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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.

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

“Are you envious because I am generous?”  
Thus, the last will be first, and the first  
will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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The Lord  
is near  
to all those  
who *call*  
upon him.

PSALM 145

# SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

## ON THE WAY.....



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

Tomorrow the deacon and I and five parishioners will join with others from the Archdiocese in Rosemont for a Day of Renewal. This is a one-day gathering of parish leadership to join in prayer and share examples of the spiritual renewal underway in our parishes. The day will re-ground us in the vision of renewal and dedicate time to celebrate the importance of the Eucharistic celebration as the source and summit of our lives and the missionary discipleship to which we are called. Following several years of parish structural changes, this is an important moment in the life of our local Church, and we are excited to come together and find inspiration from the Holy Spirit and one another as we answer the Lord's call: Renew My Church. We are called by Christ to work together for the renewal of our local Church. By praying together, learning together, and sharing with one another, this gathering will offer us a shared experience of inspiration and practical insights for the spiritual renewal of our parishes.

This will be one more piece of information in the work of St. James as we strive to adopt a "culture of evangelization." Even though St. James was not required to make any structural changes at the end of the Renew My Church process, we are nonetheless called to change the way we operate as a parish. The Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization has provided us with some suggested action steps we should take in this process. The Parish Vitality Coordinator for our Vicariate, Sherry Schmidt, is working with us to find the right structures to promote effective ministry. A group of parishioners is analyzing the data we received from the Disciple Maker Index taken during Lent. There has been a visioning committee working for the past six months or so who have developed five ministerial imperatives to guide the parish on the way to becoming a Beloved Community. And, of course, the Parish Council continues to look for ways to improve parish life.

All of this input can be overwhelming at times. Where to put our focus and energy? We can't do everything at once but we need to do something. I recently read a book about business called *Good to Great* by Jim Collins. The title struck me because we are a good parish but what do we need to do to become a great one. One thing he stresses is leadership – what he calls having the right people driving the bus. As I think about next steps for us at St. James I envision a new generation of leaders. We have been through many struggles as a parish – fire, closing of the parish school, destruction of our worship space, demographic change, changing pastors. We owe so much to those who guided us through all that. But now is a new moment. We have new challenges before us that will demand creativity and energy. I am confident that God has given us the people with the necessary gifts and talents to bring us into future. Let's go!

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

Sun 09/24	<b>25th 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)
	† 11:00 p.m.	<b>for the people of St. James</b> LGBTQ+ Ministry (Rectory)
Mon 09/25	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Tues 09/26	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 09/27	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <b>James and Erma Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</b>
Thurs 09/28	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 09/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sun 10/01	<b>26th 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) † <b>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</b>

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**Father John will be in Holy Trinity, Alabama for his annual retreat September 26 to October 5. Thanks to Fr. Bill for celebrating Mass on October 1.**



**A Little Bit of Your Help will Go A long Way!**

St. James Food Pantry is currently looking for your help. We are asking for volunteers to help on

Monday mornings between 9:00 am. & 1:00 pm. Volunteers can assist in making calls to Homebound Seniors and people who are physically challenged (there are over 300 Participants in this program). Or, you can assist with packing delivery client choice orders. (Approximately 50 families are delivered to each week). We also are looking for help delivering groceries on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Clients who participate in this service are able to request food items. So many of the seniors look forward to having their request made. However, many of the items wanted are not always donated or available through the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Items can be purchased at dollar Tree for a reasonable price of \$1.25 and a right size for our senior customers.

Please bring any of the following items to Mass every second Sunday and make the day for people who are receiving deliveries:

- Ketchup, Mustard, BBQ Sauce, Mayo, Salad Dressing, Honey, Sugar, Syrup, Grits, Pancake mix, Instant Coffee, Sardines, Manwich, Chili, Tea Bags, Spam, Jello, Hot Chocolate Mix, Mouthwash, Body Lotion

Your time talent or treasure is very much welcome and appreciated.



**Saint of the week**

In Tlaxcala, Mexico, in the early 1500s, three indigenous boys embraced Catholicism after encountering Spanish Franciscan friars. Their names were Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan. Each was martyred for their faith, making them the first Catholic martyrs on the continent.

**Prayer**

Holy Trinity, I deeply venerate your generosity and infinite majesty, for the firmness that you granted to the children Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan, who, at the beginning of the evangelization of Mexico, and despite their young ages, were filled with immense love for carrying the word of your kingdom without stopping to think about the fear of suffering.

With their verve and their martyrdom, we inherited an example of an unbreakable and sincere faith. For the preference you had for these children, confer the special grace that, through their intercession, I ask of you (make your request).

Amen.



**Finance Corner**

Collection Sept 10: \$1816.25

Year to date (from January 1) 2023 \$150,634. In 2022 it was \$145,403.97. An increase of \$5,230.08

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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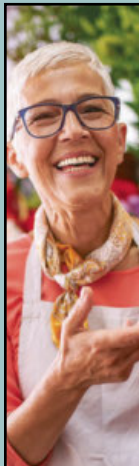
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