

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

415 VINCENT STREET, REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90277

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016

“Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.”

- Hebrews 12:12-13



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

Discipline

It is no accident that the words "disciple" and "discipline" are nearly identical. Their relationship in Christian faith and life, however, has fallen somewhat out of favor in the past generation, as certain prescribed Church rules and regulations have been reduced and relaxed. These rules were often referred to as "disciplines." We are mistaken, however, to think that it no longer takes discipline to follow Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews assures us of that today. Our discipline is more like that of an athlete pursuing a victory or a personal best, or a musician striving for a concert career or to master a new piece of music. This discipline comes from desire, not from regulations. It was the desire to do the will of God that led Jesus on the path to his cross. It is that same desire he encourages in us today: to strive to enter through the narrow gate, to find ourselves in the kingdom with a surprising assortment of people who are there not because of mere observation of rules, but out of a genuine desire to recline at the table of the heavenly banquet.

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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 email us at: deaconbob99@aol.com. We'll continue to answer your questions at our upcoming **Inquiry Sessions** scheduled for **Wednesday, August 24 and Monday, August 29**. These Inquiry Sessions will begin at 7 pm in the Parish Office.

SHINING STARS

Don't forget to sign up before the early bird special price ends on September 30th. Also, if you would like to send a special message of congratulations, to be included in our program, for one or all of the honorees, please call Ely at 310 944-3355.



St James Men's annual retreat to the Mountain of God

We will return to Mater Dolorosa in Sierra Madre on September 16-18 for the men's retreat - our theme is *"The Crucified One is No Stranger."* This is a very special time to spend with our Lord while contemplating our path of life - listening and speaking to our Lord about where we are and where we are going. The retreat center is attended by the Passionist priests and deacons to guide us in our quest on looking at our path and helping us find ourselves as we struggle through this life. It is like an oasis to stop along our journey and refresh our spirit. The one most common statement I hear up there is, "If I knew it was like this, I would have come here years ago" Don't just think of it as a weekend. Instead, think of having your spirit renewed. We all win with Jesus. For information/reservations, contact Tony LoBue 310 350-6361, John Cable 310 710-8756 or Nick Tesi 310 717-2937. We are the servant's to help you get to the mountain.

St. James Pictorial Directory

Celebrating our 125th Anniversary

So far approximately **116** 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 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 call the Parish Office at 310 372-5228. You will receive a credit to purchase pictures.

BINGO

Thursdays at 6:45 pm in Kavanagh Hall.
Join the fun!

Q&A

Q: Superstition. I may be superstitious. What does the *Catechism Of The Catholic Church* teach us about superstition?

A: The catechism, (which is characterized as a "...contemporary map for our spiritual journey toward transformation"), puts it succinctly: Superstition is a departure from the worship that we give to the true God." Read more about superstition in your catechism. You can get a copy at the delightful St. James Gift Shop managed by the brilliant and universally helpful Rich Modic.

All parishioners are invited...

Family Living Rosary Pilgrimage
Celebrating the 99th Anniversary
Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday, October 8th

9:30 am - St. James Church (Joyful Mystery)
11:00 am - Our lady of Guadalupe Sorrowful
1:30 pm St. Margaret Mary (Glorious)
3:00 pm - Nativity Church (Luminous)

The American Red Cross Blood Drive Mobile Unit will be in our Church Parking Lot on Sunday, September 18 from 8 am - 1 pm

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HARVEST FESTIVAL/ SILENT AUCTION October 21-23, 2016

We are looking for donations of new/unused items. Donation ideas are: Kids/teen toys, holiday decorations, household items, computer software/hardware, electronic equipment, sporting event tickets/memorabilia, and video games/ gaming systems. Restaurant, hotel, spa, or gift certificates are always a huge success. Donations can be dropped off after the 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon Masses in the parking lot by the bench outside the Church exit on: August 28th, September 11th & 25th, October 2nd, 9th and 16th. Please contact Natalie Straup if you have any questions at natdrag-on@gmail.com or 310 844-3613.

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

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 office hours Monday through Friday 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.

Have a wonderful & safe summer!
Diana Holly, Director



“The average number of times that people say “no” to temptation is about once, weakly.”
-Anonymous

St. James Mom’s Group Summer Family Picnic Night

Sunday, August 28 at 4 pm
(El Retiro Park)

Bring your family and picnic food and enjoy the company of other parish families. The kids can play together while we get to know each other better. For info, contact Karen Cuni at: moms@saintjames.church

Young Children’s Religious Book Basket

We know it can be difficult for littles ones during Mass. Consider letting them pick out a book from our “Religious Book Basket” (located in the church vestibule) to borrow during Mass. We just ask that you return the books afterwards. Religious book donations for ages 5 and under are always welcomed.

Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Our Youth Confirmation Program will begin shortly, please finish your registrations as soon as possible.

TEEN MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
ALL CONFIRMED TEENS INVITED
DETAILS PROVIDED TO
ALL WHO EXPRESS INTEREST
CALL/TEXT/EMAIL

Gabriel Reyes, Director
saintjamesym@gmail.com
www.instagram.com/saintjamesym

310 372-5228 x 20
saintjamesym.weebly.com

To the Parents of Young Children:

May we suggest...

