

WELCOME!

Thank you for worshipping with us!
We are not complete without you!

Maybe you grew up Catholic.
Maybe you think of yourself as Catholic.

Maybe you haven't been to church
in a while.
Or, you are worried that you won't
be welcomed here.

And maybe it feels awkward and
scary to take that first step.

Question. Doubts. Yearning,
but not sure for what.

We get it. We've been there.
Now we are here.

Maybe God is calling you, too.
Just as you are.

Welcome home.

Pastors Letter

Christmas Concert Dazzled us all.

The Christmas Concert this year filled the church with **families and friends**. What a wonderful way to focus our **hearts and minds** on the season and to keep us focused on the **joy and hope of God's saving grace** in His Son, Jesus Christ. We are so thankful for the **tremendous talent and generosity** of our three choirs—the **10 am Choir**, the **Noon Choir, Resounding Grace** and the 5:30 pm **Youth Mass Choir** and many of our cantors for giving of their time and talent in their special ministry of raising our hearts in song to God's praise. **Thank you so much**. A special thanks goes to **Kevin Babuder and Damian Smith** for their leadership of these choirs.

Retired Religious Collection this weekend.

This weekend we have a special 2nd Collection after Communion for the support of the **Retired Religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests**. With their vows of poverty, they were the backbone of the church in Los Angeles during the 1900's when we built **260 parishes**, most of them with schools all staffed by Religious Sisters. They labored and gave us a wonderful education without any thought to their own future.

This collection provides for the many religious now living in retirement and in need of our assistance. Your generosity is also an expression of our appreciation of the **selfless service** they have given us.

Penance Services on Monday and Tuesday.

These past two weeks our Gospel reading is about the John the Baptist who so powerfully called the people to the Jordan River seeking **repentance**.

This week we have two special **Penance Services** with the opportunity for individual Confessions:

- Monday, December 12th all the priests of the area will be available at **American Martyrs Church**, 624 15th Street, Manhattan Beach, at 7:30 pm.
- Tuesday, December 13th all the priests will be here at **St. James** at 7:30 pm.

This is the **best way** to prepare our minds and hearts for Christmas and the new life Christ calls us to share

Msgr. Mike

Fr. J.K.

Christmas at Family Promise of the South Bay

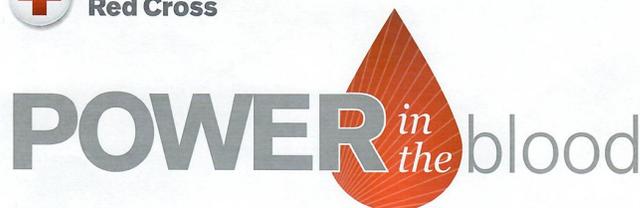
Christmas at Family Promise of the South Bay

The Family Promise office is **collecting gift cards** that parents in the program will use to buy Christmas gifts for their children. Cards of any value from stores such as **Target, Kohl's and Old Navy** would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to donate card(s) to brighten Christmas for the families and children in Family Promise, please mail or drop them off at the **Family Promise OSB office, 2930 El Dorado St, Torrance 90503, by DEC 19th**. You can also take them to the Parish office by **DEC 16th** (in an envelope labeled "Family Promise").

Gift cards can also be specified for use by the families during the year (**such as for birthdays or new shoes or clothes—the kids grow!**) and dropped off at any time.

For more information please contact **Judy Pang, jmpang@aol.com, 310 375-5783**. Thank you for your generosity!



You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life!

Blood Drive Sunday, December 18 8am-2pm

to make an appointment: www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code **StJamesParish** or call the church office 310.372.5228

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RecCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Eucharistic Ministers:

The Sign-up Sheets for **Christmas and Feast of Mary Mother of God** Masses are now in the Sacristy. Please come in and sign-up.

Holy Innocents Day Service

Parishioners are invited to a Mass and Rosary-centered service at the **Shrine to the Unborn** **Wednesday, December 28th, 2016** in Holy Cross Cemetery.

The service will begin with **Mass at 2:00 pm** at the Risen Christ Chapel with main celebrant **Bishop Joseph Sartoris**, followed by a procession to the Shrine.



The procession will be led by the **Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Corps**.

During the procession, the Rosary will be prayed.

Hymns, a scriptural reading and a homily will follow. **Please bring your family and friends.**

Holy Cross Cemetery is at 5835 West Slauson Ave., between Sepulveda and La Cienega.

