

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.

*"No servant can serve two masters. He will
either hate one and love the other, or be devoted
to one and despise the other. You cannot serve
both God and mammon." - Lk 16:13*



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

SUNDAY MASS

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

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
Tolton Chapel
(Rectory, 2942 S. Wabash)

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

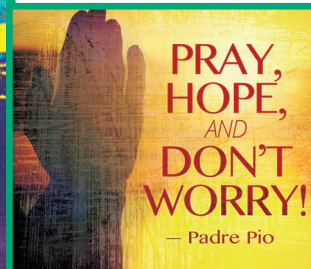
Saturday & Sunday
Closed

LOCATION

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Chicago, IL 60616

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ON THE WAY.....

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

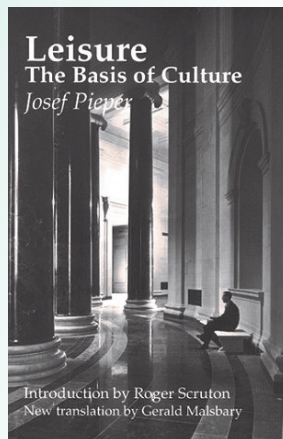
A book that influenced me when I was in college is entitled, *Leisure: The Basis of Culture* by Josef Pieper. Pieper's thesis is more significant, even more crucial, today than it was when it first appeared more than fifty years ago. Leisure is an attitude of the mind and a condition of the soul that fosters a capacity to perceive the reality of the world. Pieper shows that the Greeks and medieval Europeans, understood the great value and importance of leisure. He also points out that religion can be born only in leisure -- a leisure that allows time for the contemplation of the nature of God. Leisure has been, and always will be, the first foundation of any culture. Pieper maintains that our hyper-busy world of total labor has vanquished leisure, and issues a startling warning: Unless we regain the art of silence and insight, the ability for non-activity, unless we substitute true leisure for our hectic amusements, we will destroy our culture -- and ourselves.

Pieper argues that the key to the moral and spiritual crisis of modern society is the refusal to receive, to accept a gift. While hedonism presents its own problems in a highly consumeristic and sexually saturated society, the larger problem, Pieper maintains, is "the strange propensity toward hardship that is engraved into the face of our contemporaries as a distinct expectation of suffering." Could this propensity toward work, toward career, toward achievement, toward technological solutions, perhaps be the deepest reason for the "refusal to accept a gift, no matter where it comes from?" Have we lost the ability to receive gifts? Have we deluded ourselves that everything is acquired, earned, and achieved? Perhaps the most difficult modern problem is this inability to receive, a sign of pride which has been seen as the most dangerous of the seven deadly sins.

Our "there is no such thing as a free lunch" society does not know how to receive. We "raise ourselves by our bootstraps" and thus distort the place of the person within the cosmos as well as overrate our own achievement. With leisure we begin to understand that the human situation "calls not for a resolve but for a rescue," a rescue that can only be received. When we take by force those things that should only be received, we violate the divine image inherent within us. This refusal to receive is found in our origins, in the story of the fall of Adam and Eve, when God commands them not to eat "of the tree of knowledge of good and evil" (Gen 2:16-17). The moral law is given by God which we can only receive. We cannot take it, manipulate it, or create it; we can only receive and accept it. If we take and achieve when we should rather be accepting and receiving, we distort our place within God's order and our actions will increasingly be characterized by alienation, distrust, loneliness, and ultimately despair.

Since leisure is such a good idea I'm taking some vacation days! (Good excuse, right!) I will return on Wednesday. Thanks to Fr. Tom for celebrating with St. James this week.

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



AT ST. JAMES....



Fr. John will be on vacation with his family September 17-25. Fr. Tom Henahan, M.M., will celebrate Mass next Sunday. Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm, will take the weekday masses during those days.

No one is allowed to have a crisis during these days!



St. James Fall Day of Reflection

What on Earth is Discipleship?

Saturday

September 28, 2019

10AM—3PM (lunch included)

Registration/Hospitality begins at 9:30AM

St. James Catholic Church

St. James Catholic Church - Wabash 3rd Annual Blue Mass



Please join Us!

For our 3rd Annual Blue Mass
We Welcome and Bless
all First Responders
Police Officers - Firefighters - EMTs

Sunday Oct 6th, 2019 11:30 AM

St. James on Wabash
2907 South Wabash
Chicago, IL 60616

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ST. JAMES

You are invited to consider applying to join the St. James Parish Council. The Parish Council is an advisory group to the Pastor that works in tandem with the staff and all St. James Committees. The council meets monthly to determine ways for St. James to become a stronger, more effective and vibrant parish while preserving our parish legacy.

