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Sunday

**July 13**

At

**11:00 AM**

Right after 10am Mass

In the

**Teen Room**

Lower Level of the Church

**JULY 13**

**2025**

*BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.  
MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.*

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Today's Readings

### First Reading:

*God's word is near and easy to grasp; love and obey Him with all your heart.*

**(Deuteronomy 30:10-14)**

### Psalm:

*In deep suffering, the psalmist cries to God for rescue, justice, and faithful deliverance.*

**(Psalm 69)**

### Second Reading:

*Christ is the image of God, Creator and reconciler of all, bringing peace through His death on the cross.*

**(Colossians 1:15-20)**

### Gospel:

*Jesus teaches that loving God and neighbor defines true faith, showing mercy like the Good Samaritan reveals genuine compassion and righteousness.*

**(Luke 10:25-37)**

Dear Friends,

Our "Vibrant Generations" Capital Campaign looks to be drawing to a successful finish. Many parishioners pledged and gave generously to this campaign to fund important needs in our parish and school. Many other members of the parish graciously came forward to assist in contacting members of the parish and asking for their support – both spiritual and financial. I am so very grateful to all.

St. James is a special and blessed place, and it is a grace to be here as your pastor. One of the least favorite things that pastors must do is ask for money. Your kindness and generosity have made it much easier; thank you once again for your consideration as we reach the finish line.

I would also like to thank two women who were lifesavers to us in our parish school. In April 2024, Michael Kendrick, our former principal, received an excellent job offer, which he accepted. It was late in the year to search for a new principal, so Mary Brinkman and Kathleen McGinn agreed to fill in as co-interim principals for the 2024-25 school year. Both of these seasoned administrators had recently retired after long careers in Catholic education as teachers and principals, but they agreed to postpone their retirements to serve here at St. James. Thank you, both.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Greg Scalia as our new School Principal. Dr. Scalia brings a wealth of experience in education and a passion for fostering academic excellence and faith development. We are excited to have him lead the SJS community forward.

We find ourselves in a season that brings a change of pace for many, with several weeks of rest before parish activities begin again. Whether you're resting or laboring, your faithfulness and patience have helped us navigate the joys and challenges of the past year. We are in good shape as we look ahead to another year as a parish of disciples of Jesus.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed







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HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN

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St. James needs Eucharistic Ministers at all our weekend Masses.

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You may contact either Bonnie Minaglia at (847) 372-0960 or Gary Hammelmann at (847) 309-6024 if you are interested.

On the weekend of July 19-20, representatives from the ministry will be available to answer questions and help you sign up as a volunteer.

Volunteering as an E.M.H.C. is a wonderful way to serve our Lord, Jesus. We thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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## MINISTRY THANK YOU



### Thank You Garden Ministry & St. Viator Students

Friday, June 13 began with a few showers, but it did not deter a small but mighty crew of Garden Ministry members and six students from St. Viator from spreading 40 cubic yards of mulch around the rectory, church and school campuses, including the prayer garden.

The result is what you all hopefully notice and enjoy when attending Masses and events at the school. The students from Viator sacrificed a summer vacation day to earn a few service hours. The Garden Ministry recognizes Brody Bondy, Domonic Boler, Carlos Huertas, Colin McInerney, Kevin Capesius, Isabella Dimarco, and Iza Mazurkiewicz, for their help. Their young blood was so appreciated.

A big shout out and thank you to Chuck and Teri Frankiewicz who have donated and helped spread the mulch for the last six years. Additionally we'd like to give a shout out to the Garden Ministry members and friends who worked for six hours to complete the project. Exhausted, we realize we have aged out of this project, with the average age being 67, and our most senior member being 78! There is younger blood in this wonderful parish community that may be tapped to continue this effort.

Please watch and sign up for this St. James family service project announcement in spring 2026! In the meantime enjoy our beautiful church and school grounds made possible through the efforts of many.

