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FOR THE FUTURE.

—ST. JOHN BOSCO

JULY 20
2025

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

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's Readings

First Reading:

Abraham welcomes three visitors; God reveals Sarah will bear a son, showing His promise and reward for faith.

(Genesis 18:1-10a)

Psalm:

The righteous dwell with God by living blamelessly, speaking truth, and doing what is right.

(Psalm 15)

Second Reading:

Paul rejoices in suffering, proclaiming Christ to all and revealing how we can become holy.

(Colossians 1:24-28)

Gospel:

Jesus affirms Mary's choice to listen at His feet, teaching that being with Him matters more than busyness and distractions.

(Luke 10:38-42)

Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.

- Luke 10:42

Dear Friends,

The touching story of Martha's exchange with Jesus reveals His endearment towards His friend. Mary, Martha, and their brother Lazarus appear six times in the Gospels. They seem to be those good



Christ With Martha and Mary - Tintoretto (1570)

friends to whom Jesus goes when He needs refreshment and rest.

In this passage of Luke's Gospel, Mary is sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to Him while Martha is burdened with serving. Perhaps she is preparing a meal for Jesus and her siblings. She complains to Jesus that Mary has left her to do all the work. Jesus recognizes the good

work that Martha is doing but also acknowledges that spending time with Him is also crucial.

The motto of the Benedictine Order is *Ora et Labora* – that is, Prayer and Work. Both are part of the Christian life. A balance between the active and the contemplative is essential in living our vocation.

Congratulations to the director, producers, cast and crew of our St. James Theatre's production of *Matilda the Musical* which concludes this weekend in the Parish Center. A tremendous amount of work, talent and dedication contributed to the success of the show. The final performance is Sunday, July 20 at 2:00 pm.

The summer flies by, as usual. In a few weeks we will begin another school year for the parish school and religious education program. We are looking forward to a fruitful year.

Finally, thank you once again to all who so generously supported our successful capital campaign with prayers, volunteer hours, and financial commitments. Our Director of Development, Julie Jacobson, played a tremendous role in our success.

Enjoy these last weeks of summer break.

God bless you,

Fr. Ed

PARISH UPDATES

LAST CHANCE - FINAL WEEKEND!



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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.

This weekend, 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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St. James Parish

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Saturday, August 2

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WHEN?

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Then each Tuesday after at the same time

WHERE?

Laramie Room (Lower Level of the Church)

Contact Fr. Ed Pelrine to get started:
frpelrine@stjamesah.org 224-345-7222

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For more information, please contact:
Stewardship & Development Director, Julie Jacobson,
at 224-345-7212 or jjacobson@stjamesah.org
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Saturday, August 2

1-3 p.m. St. James School Parking Lot



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AUG 01

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WOMEN'S MASS

6 PM | MASS WILL BE OUTDOORS, WEATHER PERMITTING | RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



Challenging us with the bold statement, "I rejoice in my sufferings," Saint Paul has a lot to tell us about our path to heaven. At first, this may seem puzzling: why would anyone rejoice in suffering? But behind Paul's declaration is an important truth: suffering is not meaningless, but rather a means of sanctification, becoming holy and "perfect" in Christ.

St. Paul's joy in suffering stems from his understanding that perfection is not about worldly success (our bodies, finances, or careers) but about becoming more like Christ. At baptism, we are adopted into God's family and cleansed of sin, but this is only the beginning. The Christian life is a lifelong transformation, a process by which we are perfected in Christ. That means being conformed to Christ in His humanity, authentically loving God and neighbor.

Too often, we assume that getting to heaven is simply about avoiding hell by not murdering people. Yet, if all of us were taken to heaven right now, just as we are and hence without any transformation, heaven would no longer be a place of perfect love, peace and joy. We are the ones who gossip, lie, and lust. For everlasting life to be true love, peace, and joy, we have to be a people perfectly conformed to Christ.

Suffering plays a necessary role in that transformation. St. Paul wrote, "in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of His body, which is the church." He wasn't implying that Christ's suffering was incomplete. Only

Christ's suffering and death on the cross has opened the gates of heaven to us. Christ has saved us.

The power of what he has done for humanity, however, must be actualized in each of us, here and now, across the centuries. Moreover, none of us does it in isolation: if heaven is our union together in Christ, then we are called to love by sacrifice for our brothers and sisters.

This way of enduring is called redemptive suffering, and was summed up in the older phrase, "offer it up." We are called to offer our afflictions for each other, letting Christ's power move in us, transforming us in the process.

Reflection Questions:

- In what ways have I tried to avoid suffering instead of embracing it as a path to holiness?
- How can I better unite my daily struggles and pain with the suffering of Christ for the good of others?
- For whom, besides myself, should I be "offering up" my afflictions, sacrifices, and suffering?

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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions & Observances

Saturday, July 19

5:00 Wanda Fedro

Sunday, July 20 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Teresa Szott

8:30 Houlihan & Moran Families

10:00 Joseph Kirwan (48th Anniv.)