For further details call **Tom Ullman, 310.670.0605**.



Joe Kearney PFN
Faithful Navigator

Thomas Ullman PFN
General Chairman

At the dedication of the **Shrine to the Unborn**, 12/28/1994 donated by the Knights of Columbus

Christmas Mass Schedule

Come, Let us adore Him

Christmas Eve, Saturday Dec 24
4 pm— Fr. I.K.
6 pm—Fr. Jim

10:30 Christmas Carols
11 pm Mass - All Priests

Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec 25
6:30 am- Fr. I.K.
8 am- Msgr. Mike
10:00 am— Fr. I.K.
12 noon - Msgr. Mike

Reconciliation Service / Confessions

Experience the healing power of God!

Monday 7:30 pm at American Martyrs.
Tuesday 7:30 pm at Saint James.

If you been **putting off going to confession for years**, months or **can't remember** when the last time you have received this sacrament, you are **most warmly invited** to attend one of these **Penance Services**.

Get rid of the sins and baggage that have been weighing down your conscience. It's time to be free. You'll feel joy and peace again!

Children's Christmas Choir

All children are invited to sing at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass on December 24.

Practice from 9-10am in room 5, Parish Center
December 11, 18

Performances:

December 17, 11-12:30 singing at convalescent homes
December 18, 6-7:30 pm caroling through the lighted area in south Torrance

December 24, singing at 4pm Mass, Christmas Eve
Contact Robin Potchka 310.722.3573
drpotchka@gmail.com

Need Someone to Listen to you?

Do you feel like life is **hopeless**? Do you feel **depressed and lonely**? Are you recovering from the loss of a loved one or a recent **divorce**? We suggest you call a Stephen Minister. This is a ministry of trained people who **will listen to you** in a very confidential way and give you spiritual guidance. **Hotline 310.541.403**.

Growing in Faith

SAINT JAMES NILAND SCHOLARSHIPS

Holy Hour Adoration

Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 7 pm.



Benediction and Adoration 3rd Friday of the month beginning after 8am Mass until 12 noon Mass. Spend some quiet time with the Lord.

"Be still and know that I am God." Ps 46:10



Five scholarships for seniors that will graduate from Torrance West, Redondo Union or Bishop Montgomery High School and plan to attend a college or university in 2017.

These annual scholarships are offered to promote the involvement of young people in St James Parish ministries. In accordance with the terms of endowment the Niland Scholarships are offered based primarily on need, service to the parish/church/community, involvement in church activities, and acceptance to an accredited college and are not based solely on grade point average (GPA).

To apply you must be a registered member of St James parish, a practicing Catholic i.e. confirmed and attending Mass regularly.

Application packets will be available in the parish office after Dec 5, 2016 and are due back no later than Feb 28, 2017.

Adult Education—Bible Study

Whether you have personal questions about love, suffering, guilt, loneliness, success, God, the future or the meaning of life, the Bible has answers for you.

Our DVD lecture series is *"The Journey from the Head to the Heart"*. Fr. Anthony Ciorra helps us find peace & happiness as we come to accept that God is always in control of our lives. Join us on this spiritual journey in pursuit of wisdom.

Meeting are in Kavanagh Hall every Wednesday at 8:45 AM, through January 17, 2017.

Joe Zelik 310. 370.1645

Tuesday Evening Class:

We will resume in January, 2017.
Topic & dates to be announced.

Mikey or Angeles Haney: 310.798.8224

Adult Confirmation

Are you a baptized Catholic, but have not yet received your Sacrament of Confirmation?? If so, contact us about becoming a candidate to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation).

Our preparation classes are held on Thursday evenings at 7:15pm. Our Winter, 2017 cycle of classes begins on Thursday, January 12, 2017. Upon your successful completion, you would receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. James on Friday, May 19, 2017.

If you know of someone who may benefit from this process, please feel free to past this information along to them.

To receive further information and details on this process, please contact Deacon Bob & Patty Miller at 310.371.0985 or send an email to adultconfirmation@aol.com.

Today is Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete means "rejoice!"

Our Scriptures provide us with wonderful images of healing, restoration, and justice.

St. James reminds us to be patient as the coming of the Lord is at hand. But it is the prophet Isaiah who provides the encouragement we so desperately need.

Our world and our country are in need of peace. We long for God's justice, which does not bring retribution but equity.

