



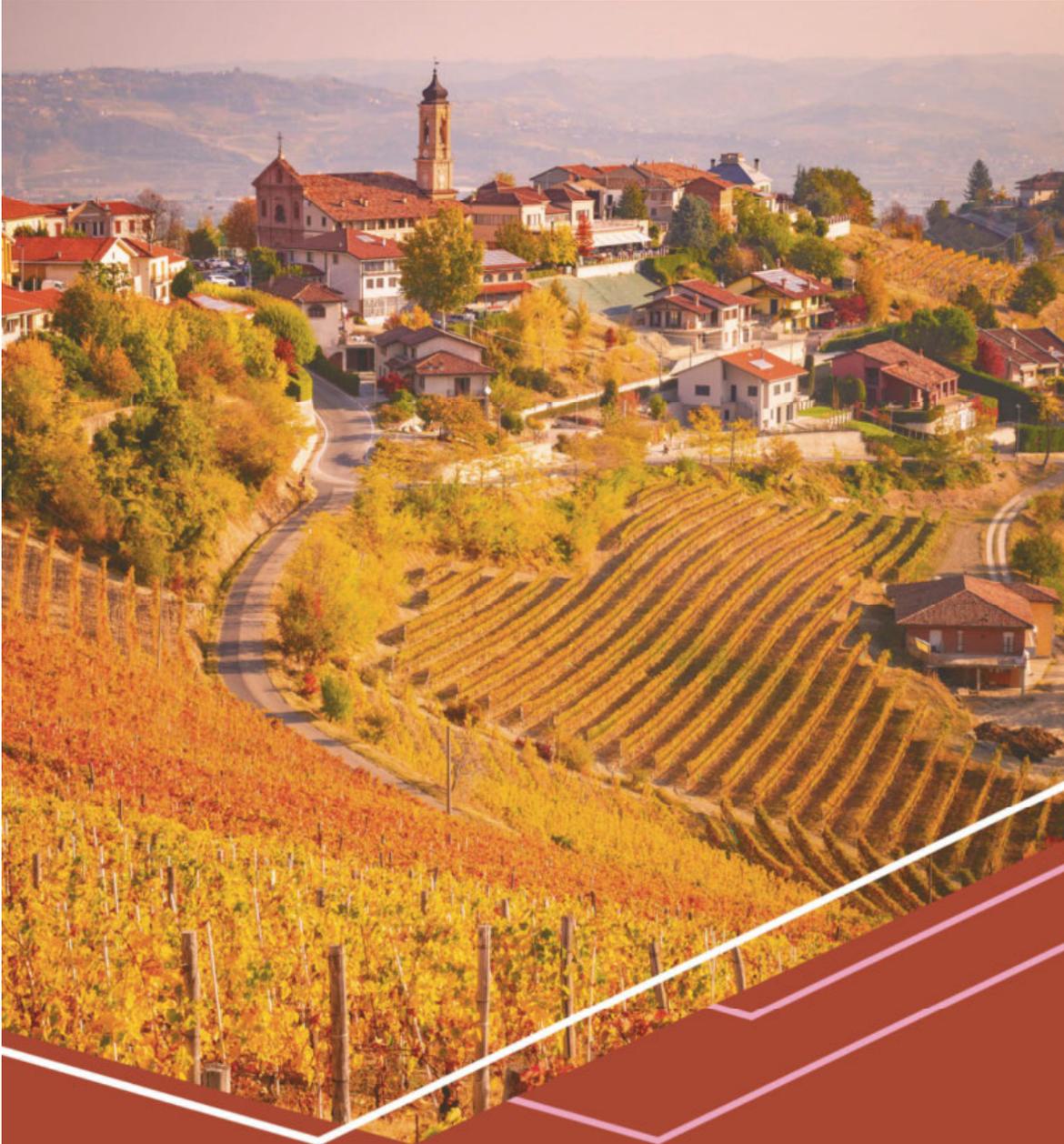
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9:30 a.m.
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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.” - Mt 11:28

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JULY 9, 2023

ON THE WAY.....



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

If you can remember all the way back in Lent, as a help to us in “building the new reality,” the Arch asked us to complete the Disciple Maker Index survey. 89 parishioners, out of about 160 who come to Mass on a Sunday completed the survey. This high percentage bodes well that the input you provided on a number of aspects of faith and community life here at St. James reflects the parish as a whole. As you will recall, the survey asked questions about each parishioner’s own journey of discipleship and how the parish and the pastor are doing to support you along the way. The next step is to look at the data in some depth and use it to help us to formulate a pastoral plan on how we might improve as a parish. I have shared access to the data with several parishioners who have some expertise in dealing with such analysis. Over the next several months this ad hoc committee and I will sit down together and dive into the data to review and interpret the results so that we can pick out two or three salient points that the parish can respond to in a concrete manner. The pastoral council and the various committees will then receive a comprehensive report on what was garnered as a guide to next steps. Following that initial assessment, we will then identify actions to address specific areas of growth – whether it be across the parish as a whole or for me, personally, as your pastor.

