



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*

IF TODAY YOU
HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT
YOUR HEARTS.

SUNDAY MASS

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

DAILY MASS

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

**OFFICE
HOURS**

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION

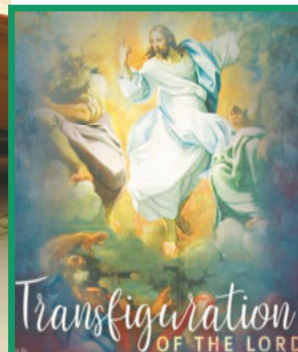
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Transfiguration
OF THE LORD

JULY 31, 2022

ON THE WAY.....



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

Mystagogy of the Dismissal Rites. After receiving Holy Communion the Mass seems to rush to a conclusion. After the prayer to capture the significance of the receiving of the Eucharist, a final blessing is given and the commission to “go in peace” usually with some admonition attached. (At St. James we usually add some announcements or special mentions at this time. I must confess some ambiguity about the practice. We do so because people will be more inclined to remember something that is said with one hand on the door on the way out. But announcements disturb the dynamic of the liturgy which should be reaching a crescendo at this point.) The meaning of the dismissal rite is to challenge us who have gathered in worship to bring the fruits of our prayer into the providence of our everyday life. We’ve been blessed, now get to work!

One often overlooked aspect of the liturgy is how it connects believers to the poor. The very first account we have of the celebration of the Eucharist in St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 11, (which antedates the gospels by twenty-five or more years) highlights how the breaking of the one bread and the sharing of the one cup demands that even those without material resources have a place at the table. This means that the liturgy itself requires that we be attentive to our neighbors in need and those suffering from injustice. The action of the breaking of the bread during the Communion Rite symbolizes that sharing is an essential element of Eucharistic devotion. And as St. Paul points out, those who have an abundance must share with those who have little in a radical unity.

Christians believe that no person should suffer hunger, for God has created a sufficiency to be shared. Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish not as a “one off” but to symbolize that his followers will also be concerned that everyone has enough to eat. By making the action of eating and drinking the “sun and center” of our connection with Christ, the liturgy challenges us to ensure that everyone has the same opportunity. A Eucharistic Community which feeds itself but does not feed those around it is a contradiction of what it believes. The liturgy must connect us with the life around us. The custom at St. James to bring food to be distributed at the pantry and place it around the altar is a concrete manifestation of the spirituality of solidarity which characterizes an authentic Eucharistic experience. The gifts offered by believers belong both to the poor and to God; the two destinations form a single act of offering. The Eucharist by its very nature is a call for social justice.

As the Church became more established its furnishings reflected elevated social status with things like gold chalices and silk vestments. Early authors wrestled with this since they recognized the contradiction of a church with elegant accoutrements while the face of Christ in the poor is naked and starving. This is a perennial challenge for the Church and we at St. James are not exempt from preserving the “noble simplicity” which enables us to celebrate with grace while still caring for our neighbors in need.



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

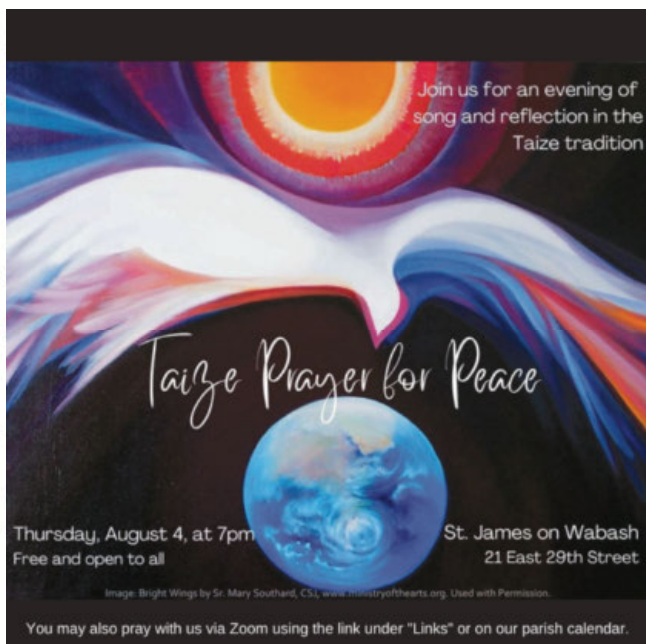
Sun 07/31	18th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Edwina Cook by Rochelle Lee</i> <i>Barbara Radziwon by Ron Zivkovic</i>
Mon 08/01	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Tues 08/02	7:30 a.m. † 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>For the health of Maureen Farnan by Bob and Carola Gaggiano</i> Staff Meeting (On-line) Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Wed 08/03	7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Parish Council (On-line)
Thurs 08/04	7:30 a.m. † 7:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</i> Taize Prayer Service (Church)
Fri 08/05	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
Sun 08/07	19th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</i>

ONE CHILD ONE BACKPACK DONATIONS



We will be collecting backpacks and monetary donations through August 14th. Backpacks can be placed in the bin in the east vestibule at church or brought to the parish office for Amy. Monetary donations may be placed in the designated donation boxes in either vestibule.

Thank you for your support of children in Ghana.



Thanks to all those who contributed to the capital campaign, To Teach Who Christ Is, over the past five years. We were able to put a new roof and new windows on the Church and we are in the process of completing work on our boiler which were the three designated projects. Your generosity made it all possible. With the monies that remain we will repay the Archdiocese for some repairs they did to the rectory, paint the church and re-pave the parking lot.



**Congratulations to our
St. James Day honorees:**

**Sr. Janet Stelken, PBVM -
Spirit and Light Award**

Joseph O'Shea - Rastatter Award

**Well done good and faithful servants.
We are grateful to you and all of our
volunteers for your dedicated service to
our community.**



What a day! Thank you to all who so generously shared their time, talent and treasure on Sunday to make our St. James Day celebration such a delightful celebration of our community! Special thanks to Mary Ann and the Fellowship Committee for all of their planning, our photographer Eddie, to those who arrived early and stayed late to set up and clean up, who shared their food creations, who helped retrieve the tents from the school roof where the wind deposited them, and moved the whole set up from the parking lot to the courtyard. Everyone played a part and once again proved that we are better together!



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Paul Freeman
Juanita James
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick:

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Aaylia Cooper

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Marvelean Doss
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