



# THE GOOD NEWS MARCH 2017

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\* Dear Parents,

\* Bravo to our wonderful 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders who hosted the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, March 5:  
\* Briana Dunbar, Lana Troyer, Aydin De Ruyter, Nathan Staso, Laura McGrath, Mia Gonzalez-Suarez,  
\* Nicholas Mendoza, Aidan Toscano, Vivian Albelda, Ryan DeLeon, Seamus O'Meara, Daphne Sahaya,  
\* Mia Santorelli, David Solimando, Colin Thekkinedath, Alejandro Gutierrez and Genesis Esquivel for  
\* their outstanding participation as Readers, Greeters and Presenters of the Gifts. I am so proud  
\* of them. Also, a **big** thank you to our Junior High teachers: Jeanne Haworth and Alex Luna for all  
\* their help.

\* The Religious Education Conference took place on February 23 - 26. This is the largest event of  
\* its kind in the world, a wonderful four-day event sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of  
\* Religious Education. Its objective is offering in-service education and spiritual formation to those  
\* in catechetical and related ministries. An estimated 40,000 adults attended. There were more  
\* than 300 workshops offered on various topics ranging from spirituality, music and personal  
\* development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis. I am very pleased to say that 46 of our  
\* teachers, aides and staff attended this outstanding in-service. It was a weekend rich with  
\* information, liturgy and fellowship!

\* The **Missionary Childhood Association** is one of our student's service projects during Lent. This  
\* money that is raised will go directly to help the poorest of the poor children living in poverty  
\* across the world. I have attached an information letter for your family. Your child will receive  
\* their box today at class. Thank you so much for your generosity to those in need. **Truly, children,**  
\* **your lives can and do make a positive difference in the lives of others.**

\* I am pleased to attach the **March** issue of **Partners in Faith**. Three highlights are:  
\* + Lent is the perfect time for families to seek healing from the Sacrament of Penance and  
\* Reconciliation, especially if they have been away. In the main article on page one, families  
\* learn how to create more enthusiasm in children for the Sacrament. + Children often see  
\* Lent as a purely penitential season during which they give up candy, video games or soda and  
\* see no other benefit. The main article on page two helps Catholics of all ages see Lent as a  
\* gift to help us become the people God means us to be. + It bears reminding all Catholics  
\* that we are to fast at least an hour before receiving Holy Communion. Our "Why Do  
\* Catholics Do That?" feature explains the importance of this practice. + Also, attached is  
\* your 2017 Family Lent Calendar to help families to renew, recharge, and refocus during Lent  
\* with a faith-based idea that families can do each day to observe the Lenten season. I hope  
\* you enjoy these articles.

\* 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.

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**Missionary Childhood Association**

Coin boxes were distributed on March 14th and 15th. Last year the children raised \$707.38, which benefited the poorest of poor children living in 81 countries around the world. This year the Lenten program focuses on areas of the World where missionaries continue to share the Good News of Jesus. Remember to donate coins and prayers for these children. The last day to return the coin boxes is Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

**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 10:00am **Mass for children ages 6-12.**

The next Liturgy of the Word will be on Sunday, March 26th and Sundays, April 9th and 23rd.

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

**MARCH & APRIL**  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- March 1 **Ash Wednesday** - Mass 4pm Church  
All RE Students should come directly to Church
- March 7 Classes & Earthquake Drill  
Grades 1-6, 7-8
- March 8 Classes & Earthquake Drill  
Grades 1-6
- March 13 First Communion Parent Meeting  
**(2nd year families)** Sacrament of Eucharist  
7:00pm Kavanagh Hall – Fr. IK
- March 21-22 **Spirit Day** - Second Grade Hosts
- April 4 **No Classes** - (Grades 1-6, 7-8)  
**Teacher In- Service Meeting**
- April 4 Parish Lenten Penance Service  
St. James Church 7:30 pm
- April 5 **No Classes** - (Grades 1-6)  
**Teacher In- Service Meeting**
- April 10 - 14 Spring Break for Torrance and Redondo Beach Schools  
**No Class / RE Office Closed**
- April 17 **RE Office & Parish Office Closed**
- April 18-19 **Spirit Day**– First Grade Hosts
- April 24 First Communion Parents & Children  
Mass A-Walk-Thru at Church / 7pm
- April 26 **No Classes** ( Grades 1– 6)

**Holy Week Schedule April, 2017**

*Holy Thursday*  
April 13th @ 7:30 pm

*Good Friday, April 14th*  
12 Noon & 7:30 pm

*Holy Saturday*  
April 15th @ 7:30 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 16th**  
At *St. James Church* - 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12 Noon  
At *Kavanagh Hall* - 10:15 am  
At *O’Gorman Center* - 9:30 am