

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.



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staffed by the priests
and brothers of the
Missionary Servants of
the Most Holy Trinity*

SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(On-line)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Sunday
Closed until further
notice

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6th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Advocate to be with you always, the
Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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ON THE WAY.....



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

Someone sent me a very interesting article "We're all monks now." We are all "behind the enclosure, separated from the world" as monks are. The article went on to describe the lessons of monastic life that we might want to apply to our situation. First and foremost, quarantine can lead us inward if we let it. Ordinarily we concern ourselves with doing this, that, or the other thing. Needing to shelter in place, we are being given a chance to examine who we are just as we are without all of the activities that fill our days. Solitude in the monastery has as its aim to make someone comfortable in their own skin, a child of God, made in the divine image. One of the monks put it this way: "You must return to yourself to find that which transcends yourself, however you name it."

For many the stay at home order has created much more family time than we are accustomed to. The monastic virtue of community, the complexity of living in the same space with the same people for weeks on end, has some lessons for us. In the end, community happens when we get over ourselves and think about others. Instead of noticing what I want, I become open and responsive to the needs of others. In community we make room for one another, we are attentive to one another, we create a climate of caring in such a way that everyone feels accepted and loved despite their faults and mistakes. In our culture which so prizes individualism our enclosure helps us become aware of how relational, how interdependent our lives really are. To quote one of the monks: "Our happiness depends largely on living in communion with those whose lives are naturally intertwined."

This domestic experience of community then opens us up to the importance of pursuing the common good. If the virus has demonstrated one thing it is that borders do not limit our common humanity. No matter what a politician might say, we are one global family who impact one another. Learning to think in terms not of my individual interest but the interest of what is best for everyone is the inescapable conclusion of the experience of pandemic.

The monks made one concrete suggestion on how to cope with this forced isolation: developing the practice of lectio divina. In this practice one simply reads, slowly and meditatively. In a silent atmosphere pick up the Bible or some spiritual book and read until something strikes you. Then stop and let that word sink into your soul. How do you react to, feel about that word? The instinct is that God is present to us all the time and by meditative reading we open our hearts to God's presence. Growing in awareness of our thoughts and feelings can open us up to how close God is to us.

In the end, this time of quarantine teaches us that we are not in control of our lives. Anxiety comes when we try to control the uncontrollable. Once we let ourselves trust the goodness and providence of God in the midst of it all, then we will find this time of isolation to be a grace instead of a burden.

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



THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES



**Happy Birthday
Fr. John!!!!**

**This week was
Fr. John Birthday
and also the
anniversary of his
ordination. We are
celebrating with
him in spirit!**

Please wish him well, virtually of course!!



**The Rosary is
prayed on-line
daily at 6:00 PM
on Zoom.**



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**Meeting ID: 854 7222 3263
Password: SJROSARY**

**Whether you are present or not you can submit a
prayer request. Prayer Requests can be submitted
through <https://tinyurl.com/stjamesrosary>**

A Call to Prayer



Providing a Light in the Darkness

Prayer can help to strengthen our bonds with one another and with God, regardless of our faith identities. By turning to prayer, we call forth a light in the darkness.

Who we are: Volunteers from across the Archdiocese of Chicago who feel called to accompany anyone feeling the need to pray during this time of uncertainty and isolation.

What we offer: A phone line staffed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, as well as 24-hour voicemail and e-mail connections. Our prayer partners are here to pray with you — opening our hearts to God, asking for his blessings and peace.

WE ARE AVAILABLE AT 312.741.3388

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Readings for Sunday May 17:

First Reading:
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Then they laid hands on them
and they received the Holy Spirit.
(Acts 8:17)

Psalm: Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
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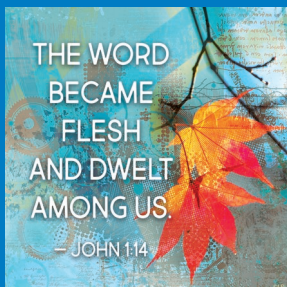
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading: 1 Pt 4:13-16

But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be
ashamed but glorify God because of the name.
(1 Pt 2:9)

Gospel: Jn 17:1-11a

Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only
true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.
(Jn 17:3)



NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES....

Sun 05/17	6th Sunday of Easter	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 <i>Anna Marano - requested by Mena Marano</i>
Mon 05/18	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY † <i>Ann and Jack Calvin - requested by Michele Fiala</i>
Tues 05/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY † <i>Ann Bartlage - requested by George E. Quill and Sons, Inc.</i>
Wed 05/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY † <i>Ginny Picken - requested by Ann and Paul Kanzer</i>
Thur 05/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY
	6:00 p.m.	Social Care Board (On-line)
Fri 05/22	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY † <i>Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel</i>
Sun 05/24	The Ascension of the Lord 7th Sunday of Easter	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147



Here for Each Other

A chance to connect with others,
to learn and share practical ways
to overcome isolation,
to deal with change,
and to promote health

Wednesdays
1:00PM

Fill out this form if you want to join us on Wednesdays:

<https://forms.gle/J5jGyEPvGJP1GxaZ6>





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google form for
submitting prayer
requests:

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In Our
Prayers



Our Home Bound:

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

Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick
Victoria Allen
Aayliah Cooper

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