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### SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.  
(Church &  
On-line)

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday  
7:30 a.m.  
(Rectory &  
On-line)

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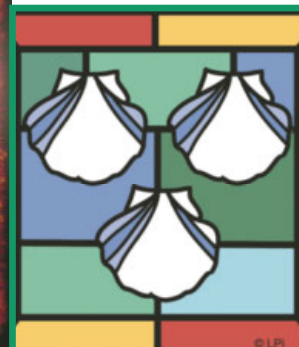
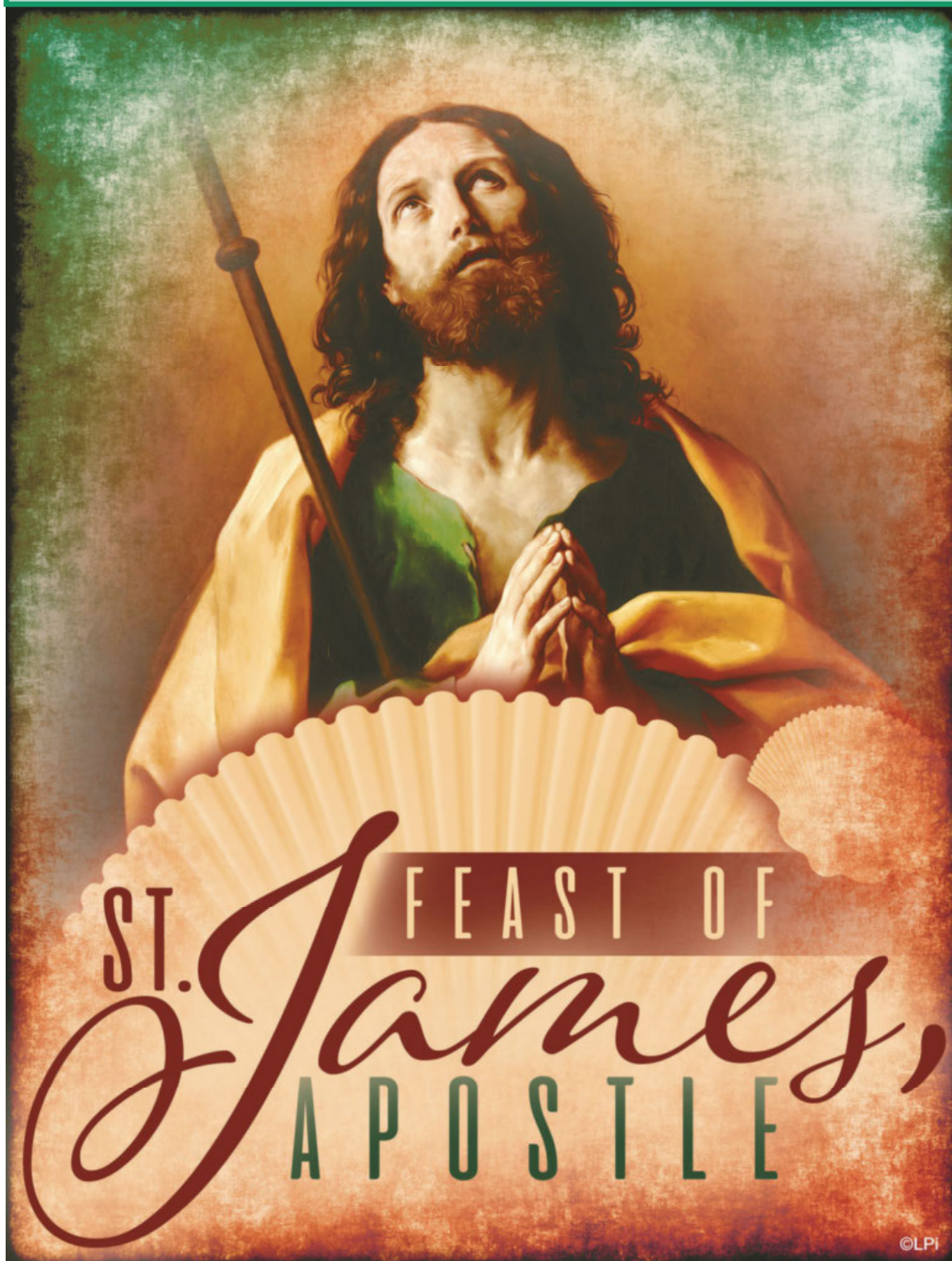
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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**JULY 30, 2023 SAINT JAMES DAY**

## ON THE WAY.....

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

Our patron, Saint James, was one of the twelve apostles. A first century Jewish fisherman he was one of the earliest followers of Jesus. He inspires us to become like him in fishing for those who are in need of the grace and mercy that Jesus offers. Over time, many legends accumulated around St. James. One of the most unusual is that St. James was the “moor slayer,” *Santiago Matamoros* in Spanish. The background: Muslim invaders from North African, known as the Moors, conquered the Iberian Peninsula in the 711AD and were only stopped from invading France at the Battle of Tours in 732AD. After that battle the local Muslim leaders lost their expansionist tendencies and were content to govern Spain while the Christians huddled in the northwest part of the country. Then began the centuries long process of the reconquest (the *Reconquista*) with Christian rulers gradually pushing the Moors out of Spain and Portugal which did not culminate until 1492. The figure of St. James figured prominently in the mythology of the Reconquista.

