

Schedules and Mass Intentions Horarios y Intenciones de Misa	Mass/Misa	EMHC	Lector
December 6 - Saturday/Sabado (St. Richard) 4:00 pm St. Richard Mass	Saturday December 6 @ 5:30 pm	Amy Elam Carol Elam Angie Simmons	Mary Kay Sizemore
December 6 - Saturday/Sabado (St. James) 1:00 pm – Quinceanera Mass 5:30 pm – English Mass For All Parishioners 7:00 pm – Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	Sunday December 7 @ 9:00 am	Lisa Baldwin Donlee Grad Carine Kamdem Kamdem	Lauren Davis Madison Bezner
December 7- Second Sunday of AdventSunday/ Domingo Rite of Acceptance 8:00 am – Confession 9:00 am – English Mass +Phillip Van Alsdorf 10:00 am -- CRE – Breakfast by Charismatics 11:30 am – Misa En Espanol 6:00 pm – Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Dom 7 de Diciembre @ 11:30 am	Juana Garcia Dago Mirella	Jose Luis Aguilon Margarita Recendiz
December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation-Monday/Lunes 12:00 pm – English Mass 6:00 pm – Bilingual Mass 7:00 pm – Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	Saturday, December 13 @ 5:30 pm	Mary Kay Sizemore Lori Horan Kevin Le	Dennis Horan
December 9, Tuesday/Martes 12:00 pm – No English Mass 7:00 pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	Sunday December 14 @ 9:00 am	Margie Lercher Harry Pace Joanne Baker	Carine Kamdem Kamdem Angelau Kamdem Kamdem
December 10, Wednesday/Miercoles 5:00 pm – No Confession 6:00 pm – English Mass – Surgery for Lola Vaquero/Birthday Adrien 6:30 pm – Group meeting/activities in the Parish Hall 7:00 pm – Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	Dom. 14 de Diciembre @ 11:30 am	Gonzalo Perez Claudia Jose	Juan Munoz Lily Hermosillo
December 11, Thursday/Jueves 12:00 pm – English Mass +Melody Hess Kennedy 6:00 pm – No Adoration/Confession 7:00 pm – No Misa En Espanol 10:00 pm – Vigila Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena/Rosario 11:00 pm – Mass/Misa	Collections		Classes <u>Pre- Baptismal</u>   29 de Diciembre 26 de enero de 2026 7:00 pm en la Antigua Iglesia.
December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Friday/ Primer Viernes 11:00 am – Adoration 12:00 pm – English Mass 5:30 pm – Procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Bilingual Rosary (Meet in Carmichael Center Parking Lot) 7:00 pm – Mass/Misa 8:30 pm – Compartir Centro Parroquial	<u>Offertory:</u> \$4,573	<u>Offertory:</u> \$569.00	Llame a la oficina para inscribirse antes de tomar la clase y para fijar una fecha para bautizar.
December 13, Saturday/Sabado (St. Richard) 4:00 pm – St. Richard	Building Fund: \$180.00	Building Fund: \$10.00	
December 13, Saturday/Sabado (St. James) 5:30 pm – English Mass + Larry Grad 6:30 pm – Christmas Party/Father Nelson Ordination Anniuersary in Parish Hall	The Second Advent Candle is called the Bethlehem Candle or Peace Candle. This Candle helps us to reflect on the Peace that Jesus Christ brings us through His birth and incarnation. La Segunda Vela de Adviento se llama la Vela de Belén o la Vela de la Paz. Esta vela nos ayuda a reflexionar sobre la Paz que Jesucristo nos trae a través de su nacimiento y encarnación.		
December 14, Sunday /Domingo 8:00 am – Confession 9:00 am – English Mass +Phillip Van Alsdorf (Ladies Guild) 10:00 am – CRE – Food Sale after every Mass 11:30 am – Misa En Espanol	Giving Tuesday Collection \$ 3,822 (For Building Fund)		



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every **First Friday** of the month, we will have Adoration beginning at 10:00 am (following Mass) and Benediction at 6:00 pm

Spend time with Jesus



Wedding / Matrimonio

Notifique al sacerdote al menos 6 meses antes de la fecha deseada para la boda, que se realizará después de reunirse con el Padre Nelson.

