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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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a diverse community rooted in vibrant
Eucharistic Liturgy, serves those in need
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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.

LOCATION

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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more
than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31

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LORD,
IN YOUR
GREAT
LOVE,
PLEASE
ANSWER
ME.

Psalm 69

JUNE 25, 2023

ON THE WAY.....

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

You would think with the coming of summer that things would slow down. They haven't yet, at least for me. I came across this passage from a book by Henri Nouwen, *Making All Things New*, which captured what I've been feeling. And not just me, even retired people report they have similar feelings. Nouwen reflects on the of the commandments of Jesus: Thou shalt not worry. "Your heavenly Father knows what you need. Set your hearts on his kingdom first and all these things will be given you as well" (Matt 6:33).

"One of the most obvious characteristics of our daily lives is that we are busy. We experience our days as filled with things to do, people to meet, projects to finish, letters to write, calls to make, and appointments to keep. In fact, we are almost always aware of being behind schedule. There is a nagging sense that there are unfinished tasks, unfulfilled promises, unrealized proposals. There is always something else that we should have remembered, done, or said. There are always people we did not speak to, write to, or visit. Thus, although we are very busy, we also have a lingering feeling of never really fulfilling our obligations. The strange thing, however, is that it is very hard not to be busy. People expect us to be busy and to have many things on our minds. Often our friends say to us, "I guess you are busy, as usual," and mean it as a compliment. They reaffirm the general assumption that it is good to be busy....

More enslaving than our occupations, however, are our preoccupations. To be pre-occupied means to fill our time and place long before we are there. This is worrying in a more specific sense of the word. It is a mind filled with "ifs..." All these "ifs" fill our minds with anxious thoughts and make us wonder constantly what to do and what to say in case something should happen in the future... Our individual as well as communal lives are so deeply molded by our worries about tomorrow that today hardly can be experienced... Our occupations and preoccupations fill our external lives and internal lives to the brim. They prevent the Spirit of God from breathing freely in us and thus renewing our lives...

Jesus' response to our worry-filled lives is to shift the point of gravity, to relocate the center of our attention, to change our priorities. Jesus wants us to move from the "many things" to the "one necessary thing." Jesus does not speak about a change of activities, a change in contacts, or even a change of pace. He speaks about a change of heart. This change of heart makes everything different, even while everything appears to remain the same... When we worry, we have our hearts in the wrong place. Jesus asks us to move our hearts to the center, where all other things fall into place. What is this center? Jesus calls it the kingdom of God... To set our hearts of the kingdom means to make the life of the Spirit within and among us the center of what we think, say, or do."

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

Sun 06/25	12th 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>
Mon 06/26	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † Ivan Stankowicz by Bob Grebb
Tues 06/27	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 06/28	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Thurs 06/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 06/30	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
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) † <i>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barke</i>



St. James is looking for 1-2 people maximum for a joint domestic violence ministry in collaboration with Our Lady of Africa. Fr. Gales and LaDell Johnson, chair of OLA's ministry, is looking forward to joining forces with St. James and believes this program is very much needed in the region. Each church's ministry leaders (1-2 people) will meet to form the "governing" body and start planning activities and events for the upcoming year. For more information, please contact Father John who will be able to provide you with additional contact information.

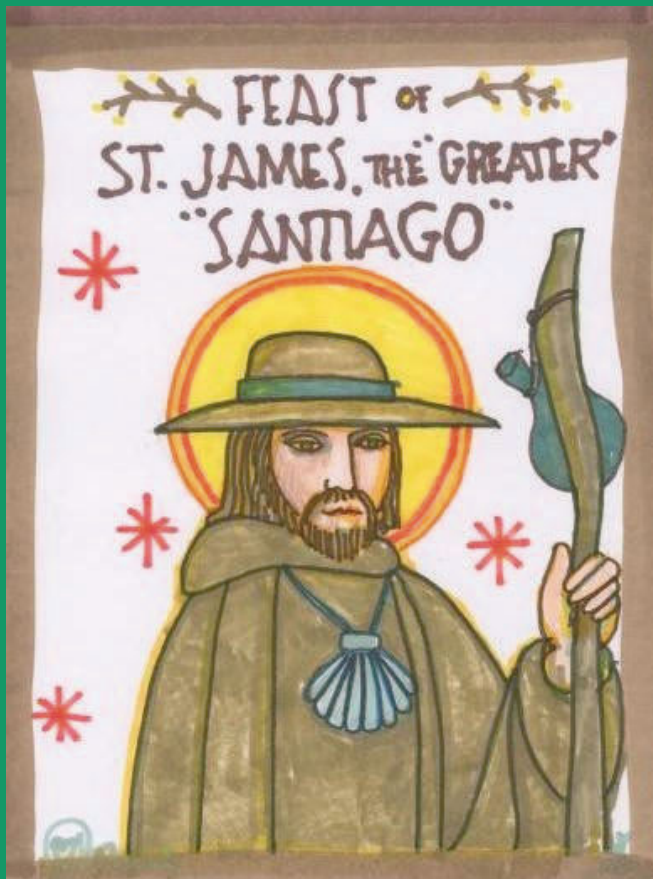


Thank you, Sr. Maria, for sharing your gifts and talents with our community during your time at St. James. We were enriched by your deep love of God, extensive knowledge of our faith, passion for forming our children, and infectious joy. God bless you in all your future endeavors.



Be aware that next Sunday is the Grant Park 220. There will be many street closures. Please check the link below to find the best route for mass.

<https://www.nbcchicago.com/nascar-chicago-street-race/nascar-chicago-street-race-road-closures-map-by-day-lake-shore-drive/3159560/>



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



Our Home Bound:

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Juanita James
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

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Aayliah Cooper

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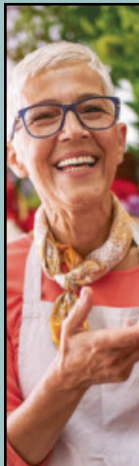
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