

Saint James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. James Roman Catholic Church,
a diverse community rooted in vibrant
Eucharistic Liturgy, serves those in need
in partnership with others.



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the Most Holy Trinity*



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.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the
Month

8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

(Chapel)

CONFESSION

Every Sunday before &
after 9:30 a.m. Mass

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Now I have seen and testified that he is the
Son of God.” - Jn 1:34

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ON THE WAY....



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

Ordinary time. The weeks between the Christmas season and Lent begin Ordinary time (not in the sense that these Sundays are blah and uninteresting but Ordinary as sharing the same root as “ordinal,” meaning something defined by the position in a series.) During Ordinary time this year we will read from the Gospel of Matthew to help us come to know and encounter Christ. (Each year we highlight a different one of the gospels.) We will have the opportunity to see Jesus in action – what he said and did while he ministered among us. The first readings are designed to serve as a companion or commentary on the gospel. The second readings, mostly epistles of Paul, are chosen independently and are read chapter by chapter. The next five weeks will follow this pattern leading up to Ash Wednesday. Then after the Easter Season we will pick up Ordinary time again.

Ordinary Time provides the framework for what Christian life is all about as we strive to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. We learn from him how to be transformed by the love of God to serve our neighbors and to do our small bit in bringing forth the Kingdom Jesus proclaimed. As these five weeks flow from Christmas into Lent we are called to situate our faith in Jesus in the reality of his life. During the Christmas season we focus on the incarnation, what it means that God is with us, Emmanuel. We welcomed Christ into our hearts and homes. In Ordinary time we shift focus to understand what it means to become Christ in the world. We need to attend to how Christ works in us, through us, and within us. With Lent on the horizon during these five weeks we are also attentive to the fact that becoming Christ in the world will include taking up our cross as Jesus took up his.

The traditional way of talking about a closer walk with Jesus is becoming holy. Modern people shy away from that term. Holiness stinks a little of incense and doesn't seem to fit into a world of instagram, 500 TV channels and McDonalds. But we should embrace thinking about becoming holy since holy is God's ordinariness! Yes, God is other, totally other from us. Despite that, God has a love for humanity, a love that Jesus asks us to reflect as we interact with a hurting world. If you think about it the birth of Jesus is the miracle of the ordinary becoming holy. What could be ordinary than a child being born – it's something we have in common with Jesus. But his life demonstrates that a human being can be the bearer of holiness. St. Paul in his epistles articulates that becoming holy involves following Jesus up Calvary's hill. Jesus' call for us to right living which is summarized in the Sermon on the Mount in St. Matthew's gospel will be the focus of the fourth and fifth week of Ordinary time. We will then turn to the season of Lent as we hear a deeper invitation into the holiness Christ desires for us.

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

Sun 01/18	The 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † For The People of St. James
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)
Mon 01/19	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † Nancy McCarthy by Kristen Helwig
Tue 01/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ
Wed 01/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † Sisters of St. Agnes by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ
	6:30 p.m.	Evangelization Committee (On-line)
Thurs 01/22	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Fri 01/23	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † Eleanor Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ
Sun 01/25	The 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † For The People of St. James



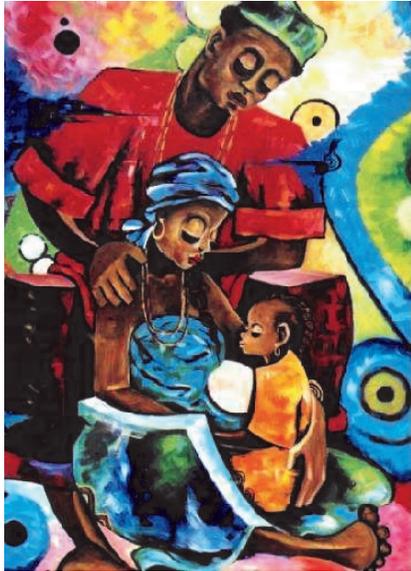
St. James Food Pantry News

The new White Sox slugger will donate \$100 grocery gift certificates to 100 Chicago families served by the St. James Food Pantry who face food insecurity in order to help brightened their holiday gatherings.

St. James Food Pantry is operated by St. James Social Care (SJSC), a service mission provided by the St. James Catholic Church, located in Bronzeville, just east of Rate Field. Through the food pantry, SJSC strives to provide nutritious food and education to low-income families without regard to religious affiliation. St. James Food Pantry is the only pantry serving people in need in the neighborhoods closest to the ballpark - including Bronzeville, Bridgeport, South Loop and Chinatown.

Murakami also will donate \$10,000 to the Food Pantry to support its ongoing efforts to help Chicagoans.

The White Sox and Chicago White Sox Charities are longstanding supporters of the St. James Food Pantry with nearly \$175,000 in grant funding to date and regular volunteer support via the White Sox Volunteer Corps.



African-American Heritage Sunday will be held on February 8. See the sign up sheets on how you can help.



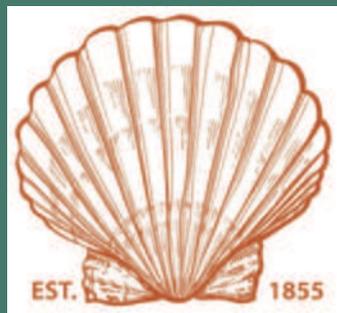
Virtues, Explained!

Our modern Catholic understanding of peace is derived from the Hebrew concept of *shalom*, or wholeness, and refers not just to an absence of violence but to a personal reconciliation with one's Creator.

Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,
Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide.
Remind us of our identity in You: loved, called, and equipped for mission.
Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step.
Amen.

Fr. John will be away Monday through Friday attending meetings with his community.



Next Sunday, January 25, Brother Javier will be ordained a deacon at the 9:30am Mass here at St. James by Bishop Daniel Turley, OSA.



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
Claude Fisher
Paul Kanzer
Linda Griffin Kennard
Mel Keys
Samuel Akuo Opong Duah
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