Isaiah shows us that if we walk with God all of these things can be ours, not only in the future but now.

Feed the Needy—Christmas Luncheon

Tired of the **commercialization** of Christmas?
Stressed out by the demands of the holidays?
Looking for the **true meaning** of Christmas?



Bring love and joy to homeless families at Christmas:
Feed the Needy Annual Christmas Luncheon
Saturday, December 17th.

Experience the true meaning of Christmas.
As you help struggling families,
we promise you'll leave with a much happier heart.

Join members of St. James family on
Friday, December 16 as we prepare by:
Wrapping Gifts for Needy Children
Trimming Trees
Decorating Kavanagh Hall

Helping our brothers and sisters reminds us how we are
connected to each other and equal in God's eyes.
Volunteer for the party on December 17th.
Call Barbara at 310.530.2756

Here's where to find parking for Mass



Help bring Joy to a Child at Christmas

Look for **Our Giving Tree** in the church vestibule next
Sunday. **Take an ornament. Return a gift** and a
blessing to someone for our **Feed the Needy
Christmas Luncheon** or a child at **San Miguel** in
Watts. Call Barbara at 310.530.2756 with questions.

Regrets Heard at Deathbed Confessions

We've all heard the old saying that "People on their deathbeds don't say, 'I wish I'd spent more time at work...'" More often, people's regrets are truly about "what I have done, and what I have failed to do."

A Spanish priest, Father Nelson, has listed the sort of regrets he has often heard while accompanying the dying.

We might use this list as an examination of conscience, or to help us to pray for the grace to live in a way that might prevent our feeling these regrets later in our lives.

- For **failing to say so many words of praise**, recognition and encouragement to those who deserved them or needed them
- For having failed to respect **someone's innocence** or having blocked someone's dreams
- For the times I took too much time and not enough effort to **forgive**
- For **taking advantage** of someone who loved me, in order to get something for myself
- For not being **careful to guide** those I should have educated better, before it was too late
- For **complaining** much more often than I gave thanks
 - For the **promises I didn't keep**
- For the times that I could have and should have prayed more, and above all, **with more love**
 - That I **hurt or harmed someone** in any way
- **For lacking love.** I should have loved God and my neighbor much more.

Whatever you have done or haven't done in your life that is causing you to feel regret, know **that there is nothing that can separate you from God's love.**

He is able to take our mistakes and our messes and turn things around, once we **admit our mistakes and turn back to him with a sincere heart.**

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 More specifically, He died for **you.**

Don't suffer anymore feeling isolated from God's love. **Come to our Penance Service on Tuesday at 7:30.**

Welcome! We've Missed you!

Your Father in heaven wants you to **come home**, and so do we. The longing you have in your heart can be fulfilled through Jesus and his Catholic Church. You are **not alone**. Countless of **your own brothers and sisters** in Christ have returned home, have come back to Confession and to Mass, and have experienced **the joy of a renewed relationship with the God who loves them and accepts them unconditionally**.
Now, you can too.

You'll be welcomed here at Saint James, not judged. We are **honored** by your presence and want you to **experience God's love** through members of His church here at Saint James.

**'There are no strangers here;
Only friends you haven't yet met.'** - William Yeats

Women's Guild

Be part of the Women's Guild.

Come and **join us** for fellowship, social and spiritual friendship and lots of fun every **2nd Wednesday of the month** in Kavanagh Hall. Spiritual Director— Deacon Bob Miller



Saint James **Sunday night Youth Choir** is happy to announce that they have finished their first album!

This holiday CD is entitled **"The Greatest Gift of All,"** and features songs performed at the St. James Christmas concert. It is available for purchase in the

gift shop for \$10. It is a wonderful way to bring in the holiday, and makes a great gift for friends and family.

Christmas Choir



If you missed this incredible concert performance, you'll have another chance to hear them on Christmas eve. They'll be singing Christmas Carols welcoming our Savior beginning at 10:30 pm. Join us!

Welcome Parents of Young Children!

Relax! God loves the wiggly little saints and we do too! Please welcome families with young children to mass with smiles and encouragement!

