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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Well done, my good and faithful servant.'" – Mt 25:21

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SUNDAY MASS
9:30 a.m.
(Church w/Sign Up & On-line)

DAILY MASS
Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Church w/Sign Up & On-line)

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Sunday
Closed until further notice

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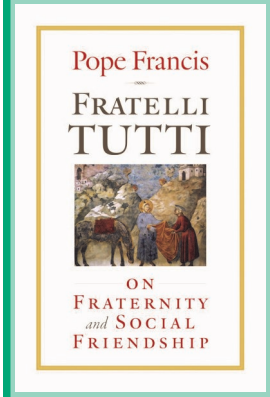
ON THE WAY……

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



On the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, whose name inspired the Holy Father, Pope Francis issued *Fratelli Tutti*, his third encyclical. It presents his vision of how humanity must respond to the needs of the 21st century by focusing on fraternity and social friendship. Through the centuries, popes have written letters or encyclicals on important issues, sometimes addressed to bishops, other times to all Catholics, more recently to all people. By using the encyclical format, Francis is announcing he has something important to say about fraternity and friendship. He wants people to pay attention.

Thomas Reese, S.J. summarized the encyclical in this way:

Chapter 1 describes the sad state of the world. It is depressing, yet the pope offers hope. "Difficulties that seem overwhelming," he writes, "are opportunities for growth, not excuses for a glum resignation that can lead only to acquiescence."
Chapter 2, a meditation on the parable of the good Samaritan, could make good material for parish discussion groups.
Chapters 3 and 4 present the pope's fundamental vision. "The spiritual stature of a person's life is measured by love," he writes. This love must extend beyond family, tribe and nation to strangers, migrants and all people into a social friendship where the worth of every person is acknowledged. These chapters are foundational to Francis' approach to humanity and its problems. Chapter 5 presents the pope's political philosophy, Chapter 6 is on the importance of social and cultural values, and Chapter 7 deals with reconciliation and peace building. One can only wish politicians and world leaders read these chapters, which stress that we should see everyone as our brother and sister and treat them with kindness and respect.
Finally, Chapter 8 speaks of the role of religion in building fraternity. This chapter will be especially useful for ecumenical and inter-religious dialogues.

Though the encyclical does make specific proposals, it is more about attitudes and values than programs. In his meditation on the Good Samaritan, he concludes, "The decision to include or exclude those lying wounded along the roadside can serve as a criterion for judging every economic, political, social and religious project." He also speaks eloquently of kindness that involves "speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement" and not "words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn." For Francis, however, kindness is not just a personal virtue, but something that needs to permeate culture. Because kindness "entails esteem and respect for others, once kindness becomes a culture within society it transforms lifestyles, relationships and the ways ideas are discussed and compared," he writes. "Kindness facilitates the quest for consensus; it opens new paths where hostility and conflict would burn all bridges." This should lead to a "culture of encounter," he says, where people "should be passionate about meeting others, seeking points of contact, building bridges, planning a project that includes everyone."

If you've ever tried to read and encyclical you know they are not page turners. However, reading this particular letter from Pope Francis little bits at a time will deepen your spiritual life. It is well worth the investment.

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

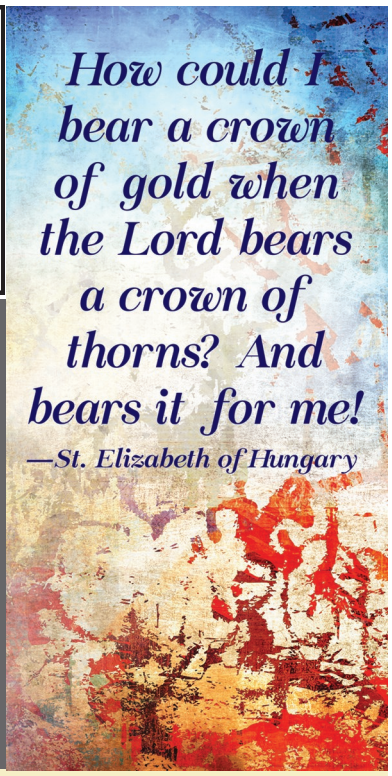
THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sun 11/15	**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) Sharing Parish Delivery (Pantry)
Mon 11/16	7:30 a.m. † 6:30 p.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY ***Monica Papish - requested by Salvatore & Deborah Monforti*** Liturgy Committee (On-line)
Tues 11/17	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY ***Dave Sevening - requested by Merge Sevening***
Wed 11/18	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY ***Ellen Nobel - requested by Jackie Wooden***
Thur 11/19	7:30 a.m. † 6:00 p.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY ***Jim McCann - requested by Rita McCann*** Social Care Board (On-line)
Fri 11/20	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY ***Earl & Jean Hill- requested by Donna Waunn***
Sun 11/22	**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of the Universe**	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)

Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

This year we can't do in person Senior Dinner. We are doing only deliveries. But we still want to send each Senior a little something. We are asking for gift cards, because they are easier to deliver. They don't have to be much, just something to let the Seniors know we are thinking about them. Please bring the gift cards to the Pantry c/o Erin Makowski by Friday 20, 2020.

Sadly this week two members of our St. James family lost their mother, Cynthia Cooper and Michael Maher. Anita Cooper and "Lolly" or Laura Maher passed this week. Let's keep Michael, Cynthia and their families in our prayers.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

November 26th

9:30AM

Tolton Chapel
St. James Rectory
and Zoom

Advance sign-up on SignUpGenius for in-person attendance. See calendar for Zoom link.

Virtual Bible Study

Recovering Biblical Lament

Mondays for four weeks

Begins Nov. 23rd

7:00PM

Advance registration on *SignUpGenius*

or contact Amy at

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Lamentation, a prayer for help coming out of pain, is very common in the Bible. Lamentations are acts of faith. They express our trust that we can bring our entire selves to God, that God cares, and that God hears us. Over one third (50 or so) of the psalms are laments. Lament frequently occurs in the Book of Job and the prophets likewise cry out to God. Jesus on the cross utters a prayer of lament.

This four-week course will examine how the tradition of lamentation can shape our prayer in a time of pandemic, racial unrest and political turmoil. The course will culminate with the participants writing their own prayer of lament.

***MORE ON BACK

Coming to Church

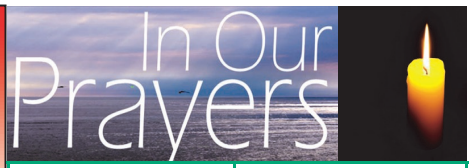
Advance sign up for all masses and events is required.

You can access all sign-ups for masses and events, including Eucharistic Adoration through Sign Up Genuis or on the Sign Up Genius tab on our website. If you do not have access to the internet you may call Amy at 872-703-4337.

Participants must follow ALL safety guidelines.

St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A



Our Home Bound:	Our Sick:
Judy Archer	Victoria Allen
Margie Bass	Aayliah Cooper
Altee Clark	Patsy Cunningham
Paul Freeman	Marvelean Doss
Juanita James	Nancy McCarthy
James Kennard	Barbara Radizwon
Barbara Southhall	Sandra Reynolds
Dina Williams	Donald Rogers
	Kimberly Starr