I am grateful to everyone in our parish for what you contributed through this survey. It is clear to me that we, as a community of faith, are hungry to grow closer to our Lord and to assist one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. I look forward to sharing more in the coming months and working with all of you to continue renewing our local Church and our community.

Those who have been around the block a few times remember other such surveys and initiatives. My commitment is that your voice has been heard and is being taken seriously. Additionally, the Archdiocese is planning a Day of Renewal in September to connect our efforts here at St. James to the larger spiritual renewal efforts underway across the Archdiocese. One of the early observations looking at the data is that we need to communicate better as a parish – both pastor to people, staff and committee to one another, and parishioner to parishioner. I have no doubt improved communication will be one of our action steps. This is a down payment of what is to come.

The one thing the survey made clear – we love St. James. But the other thing that is clear is that we can’t sit on our hands and pretend that everything is OK. There is work to be done that will involve all of us in our Christian responsibilities to bring good news into a hurting world. I have a great deal of confidence that our future is bright as we work together in building toward the future.

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

Sun 07/09	14th 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 07/10	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Tues 07/11	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 07/12	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Thurs 07/13	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 07/14	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sun 07/16	15th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Anita Pellettiere and Van Bensett by Amy Pellettiere</i>



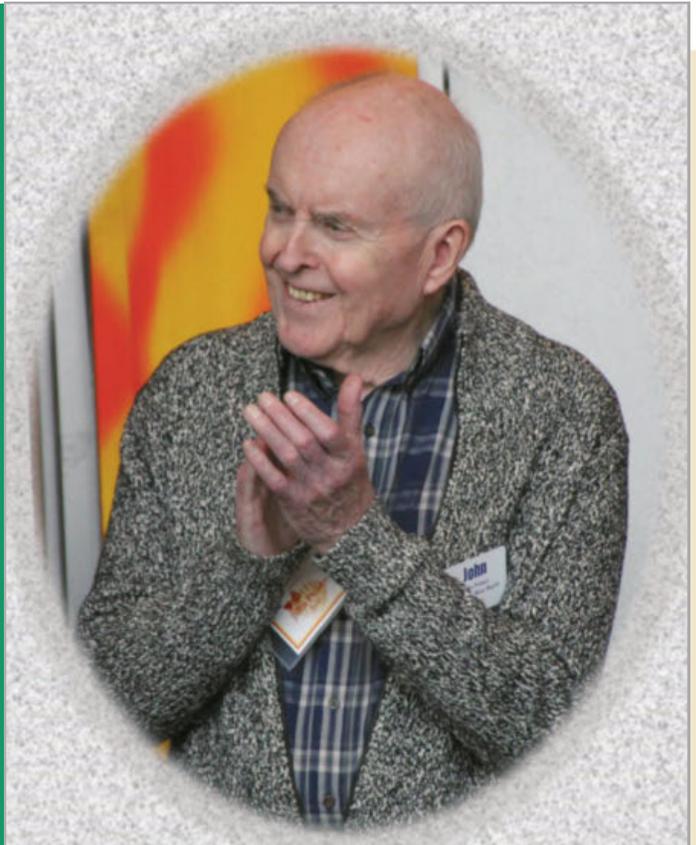
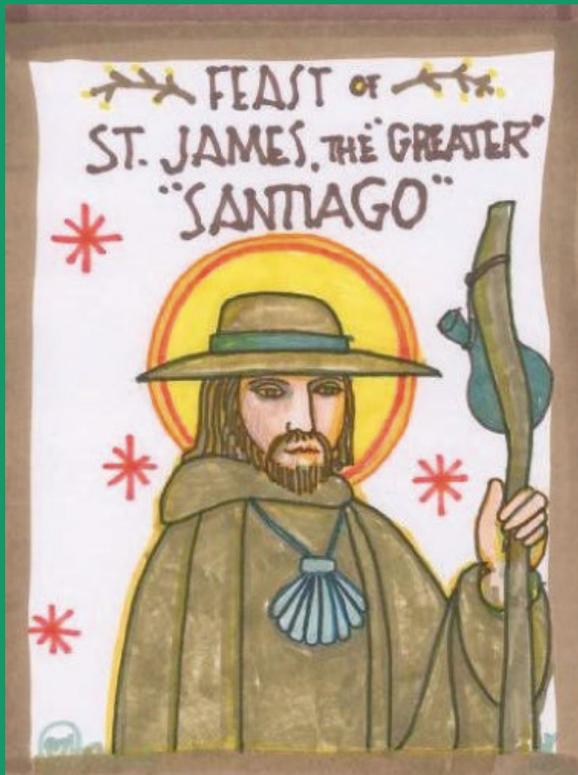
**The National
BLACK CATHOLIC
Congress**

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



We give our best wishes and good luck to John as he moves to Madison Wisconsin where he will be living with his family. We hope to see him on an occasional visit here whenever possible but we want to wish him God's peace and love on this new journey in John's life.

Love be with you

Love be with you

Peace Surround you

Peace surround you

The presence of God be with you

The presence of God be with you.



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



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Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick:

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