We understand how difficult it is to **attend Mass** with all the supplies a family with young children needs. Many of us have been through this and **understand what it's like.**

If we do what we can to **encourage families to pray together** at Mass when they are young, the seeds planted will help **them develop a deeper faith they can turn to as life becomes ever more difficult.** Want to do more to help these families? **Consider helping at Children's Liturgy of the Word.**

Youth Ministry



Y2 Confirmation Night December 11
Y1 and Y2 bring a friend night on December 18
Event Details at www.saintjamesym.weebly.com



Life Teen Summit Nights for all High School Teens
Join us Monday, December 12, 19
7:00 - 8:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm)
Meet in the Teen Lounge (parish office)



Nativity presentation at Christmas Eve (4:00pm Mass).
Any 7th and 8th graders who want to join the Nativity
Please contact Gabe to reserve your spot.
Nativity Rehearsal - Monday December 19, 6:00pm in the Church (please reserve your spot ahead of time).

Gabriel Reyes, Director
saintjamesym@gmail.com 310.372.5228 x 20
<http://saintjamesym.weebly.com/>

Our Lady of Medjugorje

“Dear children, my motherly **heart is crying** as I am looking at **what my children are doing**.



Sins are multiplying, the **purity** of soul is all the less important; my Son is **being forgotten** - honored all the less; and my children are being **persecuted**.

That is why, you my children, apostles of my love, with soul and heart invoke the name of **my Son**.

He will have the words of light for you.

He manifests Himself to you, He breaks the **bread** with you and gives you the **words of love** so that you may transform them into **merciful acts** and, thus, be witnesses of **truth**.

That is why, my children, **do not be afraid**. Permit my Son to be **in** you. He will make use of you to care for the **wounded** and to **convert** lost souls.

Therefore, my children, **return** to the prayer of the **Rosary**. Pray it **with feelings** of **goodness, sacrifice and mercy**. Pray, **not** only with words, but with **merciful acts**. **Pray with love for all people**. My Son, by His sacrifice, exalted **love**.

Therefore, **live with Him** so that you may have **strength** and **hope**; that you may have the **love** which is life and which leads to **eternal life**.

Through God's love, **I am also with you, and will lead you with motherly love. Thank you.**”

Mirjana said that Our Lady was very sad.—Dec 2, 2016

Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group

St. James Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group

Invites you to join us on any **Monday at 7:00 pm** in Kavanagh Hall for praying the rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Consecration prayers.

All present may offer their own intentions. Most meetings last about one hour and ten minutes.

Lupe Hernandez at 310.374.4242.

About Mary and the Rosary

Catholics believe that worship is due to **God alone**.

We **honor** our Blessed Mother with great reverence and devotion because she is the **Mother of God**.

Mary is the model of **perfect love and obedience to Christ**.

God preserved Mary from **sin**, (we celebrated on December 8, Feast of **Immaculate Conception**) and she conceived our Lord by the **power of the Holy Spirit**, bringing Christ into our world.

We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is **full of grace**, the Mother of God and our Mother, **for her “yes” to God** that made the **Incarnation** possible. And without the Incarnation, we would not have salvation. Mary is the most beautiful model of **total submission to the will of God**. Catholics **do not view Mary as equal** to Christ, but rather venerate Mary because of her **relationship** to Christ .

The Rosary is a **Scripture-based** prayer. It begins with the **Apostles' Creed**, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The **Our Father**, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels

The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and the Luminous.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and **contemplative prayer** related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the **silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells**.

Books on the **power** of the Rosary, how to pray the rosary and rosaries are available in the Gift Shop. **Deepen your spiritual growth by renewing or beginning your meditation on the life of Jesus's life in praying the rosary.**

To help you get started, you can tune in to catholic radio **AM930 at 8:30pm for their rosary prayer.**

Consider praying the rosary on Monday evenings at 7pm in Kavanagh hall with the Medjugorje prayer group.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY COLLECTION

Faith Direct	Total
2016 - \$27,246	\$111,647
2015 - \$20,058	\$107,066

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Religious Retirement Fund
11 Children's Liturgy of the Word 10 am	12 Penance Service American Martyrs 7:30 pm	13 Golden Age Christmas Luncheon Penance Service St. James 7:30 Pm	14 SJS Christmas Sing 7pm Church	15	16	17 Feed the Needy Christmas Luncheon 1 pm
18 Women's Guild Potluck 1:15 Red Cross Blood Drive	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 4 pm – Fr. IK 6 pm – Fr. Jim Carols @10:30 11 pm Fr. Mike
25 Christmas Day Masses 6:30am 8am 10am 12 noon No 5:30 Mass	26 Mass 8, 12 Parish Office Closed	27	28	29	30 Parish Office Closed at Noon	31 New Year's Eve 5:30 pm Mass 10:30 pm Mass



Everything we have is a gift from God, including our ability to earn money. We believe that it is through our generosity and sharing from our first fruits that we are able to fulfill the mission that God has entrusted to us –changing lives and saving souls.