Notify the priest at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date, which will take place after meeting with Father Nelson.



Diocese of Little Rock

La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock está comprometida a proteger a los niños y jóvenes. Si usted es consciente de abuso o ha sido abusado por clérigos, voluntarios de la Iglesia o Iglesia trabajadores, comuníquese con la Línea Directa del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños al 1-800-482-5964 y con el Canciller de Asuntos Canónicos, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340, ext. 361. Para asistencia pastoral, comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock: Laura Gottspomer al (501) 664-0340, ext. 425.

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday
St. Richard 4:00 pm
St. James 5:30 pm

Sunday/Domingo
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Espanol
Tuesday-Thursday-Friday 12 noon
Wednesday 6:00 pm
Thursday/Jueves 7:00 pm

Adoration
Every Friday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 5:00 pm
Thursday 6:00 pm
For appointment, contact
Fr. Nelson
Rosary Prayed
Every Saturday 5:00 pm and
Sunday 8:30 am
Rosario
Domingo 11:00 am

Parish Office Hours
Mon, 9:00 am–2:00pm
Tue, Wed, Fri
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday: CLOSED
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Welcome to St. James Catholic Church

We welcome you to St. James Catholic Church. If you are new to this area or returning to the practice of our Catholic faith, we welcome you to our Parish. Please call the office so we can meet you. If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us.

Announcements



Our Lady of Guadalupe Flower Donation

In honor of our Mother, the Virgin Mary, please donate so we can purchase flowers to organize and set up in the church for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will have envelopes available in the Church Vestibule for your donation. Thank you!



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 8th Holy Day of Obligation

Noon – English Mass
6:00 pm – Bilingual Mass



Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist Training January 10th

Eucharistic training involves understanding the significance of the Eucharistic and our role as a Eucharistic Minister in the celebration of this sacrament. Training will be on Saturday, January 10th after the 5:30 pm Mass for those who signed up for English Eucharistic Training. Thank you for volunteering for this service

Let's Celebrate!

December 16th is Father Nelson's 8th Ordination Anniversary!

Let's celebrate his decision to follow God's call to dedicate his life in service to Him. Please let him know how much we appreciate all that he has done for our Church and parishioners at St. James and St. Richard! Thank you, Father Nelson!

Church Welfare Fund Collection December 24th and December 25th

The collection at all masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. 100% of donations for this special collection will remain within our diocese. Please share with our priests the generosity that they continue to share with us. Thank you!

New Coming Events

Monday, December 8 – English Mass at Noon – Holy Day of Obligation- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Bilingual Mass at 6:00 pm Church Office will be close
Tuesday, December 9 – No Noon Mass
Thursday, December 11 – 6:00 p.m. adoration/confession or Mass at 7:00 p.m., Vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe 10:00 p.m. Novena/Rosary, 11:00 p.m. Mass
Friday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession and Bilingual Rosary
Saturday, December 13 – St. James Christmas Party and Celebration of Father Nelson 8th year Ordination Anniversary in Parish Hall after 5:30 pm Mass
Sunday, December 14 – Food Sale after all masses
Tuesday, December 16 – 8th Anniversary of Father Nelson's Ordination
Thursday, December 18 – Novena of the Baby Jesus 7:30 pm – please see schedule in bulletin for other dates and times of Novena