The story is this: the Christian king in 842 was Ramiro of Asturias. In Christian circles, the legend grew that St. James had gone to Spain, founded the Church there, and provided protection for the Christians. (How much of this is history and how much legend is debated up until today.) Old bones that were discovered in what is now Santiago de Compostela were and are venerated as his relics. The legend was that a battle took place which shifted the balance of power. When the previous king died, the Moors demanded of Ramiro the reinstatement of the tribute of 100 virgins (fifty noble and fifty commoner). Ramiro denied them the tribute and prepared for battle. On the night before the Battle of Clavijo, he dreamt of St. James, who told him that God had chosen James as the patron for the Spanish kingdoms. According to the legend, James appeared as a warrior on his white horse with a white banner to help Christian armies of King Ramiro I in a battle against the Moors. The Christians marched on the cry of *¡Dios ayuda a Santiago!* "God save St. James!". They slew more than 5000 Muslims and James became known as "Matamoros". A strange title for a fisherman from Galilee.

One tragic side effect of this description occurred when the Spanish began their sixteenth century invasion of the Americas. They associated the native peoples with the Moors and thus felt entitled to slaughter the indigenous population. They justified their actions since they were bringing Christianity to the savages. You can't help but imagine that St. James would think this was messed up.

The supposed tomb of St. James at Compostela became, and still is, a major pilgrimage site.

Because of this, St. James is the patron of pilgrims, a title which seems more compatible to our spirituality that “the Matamoros.” On our pilgrimage of faith let's honor St. James as our spiritual companion for the journey.

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



<b>Sun</b> 07/30	<b>St. James Day</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
	† 11:30 a.m.	<i>Van Bensett by Amy Pelletiere</i> St. James Day Picnic
<b>Mon</b> 07/31	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
<b>Tues</b> 08/01	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Staff Meeting (On-line) Evangelization Committee (On-line)
<b>Wed</b> 08/02	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
<b>Thurs</b> 08/03	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
<b>Fri</b> 08/04	7:30 a.m. † 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</i> Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
<b>Sun</b> 08/06	<b>The Transfiguration Of Our Lord</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/622647147">https://zoom.us/j/622647147</a> Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Debra and Shirley Barker by Phyllis Barker</i>



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Friday August 4th**  
**8:30 am & 6:00 pm (Chapel)**  
**Confessions available upon**

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Because you have asked for this—  
not for a long life for yourself,  
nor for riches,  
nor for the life of your enemies,  
but for understanding so that you may know what is  
right—  
I do as you requested." (1 Kgs 3:11-12)

### Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

### Second Reading:

For those he foreknew he also predestined  
to be conformed to the image of his Son,  
so that he might be the firstborn  
among many brothers and sisters. (Rom 8:29)

### Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a  
field,  
which a person finds and hides again,  
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and  
buys that field." (Mt 13:44)

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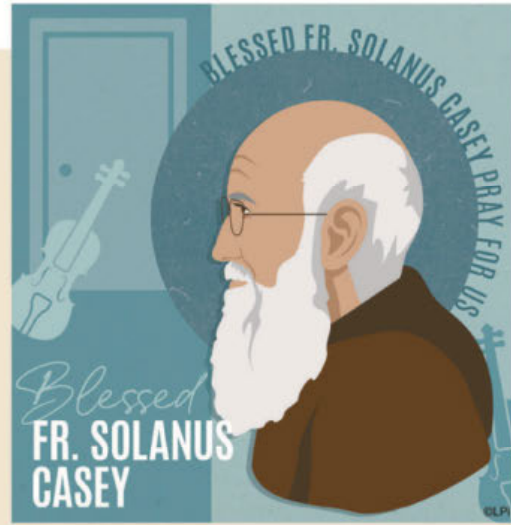
## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Following Christ will take everything we have.  
Are we ready to give it all? At the end of our  
lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we  
sold all we had in order to purchase the field  
which contained the great treasure.



Father John will  
be on vacation  
with his family  
next week.

Fr. Dennis Berry,  
ST, will celebrate  
Mass at St.  
James.



## Saint of the week

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey would have up to 200 people a day visit him for prayer and counseling while he worked as a doorkeeper at his various postings. He also co-founded the Capuchin Soup Kitchen during the Great Depression. It still serves people in Detroit to this day.

## Prayer

"Let us, therefore, not weaken. Let us hope when darkness seems to surround us. Let us thank Him at all times and under whatever circumstances. Thank Him for our creation and our existence. Thank Him for everything — for His plans in the past, that by our sins and our want of appreciation, have so often frustrated — and that He so often found necessary to change. Let us thank Him for all His plans for the future — for trials and humiliations as well as great joy and consolations; for sickness and whatever death He may deign to plan; and with the inspired Psalmist let us call all the creatures of the universe to help us praise and adore Him Who is the Divine Beginning and the everlasting Good — the Alpha and the Omega."

(Prayer Source: An exhortation by Fr. Solanus Casey)



# St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



# In Our Prayers



**Our Home Bound:**

Judy Archer  
 Margie Bass  
 Paul Freeman  
 Juanita James  
 Barbara Southhall  
 Dina Williams

**Our Sick:**

Victoria Allen  
 Aayliah Cooper

Joe Cunningham  
 Patsy Cunningham  
 Marvelean Doss  
 Claude Fisher  
 Paul Kanzer

Linda Griffin Kennard  
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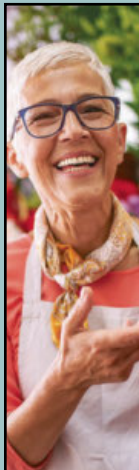
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