



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*



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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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27

NOTHING
IS SO STRONG
AS GENTLENESS;
NOTHING
IS SO GENTLE
AS REAL STRENGTH.

—ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ON THE WAY.....



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

The Bible does not condemn slavery. St. Paul in his letter to Philemon presumes the legitimacy of the system of slavery practiced in Roman society. The epistle to the Ephesians urges slaves to obey their masters. For this reason, over the centuries the Catholic Church had a complicated relationship with slavery. If the Bible presumed the legitimacy of slavery how could the church say otherwise? On the one hand popes and bishops throughout the ages would condemn "unjust slavery," the enslavement of native peoples, and, in general, to alleviate the evils of slavery and repeatedly denounced the mass enslavement of conquered populations and the infamous slave trade, thereby undermining slavery at its sources. On the other hand, some popes were slave owners (though never Christian, always Muslim slaves) and, infamously in the United States, the Jesuits were slave owners. The moral ambiguity of the Church's relationship to slavery was captured in the thought of the great African bishop, St. Augustine that although slavery was not written into the natural moral law it was not absolutely forbidden by that law. As recently as 1866 Pope Pius IX affirmed that, subject to conditions, it was not against divine law for a slave to be sold, bought or exchanged.

Society moved ahead of the Church in the condemnation of slavery. The first definitive condemnation of slavery by the Catholic Church was not made until 1888. Pope Leo XIII wrote to the bishops of Brazil, "In the presence of so much suffering, the condition of slavery, in which a considerable part of the great human family has been sunk in squalor and affliction now for many centuries, is deeply to be deplored; for the system is one which is wholly opposed to that which was originally ordained by God and by nature." Vatican Council II listed slavery as a social sin and speaking in 1992 at the infamous "House of Slaves" on the Island of Gorée in Senegal, John Paul II declared: "It is fitting to confess in all truth and humility this sin of man against man, this sin of man against God."

This history serves as a reminder that the teaching of the Church is not like a rock, something immutable that is handed down from one generation to the next. No, the doctrines of the Church are living things that grow and develop over time. What God planted as a seed in the Church becomes a flower over the centuries. The Church looks deeper into the divine law and into revelation and comes to a fuller understanding of the will of God in the world. Soon to be Saint John Henry Newman wrote a book entitled, *On Consulting the laity in matters of Doctrine*. In the book, Newman does a historical study to show how during the theological controversies of the fourth century the laity, the people of God, held onto a more orthodox understanding of the faith than did many bishops. His point is that the deposit of faith can be found only in the entirety of the Church. In our time when much controversy exists we must hold onto continuity with tradition while remaining attentive to the new, richer understanding of the faith that God is constantly unfolding.

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

AT ST. JAMES....



WE NEED SOME GOOD VOLUNTEERS!

Silent Auction Volunteer For Jazzin' to Feed

Looking for one or more persons to work with Liz Bowman, with the hope of taking over the silent auction. Volunteer would need to have computer skills, be highly organized and detailed oriented. If interested, please contact Peter Wawire.



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!

The Parishioners of
St. James Catholic Church
are preparing for our 3rd Annual Blue Mass
to Welcome and Bless all First Responders
Police Officers - Firefighters - EMTs
Blessings and Recognition

Sunday Oct 6th, 2019 11:30 AM

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

TREASURE, TIME, & TALENT



The funeral for Norman Rouse will be Wednesday, September 11, at St James Church.

Pre-past 8:30-9:30
Funeral Mass 9:30



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
Aayliah Cooper

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

Mass Attendance

August 25, 2019: 112(9:30 a.m.)/44(11:30 a.m.)
September 1, 2019: 114(9:30 a.m.)/53(11:30 a.m.)

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 09/08	23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time Second Collection Food & Toiletries for Food Pantry	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass † Ginny Picken- requested by Bethany Rosenthal
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
Mon 09/09	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Tue 09/10	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice Committee (Rectory)
Wed 09/11	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
	†	Albert Kalina - requested by Judy Bulgajewski
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (Rectory)
Thur 09/12	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
	6:30 p.m.	Evangelization Committee (Rectory)
Fri 09/13	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Rectory-Tolton Chapel)
Sun 09/15	24th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Blessing of Catechists) † Pat Gaggiano- requested by Bob Gaggiano
	9:40 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:30 a.m.	Sharing Parishes Food Delivery (Pantry)
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Student Mass (IIT Campus-God Box)

Sunday School 2019-2020



Begins September 15th 2019!



**Student On-Campus
Mass & Meal**

**September 15, 2019
5:00PM**



Men's Weekend Retreat:
"Peace Be with You:
Transforming Fear into Gift"

September 20-22, 2019
Retreat Master: Fr. Matthew Linn, SJ



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