



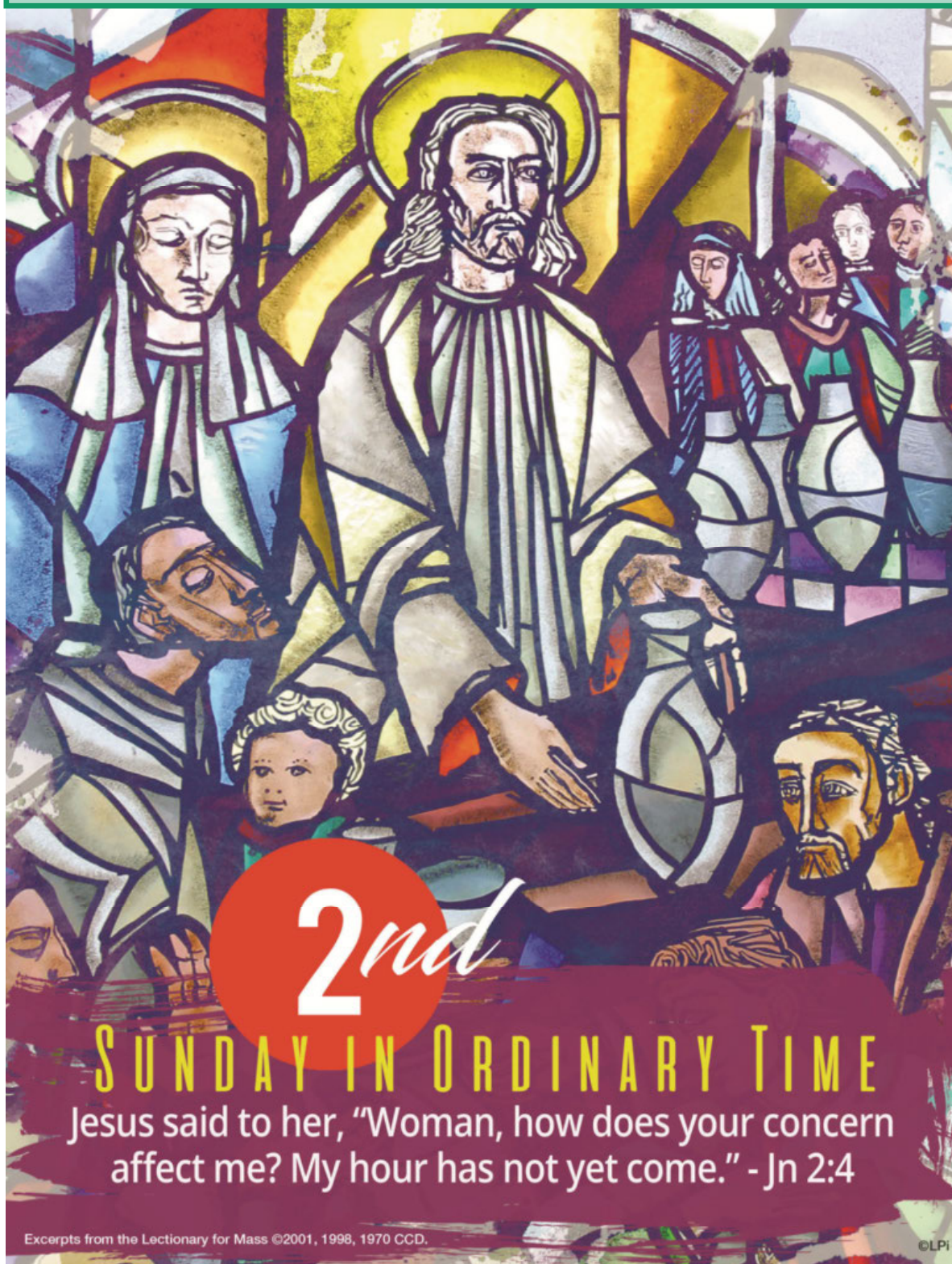
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SUNDAY MASS

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

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Rectory)

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9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern
affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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JANUARY 16, 2022

ON THE WAY.....



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

Can you believe it is fifty-four years since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination? For my generation it is current events whereas I am sure that for the youth it seems like ancient history. Sadly the reason Dr. King seems like current events is that the struggle which defined his life continues. We still have not cured the malady infecting the American soul. Taylor Branch, an American historian, wrote a monumental three-volume work on "American in the King Years." What became clear looking at that history is Dr. King's insight that the problem of race was tied to the problem of poverty which was tied to the problem of war. (The annual pentagon budget is \$750 Billion.) He challenged the nation to re-prioritize what really matters to us as a people. And he felt an urgency to do so. *"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."* We still need vigorous and positive action even 54 years down the road.

