

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. (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.

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# 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

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**JANUARY 22, 2023** 



## ON THE WAY.....



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

Something of a potpourri this Sunday:

Pope Francis has established each Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God that is "to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." The Holy Father encourages faith communities to give the sacred texts a place of honor. We are particularly grateful for those who proclaim the Word of God in our community, the lectors (and cantors who lead the psalm response.) Their dedication to this ministry helps the Bible to come alive as a living word instead of a dead letter. St. James offers short Bible Studies throughout the year to help every parishioner to deepen their spiritual foundation in the word of God. The next course will be offered during Lent via Zoom.

We are in the middle of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which is held January 18-25. This idea of a period of prayer for Christian unity originated in a conversation of Fr. Paul Wattson with an English clergyman, Rev. Spencer Jones. In 1907 Jones suggested that a day be set aside for prayer for Christian unity. Fr. Paul Wattson agreed with the concept but offered the idea of an octave of prayer between the Feast of St. Peter's Chair on January 18 (which in the revised calendar is celebrated on February 22, supplanted this year by Ash Wednesday) and the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21). Many of us have family members who belong to different denominations. Today would be a good occasion to reach out and learn something of their tradition.

January 22, 1973 was when the Supreme Court issued the Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion throughout the United States. For many years January 22 was remembered as Right to Life Day. The United States Bishops several years ago established a prayer to be celebrated on this day: "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." Since this year January 22 is a Sunday the commemoration has been moved to the following day. Subsequent Supreme Court decisions have mitigated the impact of impact of Roe v. Wade but reverencing the gift of human life from cradle to grave is a constant part of Catholic Social teaching.

Finally, the second collection today is for the Church in Latin America. The Missionary Servants are present in Mexico, Honduras, Costa Rica, Colombia, Haiti and Puerto Rico. The Church in these countries is grateful for the generosity of more affluent nations to support their efforts in building up the faith. The US Catholic Church has been enriched with the presence of many immigrants from Latin America in recent years.

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

Sun 01/22	3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
П	9:30 a.m. Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line)  https://zoom.us/j/622647147  Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)  For The People of St. James
Mon 01/23	7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)  † Sisters of St. Agnes by Sister Bernadette
Tues 01/24	7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)  † Herb Eaton by Sister Bernadette
Wed 01/25	7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Thurs 01/26	7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line) 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Committee (On-line)
Fri 01/27	7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line) † Eleanor Eaton by Sister Bernadette
Sun 01/29	4th Sunday In Ordinary Time
	9:30 a.m. Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line)  https://zoom.us/j/622647147  Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)  Beatrice Fojtl by Amy Pellettiere



Mark you calendars:
African-American Heritage Sunday
will be celebrated at St. James on
February 19.

# **Cultivating Nonviolence: Harvesting Peace**

Nonviolence is a way of life grounded in a deeply-held moral conviction. It is a method of confronting conflict or oppression that seeks to honor life.

# Register for Cultivating Nonviolence: Harvesting Peace

This 8-session program equips participants to respond to conflict with persistence, discipline, and courage, in order to end oppression and establish peace that honors the human dignity of all parties.



Thursdays beginning 2/9 6:30-8:30PM

St. James Rectory & Zoom

Advance registration required at https://bit.ly/SJNONVIOLENCE





## Saint of the Week

St. Marianne Cope immigrated to the USA from Germany when she was a child. A gifted leader, she oversaw schools, hospitals, and missions during her long life. Most notably, she volunteered to provide care to those outcast with leprosy in Hawaii.

## **Prayer**

Prayer for St. Marianne Cope's intercession

Lord Jesus, you who gave us your commandment of love of God and neighbor, and identified yourself in a special way with the most needy of your people, hear our prayer. Faithful to your teaching, St. Marianne Cope loved and served her neighbor, especially the most desolate outcast, giving herself generously and heroically for those afflicted by leprosy. She alleviated their physical and spiritual sufferings, thus helping them to accept their afflictions with patience.

Her care and concern for others manifested the great love you have for us. Through her merits and intercession, grant us the favor which we confidently ask of you so that the people of God, following the inspiration of her life and apostolate, may practice charity towards all according to your word and example.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://www.saintmarianne.org/prayer---novena2.html)



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

https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A







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

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