

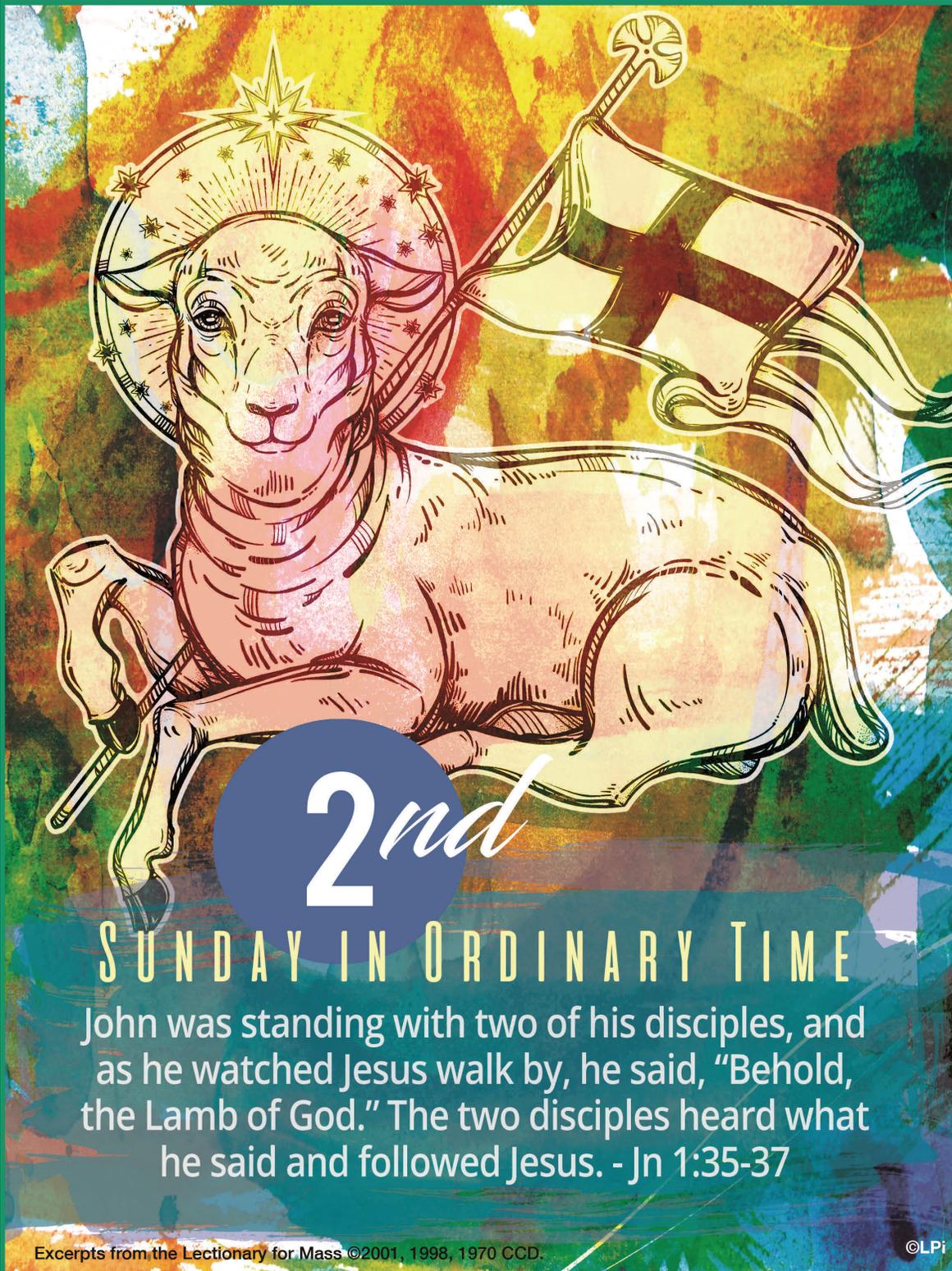
Saint James

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*



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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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

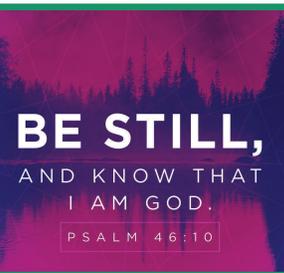
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BE STILL,
AND KNOW THAT
I AM GOD.
PSALM 46:10

JANUARY 17, 2021

ON THE WAY.....



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

The liturgical calendar calls this “ordinary time.” How can these times be considered ordinary! The deadly march of the virus around the world, the dysfunction of the political class in Washington, the environmental threat to our planet – none of these things are ordinary. Probably every one of us could describe the extra-ordinary nature of our lives at the beginning of 2021. But unlike the news cycle which is up to the minute, the Church thinks in terms of centuries. Let’s think about the lessons of the liturgy and what they say to our current situation.

“Ordinary time” in the liturgy does not mean “with no special or distinctive features; normal” as the dictionary definition. Rather, “ordinary time” means counted time – as in the English term “ordinal numbers.” The Sundays which are not part of the liturgical seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter) are simply counted. There are two times during the year of “ordinary time.” The first are the weeks in between the Christmas season and Lent; the second, the weeks between the Easter season and Advent. This year there are five Sundays of Ordinary time from the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord which ends the Christmas Season and Ash Wednesday which inaugurates Lent.

