

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

415 VINCENT STREET, REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90277

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2016

“You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.”

- Colossians 2:12



Clergy

Msgr. Michael Meyers, Pastor
Fr. Ikechukwu Ikeocha (Fr. IK), Assoc. Pastor
Fr. James Kavanagh, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon Bob Miller

Mass Schedule

Daily: 8 am & 12 noon, Saturday at 8 am
Vigil: Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday: 6:30 am, 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, 5:30 pm

Confessions

Saturdays 4 to 5 pm or by appointment.

Parish Office

124 N. Pacific Coast Highway
310.372.5228

E-Mail: Office@SaintJames.Church

Website: SaintJames.Church

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8 am to 8 pm
Friday 8 am to 7 pm
Saturday 9 am to 12 noon
Sunday Closed

PARISH EVENTS & INFORMATION

KNOCK
and the door
will be **OPENED** to you.

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as "the persistent mother." She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith. Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God. The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church's greatest scholars. Today's readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, tells his disciples to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). This is our charge: keep praying. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Together in Mission Update

Our Parish Goal: \$121,500
Our Pledges to Date: 112,670
Amount Needed: \$ 8,830

Amount of Paid Pledges:
\$ 100,161

Thank you to those that have already contributed. If you haven't, please consider helping us meet this financial goal assigned by the Archdiocese to help some of the poorest parishes. Brochures with envelopes are located in the vestibule.

FaithDirect

Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA560. Your gifts through Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances through the busy (but beautiful) summer months.

Letter from the Pastor....

Thanks for Mission Support and Trip to Kenya

Thank you for the tremendous welcome and response that was given last Sunday for Bishop Otto Separy and Bishop Austen Crapp, OFM, in their Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Aitape, Papua New Guinea. Papua New Guinea is one of the most remote places of the world often featured in National Geographic and the work of the Church to proclaim the gospel and assist in the transition of the culture into the modern world is so important. The bishops were sincerely and deeply touched and appreciative of the welcome they received at St. James.

This week I will be making my own mission trip to Meru, Kenya where I will visit with Fr. Franklin Njabani who was with us for a few months in 2012. I will be spending my time in the Diocese of Meru also visiting with the bishop and other priests whom I know from my years visiting when I was in the Mission Office. I look forward to returning with reports about Fr. Franklin as he continues as Pastor of St. Peter's Church in Kajuki.

May the Lord continue to bless all during these summer months.

Msgr. Mike

How Do I Become A Catholic?

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or are now a Catholic and wish to complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), please contact Deacon Bob & Patty Miller at 310 371-0985 or send an email to deaconbob99@aol.com. Come to our **Inquiry Sessions** where we spend the evening explaining the RCIA process and answer any and all questions you may have. **Our next sessions are scheduled for Monday, July 25 & Thursday, August 4.** They begin at 7pm in the Parish Office.

St. James Pictorial Directory - UPDATE Celebrating our 125th Anniversary

So far approximately **83** of our parish families have signed up, and we are hoping to have **ALL** of our parishioners included in this special part of our parish history. We'll begin taking pictures in September and plan to be finished before Harvest Festival. Having your picture in the directory is free, plus you will receive a complimentary 8x10. To schedule your photo-sitting appointment, you can either visit our parish website and click on the link (*Life Touch Picture*), or you can type the following link into your web browser:

<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stjamescatholicchurch/index.php?page=10>

Volunteers Needed: We still need a few more volunteers for the 3 - 5:30 pm and 5:30 - 8 pm time slots. If you are interested in being a host to greet our parish families as they arrive for their photo-sitting appointments, please contact Robin at 310 372-5228 or robin@saintjames.church. You will receive a credit to purchase pictures.

Women's Guild Summer Potluck Lunch Today after Noon Mass

Everyone is invited to join us in Kavanagh Hall after the noon Mass today for a potluck luncheon. Feel free to bring your favorite dish and your families. For details, call Josie McCleary 310 782-7181 or Arlene Lim 310 938-2665

Sunday Hospitality

Please join us for coffee and donuts today after all morning Masses in Kavanagh Hall.



Q&A

Q: Have you tried to live Christianity wholeheartedly?