Prayer List/ Lista de Oraciones

Veronica Boasson, Jake Morris, Randle Laffon, Georgia Kaye Garriott, Aasen Family, Ian Aasen, Dorothy & Mark Boeckmann, Jean Hess, Dorothy Koffler, Kathy, Lakesha White, Flynn family, Brenda Baldwin, Debbie Myers, Blake Lercher, Deborah Sue Mobley, Dwayne Travis, Sully Wren, Troy Knight, Laura James, Charlotte Marshall, Malichi Davis, Melody Kennedy, Ann Sm ith, Debbie House, Joyce Kemper, Lizbeth Jones, Kim Baty, Henry Nguyen, Jeremy Duncan. Larry Stumpenhause, Fernando Farfan, Cesar Gonzalez & Diana Vasquez.. Alicia Cook, Mike Thompson, Mark Parker, Danny Sublette, Don Fitch, Shirley Hooks, Marsha Pond, Vicki Stumpenhause, Susan Bolton, Florence Wolfe, Claire Leheny, Carol Kent, Lawrence Family, John & Lee Jones, Virginia & Randy Snow, Pat & Megan Johnson, Reuben & Cheri Thonerfelt,, Michael Richmond, Sharon Hughes, Mary Kay Dawes, Gloria Chavez, Tim Harrison, Charles & Laura McDaniel,, Peggy McCord, Nancy Springer, Jim Gilliam, Judy Shannon, Dan Hepner, Jr, Rudy Hess Jr, Philip Van Alsdorf., Ana Lopez- Monatanio., Arnulfo Cota. Mary Ann Jackson, Debra Hudson, Deb Cypert, Lina Martinez, Higinio Hernandez & their family. Gerald and Pam Medlin, Katie Cooley, Sandi Gum, Adrian Reyes, Aldo, Darrin Gainer, Gordon Sizemore, Judy Casey, Elizabeth Faircloth, Mary Louise Pruitt , Charles Stephenson, Kathy Krintz, Stephenson Family, Morris Family



Meets every Wednesday after 6:00 pm Mass in the Parish Hall

6th – 8th Grade Youth Group Schedule

December 10 - no meet due to Novena
December 17 - Christmas party!

FOOD SALE

Sunday, December 14th
After every Mass
Instead of having to cook
after Mass, come enjoy some
delicious food ready for you
to pick up!
All proceeds benefit our
building fund!



The men's bathroom will be under repair starting the week of Monday, November 17th. Men, please use the bathroom in the old church till repairs are done. Thank you!

El baño de hombres estará en reparación a partir de la semana del lunes 17 de noviembre. Hombres, por favor usen el baño de la antigua iglesia hasta que se realicen las reparaciones. ¡Gracias!



CRE Dates To Remember!
Sunday December 21st – 28th –
No Classes – Christmas Break

Confirmation:
Saturday, June 27, 2026 -11:00 am
¡Fechas de CRE para recordar!
de Padres a las 10:30 am
(Clase de confirmación)
Domingo 21 – 28 de diciembre –
No hay clases - Navidad Break
Confirmación:
Sábado, 27 de junio de 2026 –
11:00 am



CRE Breakfast Schedule
December 7 – Charismatic
December 14 – **Food Sale**
December 21 - Christmas Break
January 4 – Ladies Guild
January 11- Knight of Columbus
January 18 - Vincentians



Come Join Our Bible Study!
Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm
& Friday at 10:00 am

It is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith and develop friendships with fellow parishioners.

¡Únase a nuestro estudio bíblico!
Cuando: Todos los miércoles a
las 6:30 pm & Viernes a las
10:00 am

Es una oportunidad maravillosa para crecer en su fe y desarrollar amistades con otros feligreses.



Grupo Carismático

Todos los Viernes a las 7 pm
(están **TODOS** invitados a dejarse tocar por la Gracia del Espíritu Santo.)



Anuncios



Retiro de Adviento
13 de Diciembre 9:00 am – mediodía
Esperamos verlos a todos allí. Por favor, traiga un plato para compartir



Donación de Flores de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

En honor a nuestra Madre, la Virgen María, por favor dona para que podamos comprar flores para organizar y montar en la iglesia para la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Tendremos sobres disponibles en el vestíbulo de la iglesia para su donación. ¡Gracias!



Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción
Lunes, 8 de diciembre, Día Santo de la Obligación
Mediodía – Misa en inglés
18:00 – Misa bilingüe



¡Vamos a celebrarlo!

¡El 16 de diciembre es el octavo aniversario de la ordenación del padre Nelson!
Celebremos su decisión de seguir el llamado de Dios de dedicar su vida al servicio de Él. Por favor, hágale saber cuánto apreciamos todo lo que ha hecho por nuestra Iglesia y por los feligreses de St. James y St. Richard. ¡Gracias, padre Nelson!



Recaudación del Fondo de Bienestar de la Iglesia 24 y 25 de diciembre

La colecta en todas las misas en Nochebuena y Navidad será para el Fondo para el Bienestar del Clero. Este fondo provee beneficios de jubilación y cuidado de salud a los sacerdotes jubilados y enfermos en nuestra diócesis. Nuestros sacerdotes pasan cada día de su vida adulta como siervos humildes y devotos, haciendo el trabajo de Dios y sirviéndonos hasta que la edad o la enfermedad los llame a la jubilación. Sus contribuciones al Fondo para el Bienestar del Clero hacen la jubilación de nuestros sacerdotes posible. Por favor compartan con ellos la generosidad que ellos continúan compartiendo con nosotros.

Nuevos Eventos

Domingo, 7 de diciembre – Rito de Aceptación, Fondo de Jubilación de la Segunda Colección para Religiosos
Lunes 8 de diciembre – Misa en inglés al mediodía – Día Santo de Precepto- Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María – Misa bilingüe a las 6:00 pm
La Oficina de la Iglesia estará cerrada
Martes, 9 de diciembre – Misa sin mediodía
Jueves, 11 de diciembre – 18:00 sin adoración/confesión ni misa a las 19:00, Vigilia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 22:00 h Novena Rosario, 23:00 h Misa
Viernes, 12 de diciembre – 5:30 pm Procesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y Rosario bilingüe. 7:00 pm Misa, 8:30 pm Compartir Centro Parroquial
Sábado, 13 de diciembre – Retiro de Adviento 9:00 am – mediodía
– Fiesta de Navidad de St. James en el Salón Parroquial después de la Misa de las 5:30 pm
Domingo, 14 de diciembre – Venta de Comida de Tamales de CYM después de todas las misas
Martes, 16 de diciembre – 8th Aniversario de la ordenación del Padre Nelson



St. Richard Christmas Party
and
Celebration of Anniversary of Father Nelson's
Ordination December 20th at 2:30 pm
Please come help celebrate Father Nelson's Ordination as we share a delicious Christmas meal together!



Sizzling Seniors

Tuesday, December 9th
5:30 pm in the Parish Hall
The Christmas meal will be catered so please bring Christmas snacks to share.

