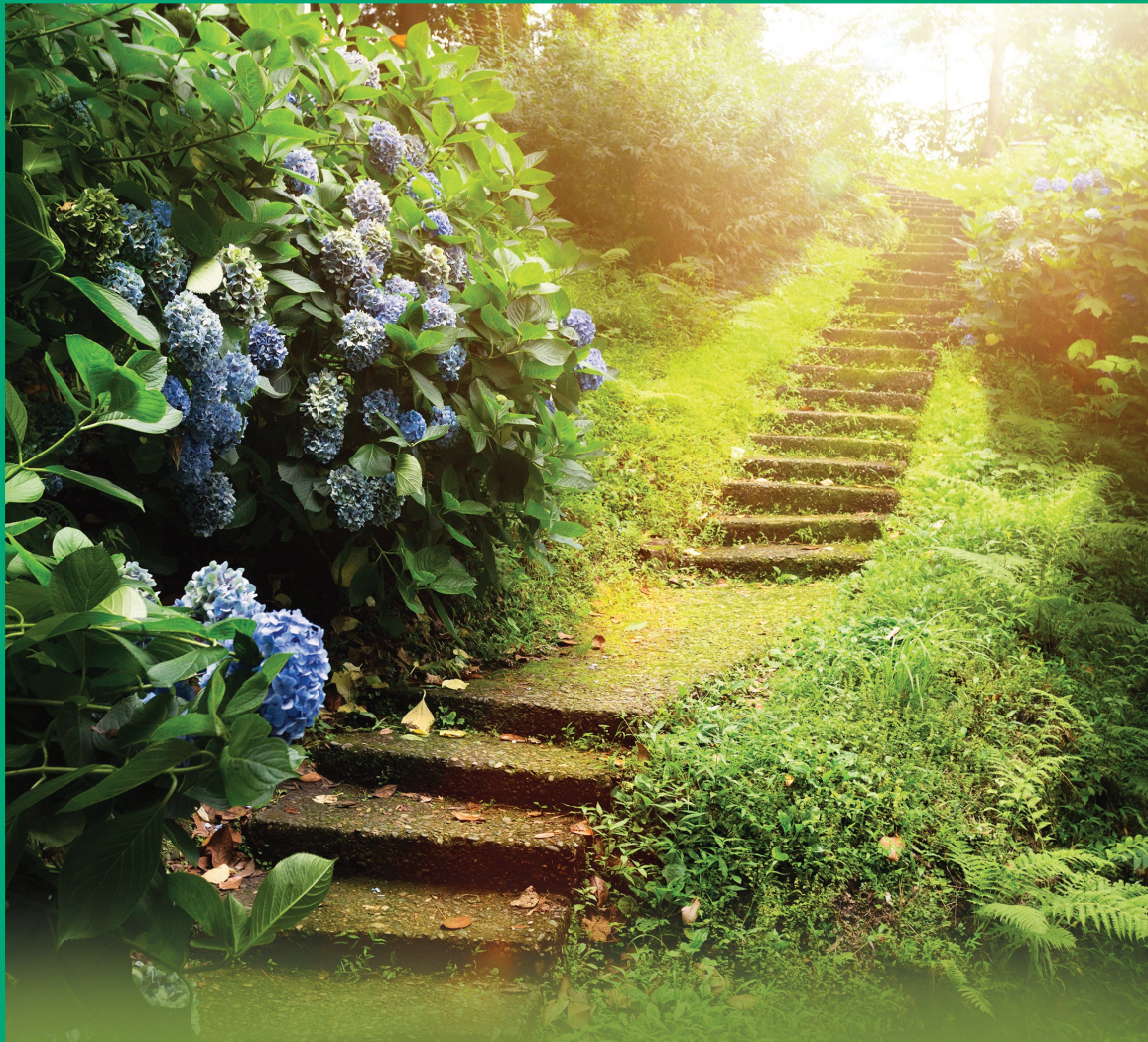


**Saint James**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. James Roman Catholic Church,  
a diverse community rooted in vibrant  
Eucharistic Liturgy, serves those in need  
in partnership with others.



