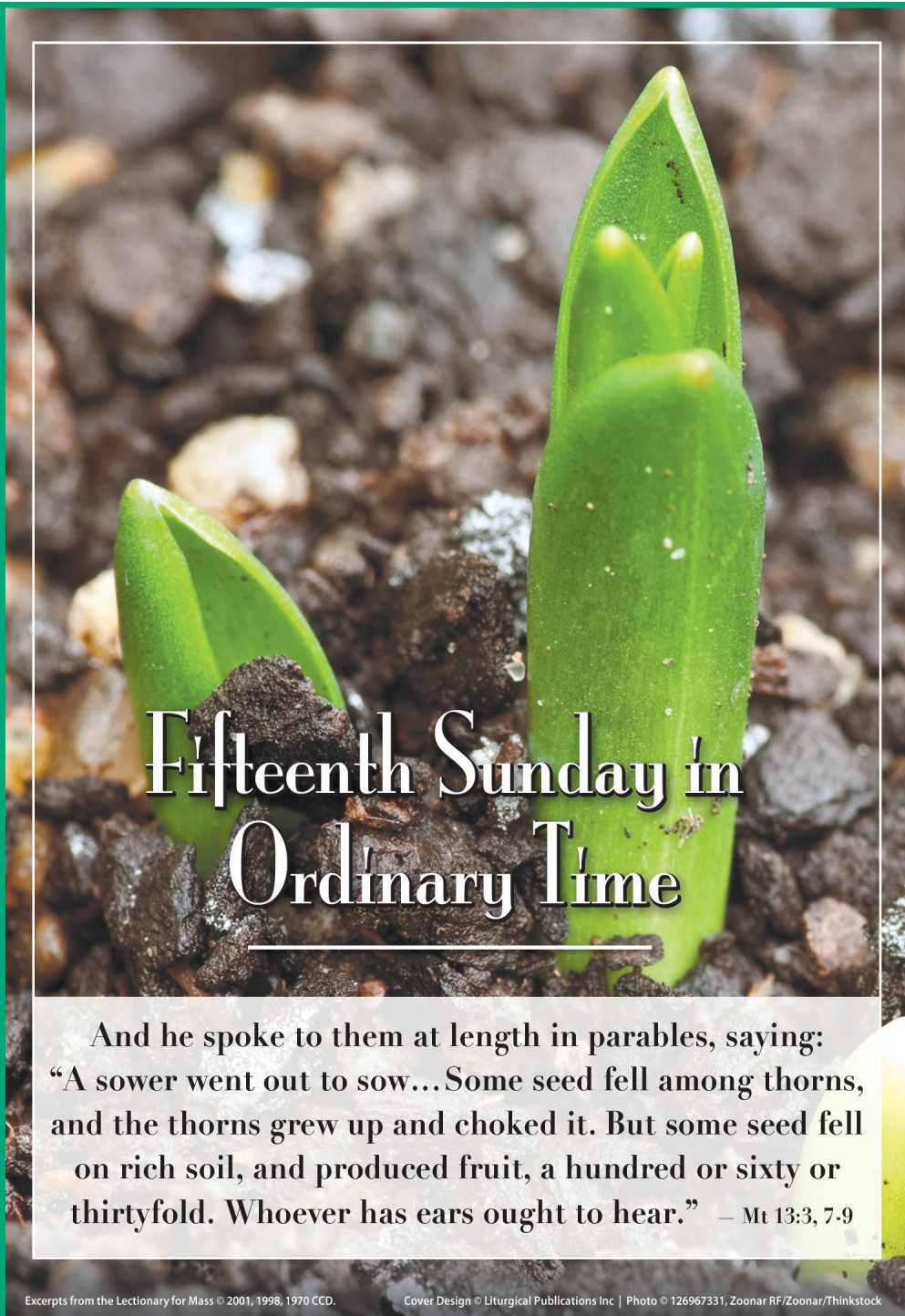


SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. James Roman Catholic Church,
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serves those in need in partnership with others.*



*Saint James Church is staffed
by the priests and brothers of
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Most Holy Trinity*



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:
“A sower went out to sow... Some seed fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell
on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or
thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.” – Mt 13:3, 7-9

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SUNDAY MASS

9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Presentation Hall

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
Tolton Chapel - Parish Rectory

RECONCILIATION

Confessions at St. James
on the first Friday of the month,
7:30-8:30pm, or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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Saturday & Sunday
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JULY 16, 2017 · 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ON THE WAY....