A: This is just one of many thought-provoking questions posed by internationally acclaimed speaker, author, and founder of The Dynamic Catholic Institute, Matthew Kelly. We at St. James have read and discussed Kelly as we pondered the definitive signs of a dynamic Catholic and how we could rediscover Catholicism, thereby rediscovering Jesus himself. This summer may be a good time to catch up on Kelly, or even re-read these powerful, insightful books. Kelly suggests that we are people of possibility. People of hope. Each of us can be a shining example of the love of God and neighbor. Remember, Christianity works. This summer make part of your reading, spiritual reading. As Kelly points out: You'll be re-energized and our Parish will be re-energized. "Rediscover the beautiful possibilities God places before us daily."

PARISH EVENTS & INFORMATION

Young Children's Religious Book Basket

If you have little ones (ages 5 and under) have them select a book from our "Religious Book Basket" located in the Church Vestibule. This will allow our youngest parishioners to learn about Jesus during Mass. If you would like to donate any new or gently used religious books for ages 0-5, please place them in the basket or bring them to the parish office.

Praying Hands Ministry

If you are interested in taking home the Praying Hands from a particular Sunday Mass, please contact Kristal Trapani at 310 717-9808 or kristaltrapani@aol.com. While it is in your possession for one week (7 days), we ask that you please pray each day with your family (or by yourself) for an increase in religious vocations. There will be a prayer card included.



Religious Education Registration

If you are an existing Religious Education family interested in having your children return to our program in the fall, please return your forms ASAP. Prompt return of completed forms can ensure your choice of day.

We welcome our NEW families to register during our regular office hours: Monday - Thursday from 10 am - 3 pm, and the week of August 22 from 1 pm - 7pm. Please call the Religious Education Office 310 379-3221 for forms.

Our classes are held on Tuesday or Wednesday from 4 pm - 5:15pm for grades 1-6 and Tuesday evenings from 7 pm - 8:15 pm for grades 7 & 8. Registration fees are: 1 student \$100, 2 students \$200, and 3 or more students \$220 for our St. James parish registered families. The fee for non-registered families is \$250 per child. A late fee of \$10 per child will apply for all forms received after August 31, 2016.

The Religious Education office will be closed until August 11, however, you can still mail forms to the office as we will check mail and messages once a week.

Have a wonderful & safe summer!
Diana Holly, Director

St. James Moms Group Presents...

Summer Family Picnic Nights

Join us at 4 pm on the following summer afternoons. Bring your picnic and family and enjoy the company of other parish families. The kids can play together while we get to know each other better:

Saturday, August 13
Sunday, August 28

(Locations will be announced shortly)

To learn more, contact Karen Cuni at: moms@saintjames.church.

Family

Parents, please accompany your children to the restroom when in church. This is also a good practice to adopt in all public places.

Youth Ministry & Confirmation

SUMMER EVENT #2

SPORTS NIGHT

@ ST. JAMES SCHOOL

WED JULY 27

5:00 - 7:00pm

FRIENDLY COMPETITION VS LOCAL CHURCHES

DRINKS/SNACKS PROVIDED

Softball/Soccer/Ultimate/Basketball/more

SUMMER EVENT #3

BACKYARD BBQ & WORSHIP

FRI JULY 29

6:00 - 8:00PM

FREE EVENT

TEENS/FAMILIES INVITED

LOCATION PROVIDED W/ RSVP

LIMITED SEATING AVAIL.

Additional Summer Events
(More info will follow)

Event #4 - August 5-7
City of Saints Teen Conference
@ UCLA - Limited tickets

Event #5 - August 12-13
Laser Tag Lock In

Event #6 - August 19
Backyard BBQ & Worship for
Teens & Families - FREE

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310.372.5228 x 20
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PARISH MINISTRIES

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you were Baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, but haven't completed your Sacrament of Confirmation, you may qualify as a Candidate to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and complete your Sacraments of Initiation.

Deacon Bob & Patty Miller 310.371.0985
adultconfirmation@aol.com

ADULT EDUCATION/BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Evenings: We will take a short summer break. Please check back as new topics will be announced shortly.

Wednesday Mornings: We will take a short summer break. Please check back as new topics will be announced shortly.