Relax, God put the wiggle in children; don’t feel you have to suppress it in God’s house. All are welcome! Sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what’s going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of other’s heads. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. Soon, we will offer some children’s religious books that they can use while in Mass. If you have to leave Mass with your child, please come back. As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.” Remember that the way we welcome children in the Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God and to one another. Let them know they are at home in this house of worship.

To the members of our parish:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our

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

415 1/2 Vincent St., Redondo Beach 310.374.1964
 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](https://www.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.

MONTHLY COLLECTION

July 2015

\$ 87,027

July 2016

\$104,981

* There were 5 weekends in July, 2016

The 2015 figure included \$16,899 from Faith Direct, and the 2016 figure includes \$23, 021 from Faith Direct

Thank you for your generosity!

Did you forget your envelope?

Do you write too many checks?

No pen in your purse?

Faith Direct

Make it easier to support your parish and sign up with eGiving through **Faith Direct**. It also saves on parish related expenses. To enroll, please visit: www.faithdirect.net, and use our parish code of **CA560**. You can also fill out and mail a *Faith Direct* enrollment form from 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

HELEN MILLER
CARMEN WALSH

DECEASED

FILOMENA CHAVEZ
SHAY MEEHAN
MARILOU GASPAR
DEACON RICHARD SHINKLE

*Do you suffer from
Celiac Disease?*

*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

<u>SATURDAY</u> 5:30 PM - MM	<u>AUGUST 20</u> SAVINO MARCO (D) & THOMAS A. CLAVIN (D)
<u>SUNDAY</u> 6:30 AM - MM	<u>AUGUST 21</u> PEGGY ZANA (D) & JERRY JONES (D)
8:00 AM - JK	JOANNE TAGLIATELA (D) & JAMES CURRAN (D)
10:00 AM - MM	ST. JAMES PARISHIONERS & HARPER VIBIANA MCCARTHY (D)
12 NOON - JK	BARBARA BINCKLEY (D) & MASON PHILLIPS (D)
5:30 PM - MM	MARIA STEFANI (D) & MARCO GARCIA (D)
<u>MONDAY</u> 8:00 AM - MM	<u>AUGUST 22</u> JENIFER JO WILLIAMSON (D)
12 NOON - JC	CARMEN RAMOS (L)
<u>TUESDAY</u> 8:00 AM - JC	<u>AUGUST 23</u> JOSEPH IKEOCHA (D)
12 NOON - MM	LISA LEONI (L)
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 8:00 AM - MM	<u>AUGUST 24</u> COTE/OSPINA/BERGMAN FAMILIES (D)
12 NOON - JK	FRED CZARSKE, JR. (D)
<u>THURSDAY</u> 8:00 AM - JK	<u>AUGUST 25</u> JOSEPH IKEOCHA (D)
12 NOON - JC	PRESENTACION NAVARRO (D)
<u>FRIDAY</u> 8:00 AM - JC	<u>AUGUST 26</u> PEGGY ZANA (D)
12 NOON - MM	KAREN WHALEN (D)
<u>SATURDAY</u> 8:00 AM - MM	<u>AUGUST 27</u> ST. JAMES CHILDREN & TEENS

MM - Msgr. Mike, IK - Fr. IK
JK - Fr. Jim, JC - Fr. John Callanan
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:	Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	The Lord comes to judge the earth.	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday:	I will praise your name for ever, Lord.	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**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

The Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor will host their Nineteenth Annual event "Angels of Mercy Gala."

Honoring four of the founding members of the Auxiliary who have also served as valuable Advisory Board Members: Libby Cigilano, Carole La Caze, Regina Leimbach, and Josephine Nizetich. This event will benefit the Jeanne Jugan Residence. For more information call (310) 548-0625 / www.lspsoocal.org

Saturday, September 24, 2016
 5:30 pm Cocktail Reception
 7:00 pm Dinner & Live Auction
 Palos Verdes Golf Club
 3301 Via Campesina
 Palos Verdes Estates, CA

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 Philip DeSouza Fr. Jim Kavanagh
Joe Kearney Deacon Bob Miller Jorge Rodriguez

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 30

This is a semi-formal, adult only event.

FUNDRaiser! FUN! FUN!
BE A WINNER! NOT A SINNER!
SISTER BERNIE'S BINGO BASH!
SEPTEMBER 16, 2016
7PM O'GORMAN CTR.
ST. JAMES SCHOOL
4625 GARNET ST.
TORRANCE 90503
TICKETS ONLY \$10/PERSON!
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash is an original comedy about a priest and two nuns who travel across the USA playing bingo with hopes of making enough money to reopen their beloved church - St. Dymphna!

During the Bingo Bash, audience members will partake in seven bingo games (based on the seven deadly sins) inspiring songs, spiritual insight, wacky prizes, exciting raffle and some healthy competition.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS... BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Online visit www.brownpapertickets.com and search for Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash or use the form below and send with your check, payable to SJSEF. We will email you to confirm receipt.

Please Print

TICKETS FOR SISTER BERNIE'S BINGO

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$10 = \$ _____ Total enclosed

Make check payable to: St. James Education Foundation (SJSEF)
 Mail to: Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash c/o St. James School
 4625 Garnet Street Torrance, CA 90503

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 Pre-school/Parish Office parking lot.

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!



All proceeds from Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash will go to support funding for updated St. James School computer lab coming in 2017-18 school year!

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