



# Saint James

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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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# 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word  
and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a  
hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

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## ON THE WAY.....



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

One of my theological heroes is Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor imprisoned and then killed by the Nazis in the waning days of World War II. He writes about what he calls “this-worldliness,” which is his term for taking the Incarnation of Jesus with utmost seriousness. If the Son of God chose to live a human life then it is in the arena of human life where we will find God. He was deeply suspicious of wrapping oneself in religion as a refuge from living courageously in this world. While he was in prison he wrote many letters to family and friends that have been collected. One in particular caught my attention.

Bonhoeffer wrote: “I remember a conversation that I had in America thirteen years ago with a young French pastor. We were asking ourselves quite simply what we wanted to do with our lives. He said he would like to become a saint (and I think it’s quite likely that he did become one). At the time I was very impressed, but I disagreed with him, and said, in effect, that I should like to learn to have faith. For a long time I didn’t realize the depth of the contrast. I thought I could acquire faith by trying to live a holy life, or something like it. I discovered later, and I’m still discovering right up to this moment, that it is only by living completely in this world that one learns to have faith. One must completely abandon any attempt to make something of oneself, whether it be a saint, or a converted sinner, or a churchman, a righteous man or an unrighteous one, a sick man or a health one. By this-worldliness I mean living unreservedly in life’s duties, problems, successes and failures, experiences and perplexities. In so doing we throw ourselves completely into the arms of God, taking seriously not our own sufferings but those of God in the world – watching with Christ in Gethsemane.”

We naturally tend to notice our own suffering but Bonhoeffer challenges those who are followers of Jesus to think of the “sufferings of God in the world.” To name just a few of those sufferings: war in Ukraine and Sudan, the lingering effects of racism, a generation which has turned to guns and violence due to a lack of hope, economic disparity where the richest country on earth can’t feed its children or house its families, a health care system tilted toward those who can afford it, people who are coping with the harm produced by abuse, an unwillingness to welcome those seeking asylum. I could go on and you could add your own. While these sufferings are much bigger than anything we at St. James can fix, Pastor Bonhoeffer dares us to bring these and other sufferings into our lives of faith. It is not sufficient to simply wring our hands and moan “isn’t it terrible.” We can’t do everything but we can do something. Just as Jesus embraced the troubled humanity of his time so we must do. As we think about the future of St. James we invite the whole world – good, bad and ugly – into our mission.

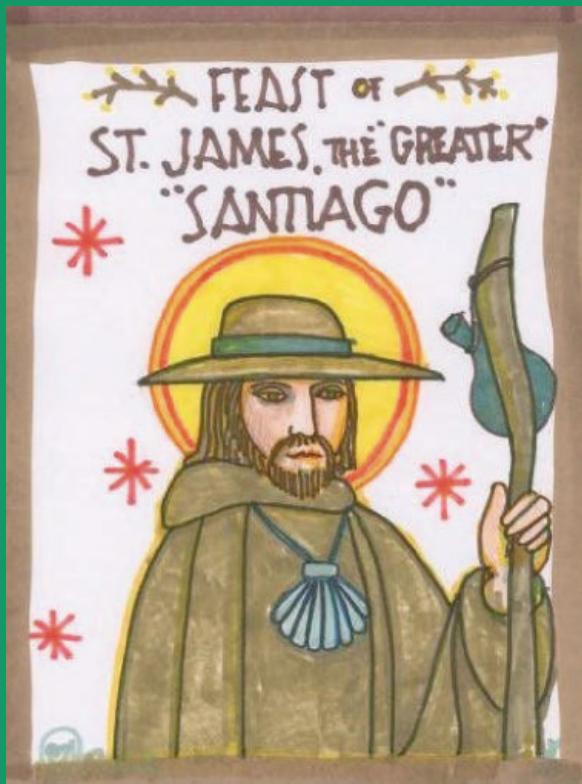
**In the Most Holy Trinity,  
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T**

<b>Sun</b> 07/16	<b>15th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Anita Pelletiere and Van Bensett by Amy Pelletiere</i>
Mon 07/17	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Mary Kay Dowling by Sister Bernadette Eaton</i>
Tues 07/18	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Carmen Bertucci by Josie Bertucci</i>
Wed 07/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Catherine Richardson by Sister Bernadette</i>
Thurs 07/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet by Sr. Bernadette</i> Social Care Board (On-line)
Fri 07/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Barbara DeChatelet by Eileen Coffey</i>
<b>Sun</b> 07/23	<b>16th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>for the people of St. James</i>



## The National BLACK CATHOLIC Congress

This week, July 20-23, Fr. John, Deacon and Mrs. Coleman and several other parishioners will be attending the National Black Catholic Congress held at National Harbor, Maryland. The Congress is held every five years to take the "spiritual temperature" of Catholicism among African-Americans and others from the African diaspora here in the US. The Congress then develops a Pastoral Plan to guide evangelization with and for Black Catholics. We will share what we learn on our return. Father Dennis Berry, S.T. will celebrate Mass next Sunday.



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.

Just 3 weeks left for St. James Day and we are still looking for volunteers to help. Sign up sheets are still located 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



## Saint of the week

Saint José Luis Sánchez del Río was a 14-year-old boy when he was put to death by Mexican government officials trying to eliminate religious freedom locally. Despite continuous public torture and his eventual murder, he refused to ever renounce his Catholic faith.

## Prayer

Dear Lord,

Help me to be courageous and steadfast in my devotion to You. Help me to identify causes and injustices in my day that are worth defending and standing up for. Give me perseverance and a desire to help others at any cost. Help me to revere Christ as the king of my life.

Saint José Sánchez del Río, pray for us.  
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <http://secretariat.synod.va/content/synod2018/en/youth-testimonies/saint-jose-sanchez-del-rio.html>)



**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:**

Victoria Allen  
Aayliah Cooper

Joe Cunningham  
Patsy Cunningham  
Marvelean Doss  
Claude Fisher  
Paul Kanzer  
Linda Griffin Kennard  
Nancy McCarthy  
Dot Nachel  
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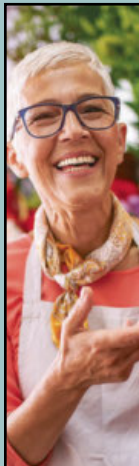
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