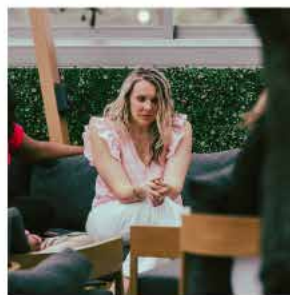




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JULY 19

2026



Today's Readings

First Reading

God rules with justice and mercy, showing patience and kindness so people may learn righteousness and compassion.

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading

The Holy Spirit helps our weakness, interceding according to God's will when we cannot pray as we should.

Romans 8:26-27

Gospel

Jesus teaches that God's kingdom grows amid good and evil; at the final judgment, God will separate the righteous from the wicked.

Matthew 13:24-43

Dear Friends,

The warm days of summer allow breaks from school and time for relaxing with family and friends. In our Sunday readings, we again hear parables that employ the images of sowing seeds, growing crops, and harvesting, which seem especially timely during this season of the year.

Today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew is Jesus' parable of the enemy sowing weeds in the farmer's field in order to destroy his crop. An allegory of living as a Christian in the world, the parable recognizes a mix of good and evil in daily life. Several questions arise - *How are we to live in this world? Why does God allow evil to flourish? Couldn't God destroy evildoers and remove them from among us?* This might uplift those who seek to do God's will and please him.

God will not do this. His gift of free will necessarily means that some people will use that freedom wrongly – to choose evil. Others (we call them saints) strive to use the

gift properly, in choosing between the good and the better. Clearly, the enemy is real.

St. Peter writes about this in 1 Peter 5:7-9.

"Cast all your anxieties on him (God), for he cares about you. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world."

In the parable, the harvest master speaks of the end. "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." Peter ends his first letter with the same promise: "[A]fter you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. (1 Peter 5:10)

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DO IT!

The church is both a building and a name for all of us as believers. This week, notice how often in prayer we say, "our," "we," and "us."



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Prayer to St. Michael
the Archangel

READ IT!

1 Kings 6-7
Ezekiel 41
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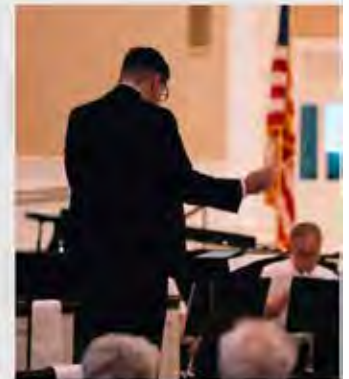
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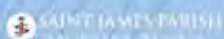
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PATH TO SUNDAY

July 19, 2026 • 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Imagine you're at a family gathering or dinner party. Someone discovers you're Catholic and asks, "So, you believe in heaven, right?" You answer, "Yes." Then comes the follow-up: "What's it like?" How would you respond?

Jesus often described heaven through parables because it's easy to misunderstand.



We sometimes imagine heaven as earth—but better. No sickness, no diets, no losing seasons. Maybe Uncle Jim is finally playing golf every day, and Cubs fans never suffer another heartbreak.

But that's not quite the picture Jesus gives us.

Scripture tells us there will be no more pain or death (Revelation 21:4). Christ's resurrected body shows us that physical suffering has no place in heaven. Yet Jesus also teaches something just as important: heaven is free from moral evil.

Think about it. If heaven is perfect, there can be no hatred, gossip, dishonesty, or violence. But here's the uncomfortable truth: those sins don't begin "out there." They begin in us.

In the parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus reminds us that God is remarkably patient. Rather than uprooting the weeds immediately, He allows

time for growth and conversion. Why? Because God's desire is not simply to judge sinners but to save them.

Entrance into heaven isn't something we earn. It is God's gift through Jesus Christ. Yet grace invites a response. We are called to turn away from sin and allow Christ to transform us into the people we were created to be.

That is why the Church treasures the sacraments, prayer, works of mercy, and even the doctrine of purgatory. God loves us enough not only to forgive us but also to make us ready for perfect communion with Him.

