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Contact our parish office for more information.

### Space Available

### ANUNCIOS POR UN AÑO:

Si usted quiere anunciar su negocio por el año estamos ofreciendo espacios publicitarios en nuestro boletín y en las redes sociales. Cada espacio pequeño es de: \$300 por año si compra uno. \$250 si compra dos (\$500). \$200 si compra tres (\$600)

### ADS FOR ONE YEAR:

If you want to advertise your business for the year, we are offering spaces in our newsletter and on social networks. Each small space is: \$300 per year if you buy one. \$250 if you buy two (\$500). \$200 if you buy three (\$600)

### ONLINE BULLETIN REGISTRATION

Email us to:  
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We will make sure that your contact information will not be seen by others. Also, you can find it in our website.

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### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

To sign up for PAG, please call or stop by the Parish Office during office hours to fill out a PAG form.

Your donations make a difference!

### SCHOOLS

St. James School (416) 393-5275 / James Culnan (416) 393-5325

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# ST. JAMES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

**Pastor:** Fr. Jorge Avilés

**Office Administrator:** Monica Vaamonde

**Office Assistant Volunteer:** Elizabeth Reboja

**Volunteer Screening:** Marie Gove

**Custodian:** Beatriz Escudero

### OFFICE HOURS:

**Tuesday to Friday:** 9:30am – 12:30pm & 1:30pm – 5:00pm

### MASS TIMES:

**Tuesday and Wednesday:** 9:00am (English)

**Friday:** 9:00am (English) & 5:00pm (**Adoration**), 6:45pm (Spanish)

### 1st Saturday of the Month:

**Rosary:** 8:00am (Spanish) / **Mass:** 9:00am (Spanish)

**Sunday vigil:** Saturday 5:00pm (English)

**Sunday:** 10:00 am (English) & 12:00pm (Spanish)

### ADORATION CHAPEL

If you would like to participate in one hour of Adoration, please contact our office

### RECONCILIATION

Friday: 5:00pm - 6:30pm / Saturday: 4:00pm – 4:45pm

### BAPTISM

Please call the office to make an appointment with the priest. The schedule of the catechesis is on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00AM and the usual time for the celebration of baptism is on the 3rd or 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact the office **1 year in advance**.

### SAINT JAMES FAMILY CHOIR (ENTIRELY FREE)

They learn music theory, vocal & piano.

Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

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### IN NEED OF HELP?

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (647) 436-6592

### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

(416) 733-8544

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God &  
The Epiphany of The Lord  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 & January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS**

**Tue. Dec 30**

9:00am:

**Wed. Dec 31**

5:00pm:

7:30pm: + Jael Quiceno

**Thu. Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

10:00am:

12:00pm:

**Fri. Jan 2 – NO MASS**

**Sat. Jan 3**

5:00pm: + Reta O'Connor

**Sun. Jan 4 - The Epiphany of The Lord**

10:00am: + Joseph, Anna, Maria & other family

12:00pm: Pro-Populo

**COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:**

**December 25 & 28 2025**

WEEKLY: Collections: \$ 2,927.01 Sundry: \$ 965.00

Christmas: \$ 4,173.35

**ENVELOPES 2026**

Now, available at the office. **Please keep in mind that the number assigned previously might change.**

Please don't forget to fill in the information card inside the box and place it with your first envelope in 2026. Thank you for your support.

**NEW QR CODE FOR BULLETIN**

Please feel free to use our new QR code to download the bulletin to your electronic device. Our suggestion is for you to cut the portion of the QR code and put it in a visible place.



**CONSECRATION TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR THE SPANISH COMMUNITY**



The date for the consecration is Wednesday, February 11, feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick. We will begin preparing for this important event on Friday, January 9 with confessions and adoration at 4pm and Holy Mass at 6:45pm.

We encourage you to attend and take this gift from the Virgin Mary as we will also dedicate the first 5 Saturdays of the month to honor Her with adoration and rosary at 8am and Holy Mass at 9am. Afterwards, we will have a talk by Brother Gustavo Kralj, EP from the Heralds of the Gospel about the meaning of the consecration: "Who is Mary".

**ENGLISH SUNDAY MISSALS NOW AVAILABLE**

The New... Saint Joseph Sunday Missal Prayerbook and Hymnal for 2026 is available at the mini store for a minimum donation of \$8.00. Limited stock, so hurry up and get yours.

**MOTHER OF GOD (THEOTOKOS)**

From antiquity, Mary has been called "Theotokos", or "God-Bearer" (Mother of God). The word in Greek is "Theotokos". The term was used as part of the popular piety of the early first millennium church. It is used throughout the Eastern Church's Liturgy, both Orthodox and Catholic. It lies at the heart of the Latin Rite's deep Marian piety and devotion. This title was a response to early threats to 'orthodoxy', the preservation of authentic Christian teaching. The Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D., insisted "If anyone does not confess that God is truly Emmanuel, and that on this account the holy virgin is the "Theotokos" (for according to the flesh she gave birth to the word of God) let him be anathema." (The Council of Ephesus, 431 AD)

The Council's insistence on the use of the title reflected an effort to preserve the teaching of the Church that Jesus was both Divine and human, that the two natures were united in His One Person. (From an article by Deacon Keith Fournier)

**EPIPHANY**

This holy day marks the arrival of the Magi to worship the Baby Jesus and the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as the Savior of the world. However, longstanding tradition connects the Epiphany with two additional events: the baptism of the Lord and the miraculous transformation of water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee.

Although little is known about the Three Wise Men, tradition provides us with their names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The Epiphany celebrates the moment Christ, the ultimate gift, was made known to the Three Wise Men and thus the Gentiles. Their journey is central to the Feast of the Three Kings 2025, highlighting the global acknowledgment of Jesus as the Messiah.

The term "Epiphany," based on the Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "revelation," commemorates key events in the life of Christ: the visitation of the Three Wise Men, the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, and Christ's first public miracle at Cana. Each reflects a moment of divine revelation.

**1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNIONS AT ST. JAMES PARISH 2026 (1)**

**Info meeting and final registrations:** Saturday, March 28 at 10:30am at St. James Church.

**Catechesis (classes)** will begin after Holy Week, on Saturday, April 11 at 10:30am and will be held every Saturday (except Saturday, May 16) until Saturday, May 30. First Communions: **Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 5:00pm** More information to come.