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



*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.” - Jn 6:68

**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,  
7:30pm- 8:30pm,  
or by appointment

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday -Thursday  
8:00am-4:00pm

**Friday**

9:00am-12:00pm  
By appointment only

**Saturday & Sunday**  
Closed

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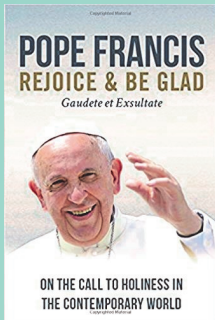
**AUGUST 26, 2018 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## ON THE WAY....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.



The last chapter of the apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* is entitled "Spiritual Combat, Vigilance and Discernment." Pope Francis reminds the reader that the road to becoming a saint is marked by opposition by the forces and power of evil. "The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel" [#158]. The Holy Father insists that besides our personal struggle against human weakness (for example, laziness) there are active forces at work that are pushing against our efforts at holiness. We have traditionally called that force Satan or the devil. If we are to become saints we must work against "the wiles of the devil."

As Pope Francis puts it "the cultivation of all that is good, progress in the spiritual life and growth in love are the best counterbalance to evil" [#163]. The danger exists that we can get lulled into a kind of complacency. We aren't committing any serious sins so we figure we're doing pretty good and cease striving to deepen our spiritual life. This gives the devil room to move since "Satan disguises himself as an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14) and leads us into subtle forms of self-centeredness, "a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness" [#165].

Pope Francis refers back to his training as a Jesuit and reminds us that the way to resist the "wiles" of the devil is through discernment. Through prayer, reflection, spiritual reading and good counsel we learn to spot what comes from the devil and what comes from the Holy Spirit. For example, there are times when "the forces of evil induce us not to change, to leave things as they are, to opt for a rigid resistance to change." There are other times when the devil lures us with "some novelty." Through discernment – primarily by examining "our desires, anxieties, fears and questions" -- we learn to recognize which option is the one that God truly desires for us [#167]. Again, recalling his Ignatian spirituality, the Holy Father encourages us to get in the daily habit of doing discernment through an "examination of conscience." Doing so "enables us better to perceive God's language, to interpret the real meaning of the inspirations we believe we have received, to calm our anxieties and to see the whole of our existence afresh in His own light" [#171].

Discernment is "not a matter of applying rules and repeating what was done in the past, since the same solutions are not valid in all circumstances and what was useful in one context may not prove so in another." As Pope Francis puts it, God is about "today" so that the newness of the Gospel can come to light. However, we should develop "a growing understanding of God's patience and his timetable, which is never our own" [#174]. As the ancestors put it, God always comes on time, but His time is not mine.

Pope Francis concludes his exhortation by holding up Mary as the model of a life of holiness. "Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort" [177].



In the Most Holy Trinity,  
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

## AT ST. JAMES....



Next Sunday, September 2,  
a representative from Arise!  
Chicago will speak after Mass to  
remind us of the importance of  
Labor Day.

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

Jane Goodall



If you'd like to see a recycling program  
reinstated at St. James and are willing to  
help make that happen, please contact Amy @  
312-842-1919 or  
[apellettiere@stjameswabash.org](mailto:apellettiere@stjameswabash.org).



JOIN US FOR A  
**WELCOME MASS AND MEAL**

**Sunday, August 26th at 11:30AM**  
St. James Catholic Church, 21 East 29th Street



## TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



Nancy McCarthy has been in the hospital since July 22nd but now is recovering and residing at Plymouth Place, 315 North LaGrange Road, LaGrange Park, IL 60526.