Mickey or Angeles Haney (Tuesday Evenings) 310.798.8224
 Joe Zelik (Wednesday Mornings) 310.370.1645

BAPTISM

Parents are invited to visit the Parish Office and pick up our *Baptism Information Packet*. We encourage parents to begin this process prior to the birth of their child. Please allow at least three months to complete the pre-Baptism preparation process. See our website www.SaintJames.Church for more information, including a schedule of Baptism and class dates.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Care Centers - Miki Finken 310.316.3890
 Homebound - John Cable 310.372.5228

GIFT SHOP 310.374.1964

415 1/2 Vincent St., Redondo Beach

Hours: Wed - Fri 10 am - 4 pm Sat 9 am - 12 noon

MARRIAGE

Those wishing to be married should complete a Marriage Intake Form. Please see our website for more information. Please note that the Church requires a minimum preparation period of six months.

MUSIC

Kevin Babuder, Director 310.376.5065

PRESCHOOL & TODDLER TIME

Wendy Bell, Director 310.376.5550

RCIA

"Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults"

To become a Catholic or to learn more about our faith.

Deacon Bob & Patty Miller 310 371-0985

RCIA FOR CHILDREN (Grades 4-8)

Religious Education 310.379.3221

RCIA FOR TEENS (Grades 9-12)

Gabriel Reyes 310.372.5228

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious education for children in grades 1 - 8

Diana Holly, Director 310.379.3221

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

Grades K-8 310.371.0416

www.stjamesweb.com

Sr. Mary Margaret, Principal

4625 Garnet St., Torrance 90503

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Religious education for children age 3 through K during the 8 am & 10 am Masses

Sheila Kelly 714.391.3949

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

stjamesYAG@gmail.com

facebook.com/groups/stjamesYAG

Faith Sharing and Social Activities for "working professionals."

WOMEN'S GUILD

Helping the parish grow by sharing our time, talents and treasures .

Ely Ronkowski 310.944.3355

Paula Bourke 213-435-3606

You can obtain a full list of ministries in our Parish Ministry brochure located in the Church.

Register at the Parish or View & Edit your Parish Records Online

With our new on-line program, you can either register for the first time at the parish, or you can view your existing records and edit them as needed.

New Parishioners: Become a registered parishioner at St. James by visiting: <https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/losangeles>

Existing parishioners: You can also visit that site to view and edit your own church records.

The first time you log in, you will need to hit **register** and create a user id. You will be assigned a temporary password via email, and then you can re-enter the site to update or create your own member and family information - be sure to also include your sacramental records. Detailed instructions are printed up and are located in the vestibule of the church. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

Our Parish Mission Statement

The mission of St. James Church is to build up the Body of Christ by evangelizing to those weak in faith, healing the hurt and alienated Catholic, and nourishing the faith and commitment of its active members. We encourage those in our Faith Community to be:

- involved in regular Mass attendance
- participants in the sacramental life of the Church
- committed to personal spiritual growth
- registered and contributing members of the Church
- supportive of the community through ministry and service in right relationship with God and one another.

PRAYERS & READINGS

Please pray
for us:

LIVING

BETTY FERRIS
FRANK PULLEN
PEGGY ZANA
TERI ITTNER

DECEASED

JOSEPH MIERA
BARBARA BINKLEY

*Do you suffer from
Celiac Decease?*

*Does it prevent you
from taking the Eucharist?*

We want everyone to participate in the Holy Eucharist, so we have Gluten-Free hosts available - just see the Sacristan prior to the start of Mass. Also, If you call the parish office, we can see which Masses have a greater need and possibly do a gluten-free communion station to make it easier for you.

Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY 5:30 PM - MM	JULY 23 HELEN RESONG (D) & SAVINO MARCO (D)
SUNDAY 6:30 AM - MM	JULY 24 JACK HENRI (D) & DIANNE DIZARD (D)
8:00 AM - VP	KAREN WHALEN (D) & IRENE BUNGARDEN (D)
10:00 AM - MM	ST. JAMES PARISHIONERS & TODD CARR (D)
12 NOON - VP	MARILOU GASPAR (D) & GREG MEICHTRY (D)
5:30 PM - MM	GALILEO OPENANO (D) & ROBERT WALTER EGAN (D)
MONDAY 8:00 AM - MM	JULY 25 ST. JAMES PARISHIONERS
12 NOON - IK	JULITA GONZALES (D)
TUESDAY 8:00 AM - MM	JULY 26 FE FLORES (D)
12 NOON - IK	JUSTIN & DANA O'CONNOR (L)
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM - IK	JULY 27 BETTY FERRIS (L)
12 NOON - VP	MARY F. ALTERSITZ (D)
THURSDAY 8:00 AM - VP	JULY 28 SGT. LEONARD LUNA, JR. (D)
12 NOON - IK	MIGUEL PAZ (D)
FRIDAY 8:00 AM - IK	JULY 29 MIGUEL ESCOBAR (D)
12 NOON - VP	BETTY DONOVAN (D)
SATURDAY 8:00 AM - IK	JULY 30 ST. JAMES CHILDREN & TEENS & MARYJANE & STEPHEN JAMBOR (D)