The cure Dr. King proposed for the nation's ills was love. *"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."* The problems look slightly different today than they did in Dr. King's time – Black Lives Matter and critical race theory are not the same as segregation and Jim Crow. However, the solution is the same: love. We must find a way to truly love our neighbor. Dr. King tells us how to go about doing that. *"People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."* If we are to improve as a nation we must find a way to communicate particularly with those who don't look or speak as we do.

A third legacy of Dr. King's that resonates, even decades later, is the call to service. *"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."* One of my favorite Mahalia Jackson songs goes "if I can help somebody, as I travel along ... my living shall not be in vain." We live in a society which focuses on "what's in it for me." The life of Dr. King inspires us to think about our neighbor, about who they are and what they are going through. As Dr. King observed, *"Those who are not looking for happiness are the most likely to find it, because those who are searching forget that the surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others."*

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



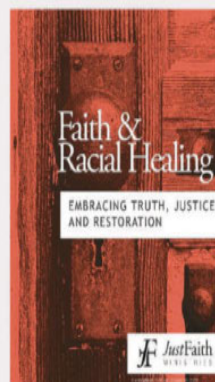
| Sun 01/16 | 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time | |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | 9:30 a.m. | Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Doris and Irene Simon - requested by Avis Coleman</i> |
| Mon 01/17 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Chapel & On-line) |
| Tues 01/18 | 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. | Mass (Chapel & On-line) Staff Meeting (On-line) |
| Wed 01/19 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Chapel & On-line) |
| Thur 01/20 | 7:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. | Mass (Chapel & On-line) Social Care Board (On-line) |
| Fri 01/21 | 7:30 a.m. | Mass (Chapel & On-line) |
| Sun 01/23 | 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time | |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>For The People of St. James</i> |
| | 12:30 p.m. | Seeing Race (On-line) |



Sadly we learned Barbara Ricks passed away on January 9. The funeral will be held on April 22. Condolences can be sent to her daughter at:

Mrs. Elise Janes
1817 Morgan Lane, Unit B
Redondo Beach, CA. 90278

Faith and Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice, and Restoration



Do you want to dismantle racism in your community, but don't know where to begin?

Register for Faith and Racial Healing

an eight-week program that seeks to tell the truth about our collective history of racism and violence, that we might seek real restoration with God and one another.

Meets Mondays on Zoom beginning

This program complements the two Racial Justice programs already offered at St. James.

See "Links for Events and Ministries" for more information and to register

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THE BIBLE- WHERE DOES IT COME FROM-CAN WE TRUST
IT?
WHAT IS FAITH? IS IT BLIND AND IRRATIONAL OR ARE
THERE GOOD REASONS TO BELIEVE?
PRAYER - CAN IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

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**ONLINE
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For more information go to:

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Scan with your phone to
sign up to learn more or
attend.

Presented by St. James Wabash and Old St. Mary's.
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Seeing Race:

**Honoring MLK and envisioning our
future**

**Sunday
January 23, 2022
12:30PM**

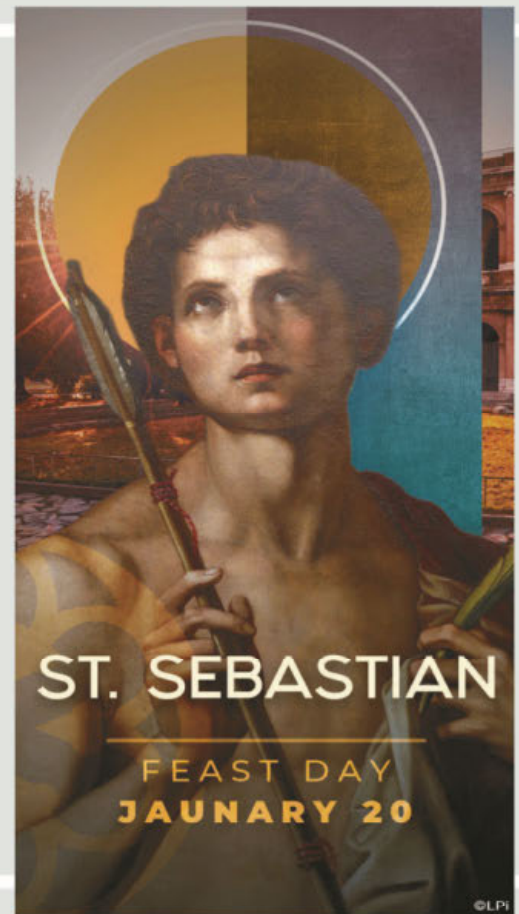
**A chance to honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr. and to help set the direction for
future anti-racism initiatives at St. James**



Meeting ID: 870 6934 0782

Password: SEERACE

See "Zoom links" on the St. James website for link.



ST. SEBASTIAN

**FEAST DAY
JANUARY 20**

Saint of the Week

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

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Margie Bass
Altee Clark
Paul Freeman
Juanita James
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick:

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