



# St. Agatha – St. James Parish

*Caritas Christi Urget Nos*

Nov 18, 2018

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



**IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY FIGURING OUT  
WHAT GOD IS TRYING TO SAY.**

Sundays, 10:15am-11:15am

Spiritual Sessions With Dcn. Remi

Begins THIS Sunday

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### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct. Nov. 18th

9:00AM: Beiler's Doughnuts + Coffee  
11:30AM: Free Jimmy Johns luncheon  
5:30PM: Nachos  
9PM: Sunday Sundaes

Monday, Nov 19 12:05PM Mass

Tuesday, Nov 20

12:05PM Mass  
6:00PM Weekly Rosary in the Rectory  
8:00PM Mass in Drexel Chapel

Wednesday, Nov 21

12:05PM  
6:30PM Mass; Adoration 7 – 9PM

Thursday, Nov 22

12:05PM Mass  
5:30PM Mass  
Friday, Nov 23 12:05PM Mass

Saturday, Nov 24 8:00 AM Rosary | 8:30AM Mass

Confession available a half hour before Sunday Mass.

To see Mass offerings, please look at [saintsaj.org/offer-a-mass](http://saintsaj.org/offer-a-mass).

**ADORATION: Mon-Fri, 3-6pm | Sign up for a shift in the back of Church**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

I never liked reading the end of the world stuff in scripture. To me it was so far fetched and out there that I could never wrap my mind around it, plus I was never necessarily sure how much of it was to be taken literally. And lastly, it was a side of God that I never really saw. The anger and the power and the rage...

So when I looked at the Gospel I *ughed* because the first few verses are nothing but tense end of world drama: the sun darkening, the moon losing its light, the stars falling and the Son of God summoning his angels and all.

But then, like *\*that\** Jesus turns the narrative on a dime and says so sweetishly, “But hey, look at the fig tree.” He takes this massive drama and diverts us to look at a FIG TREE. Which I think is so dear. Like if there was a nerdiest tree, it’d probably be a fig tree, right? And Jesus says, “Hey, come look at it. Draw close. You see that little sprout on its branch?”

Can you imagine the disciples being held totally CAPTIVE by this dark drama that Jesus is telling them, and suddenly He is waving them in to look at a little sprout?!

But His point is how it points to something bigger than itself. Like an uneasy stomach can signify new life in your womb, or how a snowflake signifies winter is coming, a bud or sprout points to a shift in the season too. Jesus not only notices a sprout on a fig tree just as much as stars cascading from the skies, but in a way, He’s telling us that if we stay attentive and alert to the little things around us, we will be led to greater truths. We need only keep our eyes open.

Carolyn Shields, Communications Coordinator

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<i>Collection</i>	<i>Nov. 4<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Nov. 11<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>Total Collection</b>	\$1,255	\$3412
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**Young Adults/Graduate Students:** 7:30PM Wednesday evening Marian small-group program features discussion on how faith impacts our lives, prayer and social opportunities. For more info, write to Leo at [Inegrini@saintsaj.org](mailto:Inegrini@saintsaj.org)

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