Our best source of prayer will always be the Gospels. Pick a short passage from one of the Gospels. (If you want, you can use the passage assigned for that day. You can find it at USCCB/Bible/Readings.) Quiet down and be aware of the presence of God. Slowly read the Gospel passage and believe that these are God's own words and they are addressed to you. Stay with whatever word or phrase that strikes you and keep repeating it, in letting it sink from your head into your heart. Here are some key words to summarize the experience of meeting Jesus in the Gospels as suggested by John Veltri, S.J.

Be there with Jesus and for Jesus. Don't think about the laundry, what's for supper, or how to pay the tax bill. You have, no doubt, been with someone who is right in front of you but whose attention wanders. Make sure that you are genuinely WITH Jesus when you are at prayer.

Want Jesus. Prepare for his coming as you would for a dear friend who will come by your house for a visit. Invite him to come into your life and your heart. Ask him to speak to you and teach you how to listen deeply to what he is saying to you.

Listen to Jesus. Listen with reverence. Listen with gratitude and peace. Don't look for any hidden meanings, Jesus always speaks directly. Be like a child nestled on her mother's knee, peacefully listening to a story.

Let Jesus be with you. Let him be for you what HE wants to be. Let Jesus love you, console you, forgive you, strengthen you, speak to you – wherever you happen to be in life. Let Jesus take you through those times of dryness and darkness. Trust yourself to Jesus.

Respond to Jesus. Respond in any way you want or feel moved to respond. Be genuinely yourself and respond honestly and freely. Speak what is in your heart. Say what you feel – even if it is a complaint. (Notice the number of times the Psalms are full of lament.) Remember that when you don't know what to say the Holy Spirit prays in you and through you (Romans 8:26). When you get stuck, notice your breathing since breath in the Bible is understood as an embodiment of the Spirit (ruah in Hebrew, pneuma in Greek.)

This meditative prayer leads to contemplation. It is not so much about your ideas or thoughts or opinions. Rather, it is being in the presence of Jesus, aware of the love of God and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In this kind of prayer we let God do for us, rather than try to lift our own minds to the throne of grace. The end of contemplative prayer like this happens when we let God love us as we are, when we let God fill us with the gifts God wishes us to have (rather than what we want) and when Jesus becomes as real and alive for us as he was for Peter, Andrew, Mary Magdalene and Salome.

Peace,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

AT ST. JAMES

Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16, 2017

Readings for the Week of July 16, 2017

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| Sunday: | Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9 |
| Monday: | Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-8/Mt 10:34--11:1 |
| Tuesday: | Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24 |
| Wednesday: | Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27 |
| Thursday: | Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 Mt 11:28-30 |
| Friday: | Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18 Mt 12:1-8 |
| Saturday: | Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 |
| Next Sunday: | Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 |

There is one opening on the Social Care Board. The Social Care Board oversees food assistance to low income families through the food pantry. Services includes: emergency care services, lunch program, second Saturday of the month food distribution, and offsite food distribution. It also oversees pantry holiday programs and the social needs of the elderly. If anyone is interested in joining the Social Care Board please contact Liz Bowman, chair or Peter Wawire, director.

**Liz: lizndavebowman@yahoo.com
Peter: 312-842-1919 x213**



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TREASURE

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1—JULY 2

| SUNDAY | 2017 | 2016 | CHANGE |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| ENVELOPES | \$43,374.41 | \$43,945.00 | (\$570.59) |
| LOOSE CHECKS | \$11,405.00 | \$14,848.00 | (\$3,443.00) |
| LOOSE CASH | \$6,426.45 | \$5,845.39 | \$581.06 |
| ON-LINE | \$26,282.00 | \$22,460.00 | \$3,822.00 |
| TOTAL SUNDAY | \$87,487.86 | \$87,098.39 | \$389.47 |
| BUILDING | | | |
| MAINTENANCE | \$1,319.00 | \$1,558.00 | (\$239.00) |
| SAINT AGATHA | \$2,228.57 | \$2,819.40 | (\$590.83) |
| ZACCHAEUS | | | |
| HOUSE | \$380.28 | \$0.00 | 380.28 |
| TOLTON | | | |
| CANONIZATION | \$818.34 | \$976.88 | (\$158.54) |
| TOTAL OTHER | \$4,776.19 | \$5,399.28 | (\$623.09) |
| TOTAL GIVING | \$92,264.05 | \$92,497.67 | (\$233.62) |

Remember
there is
only ONE
mass next



week, July 23rd, for
St. James Day
at 10:30 a.m.!