Heaven is perfect because everyone there has been perfected by God's grace. And since we are not there yet, let us ask God to keep working on us.

Reflection Questions:

- How does Jesus' teaching that heaven is completely free from both physical and moral evil change or deepen your understanding of what heaven is like?
- In what area of your life is God patiently calling you to greater conversion and a deeper commitment to living according to Christ's ways?
- What is one concrete step you can take this week to cooperate more fully with God's grace as He prepares you for heaven?

*For more Gospel reflections visit
stjamesah.org/path-to-sunday*

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OUR PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions and Observances

Saturday, July 18

5:00 Catherine Lyons
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Grace Hogaboom

Sunday, July 19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Cornelius Vanderwiel
Hy Lai
Linnae Luehrs
Ron Burke
10:00 For the people of the parish
12:00 Cornelius Vanderwiel
5:00 Bebing Navarro
Myles & Bonnie Mulligan

Monday, July 20 St. Apollinaris

7:30 Robb Zerfass
Marge McGrath
Marci McGrath
Aloycius Faber
Bebing Navarro
John F. Kordek
12:00 Joel Johnson Family
George & Char Nelson Family
Coral & Earl Stoltz Family
Kevin & Lori Suda Family
Anthony Suda Family

Tuesday, July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi

7:30 Patrick Reilly
Victor Grandinetti
Bebing Navarro

Wednesday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene

7:30 Ed Cahill
Dr. Ricardo Cruz
12:00 George Maston
James Ray, Jr.
Alice Suda Family
Matthew Nelson

Thursday, July 23 St. Bridget

7:30 Geri McPheron
Norbert Opon
Josefina de Chavez (1st Anniv.)

Friday, July 24 St. Sharbel Makhlūf

7:30 Sue French (1st Anniv.)
Jack Coyle
Teresa Szott

Saturday, July 25 St. James

7:30 Special Intention

In Loving Memory

Maureen Elizabeth Pope
Alice Blomquist
Maureen Downey

Please pray for our sick

Norine Naselli
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Lucy Detlefsen
Lucille Krajnik
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Owen Patricoski
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Antonio Ferrazzuolo and Elizabeth (Campo) Ferrazzuolo
Matteo Antonio Gonzalez, child of
Hugo Gonzalez and Marisa (Ferrazzuolo) Gonzalez
Lachlan James Layman, child of
Taylor Layman and Jessica (Travers) Layman
Callum Joseph Sturino, child of
Joseph Sturino and Samantha (Webb) Sturino
Viviana Kathryn Farella, child of
Vincent Farella and Alexa (Barwacz) Farella

Readings for the week of July 20

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

Celebrant Schedule July 25-26

5:00 Fr. Paul
8:00 Fr. Paul
10:00 Fr. Ed
12:00 Fr. Ed
5:00 Fr. Ed

*Indicates Living

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AND WHAT'S COMING UP AT ST. JAMES

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sjearthshepherds@gmail.com

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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.
kcoughlin@stjamesah.org

Loaves and Fishes 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 Group provides support, education and awareness to our parish communities on issues related to mental health. Strives to provide resources of support, education and hope.
tsheva@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

Moms Plus provides support and fellowship to Catholic moms. This group is part of Women of St. James. momsplus@stjamesah.org

Mondays with Mary small group of men who pray the Rosary every Monday morning in the Teen Room at 7:00 a.m., then attend Mass together. New members are welcome. A remote option is available for those unable to attend in person.
mike_smigiel@msn.com

Over 50 Social Club provides social outings, speakers, and parties 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 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 Group 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

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Women of St. James provides support to Catholic women who are committed to growing and sharing their faith through sisterhood and service. wosjministryleads@gmail.com

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So c'mon—you know you've thought about it. Join us, serve the Lord, support your parish community, and finally learn what all those mysterious drawers in the sacristy are actually for!

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