



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

"BE DOERS OF THE WORD NOT HEARERS ONLY..." JAMES 1:22



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2020



“I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie”

WELCOME BACK TO ST. JAMES!

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Preparation classes for Baptism in English—of children under seven years old are held each month. Parents and Godparents, need to register in advance. Call Jim Winders at 303-854-4446 for the English Class. Spanish Baptism Class, – call Paco Santos—303-919-0389

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are made at least **twelve months in advance**. Call Parish Office for details.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

For Holy Communion, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, or a visit by a priest, please call 303-322-7449.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

12 p.m. (Español)

DAILY MASS TIMES:

Monday-Saturday:

8:15 a.m.

HOLY HOUR:

Monday-Saturday:

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Monday-Friday,

7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Saturday:

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

Or by appointment

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Monday-Thursday

12 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

Friday All Night Adoration

9:00 a.m. to Sat. 8:00 a.m.

**Bl. Dom Justo Takayama**

Blessed Dom Justo Takayama was so exceptional that he is very unique in the Japanese Church. Also known as the "Samurai of Christ," this Japanese nobleman was beatified by the martyrdom he suffered during the persecution of Christianity in his country during the 16th century. Although the blessed was not executed like other saints, he had to give up his social position and died due to the pain he suffered for not giving up his religious beliefs.

Blessed Dom Justo Takayama was born in 1552 into a position of wealth and power. By his father's request, he was baptized when he was 12 years old and took the Latin name of Justo, just three days after the Spanish Jesuit missionary San Francisco Javier had arrived in Japan. Takayama and his father used their power to protect Catholic missionaries who were there to spread the Word of God, contributing with their authority to the evangelization of Japan.

In 1587, Chancellor of Japan, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, launched a campaign against the Christians and drove out the missionaries, forcing Japanese Catholics to abandon their faith. Although many obeyed, Justo Takayama and his father stood firm, and continued to spread the Gospel. As a result, they lost their land, position, special status and honor in their community. When Christianity was finally banned in Japan, he and other 300 Japanese Christians were forced to leave their country for exile in the Philippines, then a Spanish colony. There, he lived a life of holiness until his death two months later. He died after falling seriously ill, due to the suffering from persecution. He spent most of his life spreading the Word of God.

In 2016, Pope Francis approved the decree recognizing his martyrdom. His life is an example of fidelity to the Christian vocation despite all difficulties in life. The Japanese "Servant of God" Dom Justo Takayama, was beatified on February 7, 2017. Blessed Takayama is now one step away from full sainthood.



*Third Sunday
of Advent*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday, the Third Sunday in the Season of Advent, is called "Gaudete Sunday": "rejoice", because the Entrance Antiphon of Holy Mass takes up St Paul's words in the Letter to the Philippians where it says: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice". And immediately after he explains the reason, because "The Lord is at hand" (Phil 4: 4-5). This is the reason for joy. But what does "the Lord is at hand" mean? In what sense must we understand this "closeness" of God? The Apostle Paul, writing to the Christians of Philippi, is evidently thinking of Christ's return and invites them to rejoice because it is certain. Yet, St Paul in his Letter to the Thessalonians, warns that no one can know the moment of the Lord's coming (cf. 1 Thes 5: 1-2) and puts people on guard against any kind of alarmism, as if Christ's return were imminent (cf. 2 Thes 2: 1-2). Thus the Church, illumined by the Holy Spirit, already at that time understood increasingly better that God's "closeness" is not a question of space and time but rather of love: love brings people together! This coming Christmas will remind us of this fundamental truth of our faith and in front of the manger we shall be able to savour Christian joy contemplating in the newborn Jesus the Face of God who made himself close to us out of love.

Angelus of Pope Benedict XVI





**ST. JAMES CHRISTMAS
MASS SCHEDULE:**

CHRISTMAS EVE...

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2020

- 4:00 p.m. Children’s Mass**
- 6:00 p.m. Family Mass**
- 8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass**
- 10:00 p.m. English Mass**
- *Midnight Mass in English***

CHRISTMAS DAY,

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019

- 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,**
- Noon Mass (Spanish)**
- 2:00 p.m. (Burmese)**



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Each Mass, can have up to two Mass intentions—either for two living people or for two deceased. To request a Mass intention, please call the parish office—303-322-7449. Suggested donation is \$10.

Monday, 12/14/20—St. John of the Cross, Priest.

8:15 a.m./Fr. Jesus/.....Katherine Fleming

Tuesday, 12/15/20—Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m./Fr. Paul/.....+ Ana An Lee

Wednesday, 12/16/20—Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m./Fr. Paul/.....Rebecca Rebosky Dinh

Thursday, 12/17/20 –Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m./Fr. Paul/.....Dan Sevier

Friday, 12/18/20—Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m./Fr. Jesus/...Isaac & Dolores Lopez & Fam. Memebers

Sat., 12/19/20—Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m./Fr. Jesus/.....+Bill Huber
4:00 p.m./Fr. Paul/.....+Kaylee Gerstner (1st year)

Sun. 12/20/20—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m./Fr. Jesus/.....Dotson & Sand Family
10:00 a.m./Fr. Jesus/St. James Parishioners
12:00 Noon/Fr. Jesus/.....+Juan Pablo Ramirez

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are so thankful to all of you who are continuously supporting our parish either by using our Faith Direct On Line Giving and many of you who are faithfully mailing in your envelopes... we are grateful!

eGiving Enroll in our electronic offertory program. Visit www.faithdirect.net. code is: **CO394**.

PRAYER LIST-Parishioners & Friends who Need Our Prayers

John Neimann, Dick Morrioni, Opal Every, Jim Kindblade, Elena Hornung, Virginia Royce, Donnie Higgins, Jan Balentine

If you know of someone who is sick and in need of prayers, please call: Cathy at 303-322-7449



November 30, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is my hope that you and your family are doing well and staying safe. I would like to thank all of you who have been supporting St. James Church financially and with your prayers during this time. Your efforts and support manifest your love and care for God and His Church. As I mentioned in my last letter, we understand that in these difficult moments, God is an especially important answer for all us; because we know and have an experience of His Love and Mercy. We will continue as a parish to focus our efforts on staying engaged with all of you.

As your pastor, it is my job to ensure those critical guideposts keep us focused and directed now and forever. We will continue working in communion with Archbishop Aquila's guidelines to ensure that all our brothers and sisters feel welcome and safe when they come to celebrate the Eucharist.

Going forward, I ask you to please continue your prayers, as we turn to our loving God during this time of great need for our parish family. I kindly ask for your continued financial support. It is needed now more than ever.

Thank you again for your love and generosity during these complicated times. I am certain that God is inviting us to welcome Him and truly prepare ourselves during this upcoming advent season to receive the giver of life, Our Lord Jesus Christ. You can have certainty that you and your family are always in my prayers. If you are in need of any support, please call our office at (303) 322-7449, or you may email me (Fr. Jesus) at j_garciap@outlook.com.

Thank you again for all you do to support St. James Church.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Jesús García".

Fr. José de Jesús García

Pastor