Visit www.SaintJames.Church or the parish office.



“Is any among you sick?
Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, **anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;** and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.” (Jas. 5:14–15).

Call the office 310.372.5228

Prayer Requests

For those suffering illness, infirmity, and those in need of our prayers: **Eileen Stahl**

From death to new life.
For the souls of the recently departed, that through the mercy of God, they may rest in peace:

Cheryl Gavin-Uyeno, Maria Kleniewska, Longin Kleniewski, Etsuko Vigil, Yelba Rodriguez

RESPONSORIAL PSALM & READINGS

Monday

You are the highest honor of our race.

Is 35:1-10 / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Savior.

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/ Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Is 54:1-10 / Lk 7:24-30

Friday

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 / Jn 5:33-36

Saturday

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

Sunday

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

Welcome!

Friends and Family
GATHER HERE

Welcome one another, then,
as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God.
Romans 15:7

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:30 pm	Dec. 10 Msgr. Mike	Marciano Lim † Charles Eugino (L)
Sunday 6:30 am	Dec. 11 Fr. IK	James A. Gallegher † Vivian Kliewer (L)
8 am	Fr. IK	Scott Stafford (L)
10 am	Msgr. Mike	Joseph Nowak † St. James Parishioners
12 noon	Fr. Jim	Brenda Garde (L)
5:30 pm	Fr. IK	Dee Fitzmaurice † Gregory Meichtry † Bella Lim † Charles Eugino (L)
Monday 8 am	Dec. 12 Fr. IK	Veronica Sun (L)
12 noon	Msgr. Mike	Antonietta Clarla †
Tuesday 8 am	Dec. 13 Msgr. Mike	James Gallegher †
12 noon	Fr. IK	Catholic Golden Age (L)
Wednesday 8 am	Dec. 14 Msgr. Mike	Dennis Gaynor †
12 noon	Fr. Jim	Deb Krivda (L)
Thursday 8 am	Dec. 15 Fr. Jim	Dotty Archambault †
12 noon	Fr. IK	John Rumbtis †
Friday 8 am	Dec. 16 Fr. IK	Noel Magbanua †
12 noon	Msgr. Mike	Avelina Arcenas †
Saturday 8 am	Dec. 17 Msgr. Mike	Feed the Needy (L)
5:30 pm	Fr. IK	Jolanka Srsen † Barry Reynolds †
Sunday 6:30 am	Dec. 18 Fr. Jim	Marco Vignale (L)
8 am	Msgr. Mike	Laura Palosarri (L)
10 am	Fr. IK	Mason Phillips † Joseph Nowak †
12 noon	Msgr. Mike	St. James Parishioners
5:30 pm	Fr. IK	Kap Soo Lee † James Rava † Kathleen Rios † Patricia Cara † Carolyn Mitchell (L)

We're here to help you become
the holy, healthy, vibrant person that
God has created you to be.



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Sunday Masses: (Sat. 5:30 pm) | **Sunday** 6:30 am, 8, 10, 12, 5:30 pm | **Monday- Friday** 8 am, 12 noon | **Saturday** 8 am



Msgr. Mike Meyers
Pastor
FrMike@SaintJames.Church



Fr. Ikechukwu Ikeocha - 'Fr. IK'
Associate Pastor
FrIK@SaintJames.Church

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday 4-5 Pm
or by appointment

**Eucharistic Ministers
for Homebound**

John Cable
310.710.8756

**Eucharistic Ministers
for Care Centers**

Miki Finken
310.316.3890



Fr. James Kavanagh
Pastor Emeritus
310.372.5228



Deacon Bob & Patty Miller
Deacon Couple
DeaconBob99@AOL.com

Helping Children Grow in Faith

*'Train the young in the way they should go;
even when old, they will not swerve from it' Proverbs 22:6*



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Religious Education Office hours
Monday – Thursday
10 am – 3 pm
and during class times:
Tuesday 4 pm – 8:15
Wednesday 4 pm – 5:30

We believe in creating a warm and loving environment where children can learn about themselves, gain an understanding of others and develop strong self-esteem.



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