distancing measures. The Cathedral is located at 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Fri. Dec. 18th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

**Notes from Father Walsh...**

**December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.** A reminder that Masses will be offered at 6:30am, 8:00am, 6:30pm on December 8. There will be no Vigil Mass on the 7th.

**Christmas Schedule.** I have received some feedback about the Christmas schedule. Here is the plan: I will offer Christmas Eve Mass at 3pm and again at 5pm. We will have a Midnight Mass, and Mass at 9am on Christmas Day. I look forward to this great celebration.

**A Short COVID Update.** We will continue social distancing at Mass, dispensing of social gathering afterwards, no singing, no public sign of peace (typically I invite family members to share the sign of peace), and our practice of cleaning the pews, door handles and bathrooms following each Mass. Masks are not required by the government or the Chancery for those who attend Mass. We welcome the practice and encourage it at Mass at St. James. I am mandated to wear it during the distribution of Holy Communion. Hopefully, this plague will lift in the coming months. God reward you for your patience and understanding during these times. They are not only hard on us as a faith community, but hard on us in our personal life. Let's keep praying for the safety of all, and the grace we all need on this journey.

**Someone has a birthday this week!** I think I've shared this story with you in the past. I enjoy recalling it. My Dad wrote and published 7 books. His unpublished book, compiled a few years before he died was entitled *My Favorite Persons, Places and Things*. In it he told the story of how the rosary became a part of our family life. It was in March, 1957 when he and Mom made the decision to begin saying the daily rosary together as a family. They were still renting (after 7 years of marriage), his spiritual life was flat, he couldn't put together enough money to make a down payment on a home. There must have been some unhappiness is all of this, and they turned to Mary and asked her help. Within a few months, they had the money to purchase their first home, and he could sense a change in his spiritual life. Things became lighter and easier. What Dad didn't mention in his recalling this story was that a son was born from this renewal, 9 months later on December 10. They named him Joseph. I was born from a prayer to Mary. The more I reflect on that, the more I am drawn to her participation in my life. I believe she has a special bond with me and that she protects me.

Conversations about our origins aren't common among us, I suppose. But every kid wants to know where he or she came from, and we delight in the stories of the love and prayers that accompanied our origin and birth. If you have those stories, please share them with your children. They ground a child, even when he's 63 years old!

**Thank You!** Let me say thanks again for the beautiful gifts given to the parish last month, the monstrance, candelabra set, the tabor and the advent wreath. We used the new monstrance, candelabra and tabor for the first time this past Thursday, and my plan is to use the candelabra for Sunday and Holy Day Masses. These beautiful works of art are also works of love, given in memory by the donors for their family members, living and deceased and to all of us, to help us drawn near to the Lord. God reward you!

**Please pray for the Seminarians every week throughout the year. Listed below is the Seminarian for this week. Thank you from the Seminarians and their Families!**

20-21	First Name	Last Name	Year Entered	Seminary of Study	Year of Study
Dec 6-12	Dale	Allder	2014	Mount St. Mary Seminary	Theology 4