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Fr. Nelson Dayoff	2 Noon Mass 6:00 pm Finance Advisory Council Meeting	3 5:00pm Confession 6:00pm Mass 6:30 pm Youth Group Vicentinos Pre K 4Jesus CYM 7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	4 Office closed 12 noon Mass 6:00pm Adoration and Confession 7:00pm Misa 7:30pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	5 Last First Friday of the year 9:00am Mass Follow the Mass adoration. 6:00pm Benediction 7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	6 1:00pm Quinceanera Mass 4:00 pm St. Richard Mass 5:30pm St. James Mass 7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe
7 8:00 am confession 9:00 am Mass 10:15am Faith Formation (CRE) 11:30 am Misa Rite of Acceptance 6:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception At noon English Mass 6:00pm Bilingue Mass 7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	9 Noon (NO MASS) 7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	10 5:00 pm No confession 6:00pm Mass 6:30 Youth Group Vicentinos Pre K 4Jesus CYM 7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	11 Office closed 12 noon Mass 6:00pm NO Adoration and NO Confession 7:00pm NO Misa Vigilia Our Lady of Guadalupe 10: 00 pm Novena Rosario 11:00pm Mass/ Misa	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 11:00 am Adoration Noon Mass 5:30pm Precceson and Bullingue Rosary. (Carmichael center parking lot) 7:00pm Mass/ Misa 8:30pm Compartir Centro Parroquial	13 4:00 pm St. Richard Mass 5:30pm St. James Mass 6:30pm Christmas Party and Fr. Nelson Anniversary of the Priesthood
14 8:00 am confession 9:00 am Mass 10:15am Faith Formation (CRE) 11:30 am Misa Sale Foods after all Masses Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe (The income will be for the building fund)	15 Fr. Nelson Dayoff	16 Noon Mass Fr. Nelson Priest Anniversary, 8 Years	17 5:00pm Confession 6:00pm Mass 6:30 pm Youth Group Vicentinos Pre K 4Jesus CYM	18 Office closed 12 noon Mass 6:00pm Adoration and Confession 7:00pm Misa 7:30pm Novena of the Baby Jesus	19 11:00 am Adoration Noon Mass 7:00pm Novena of the Baby Jesus	20 2:30pm Christmas Party St and Fr. Nelson Priest anniversary, St Richard Church 4:00 pm St. Richard Mass 5:30pm St. James Mass 7:00pm Novena of the Baby Jesus
21 8:00 am confession 9:00 am Mass 10:15am Faith Formation (CRE) 11:30 am Misa 6:00pm Novena of the Baby Jesus	22 Fr. Nelson Dayoff 7:00pm Novena of the Baby Jesus	23 Noon Mass 7:00pm Novena of the Baby Jesus	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm St. Richard 5:30pm St. James (faith Formation Kids) 7:00pm Misa en Espanol (NO activities in the Parish Hall)	25 Christmas Day Office closed 10:00am English Mass 12:00pm Misa en Espanol	26 11:00 am Adoration Noon Mass 7:00pm Spanish Charismatic group	27 4:00 pm St. Richard Mass 5:30pm St. James Mass
28 8:00 am No confession 9:00 am Mass 10:15am NO Faith Formation (CRE) 11:30 am Misa	29 No Mass	30 No Mass	31 New Year's Eve 11:00 Adoration 12 noon English Mass HAPPY 2026 NEW YEAR	January 2026 01 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 10:00 am Mass 11:30 am Misa No mass at 6Pm (Office closed)	02 First Friday of the year 9:00am Mass Follow the Mass adoration. 6:00pm Benediction	

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. Celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the culmination of the mystery of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Tanscendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.



Novena of the Baby Jesus



Date/ Dia	Responsible/ Responsible
1 Primer Dia/ Diciembre 18 - 7:30 pm	Charismatics
2 Segundo Dia/ Diciembre, 19 – 7:00 pm	First Communion students & parents
3 Tercer Dia/ Diciembre, 20 – 7:00 pm	Vicentinos
4 Cuarto Dia/ Diciembre, 21 – 6:00 pm	Confirmation students & parents
5 Quinto Dia/ Diciembre, 22 – 7:00 pm	
6 Sexto Dia/ Diciembre, 23 – 7:00 pm	

Procesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Cuándo: 12 de diciembre

Dónde: Nos reuniremos en el Centro Carmichael en 801 South Elm Street en Searcy a las 5:00 pm y saldremos del Centro Carmichael a las 5:30 pm para caminar hasta la Iglesia Católica St. James. ¡Esperamos verlos a todos allí!



Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession

When: December 12th

Where: We will meet at the Carmichael Center on 801 South Elm Street in Searcy at 5:00 pm and will leave the Carmichael Center at 5:30 pm to walk to St. James Catholic Church. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Novena Our lady of Guadalupe

Date/ Dia	Responsible/ Responsible
1 Primer Dia/ Diciembre 03	Flia. Flor y Familia
2 Segundo Dia/ Diciembre, 04	Faith Formation Teacher
3 Tercer Dia/ Diciembre, 05	Flia Castillo- Carvajal
4 Cuarto Dia/ Diciembre, 06	Flia Hernandez
5 Quinto Dia/ Diciembre, 07	Flia Martinez y Mitoterias
6 Sexto Dia/ Diciembre, 08	Flia Alvarado- Garcia
7 Septimo Dia/ Diciembre, 09	Flia Hernandez- Sanchez
8 Octavo Dia/ Diciembre, 10	Flia. Candelario
9 Noveno Dia/ Diciembre, 11	Flia. Munoz

USHERS



Ushers Needed!

We need Ushers to greet the parishioners before Mass and hand out Bulletins. If interested, sign-up sheet is in the Church Vestibule. Thank you!



CYM SCHEDULE December 2025



DEC 3RD

A Night With Our Lady
We will talk about the importance of the rosary + Adoration
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

No CYM



DEC 17

Joy to the World
A Christmas get-together with friends, food, and games.
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Annunciation of Mary
Mass at 7:00 PM

For more details and updates about these events, follow us on social media @St.Jamescym

DEC 10

DEC 24





Feast of St. Nicholas Saturday, December 6th

The Real St. Nicholas

The real St. Nicholas lived a long time ago in a place called Asia Minor. It is now the country of Turkey. His family was Greek and his name was Nicholas. Nicholas' parents died when he was a teenager. They left him a lot of money which made him a rich young man. Nicholas went to live with his uncle who was a priest.

Nicholas heard about a man who had lost all his money. He had three daughters who were old enough to get married. But in those days young women had to have money in order to get married. This money was a "dowry" and it was used to help the new family get started. If you didn't have dowry money, you didn't get married.

This family was so poor they had nothing left to eat. The daughters were going to be sold as slaves because they couldn't live at home any longer. They were very sad. They wouldn't be able to have families of their own. And they would have to be slaves—no longer able to decide where they would live or what they would do.

The night before the oldest daughter was to be sold, she washed her stockings and put them in front of the fire to dry. Then all of them went to sleep—the father and the three daughters.

In the morning the daughter saw a lump in her stocking. Reaching in, she found a small, heavy bag. It had gold inside! Enough to provide food for the family and money for her dowry. Oh, how happy they were!

The next morning, another bag with gold was found. Imagine! Two of the daughters would now be saved. Such joy!

And the next night, the father planned to stay awake to find out who was helping his daughters. He dozed off, but heard a small "clink" as another bag landed in the room. Quickly he jumped up and ran out the door. Who did he catch ducking around the corner?

Nicholas, the young man who lived with his uncle. "Nicholas, it is you! Thank you for helping us—I hardly know what to say!" Nicholas said, "Please, do not thank me—thank God that your prayers have been answered. Do not tell others about me."

Nicholas continued helping people. He always tried to help secretly. He didn't want any attention or thanks. Years passed and he was chosen to be a bishop. Bishops look after their people as shepherds look after their sheep. And that is what Nicholas did. When there wasn't any food, he found wheat; so no one went hungry. He always helped people in trouble. All his life Nicholas showed people how to love God and care for each other. Everyone loved Nicholas. After he died, they told stories of the good and kind things Nicholas had done. Sailors took these stories about Nicholas everywhere they went. Some of the stories were about his special care for children—helping and protecting them when danger threatened. And so more and more people learned about good, kind Nicholas. They wanted to be like him. He is an example of how we should live. And that is why he is a saint. This is the story of the real St.

Nicholas. To this day people say that St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus, is the special friend of children.

—Carol Myers, St. Nicholas Center

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ONLINE GIVING



Between demanding schedules, traveling, and trying to get out the door in time for Mass, it can be challenging to tithe and/or donate on a regular basis!