Lynne Luehrs and Joan Tatje  
Garden Ministry co-leads







# PATH TO SUNDAY

July 13, 2025 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**W**hen we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, we often focus on its moral: be kind to others. But there's much more beneath the surface. In Jesus' day, one always went "up" to Jerusalem, even if the journey took you from north to south to get there. Regardless of elevation change or direction, one always went "up" to Jerusalem. The reason is that Jerusalem was where the temple was, and the temple was where God dwelt with his people. Thus, the man attacked by robbers, as well as the priest and the Levite, were all leaving Jerusalem and going "down" the road to Jericho.

When the man was attacked, he was left for dead. According to the Old Testament, contact with the dead made a person ritually unclean. Priests and Levites, whose service centered around the temple, were bound by strict purity laws in order to serve at the temple (see Leviticus 21). Even though the priest and Levite in the story were going away from Jerusalem, probably done with their duties, they still avoided the man, walking on the opposite side of the road to be certain not to touch him. Maybe they feared ritual impurity. Perhaps they were unwilling to take the time for purification if he were dead. Whatever the reason, their concern for ritual purity took precedence over compassion.

The Samaritan is described as traveling or journeying; he wasn't coming down from Jerusalem. Samaritans were considered to be non-Jews. As a people, they descended from the intermarriage of the Jews in the Northern Kingdom of Israel after the Assyrian Exile (~722BC) and the gentiles (pagans) brought in to populate the Northern Kingdom. Thus, even though they thought of themselves as descendants of Abraham, they were considered to be non-Jewish: a mixed race with a mixed religion. They were despised and considered

impure; they were not "neighbors." Yet, it is the Samaritan who stopped to help the robber's victim. He doesn't just feel compassion; he acts. He dresses the man's wounds, pays for his care, and expects nothing in return. This is *agape*, one of the different Greek words for "love." It is an action, doing good for the other's sake, without expecting repayment.

We are all wounded: by sin, by life, and by each other. Jesus' meaning behind the parable of the Good Samaritan is to recognize that everyone, even those different from us, even our enemies, are our neighbors. And we are called to love and serve them, as Christ loves and serves us.

## Reflection Questions:

- In what ways might I, like the priest or Levite, prioritize my own comfort, schedule, or "purity" over helping someone in need?
- Who are the "Samaritans" in my life (the people I tend to avoid, judge, or consider outside my circle) and how might God be calling me to love them as neighbors?
- How can I live out *agape* this week? How can I love, not just through feelings of compassion, but through concrete actions that serve others without expecting anything in return?

*For more scripture reflections visit  
[stjamesah.org/path-to-sunday/](http://stjamesah.org/path-to-sunday/)*



## FAMILY UPDATES

# HAPPY SUMMER

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## OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

### Mass Intentions & Observances

#### Saturday, July 12

5:00 Rosa Selvaggi  
Edward & Louise Gehrke

#### Sunday, July 13 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Frank & Victoria Bosco  
8:30 Ryan Popp  
10:00 For the people of the parish

#### Monday, July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha

7:30 Margaret Moriarty  
Vincent E. Villinski  
Teresa Szott  
John F. Kordek

#### Tuesday, July 15 St. Bonaventure

7:30 Lawrence Lehnis  
Andrew Haman  
Jose Novales

#### Wednesday, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:30 Thomas M. Durkin  
Kevin Houlihan  
Patrick Houlihan  
Albert Klein

#### Thursday, July 17

7:30 Eleanor Whitehead (3rd Anniv.)  
Thomas M. Durkin  
Catherine Sabay  
Meggan McDermott  
Arthur Orlandi  
John O'Doherty  
Mark Talley (1st Anniv.)

#### Friday, July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis

7:30 Joseph Kirwan

#### Saturday, July 19

7:30 Cornelius Vanderwiel, Jr.

