

# 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 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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# 12<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?  
Yet not one of them falls to the ground  
without your Father's knowledge... So do not  
be afraid; you are worth more than many  
sparrows." - Mt 10:29, 31

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# JUNE 21, 2020

## ON THE WAY.....



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

It takes a lot of nerve for the Church to call this period we are entering "ordinary time." What is ordinary about not being able to attend Mass as a community? About weeks of street demonstrations confronting the heritage of racism prevalent in our country? About massive unemployment due to an economy that has shut down? About politicians who are unable to look beyond their own interests and think of the common good – well, maybe that is ordinary.

Of course, in the Church ordinary time does not refer in its root to a time which is normal, usual, typical, regular. Rather, "ordinary" in the liturgical calendar is related to the English word "ordinal," an item in an ordered sequence. In other words, ordinary time means counted time. From now until Advent we count off the weeks – this is "twelfth Sunday in ordinary time" because there were some "ordinary" Sundays in between the Christmas season and Lent.

During the liturgical seasons of Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter the readings assigned for a particular day are chosen with a specific theme in mind. In Ordinary Time we practice what is known as a "continuous reading" of the epistle and the gospel, going chapter by chapter through the books. (The Old Testament lesson is chosen because of a connection with the gospel.) For the next thirteen weeks the epistle will be taken from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. This is year A which means that the gospel is (usually) taken from St. Matthew.

The Gospel of Matthew is structured as a series of five sermons or discourses (modeled, perhaps, in imitation of the "five books of Moses" in the Hebrew Scriptures.) The first, longest and most famous of these sermons is called "on the mount," Jesus' description of the life of his disciples. The second sermon, found in chapter ten of the gospel, provides instructions to the Twelve Apostles and is sometimes called the Mission Discourse. This sermon/discourse is directed to the twelve apostles who are named in Matthew 10:2-3. In the discourse Jesus advises them how to travel from city to city, carry no belongings and to preach only to Israelite communities. He tells them to be wary of opposition, but have no fear for they will be told what to say to defend themselves when needed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This Gospel passage is addressed – as all of the teachings of Jesus – not simply to that initial audience of the twelve apostles but to us as well. When Jesus says "Do not fear" he understands that there are some really potentially frightening things out there. We need not be afraid, according to the Lord, because this is God's world and God's love for us is unchanging. Let us place all of those things that are currently scaring us into the hands of our Loving God and feel the divine embrace like that of a mother comforting her nightmare awakened child with the blessed assurance that it's okay, that "all will be well, all manner of things will be well."

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



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sun 06/21	12th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> † <i>Carmen Bertucci - requested by Josie Bertucci</i>
Mon 06/22	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY
	1:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting (On-line)
Tues 06/23	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY
Wed 06/24	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY † <i>Virginia Gryzwacz - requested by Judy Bulgajewski</i>
Thur 06/25	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY
Fri 06/26	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Password: SJDAILY † <i>Daniel Gockel - requested by Elaine Gockel</i>
Sun 06/28	13th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> † <i>Tom Coffey - requested by Eillen Coffey</i>





## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

"Sing to the LORD,  
praise the LORD,  
For he has rescued the life of the poor  
from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

### PSALM:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

### SECOND READING:

But the gift is not like the transgression.  
For if by that one person's transgression the many died,  
how much more did the grace of God  
and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ  
overflow for the many. (Rom 5:12-15)

### GOSPEL:

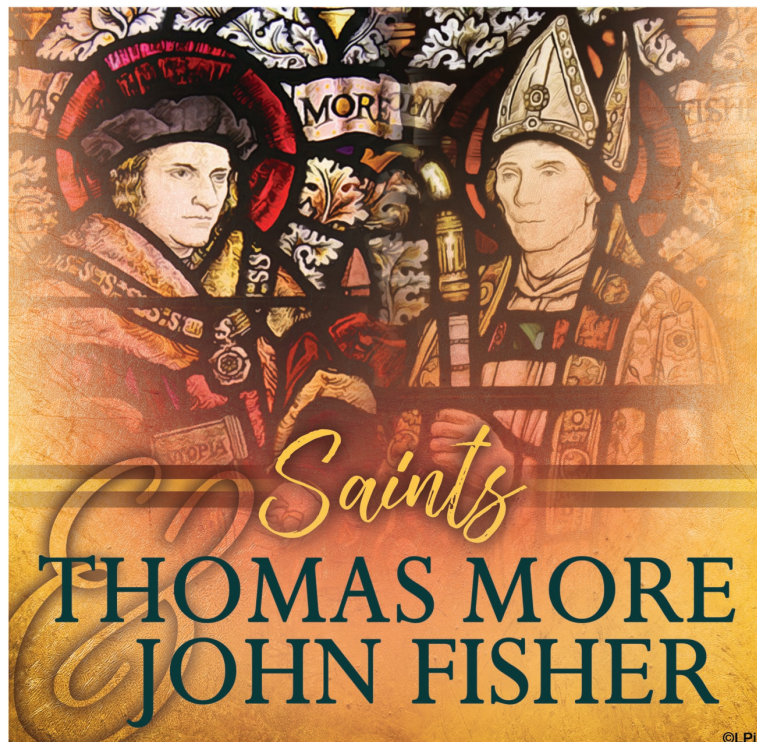
"Everyone who acknowledges me before others  
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." (Mt 10:32)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2020

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day  
Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop,  
and Thomas More, Martyrs  
Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God as he struggled mentally and emotionally to remain faithful to his call. When do you find yourself turning to God in prayer?

### SECOND READING

Paul speaks of Adam and Christ to describe God's gift of salvation to all who believe. What do you find compelling in Paul's argument?

### GOSPEL READING

Jesus forewarns his disciples that following him will involve risks and even persecution. Where do you experience risk and/or ridicule as a person of faith?



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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