

## **Pre-Mass Announcements for the Second Sunday of Advent**

Good afternoon **or** morning! Welcome to Saint James the Apostle Church. This weekend as we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent we ask you to please silence all cell phones.

Our announcements this weekend are:

- 1) Family Selection for our 61st Annual Christmas Basket Program concludes this weekend. Please stop by their table in the Narthex after Mass to select a family to sponsor or to purchase Crusader Cash for a family in need.
- 2) Our annual Epiphany Toy Project Bag Distribution will be in the Narthex this weekend. We invite all to pick up a bag to fill for a child from St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee.
- 3) The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during Advent on Saturdays from 3 - 3:45pm and on Sundays from 10 - 10:45am.
- 4) Monday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 7pm.
- 5) Please join us for our next Advent Holy Hour on Thursday, December 11th at 6pm. This week we would like to invite all those preparing for sacraments to attend. Families and children are welcome!
- 6) Next weekend we will be celebrating our seminarian Topher Otieno's ordination to the transitional diaconate. Deacon Topher will be assisting and preaching at all of the Masses. Hospitality will be offered on Sunday in Sebahar Hall.

Please check the bulletin, website, and weekly FlockNote for more information.

Our opening hymn is 404, *My Soul in Stillness Waits*, 404. Please stand.