



## THE GOOD NEWS APRIL 2017

Dear Parents,

Our theme for Lent is **"To Serve is a Sign of Love."** One of the ways the children in Religious Education reach out to help others is by participating in the Missionary Childhood Association - **children helping children**. By helping children who are less fortunate than they with prayers and donations, our children learn that their lives can and do make a difference in other children's lives. As of March 22, they have donated \$312.32. This money will go directly to help the poorest of the poor children living in poverty across the world.

We are also asking our children and the Religious Education families to donate cans of chili for our parish "Feed the Needy" ministry which is coordinated by our wonderful Fourth Grade Teacher Aide Barbara Mullen.

Our Children's RCIA program is flourishing. We have 16 children in Grades 4 - 8 taking part in this process and will receive their sacraments during the months of April and May. Please look for our children's pictures posted under the statue of Mary in St. James Church together with the adult RCIA candidates. We ask you to keep these children and their families in your prayers. Also, a big thank you to our RCIA teacher: Debora Martins.

I am pleased to attach the **April** issue of **Partners in Faith**. Four highlights are:

- **Worship** is showing adoration and reverence for God. Because of who he is, it is right to worship him. In the main article on page one we learn how to teach children to give **RIGHT** worship.
- The joy of Easter morning is meant to come more than once a year. In the article on page two we learn ideas to make Easter joy last all year.
- **ParentTalk**, tells how a parent learned that quick, angry emails aren't necessarily the best way to communicate with teachers.
- **Why Do Catholics Do That?** Answers the question: "Why do Catholics distribute palms on Palm Sunday?" I hope you enjoy these articles.

Also, for your convenience I have attached the Holy Week schedule of Masses and Confessions.

May God bless each of you in a very special way this Lenten Season and remember to **serve is a sign of love**...do something special for someone each day of Lent.

## Special Notice!

**Just a reminder that classes will not be in session on April 4th & April 5th for Teacher In-Service Training and the week of April 10th for Spring Break.**

**The RE office will be closed the week of April 10th.**

### Classes will resume:

**Tuesday, April 18th Grades 1-6, 7-8  
Wednesday, April 19th Grades 1-6**

### **SUNDAY Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at the 10:00 a.m. Mass for children ages 6-12.

The next Liturgy of the Word will be on Sunday, April 9th and 23rd.

To volunteer, or for more information, please call Mary Wiest at (310) 540-7966.

### Lenten Penance Service Schedule

**All Services begin at 7:30pm**

Monday, April 3	American Martyrs
Tuesday, April 4	St. James Church
Wednesday, April 5	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday April 6	St. Lawrence Martyr
Friday, April 7	St. Anthony

### APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 4 - 5	Teacher In-Service Training <b><u>No Classes</u></b>
April 4	Penance Service St. James @ 7pm
April 10-14	Spring Break Redondo Beach Unified And Torrance Unified <b><u>No Classes</u></b> <b>RE Office Closed</b>
April 16	Easter
April 17	<b>Parish Office &amp; RE Office Closed</b>
April 18-19	Classes Resume
April 18 -19	<b>Spirit Day</b> - First Grade Hosts
April 24	First Communion - Mass A-Walk-Thru Church 7pm Dessert Social Kavanagh Hall
April 26	<b><u>No Classes</u></b> ( Grades 1- 6) <b>Parish Appreciation Dinner</b>
May 7	<b>RE Third Grade</b> Hosts 8:00am Mass
May 9 - 10	Baby Shower For Life Mass Grades 1-6 Church @ 4:00pm
May 13	<b>First Communion 10:00am</b>



### **Missionary Childhood Association**

Coin boxes were distributed on March 14th and 15th. As of date the children have raised \$312.32, which will benefit the poorest of poor children living in 81 countries around the world. Remember to donate coins and prayers for these children. The last day to return the coin boxes is Wednesday, March 29, 2017.