Angelo Anzalone

Virginia Chiapetta

Giuseppe Giacalone (1st Anniv.)

11:30 For the people of the parish

Monday, July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi

7:30 Laura Pedali (1st Anniv.)

Fr. John Grigus, OFM CONV

John F. Kordek

12:00 Henry Blazej

Caroline Mangiamele

William Gillund

Tuesday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene

7:30 Gregory Brown

Ernestine Flanagan

Fr. Edward Tomaszewicz

Ed Cahill

Wednesday, July 23 St. Bridget

7:30 Anna Cornelius (1st Anniv.)

Simon M. (4th Anniv.)

Lolly McDonald

John Rohde

Thursday, July 24 St. Sharbel Makhlūf

7:30 Jack Coyle

Friday, July 25 St. James

7:30 Peter Dolder (1st Anniv.)

Rosalie Constertina

Oscar Novales, Jr.

Saturday, July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne

In loving memory

Judy Buffalo

John McMullen

Please pray for our sick

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Lucy Detlefsen

Richard Fung

Cody Casey

Leon Delano

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Wedding Banns

III. Edgar Rivera & Brianne Smith

II. Daniel Jones & Isabella Bucaro

II. Matthew Dowdy & Mary Gerbatsch

I. Alexander Morain & Sarah Levato

Recent Baptisms

Francesca Giuliana Romano, child of Jeffrey Romano and Rebecca (Benevides) Romano

Ava Sophia Longueil, child of Timothy Longueil and Jacqueline (Gonzalez) Longueil

Lucas William Drasler, child of Benjamin Drasler and Rachel (Baker) Drasler

Patrick Timothy Kellen, child of Timothy Kellen and Megan (Osterhout) Kellen

Celebrant Schedule, July 26-27

5:00 Fr. Michael

7:00 Fr. Michael

8:30 Fr. Michael

10:00 Fr. Ed

11:30 Fr. Ed

5:00 Fr. Ed

Readings for the week of July 21, 2025

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17


Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

PARISH INFORMATION

Thank you, St. James Community, for your contributions during June, 2025

| Sunday Collections  | Budgeted | Actual | Variance |
|--|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | \$192,813.00 | \$203,849.21 | \$11,036.21 |
| | | <i>Envelopes: \$102,850.45</i> | |
| | | <i>Online Giving: \$100,998.76</i> | |

SELECT PARISH MINISTRIES

Earth Shepherds provides opportunities to learn about the relationship between Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and our responsibility to be stewards of God's Creation.
sjearthshepherds@gmail.com

Grief Support Ministry is about helping with your grief. Are you struggling with a loss? Having a hard time coping? We meet twice per month. Please email the address below for more details.
griefsupport@stjamesah.org

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.
kcoughlin@stjamesah.org

Loaves and Fishes Ministry provides lunches for those experiencing homelessness in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.
stjameslandf@gmail.com

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.
msj@stjamesah.org

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.
tsherva@gmail.com

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.
ministryofcare@stjamesah.org

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.
stecstan@sbcglobal.net

PADS Outreach provides safety, temporary shelter and services to the unhoused.
st.james.pads@gmail.com

Parish Pastoral Council serves as a representative body of the St. James parish community, guided by the Holy Spirit.
PPC@stjamesah.org

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry creates a wide variety of shawls for anyone in need of prayers or blessings. We pray as we knit or crochet, and meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month to bless the fruits of our labors.
prayershawlministry@stjamesah.org

Respect Life Ministry strives to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected from the moment of conception until natural death.
mschoney@astound.net

Stepping Stones raises awareness, promotes understanding and prevents relational violence by educating communities and providing referrals to victims and survivors of emotional, financial, physical and sexual abuse. (IL Domestic Violence Helpline: 877-863-6338), steppingstones@stjamesah.org

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Thank you to everyone who supported the blood drive held at St. James on Sunday, June 29 in the Laramie Room.

Together we were able to honor the memory of Matthew Petrillo by collecting 78 pints of blood. That's enough blood to save over 150 lives. We also had eleven potential donors who attended but were unable to donate; we appreciate everyone who came out!

In addition, thanks to the St. James staff for their help with promotion, room reservations, set up, and clean up.

Matthew lived a caring and selfless life; his decision to be an organ donor saved the lives of four people: a mother, two fathers, and a grandfather.

Matt gave people a second chance at life and so did you all. We hope to reach 100 donations next year and to continue honoring Matthew with an event that makes a difference.

God bless you all,

Taylor Petrillo and Family

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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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

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.

HOLY HOUR - Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the church for procession of the blessed sacrament, evening prayer, and rosary

FIRST FRIDAY - Devotion to the Sacred Heart after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on the first Friday of each month

CONFESSION - Thursdays at 6:00 pm & Saturdays at 8:00 am

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