MM - Msgr. Mike, IK - Fr. IK
JK - Fr. Jim, VP - Visiting Priest

Holy Hours & Adorations

Litany of Sacred Heart
Every Wednesday at 12:45 pm

Holy Hour Adoration
(2nd and 4th Fridays)
7:00 pm

Adoration & Benediction
(3rd Friday of the Month)
Begins at the conclusion of
the 8 am Mass and continues
through the Noon Mass

**The St. James Medjugorje
Rosary Prayer Group meets
every Monday at 7 pm in the
Kavanagh Hall.**

You are invited to join us
and pray the Rosary, the
Divine Mercy Chaplet and
Consecration Prayers. We
have met for over 20 years,
and all are welcome.

You can always e-mail your
prayer requests to:
DivineMercyBillb@aol.com

Please remember to
keep our military
and their families in
your prayers.

Weekly Responsorial Psalms & Readings

Monday:	Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday:	For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	God is my refuge on the day of distress.	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lord, in your great love, answer me.	Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27
Saturday:	Lord, in your great love, answer me.	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

If you would like to bring the gifts up to the Altar during Mass,
please talk with an Usher before the Mass begins.

EVENTS HERE AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Pregnancy Help Center
Part-Time Staff Position**

The Center has a job opening for a Development Manager to coordinate all aspects of foundation funding and individual donor cultivation as well as assist with all fundraising events. If interested, send your resume to: agross@phtcrrance.org.

The 45th Annual 2016 SCRS Catholic Renewal Convention will take place over Labor Day Weekend, September 2-4 at Anaheim Convention Center. Visit: SCRC.org

Shining Stars in Christ
Saint James' Shining Stars in Christ Committee invites you to a Gala Dinner honoring seven extraordinary men from our parish...

Terry Benson Richard Bungarden Fr. Jim Kavanagh Joe Kearney
Deacon Bob Miller Jorge Rodriquez Philip de Souza

Saturday, November 5, 2016
6 pm Appetizers & Wine
6:45 pm Dinner, Awards, Dancing
St. James O'Gorman Center

Reservations accepted at the Parish Office and Gift Shop.
For information on sponsorships, please call Ely at (310) 944-3355 or Joanne at (310) 316-2315.

\$70 Per person
\$65 if purchased by September 30th
Sponsor a table of 8 for \$560
\$520 if purchased before September 30th

This is a semi-formal, adult only event.

**Leadership Development Conference
On Love in the Family - Contemporary Challenges**
Saturday, August 6th
St. Joseph Catholic Church
6180 East Willow Street, Long Beach
8:30 am - Registration/Continental Breakfast
9 am - 12:30 pm Conference and Interactive Discussion
Please RSVP to 562 634-0456 or office@sprr.org

Lord,
teach us to



**PLEASE DO NOT
PARK AT MCDONALDS -
THEY MAY TOW**

Instead, go east on Vincent (crossing over PCH), and make your first right into Central Court. You can park at our Preschool/Parish Office parking lot.

SJS Harvest Festival
~~21~~~~22~~**23**
October 2016

Save The Date!
Your ticket to fun has arrived...
The date is set for this year's St. James School Harvest Festival

FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK
and stay posted on event updates
www.sjsharvestfest.com

Want to learn a method of **Natural Family Planning** in a class near your home? Visit the U.S. Bishops' online diocesan NFP coordinators' directory at: www.usccb.org/nfp/find-an-nfp-class.cfm. or for local information go to: <http://archla.org/marriageprep>

Prayer for Marriage couples

Almighty and Eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church; look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase Your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of Your blessing.
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

Welcome!

Are you new to our area? Have you been attending Mass at St. James but not officially registered? We invite you to join us and become a member of our Church family. Please complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office and we will mail you a registration form.

Name _____
Street _____
City/Zip _____
Phone _____
E-Mail _____

New Registration Change of Address
 Moving out of the Parish Would like Envelopes

THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO ST. JAMES!