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SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.

*1:00 p.m.

*Español/Spanish
(Church & On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m.

(Chapel & On-line)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the
Month

8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
(Chapel)

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

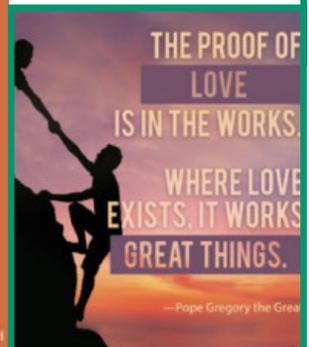
"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame,
the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.
For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

- Lk 14:13-14

22º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Al contrario, cuando des un banquete, invita a los pobres, a los lisiados, a los
cojos y a los ciegos; y así serás dichoso, porque ellos no tiene con qué pagarte;
pero ya se te pagará, cuando resuciten los justos".

- Lc 14, 13-14



AUGUST 31, 2025

ON THE WAY....

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

Our new Holy Father, Chicago's own Pope Leo XIV, has sparked an interest in his predecessor, Pope Leo XIII, who was head of the Catholic Church from 1878 until his death in 1903. During his time the excesses of the industrial revolution were obvious. An unchecked capitalism led to the exploitation of workers and of the environment. Pope Leo XIII wrote an encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, to address this imbalance by proposing the value of labor unions. As we celebrate Labor Day in this country it might be informative to look at the lessons we can draw from that encyclical and from Catholic social teaching since to see how they might apply to our contemporary situation.

Pope Leo XIII recognized that organized labor was the only reliable way to protect the rights, safety, and well-being of workers and their families. Unions led to the creation of a five-day work week, eight-hour work day, pensions and benefits for families, living wages for workers, and safe working conditions. Leo argued that both capitalism and communism are flawed. *Rerum Novarum* introduced the idea of subsidiarity, the principle that political and social decisions should be taken at a local level, if possible, rather than by a central authority, into Catholic social thought.

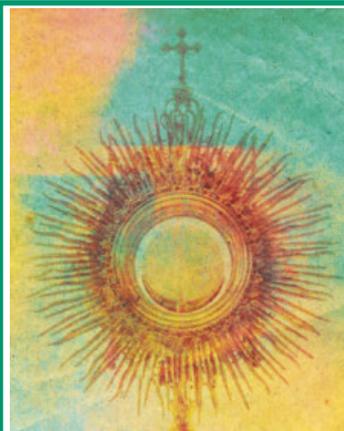
The encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno*, (translated as "forty years later") written by Pope Pius XI in 1931, extends and enriches the social teachings put forth by Pope Leo XIII in *Rerum Novarum*. While Leo XIII addressed the challenges and injustices of the Industrial Revolution, Pius XI confronts the evolving economic realities of the early 20th century, emphasizing both the rights and responsibilities intertwined with capitalism and the role of the Church in guiding social reform. Pius acknowledges the progress made since Leo's time but insists on further dialogue and action to achieve social justice and harmony. He insists that the Church has an inherent obligation to comment on social matters where moral law is concerned, carving out its authoritative voice in social and economic discussions, while respecting the limits of scientific and technical domains.

In St. John Paul II's 1981 encyclical, *Laborem Exercens* (On Human Work written on the 90th anniversary of Pope Leo's encyclical), the pope calls for the rights of workers through a just wage, adequate rest, safe working conditions, unemployment benefits, injury and disability subsidies, pensions and parental leave, and work that upholds moral integrity and personal dignity. We have a moral imperative to protect the rights of workers within today's economic system.

Pope Francis's perspective on the economy challenges the status quo, urging a shift towards systems that prioritize human dignity and social equity. His teachings resonate with a growing call for reform in how economies operate, particularly in addressing the needs of the marginalized and ensuring that economic growth benefits all members of society. His insights are crucial for understanding the intersection of faith, economics, and social justice in contemporary discussions. As the church continues the struggle against what Pope Francis calls an "economy that kills," Catholics must decide how to uphold human dignity. Unions may be imperfect, but as Pope Leo XIII and John Paul II pointed out, they are a reliable way to protect the rights of workers.

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

Sun 8/31	22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	† 1:00 p.m.	<i>Issa Tall by Cathy Moore</i> Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 9/01	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Bill Norris by John and MaryAnn McNichols</i>
Tue 9/02	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Peter Pantoratto by B.Scott and Dorothy McCoy</i>
Wed 9/03	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Maureen Walsh by Salvatore and Deborah Monforti</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council (On-line)
Thurs 9/04	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Edward Robinson by Juanita Alebriosu</i>
Fri 9/05	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>James Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</i>
	8:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Sun 9/07	23rd 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 Barker</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Mass SPRED - English (Presentation Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)



Eucharistic Adoration Friday

September 5
8:30 am & 6:00 pm
(Chapel)

Confessions available upon request

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



St. James on Wabash
21 East 29th Street
www.stjameswabash.org

Wednesday
September 10
7:00 p.m.
Free and open to all!

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If we do not
teach our child
to follow
Jesus,
the world will
teach them
not to.

Save the date - at St. James, Sunday School is open to all children, Catholic and non-Catholic. Sunday School is held from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. in the lower level of St. James. This year our first session will begin on Sunday September 14th. We have a special event planned at the Food Pantry after mass where a light lunch will also be provided. All parents are asked to attend with their child if they will be enrolled in the program.

Please contact Mary Ann at
faithformation@stjameswabash.org or
312-896-1911 ext. 207

Registration information will follow in next weeks
bulletin and newsletter.
Be on the lookout!

Who is O.C.I.A. for?

- Those in need of Baptism
- Those baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic
- Those baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 28:19

What is O.C.I.A.?

O.C.I.A. is centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded. This journey takes place through a process over a period of time.

O.C.I.A.

(Formerly, R.C.I.A.)

Order of Christian Initiation
of Adults

Questions

Please contact Mary Ann at faithformation@stjameswabash.org or you may call 312-842-1919 ext. 207

Sponsors

Each Inquirer shares their journey with a team of parishioners and a Catholic sponsor. The sponsor is a baptized and confirmed Catholic, who is at least 16-years-old, and who is active in the Church.

PROCESS

O.C.I.A. is a gradual process by which an interested person becomes a member of the Catholic Church. O.C.I.A. marks the various steps on the way to full commitment within the Catholic Church in five specific periods.

Prayer for Humility

Dear God,
Mold my heart after Yours.
Help me to see myself as You see me: surrounded by Your love. Help me to see others as You see them as well. Give me knowledge of your ways, today and always.
Amen.



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

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Margie Bass
Paul Freeman
Orean Perry
Juanita James
Barbara Southhall

Our Sick:
Aayliah Cooper
Patsy Cunningham

Marvelean Doss
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