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## 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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## 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

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# JULY 2, 2023

## ON THE WAY.....

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

Coming up to the Fourth of July provides an opportunity to sit back and reflect on being a citizen of the US of A in 2023. The image is not good. We are a polarized nation. This in itself is nothing new. From the founding of the republic there have been strong partisan divides. What is new (or perhaps what is newly obvious given the volume social media provides) is the demonization of those with whom one disagrees. You know longer hear about “my distinguished colleague in the opposition party;” instead names are tossed about, communist, fascist, socialist, antifa, racist, supremacist, woke. What people actually mean by those terms is anybody’s guess. What is particularly disturbing, at least from this chair, is that one of the hurled epithets is “Christian.” People are reacting to a certain brand of Christianity that does not listen to other points of view but instead insists that the way they are proposing is the only way. If you don’t agree with them you are of the devil.

Jesus who welcomed sinners, accepted invitations from Pharisees, dialogued with a Samaritan woman, learned from a Syro-phenician mother would not be as dogmatic. Jesus did not propose that the way to love your neighbor as yourself was to beat them over the head with a stick. It is incumbent on us to reclaim the title Christian from those who would appropriate it for ideological purposes. The challenge for us today if we are to be responsible citizens as Christians is to be a clear voice for the kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice and peace, while at the same time a welcoming community that trusts that every individual is made in the image and likeness of God and, hence, worth entering into a relationship. Cardinal Bernadine, of happy memory, left the legacy of the “common ground initiative” as a way of bridging divides. Some reflections on dialogue from Eugene Fisher speaking in a religious context are relevant to our current political moment.

*“The term dialogue, as opposed, say, to more neutral terms such as “discussion” or “colloquium,” serves to indicate at least the presence of clear “rules of relating.” For “discussion” can easily turn into “debate” and “colloquium,” into an impersonal form of information-sharing... The point [of dialogue] is not to convince the other side (note the Latin root for “to conquer” embedded in the term “convince”), but to search together for common understandings. Nor is dialogue a bargaining session in which one’s deeply held beliefs are “given away” or put at risk for the sake of compromise, or even for the sake of peace. In true dialogue, nothing of the self is given away, only increased by increased openness to and understanding of the other precisely in his or her “otherness.” There is no urge in true dialogue toward one side consuming the other (conversion) nor the creation of some synthesis of the two into some third reality alien to the traditions of each. It is not envisioned that the parallel lines will ever merge, only that they will travel with a more profound awareness of the path and the needs of the other.”*

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

Sun  
07/02

### 13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line)  
<https://zoom.us/j/622647147>  
Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)  
† *Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barke r*

Mon  
07/03

7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)

Tues  
07/04

7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)

Wed  
07/05

7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)  
7:00 p.m. Parish Council

Thurs  
07/06

7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)

Fri  
07/07

7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)  
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)  
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

Sun  
07/09

### 14th Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line)  
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† *for the people of St. James*



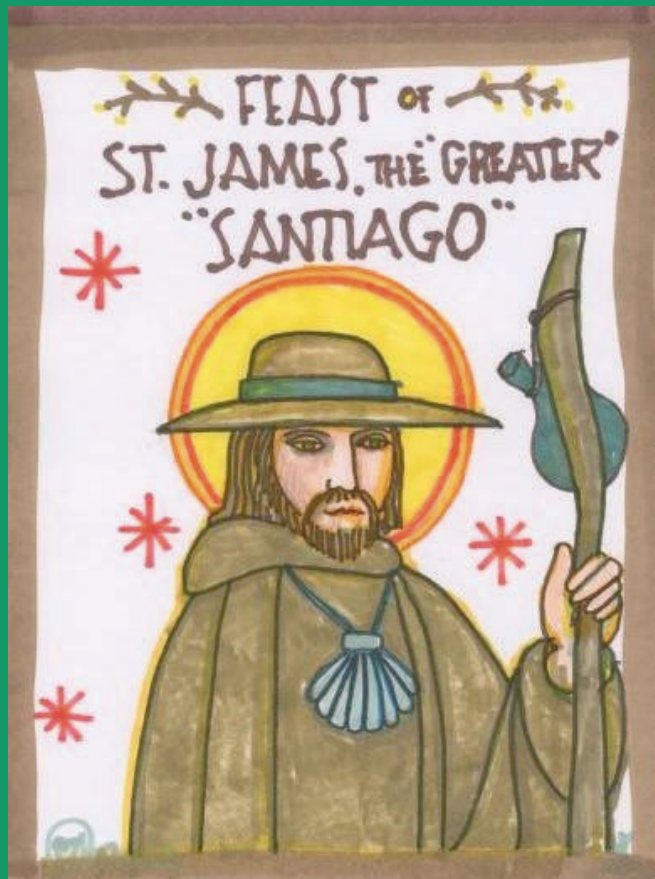
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Friday July 7th**  
**8:30 am & 6:00 pm (Chapel)**  
**Confessions available upon request**



**Office and Food Pantry  
closed Monday and  
Tuesday,  
July 3 and 4.**



**Emilia will be attending Medical College of Wisconsin classes start July 10! July 2 will be here last mass before she starts medical school. Congratulations Emilia!!! You will be missed and all are love and prayers go with you on your new journey!**



**This year St. James Day will be held on Sunday July 30th, following Mass which will be at 10:30 AM that day. We are hoping to have a truly international celebration that all will be able to enjoy. Festivities will be in the courtyard and parking lot. We are specifically looking for at least 12 people for set up on the day of the event (at 7 a.m.) as well as another 12 different people to help with clean up afterwards. Sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities are posted in the vestibules and downstairs.**

**A donation box will also be available if you are unable to attend, but still want to make a contribution. More details will follow but if you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann at 312-842-1919 ext.207**



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



**In Our Prayers**



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 Dina Williams

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 Aayliah Cooper

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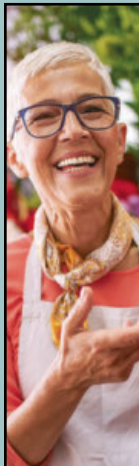
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