### In loving memory

Antoinette Esposito

### Please pray for our sick

Norine Naselli  
Andy Kaplan  
Lucy Detlefsen  
Richard Fung  
Cody Casey

### Rose for Life

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### Wedding Banns

- III. Michael Riley & Kylie Schultz
- II. Edgar Rivera & Brianne Smith
- I. Daniel Jones & Isabella Bucaro
- I. Matthew Dowdy & Mary Gerbatsch

### Recent Baptisms

**Caleb Michael Campos**, child of  
Michael Campos and Brianna (McNamara) Campos

### Celebrant Schedule, July 19-20

5:00	Fr. Ed
7:00	Fr. Ed
8:30	Fr. Ed
10:00	Fr. Michael
11:30	Fr. Michael
5:00	Fr. Michael

### Readings for the week of July 14

<b>Monday:</b>	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
<b>Friday:</b>	Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

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**Jr. Ambassadors** is a group for all children of St. James to practice their faith in service to others and as an example of our Catholic faith to everyone. Jr. Ambassadors act as representatives and promoters of our faith while learning about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and Catholic Social Teaching.  
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**Loaves and Fishes Ministry** provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.  
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**Men of St. James** provides opportunities for Christian fellowship through social, spiritual and service activities for men of the parish at least 21 years of age.  
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**Mental Health Ministry** provides support, education and awareness to our parish communities on issues related to mental health. Strives to provide resources of support, education and hope.  
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**Ministers of Care** bring the Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to leave their homes or are in care homes. Ministry volunteers must complete a mandatory training session and follow Archdiocesan guidelines.  
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**Moms Plus** provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James.  
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**Music Ministry** We strive to create music that is rich with quality, enthusiasm, and participation. Join one of our ensembles to be part of our musical community.  
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**Over 50 Social Club** provides social outings, game days, cards, speakers, parties, current events/news and spirituality to any parishioner over the age of 50.  
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**PADS Outreach** provides safety, temporary shelter and services to the unhoused.  
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**Parish Pastoral Council** serves as a representative body of the St. James parish community, guided by the Holy Spirit.  
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**Peace & Justice Ministry** educates the faithful on the Catholic social teachings, supports and complements parish ministries and empowers people to transform lives and society, both locally and globally. Meets the last Tuesday of each month.

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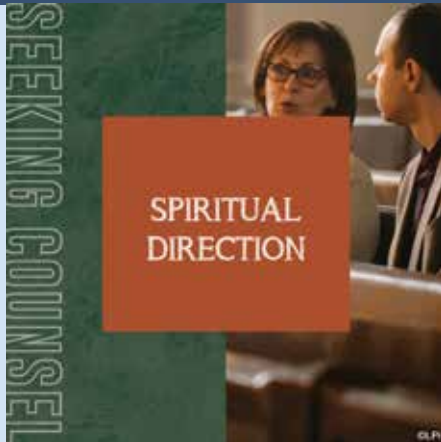
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### Spiritual Direction, Explained!

Spiritual direction is the practice of seeking counsel from someone who is trustworthy and learned in the faith for the purpose of discerning the will of God in one's life and for more effectively living out one's baptismal calling.

All Christians are commanded, in a way, to provide spiritual aid to one another ("Go, make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" — Matthew 28:19), but a spiritual director is usually an individual who has received some form of training or formation for this specific purpose.

The Catholic Church, however, does not have explicit requirements, professional standards or a formal certification process for spiritual directors. Spiritual directors can be lay, religious or ordained persons.

Spiritual direction is not to be confused with the sacrament of Penance, though the latter does usually include some spiritual counsel.

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Everyone is our neighbor — those we love and those we can't stand, the people we agree with and the people whose opinions we hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must not only see ourselves in every person we meet — we must see him, too.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Daily Mass:** Mon. - Sat. 7:30 a.m. | Mon. & Wed. 12:00 p.m.

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.** Praise & Worship Ensemble

**Sunday 7:00 a.m.** Cantor and Organ

**Sunday 8:30 a.m.** Traditional Choir & Organ\*

**Sunday 10:00 a.m.** Contemporary Choir\*

**Sunday 11:30 a.m.** Contemporary Choir\*

**Sunday 5:00 p.m.** Praise & Worship Ensemble

*\*The traditional & contemporary choirs are currently on summer hiatus.*

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**BAPTISM** - Please contact the Parish Office with a preferred date one month in advance.

**MARRIAGE** - At least six months prior to your wedding, please contact the Parish Office to set a date.

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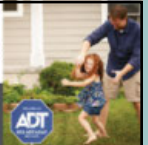


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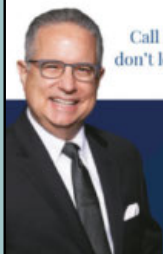


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