Mass Stipends

A way of helping St. James is to send offerings to celebrate Holy Mass. These offerings are called "Mass Stipends" and are offerings to the parish for the priest to celebrate Holy Mass for a particular intention. The normal offering in our Archdiocese is \$10.



Mass Attendance

July 2, 2017: 114(9:30 a.m.)/61(11:30 a.m.)
July 9, 2017: 118(9:30 a.m.)/54(11:30 a.m.)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For Sunday

July 23, 2017

Lectors

10:30 a.m. Bob Gaggiano & Frances Lane

Communion Ministers

10:30 a.m. Deacon Alfred Coleman, Reshma Sekhar, Julia Hodges, Cynthia Cooper, & Barbara Sutton

Greeters

10:30 a.m. Barbara Sherman

Altar Servers

10:30 a.m. Diana, Anna, & Kevin

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Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Barbara Bassett
Altee Clark
Edwina Cook
James Fonder
Paul & Jane
Freeman

Juanita James

James Kennard
Sr. Barbara
Rastatter
Norman Rouse
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southhall
Bette Strickland
Dina Williams

Our Sick:

Sandra Davis
James Fonder
James Martin
Carol Mullikin
Philip Ricks
Ben Tchaou

LOOKING AHEAD

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|--------------|---|---|
| Sun 7/16 | 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time | |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | † | <i>Neil Coffey - requested by Eileen Coffey</i> |
| | 9:40 a.m. | Children's Liturgy of the World |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Sharing Parishes Food Delivery (Pantry) |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Mass |
| Mon 7/17 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) |
| Tue 7/18 | 7:30 a.m. 9am - 11:30am | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry) |
| Wed 7/19 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) |
| Thur 7/20 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) |
| Fri 7/21 | 7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory) Social Care Board Meeting (Rectory) |
| Sun 7/23 | 16th Sunday In Ordinary Time St. James Day | |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | † | <i>Neil Coffey - requested by Eileen Coffey</i> |
| | 10:40 a.m. | Children's Liturgy of the World |
| | 11:30 a.m. | St. James Day Picnic |



You Did It for Me

Violence affects several regions of South Sudan and has forced many people to flee their homes. Despite ongoing violence, the generous support of the American people through U.S. foreign aid has recently allowed many people to return to their homes. Foreign aid makes up only 1% of our nation's budget but it does a world of good. Please join your bishops and Catholic Relief Services as we urge Congress to protect lives through U.S. foreign aid!

Learn more at:
crs.org/you-did-it-for-me

Your help can ease suffering and restore hope for our brothers and sisters.



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NEWS YOU CAN USE

St. James Day is just around the corner, July 23rd!!!



Please sign up to help. Help is needed with food, setup, clean up and many other things. Sign up at the back of the church or you can also contact Arcelia Rodriguez, Danielle Ayodele, or Ademola Ayodele.



Start inviting friends and neighbors too!



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of Human Dignity & Solidarity
Immigration Ministry

"We must not be taken aback by their numbers, but rather view them as persons, seeing their faces and listening to their stories."
—Pope Francis

Worldwide, there are 65.3 million people who have been forced out of their homes (with an estimated 34,000 people displaced per day). While the majority of forced migrants remain in their home countries, 21.3 million have been forced to flee and seek refuge in other countries. Over half of these refugees are under the age of 18.

ACTION: This month contact your legislators to welcome refugees to the U.S. and provide adequate funding levels to assist refugees worldwide. Call 202-224-3121 to connect to the Capital Switchboard. Visit the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants website at www.JusticeforImmigrants.org for more information

For additional ways to advocate for Immigrants and Refugees visit: www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org.
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