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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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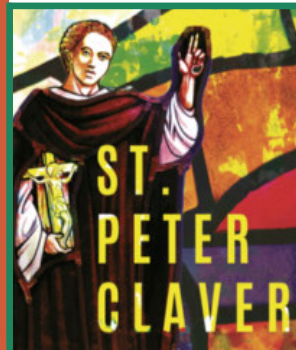
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## 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes  
to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life  
for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

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## ON THE WAY.....



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

In some older Catholic Churches there are seven steps leading up to the altar. This symbolizes that in the pre-Vatican II Church there were seven steps on the way to the priesthood: four minor orders (acolyte, exorcist, lector, porter) and three major orders (subdeacon, deacon, priest.) In the earliest church these were not steps on the way to priesthood but each was a distinct ministry. It was only over time that all of the ministries were subsumed in the role of the priest. In the Roman Rite, Vatican II reformed this structure by doing away with the office of Sub-deacon, and the ministries of exorcist and porter. The Office of Deacon became not just a stepping stone to priesthood but a distinct ministry in the Church (the permanent deacon.) And the ministries of acolyte and lector were recognized as distinct roles in the life of the Church. In the days immediately after Vatican II there were lectors and acolytes, of course, but they were not installed in those ministries in any kind of formal way. Conferral of the ministries is by the ordinary: either a diocesan bishop or, in the case of clerical religious institutes, a major superior. In fact, memories of previous practice until recently has limited those receiving the ministries to priesthood or deacon candidates. Candidates for diaconate and for the priesthood must receive both ministries and exercise them for some time before receiving holy orders. The two ministries that are in use throughout the Latin Church could, in theory, be conferred even on persons who are not candidates for holy orders. It is only now that these ministries are coming into their own.

In 2021, Pope Francis established that from now on the ministries of Lector and Acolyte are to be open to women. There is nothing new about women proclaiming the Word of God during liturgical celebrations or carrying out a service at the altar as altar servers or as Eucharistic ministers. In many communities throughout the world these practices are already authorized by local bishops. However, up to this point, this has occurred without a true and proper institutional mandate, since Pope St Paul VI, even while abolishing the so-called “minor orders”, decided to maintain that access to these ministries be granted only to men because both were considered to be preparatory to the eventual admission to holy orders. Pope Francis wanted to formalize and institutionalize the presence of women at the altar. The Pope wrote: “a doctrinal development has been arrived at in these last years that has brought to light how certain ministries instituted by the Church have as their basis the common condition of being baptized and the royal priesthood received in the Sacrament of Baptism.” The Pope, therefore, invites us to recognize that what is under discussion are lay ministries “fundamentally distinct from the ordained ministry that is received through the Sacrament of Holy Orders... It is urgent that ministries for men and women be promoted and conferred... It is the Church made up of baptized men and women that we must consolidate, promoting forms of ministry and, above all, an awareness of baptismal dignity.”

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

Sun 09/03	<b>22nd 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 a.m.	<b>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis</b> Ladies of Peter Claver (Rectorry)
Mon 09/04	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <b>Tom Raclaw by Gregory and Janice Raclaw</b>
Tues 09/05	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <b>James Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting (On-line)
	6:00 p.m.	Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Wed 09/06	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <b>Patrick Duffy by Mary Olsen</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council (On-line)
Thurs 09/07	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <b>Ginny Picken by Paul and Ann Kanzer</b>
Fri 09/08	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sun 09/10	<b>23rd 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>for the people of St. James</b>



Welcome Fr. Jesus Ramirez,  
ST, General Custodian of the  
Missionary Servants of the  
Most Holy Trinity





**Let Justice and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

## FARM AND PRAYER LABYRINTH WALK

**Sunday, September 10 | 12 - 2 p.m.**  
**St. James Parish,**  
**2907 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago**



In celebration of the Season of Creation, tour the St. James Just Roots Community Farm and walk our prayer labyrinth. Start with a tour of the farm at noon and learn about the exciting new programs. Directions for walking the labyrinth will be provided.



Join us for an evening of song and reflection in the Taize tradition

*Taize Prayer*

Tuesday, September 12, at 7pm  
Free and open to all

St. James on Wabash  
21 East 29th Street

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# Blessed

is the family who delights in the **Word of the Lord**, and meditates on it day and night.

The family will be like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in its season.

*Psalm 1*

Just a friendly reminder that Sunday School begins right after Mass on 9/10/23. Registration is required prior to attending. Please see Mary Ann if you have any concerns or email her at [faithformation@stjameswabash.org](mailto:faithformation@stjameswabash.org) New to the program is that parents will be required to participate along with their student on the second Sunday of each month - September through June with the exception of December. We look forward to including the most important role models in our youth's faith formation.



## Disciple Engagement Fair

**Sunday**

**September 10th**

**After 9:30AM Mass**

**St. James lower level**

As engaged disciples of Christ, we are called to take ownership for our community and help build the Kingdom of God. Join us at the Disciple Engagement Fair to discover where you can best



**New Ministry:**  
**LGBTQIA+ persons,**  
**family and friends**

Do you or someone you love identify as LGBTQIA+? The unique life journey for those who identify as LGBTQ+ creates a different relationship to one's family, community, and God. Students and parishioners are

welcome to join us for an inaugural gathering in the rectory after Mass on 9/24 to explore how we can best accompany each other on this unique journey in a non-judgmental and nurturing community.

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  
Sandra Reynolds  
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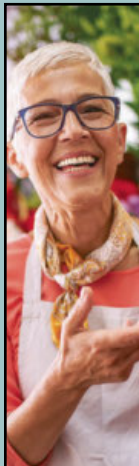
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