St. James Parish wants to make it easier for you by providing the option of secure online giving. You can make a one-time gift or a recurring gift using the link below.

Or Text STGIVING 73256

<https://abundant.co/StJamesChurch/give>

Thank you for your
continued support of
our parish. Truly, we couldn't do
it without you!



St. James needs your help! Our Virgin Mary and Baby Jesus statue are in dire need of restoration.

This statue has been at St. James from the start. We need to raise approximately \$4,200 to restore this statue to its original beautiful state. Please set aside a donation today to restore this beautiful part of our faith!

¡St. James necesita tu ayuda!
Nuestra estatua de la Virgen María
y el Niño Jesús necesitan
urgentemente una restauración.
Esta estatua ha estado en St. James desde el principio. Necesitamos recaudar aproximadamente \$ 4,200 para restaurar esta estatua a su hermoso estado original. ¡Reserve una donación hoy para restaurar esta hermosa parte de nuestra fe!

Christmas PARTY

Mark your Calendar !!
St. James Christmas Party
& Celebration of Father Nelson's
Ordination will be on
December 13th at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Hall.
The 8th Anniversary of Father
Nelson's Ordination is on
December 16th.

Please don't forget to let him know how thankful we are for all he does for St. James & St. Richards.

Come enjoy a night of fun and fellowship with your family at St. James. Please bring a dish to share.

¡Apunta en tu calendario!
Fiesta de Navidad de San Santiago
& Habrá lugar la celebración de la
ordenación del padre Nelson 13 de
diciembre a las 18:30 en el Salón
Parroquial.

El 8º aniversario de la ordenación del padre Nelson es el 16 de diciembre. Por favor, no olvides hacerle saber lo agradecidos que estamos por todo lo que hace por St. James & St. Richards. Ven a disfrutar de una noche de diversión y convivencia con tu familia en St. James. Por favor, traed un plato para compartir.

Advent Schedule

First Sunday of Advent/Primer
Domingo de Adviento

30 de noviembre/November 30th

Second Sunday of Advent/Segundo
Domingo de Adviento

7 de diciembre/December 7th

Third Sunday of Advent/Tercer
Domingo de Adviento

14 de diciembre/December 14th

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Cuarto
Domingo de Adviento

21 de diciembre/December 21st

Christmas Eve Mass Time

St. Richard – 4:00 pm

St. James English – 5:30 pm

Misa En Espanol – 7:00 pm

Christmas Mass Time:

10:00 am English Mass

12:00 pm Misa del mediodía



Para la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

1º Premio: Imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en marco de oro y plata

2º Premio: Olla Princess House

3º Premio: Cesta con objetos religiosos y premio misterioso

Entradas: 5 dólares por entrada

Vendido después de todas las misas de Santiago Todos los beneficios del sorteo se destinarán al Fondo de Construcción St. James para ayudar a pagar nuestras renovaciones.

For Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

1st Prize: Picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Gold & Silver Frame

2nd Prize: Princess House Pot

3rd Prize: Basket with Religious Items & Mystery Prize

Tickets: \$5 per ticket

Sold after all St. James Masses
All proceeds for the raffle will go toward St. James Building Fund to help pay for our renovations.



Rosary before Mass



We would love to have you come participate in the Rosary before Mass. It gives time for spiritual reflection before the Mass. The Rosary is at 5:00 pm on Saturday and 8:30 am and 11:00 am on Sunday.

We also need volunteers to pray the Rosary before Mass on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30 am. If you would like to participate in this Christ centered prayer, please contact:

Theresa Gilliam at 501-230-7515.

8:30 am Rosary Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 7th – Trinity Fox,
Joyful Mystery

Sunday, Dec. 14th- Theresa Gilliam
Joyful Mystery

Sunday, Dec. 21st – Nikki Spriggs –
Joyful Mystery

Sunday, Dec. 28th – Carine Kamdem
Kamdem- Joyful Mystery



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