**Bet she would love cards!!**

### SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— AUGUST 12

| SUNDAY               | 2018                | 2017                | CHANGE            |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| ENVELOPES            | \$48,417.00         | \$51,740.41         | (\$3,323.41)      |
| LOOSE CHECKS         | \$13,318.25         | \$14,137.00         | (\$818.75)        |
| LOOSE CASH           | \$8,062.27          | \$7,585.06          | \$477.21          |
| ON-LINE              | \$37,080.00         | \$33,328.00         | \$3,752.00        |
| <b>TOTAL SUNDAY</b>  | <b>\$106,877.52</b> | <b>\$106,790.47</b> | <b>\$87.05</b>    |
| BUILDING MAINTENANCE | \$1,822.80          | \$1,731.00          | \$91.80           |
| SHARING DONATIONS    | \$4,480.91          | \$3,028.35          | \$1,452.56        |
| TOLTON CANONIZATION  | \$1,107.23          | \$1,077.69          | \$29.54           |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER</b>   | <b>\$7,410.94</b>   | <b>\$5,837.04</b>   | <b>\$1,573.90</b> |
| <b>TOTAL GIVING</b>  | <b>\$114,288.46</b> | <b>\$112,627.51</b> | <b>\$1,660.95</b> |



#### Our Home Bound:

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

James Kennard  
Sr. Barbara Rastatter  
Norman Rouse  
Geraldine Scudder  
Barbara Southhall  
Bette Strickland  
Dina Williams  
**Our Sick**  
Herbert Cobbs

Aayliah Cooper  
Patsy Cunningham  
Marvelean Doss  
Nancy McCarthy  
Joan Noble  
Barbara Radizwon  
Sandra Reynolds  
Kimberly Starr  
Sarah & Clanton Whitlow

#### Mass Attendance

August 12, 2018: 91(9:30 a.m.)/73(11:30 a.m.)  
August 19, 2018: 92(9:30 a.m.)/57(11:30 a.m.)

## NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

| Sun 08/26  | 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time                                     |   |
|------------|--|---|
|            | 9:00 a.m.  | Choir Rehearsal                                   |
|            | 9:30 a.m.  | Mass  |
|            | 9:40 a.m.  | † <i>Ulden Revoal - requested by Rochelle Lee</i> |
|            | 11:30 a.m.   | Children's Liturgy of the World                   |
|            | 12:30 p.m.   | Welcome Mass for Students                         |
|            |  | Welcome Luncheon for Students (Hall)              |
| Mon 08/27  | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)                    |
| Tue 08/28  | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)                    |
|            | 9:00 a.m.  | SNAP Assistance (Food Pantry)                     |
| Wed 08/29  | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)                    |
| Thur 08/30 | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)                    |
| Fri 08/31  | 7:30 a.m.  | Mass (Tolton Chapel — Rectory)                    |
| Sun 09/02  | 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time<br>Second Collection Zachaeus House |   |
|            | 9:00 a.m.  | Choir Rehearsal                                   |
|            | 9:30 a.m.  | Mass  |
|            | 9:40 a.m.  | Children's Liturgy of the World                   |
|            | 11:30 a.m.   | Welcome Mass for Students                         |



*The journey begins on September 16th!*

*If you know someone who might be interested in exploring their spirituality, or you wish to accompany inquirers as a sponsor, please contact Brother Kent Connolly @ kentfsc@sbcglobal.net.*



The Parish Council thanks you for completing the survey. We received 43 responses. We are particularly grateful for your candid responses to the questions pertaining to the vision of St James. Here is a brief summary of the results:

1. Everyone is pleased with the Mass experience, particularly the music.
2. Our Priest is awesome! Our location is very strategic, though the physical appearance of our church is limiting.
3. Parishioners are drawn to the diversity, warmth and friendliness at St James.
4. We could do a better job with our community outreach beyond the food pantry.

5. We are lacking in our youth and family offerings.
6. Parishioners would like more social interactions (apart from Sunday fellowship).
7. We should use all available tools to communicate our message and keep parishioners informed.

What's next, you might ask? As previously stated, we are in the process of developing the strategic plan for St. James. Though there were no big surprises from the survey results, this information will be used to guide and inform our discussion and planning. The Parish Council will be working on developing the plan this Fall. Please reach out to any Council Member for more details.