These five weeks feel kind of like a lull – and at least in the northern hemisphere the shortness of the days, the lack of sunshine and the chill in the air feed into that sense of time just hanging there. The liturgy during Ordinary Time is designed to pierce the darkness and reflect the truth that each Sunday is a reminder of the triumph of Easter. The Word of God provides the direction on how we are to live in such times. This is Year B when most of the gospel texts will be taken from the Gospel of Mark. Since it is the shortest gospel and St. John does not have a year of his own, at certain times during the year selections from the fourth Gospel will be proclaimed. The epistle’s during these weeks will be taken from the Letter to the Hebrews.

St. Mark does not have an infancy narrative. He launches right in to Jesus public “proclaiming the good news of the kingdom” and the description of his teaching and healing ministry. St. Mark describes the disciples as being amazed at the actions of Jesus – and of missing their true importance time after time. We too should hear these stories with fresh ears and be astonished anew. Mark’s gospel is designed to have us make a choice to confess Jesus as the saving presence of God in the world. The Church draws its life from the celebration of the Mass and the sacraments. The fact that we cannot gather as a community during these weeks of “ordinary time” makes our role of bringing the presence of God into the world during the liturgy a challenge. We have extra work to do to make sure that our community stays connected even without physically gathering. Let’s make it “ordinary” that we reach out and connect with one another in the days and weeks ahead.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sun 01/17	2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	12:30 p.m.	Seeing Race (On-line)
Mon 01/18	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY † <i>Br James Wegesin - requested by Br Chris Buck</i>
Tues 01/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY † <i>John P. Manning - requested by Kathleen Green</i>
Wed 01/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY † <i>Br James Wegesin - requested by Br Chris Buck</i>
Thur 01/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY-line)
	6:00 p.m.	Social Care Board Meeting (On-line)
Fri 01/22	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Rectory w/ Sign Up) Meeting ID: 844 260 686 Passcode: SJDAILY
Sun 01/24	3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (On-line & Church w/Sign Up) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)

We would love to give a big thank you to all the parishioners that donated and the Parish Council for all their help with the Giving Tree this year. It was a wonderful display of generosity and team work. Thank you again for thinking of the Seniors and helping them feel connected through this challenging time.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?”” - John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

Christmas Memorials 2020

Tucked in amidst the trees and flowers
the manger and the straw, lie our
fondest memories of Christmases past
and those who loved us. We hold them
in our hearts, enfold them in our
dreams, and remember the grace
they were and are in our lives.

Carmen Bertucci

Bertucci Family

Jim & Eleanor Boyd

Walker Cutlen

Edwina Cook

Barbara DeChatelet

LaRouen Ellis

Luis & Carmen Feliciano

Surless Ficklen

Fisher Family

Beatrice Fojtl

Tom Frayne

Gail Gadzala

Beatrice Goldsmith

Iris Green

Bernice Greene

Mr. George Haley Jr.

Betty Hoakes

Ernia Mae Hodges

Isnelle Jean-Bart

Daisy Keel

Lane Family

Br. Alfred Marshall, FSC

Kay Nachel

Ellen Noble

Isaac & Emily Petty

Virginia Picken

Ulden Revoal

W. Merline Rouse

Geraldine Scudder

*Diana, Julia, Kenneth, George Jr., George Sr.
Taylor*

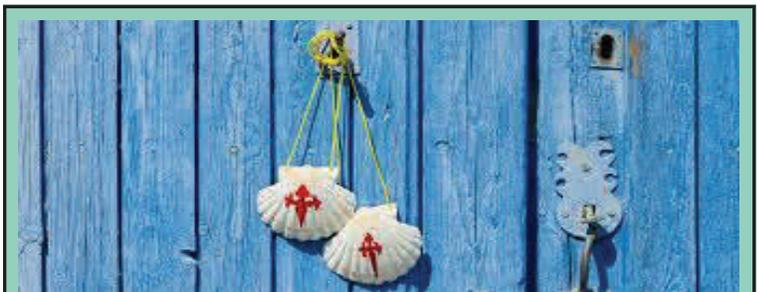
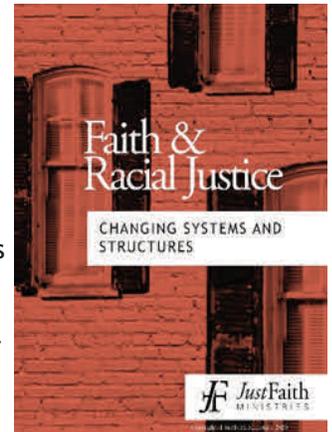
Br. James Wegesin, FSC

Williams Family



Second Announcement - 1/17

Do you want to learn how to advocate for racial justice within your family, church and community? Presented through the lens of the Christian faith, Faith and Racial Justice: Changing Systems and Structures gives you the tools needed to address racism at a systemic level. In this eight-session program by JustFaith Ministries, participants learn about key obstacles to racial justice that are embedded within our institutions, systems, and structures. They then develop tools to mobilize people and resources to dismantle those obstacles. For more information or to register [click here](#), or contact Jim Boyd.



The Holy Door—The Year of St. James 2021

2021 has been designated a Holy Year, also known as Xacobeo 2021 (St. James 2021). To mark the beginning of the Holy Year, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Santiago de Compostela will open The Holy Door at the Cathedral on Dec. 31, 2020 at 10 a.m. Chicago time. The Archbishop will use a silver hammer to strike down a wall of stones as a symbol of the “harshness” of The Way. The year also grants pilgrims who visit the tomb of St. James the Apostle the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence. Since medieval times, the Xacobeo is celebrated years in which July 25 (Feast of St. James) falls on a Sunday.



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 Genius](#) 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>

A graphic with the word "PRAYER" in large, block letters and "Requests" in a cursive font below it, set against a background of a wooden surface.

Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Altee Clark
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