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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.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the
Month
8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
(Chapel)

CONFESSION

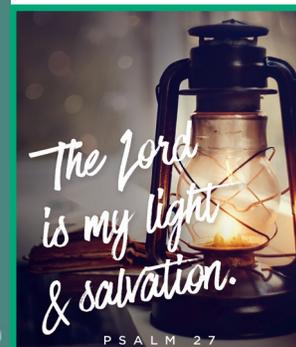
Every Sunday before &
after 9:30 a.m. Mass

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Mt 4:19

3^{er} DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Sígueme y los haré pescadores de hombres”.
- Mt 4, 19



JANUARY 25, 2026

ON THE WAY....



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

The ministry of the deacon goes back to the time of the apostles. According to ACTS 6 the apostles felt they were doing too much administrative work which was hindering their preaching and missionary activities. They proposed that a new group be chosen to serve (the Greek word from which we get deacon means servant) the needs of the community. As ACTS demonstrates, however, the first group of deacons quickly started preaching and teaching as well. St. Stephen, who is considered the first martyr for the faith, was one of the original group of deacons. Structures in the early church were very fluid but St. Paul in some of his epistles talks mentions deacons who serve in the local churches. Of great interest today, Paul also mentions a female deacon, Phoebe in Romans 16:1-2 of the church in Cenchreae. Despite several pontifical commissions exploring the possibility of having female deacons in the contemporary Church the lack of clarity about what exactly Phoebe and her cohort might have done has prevented any decision about the issue. A biblical description of the qualities required of a deacon can be found in 1 Timothy 3:1-13.

For the first centuries of the Church deacons were frequently the administrators of a local community. In Rome of the earliest period you year of deacons being chosen to become pope because of their ability to run things. However, over time the office of deacon faded in importance. Beginning around the fifth century, there was a gradual decline in the diaconate as a permanent state of life in the Catholic Church. By the middle ages, the development of a cursus honorum (sequence of offices) found men entering the clerical state through tonsure, then ordination to the minor orders of lector, porter, exorcist, acolyte before ordination to the major orders of sub-deacon and deacon, all stages on the path to priesthood. Only men destined for priesthood were permitted to be ordained deacons. As seminaries developed, following the Council of Trent, to contemporary times, the only men ordained as deacons were seminarians who were completing the last year or so of graduate theological training, so-called transitional deacons. Brother Javier is a transitional deacon

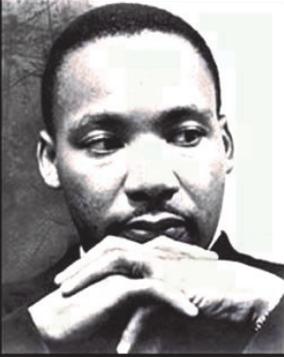
Permanent deacons, like Deacon Coleman, became an office following the Second Vatican Council. Since permanent deacons are not bound by celibacy, married men serve the Church in this way. They have played a vital role in the life of the Church since Vatican II. During the Mass, the deacon's responsibilities include assisting the priest, proclaiming the Gospel, announcing the General Intercessions, and distributing Communion. They may also preach the homily. As clerics, deacons are required to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. Deacons, like priests and bishops, are ordinary ministers of the sacrament of Baptism and may witness at the sacrament of holy matrimony outside of Mass. Deacons may lead funeral rites outside Mass such as the final commendation at the gravesite or the reception of the body at a service in the funeral home, and may assist the priest at the requiem Mass. They can also preside over various services such as Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and they may give certain blessings. Deacons cannot hear confession and give absolution, anoint the sick, or celebrate Mass.

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

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) † <i>Brother Javier Rosa, ST by the people of St. James</i>
Mon 01/26	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Herb Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</i>
Tue 01/27	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 01/28	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Thurs 01/29	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) † <i>Eaton and Santo Families by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ</i>
Fri 01/30	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sun 02/01	The 4th 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 and Darren Haley by Phyllis Barker</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Mass SPRED (Presentation Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Mass - Español/Spanish (Presentation Hall)



Today Brother Javier will be ordained a deacon by Bishop Daniel Turley, OSA.

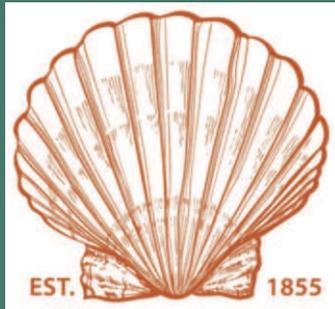


**Everybody can be great
because anybody can serve.
You don't have to have
a college degree to serve.
You don't have to make
your subject and verb
agree to serve.
You only need a heart
full of grace.
A soul generated by love.
— Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Time to serve, please remember to sign up for
our African American Celebration which is on
Feb. 8th, 2026.**

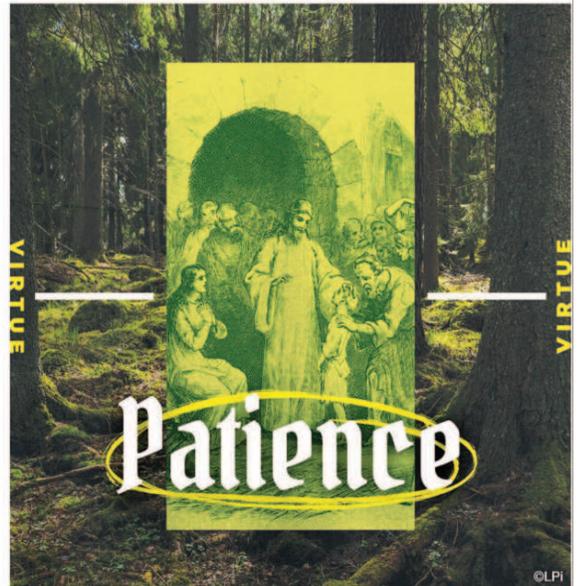
**St James thanks you for your time, talent, and
generosity!**

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



Observances for the week of January 25, 2026

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Tuesday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the
Church
- Saturday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

In practicing patience, we bear any kind of suffering for a greater good, safeguard our reason against sorrow, and “look at (other people) with God’s gaze knowing how to distinguish their faces from their faults.”.

Blessing of Light

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine.
Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays.
Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus.
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
Claude Fisher
Paul Kanzer
Linda Griffin Kennard
Mel Keys
Samuel Akuo Opong Duah
Sandra Reynolds
Donald Rogers
Kimberly Starr
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