To be eligible to join the council you should be:

- A member of St. James parish for a minimum of one year
- At least 18 years of age
- And not a salaried staff person, parent, child, or cohabitant of any current Parish Council member

Applications are available in both the north and east vestibules.

Please return your completed application to:

The Parish Council
St. James Parish 2942 South Wabash Ave.
Chicago, IL 60616

Application Deadline September 30, 2019.

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 1— AUGUST 25

| SUNDAY | 2019 | 2018 | CHANGE |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| ENVELOPES | \$49,851.50 | \$48,815.00 | \$36.50 |
| CHECKS | \$17,610.00 | \$13,683.25 | \$3,926.75 |
| CASH | \$9,241.63 | \$8,328.01 | \$913.62 |
| ON-LINE | \$44,030.00 | \$38,875.00 | \$5,155.00 |
| TOTAL SUNDAY | \$120,733.13 | \$110,701.26 | \$10,031.87 |
| MAINTENANCE | \$2,256.00 | \$2,035.80 | \$220.20 |
| SHARING | \$4,589.67 | \$4,510.91 | \$78.76 |
| TOLTON | | | |
| CANONIZATION | \$865.20 | \$1,107.23 | (\$242.03) |
| TOTAL OTHER | \$7,710.87 | \$7,653.94 | \$56.93 |
| TOTAL GIVING | \$128,444.00 | \$118,355.20 | \$10,088.80 |



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Altee Clark
Edwina Cook
Paul Freeman
Juanita James
James Kennard

Sr. Barbara Rastatter
Geraldine Scudder
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams
Our Sick
Victoria Allen
Aaylia Cooper

Patsy Cunningham
Marvelean Doss
Nancy McCarthy
Barbara Radizwon
Sandra Reynolds
Donald Rogers
Kimberly Starr

Mass Attendance

September 8, 2019: 121(9:30 a.m.)/44(11:30 a.m.)

September 15, 2019: 113(9:30 a.m.)/45(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

| Sun 09/22 | 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time Second Collection Seminarian Education | |
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| | 9:00 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Mass (Blessing of Catechists) |
| | 9:40 a.m. | Children's Liturgy of the Word |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School (Hall Basement) |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | † | Norman Rouse- requested by Tom Raclaw |
| Mon 09/23 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) |
| Tue 09/24 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) |
| | † | Carmen Bertucci - requested by Tom Raclaw |
| Wed 09/25 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) |
| Thur 09/26 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) |
| Fri 09/27 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel) |
| Sat 09/28 | 9:30 a.m. | Fall Day of Reflection (Hall Basement) |
| Sun 09/29 | 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time | |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:40 a.m. | Children's Liturgy of the Word |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School (Hall Basement) |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Stewardship of Talent Sunday |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Mass |

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Some feedback from our pilot of the Alpha program this summer:

"I experienced a process of trust and comfort emerging amongst us with a community reverence and ownership of our God experience."

"I am more conscious of praying with a purpose and sharing prayer with others."

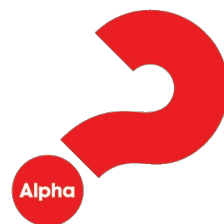
"It was comforting to see others struggling with their faith...."

"Alpha opened my mind and heart to learn more about my faith and recognize the Holy Spirit."

"I carry away an awe of the spiritual depth lived in those who participated. I believe there is a wealth of God's presence in St. James Parish."

Based on our abbreviated pilot experience, the Evangelization Committee will be offering a full 10-week Alpha program at St. James from October 8 to December 10. It will take place in the rectory every Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., plus a retreat on November 16-17.

Please consider this invitation if you or someone you know would like to explore what it means to be a disciple in the context of our daily life experiences. To learn more about Alpha, you can check out their website (www.alphausa.org). To register, please contact Amy Pelletiere at the Parish Office.



Stewardship of Talent Sunday

September 29, 2019

Join representatives of St. James
councils and committees to learn
more about how you can live out
your faith at St. James



Bible Study: The Acts of the Apostles



Mondays, 1-2:30pm or 7-8:30pm
October 7, October 14, October 21
St. James Rectory
2942 S. Wabash Ave.