

St James by El Greco

after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight. (Mark 1 :16-19)

Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus.

Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He travelled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain.

Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who beheaded him. (Acts 12.2)

Tradition has it that his remains were taken to Compostella, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him there. In the ninth century, his remains were discovered and moved to a tomb in Santiago de Compostella. Today, his remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago.

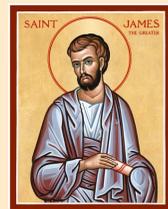
Nothing is known of St. James the Greater's early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee and brother of John.

Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and his brother John, when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fishermen, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again.

When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and

Saints of the Week

- Mon 20 St Apollinaris, bishop and martyr
- Tues 21 St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church
- Wed 22 ST MARY MAGDALENE
- Thurs 23 ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, RELIGIOUS, PATRON OF EUROPE
- Fri 24 St Sharbel Makhluof, priest
- Sat 25 St Declan, bishop
- Sat 25 ST JAMES, APOSTLE



If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given to him.

James 1.5



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Recently Deceased
Michael Ryan
May he rest in peace



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 18th 6.00pm

Magdalena Rutkowska (Recently Deceased)

Sun 19th 11.30

Eamon Drugan (Anniversary)
 Gerald & Cora Kenny Boyd (Anniversaries)
 Stephen & Máire Mc Nally (Anniversaries)
 Richard Brennan & Deceased Members of the Brennan Family (Anniversaries)

OTHER INTENTIONS

Alison Orr (Recently Deceased)
 Pat Carr (Anniversary)
 Liam O' Riordan (Anniversary)
 Gerry Monks (Anniversary)
 Veronica Ryan (Anniversary)
 Mike & Teresa Mc Carthy (Anniversaries)
 Robert & Mary Agar (Anniversaries)
 Eileen Dillon (Anniversary)
 Isabelle Chapman (Anniversary)
 Michael Cahill (Anniversary)



**July 19,
2020
16th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**

light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good,



We welcome into our parish community through baptism

Senan Tom Patrick Redmond
Alec Fredrick Mulvaney

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. (Ws 12:13.16-19)

PSALM

O Lord you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. (Ps 85:-5-6.9-10.15-16)

SECOND READING

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. (Rm 8:26-27)

GOSPEL

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven maybe compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.' (Mt 13:24-43)

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

According to the American mystic, Thomas Merton, the more we try to analyse life, the more we involve ourselves in sadness. "But it does not matter much because no despair of ours can alter the reality of things, or stain the joy of the cosmic dance which is always there. Indeed, we are in the midst of it, and it is in the midst of us, for it beats in our very blood, whether we want it to or not". James Finley spent six years at the monastery of Gethsemane, where Thomas Merton was director of novices. He has given a series of insightful online talks and retreats on Merton's spiritual writings. Access them at: www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

Thomas Merton (1915 - 1968) is one of the most influential American Catholic authors of the 20th century . His autobiography 'The Seven Storey Mountain' sold over 1 million copies .

He was born in France and was converted to Roman Catholicism whilst at Columbia University. On December 10,

1941 he arrived at the Abbey of Gethsemani* belonging to the Trappist order. The 27 years he spent there brought about profound changes in his self understanding.

He became involved in the peace movement of the 60s and supported the non-violent civil rights movement. For this support he endured severe criticism from Catholics and non-Catholics who criticised his writing as unbecoming of a monk.

During his last years he became deeply interested in Asian religions and died in Bangkok on December 10, 1968 while attending a conference on East - West monastic dialogue.

*The Abby of Gethsemani in Kentucky is the motherhouse of Trappist monasteries in the United States. It was founded in 1848 and is the oldest monastery in the United States that is still operating.