



St. James  
Catholic Church

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years

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 3, 2017

Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples.

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

## Welcome!

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

What profit would there be for one  
to gain the whole world  
and forfeit his life?

*Mt 16:26*

Office Hours: Mon.- Thurs. 8 to 12, 1 to 8 pm | Fri. 8 to 12, 1 to 7 pm | Sat. 9 - 12 noon | Sun. Closed

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## Pastor's Corner



Dear Parishioners,

As our prayers go out for all those who were impacted by Hurricane Harvey, Archbishop Gomez is asking that we take up a special collection to support the victims and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted families

The collection will be held during the weekend of September 9-10. Checks should be made to Saint James with 'Hurricane Relief' in the memo field. Cash can be placed in the "Welcome" envelopes in the pews with "**Hurricane Relief**" written on the envelop.

Please continue to pray for the victims and for all those heroes involved in the rescue efforts.

Join us next Sunday as we celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** at the 10am Mass.

In the United States, more than half a million catechists serve in the nation's parishes, missions, and schools. The dedication and commitment of these catechists is something that deserves to be celebrated.

The annual celebration of Catechetical Sunday is an occasion for recognizing, affirming, and supporting their efforts through a formal rite of commissioning.

But it is more than that: at our Baptism, each and everyone of us were "commissioned" to introduce others to Christ and to help them come to know and love Christ.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops designates Catechetical Sunday to celebrate the ministry of catechesis and reminds us that everyone in the Catholic community has an obligation to hand on the faith.

"Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples."

*Msgr. Mike*

## Business Owner's Group

Come and join us this  
**Wednesday morning at 7:30 am at the  
St James Parish Center Room 6.**

The Business Group of individual business owners will start again this Wednesday morning. This is an excellent way to share your business and practices with fellow businesses and learn new techniques from others.



We typically start out with a reading from the Gospel to get our minds in a good place and then get into discussing not only our businesses, but also marketing, sales, employment, business law plus other topics during the year.

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## Interested in becoming Catholic?

Don't delay - take the next step now!

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Classes begin **September 10**, in Parish Center Room 6 at 8:15am and every Sunday thereafter.

Get authentic answers and find peace, as you discover God's purpose for your life.

**Ed Sieger 843.697.3012**  
**Carrie Harris 310.908.9326**

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## Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group



Invites you to pray with us for those impacted by flooding.

Every **Monday 7- 8:15 pm** in Kavanagh Hall

Pray the rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Consecration with us.

Experience inner peace in a turbulent world.

**All present may offer their own intentions.**

# Welcome!

## Friends and Family

### GATHER HERE

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

### 'Our Concern for the Less Privileged'

Christ identifies Himself with the poor and the suffering.

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." Lk. 4:18



**Sr. Pamela Eke, missionary** from Daughters of Divine Love will be speaking at each Mass Sept. 2nd and 3rd.

Clean water is incredibly cheap and yet so inaccessible for so many. Six to eight million people die annually from water related diseases. Our order is committed to giving clean water to our communities.



In the photo above, the sisters are distributing water filters to mothers with babies in Ebonyi State, Nigeria.



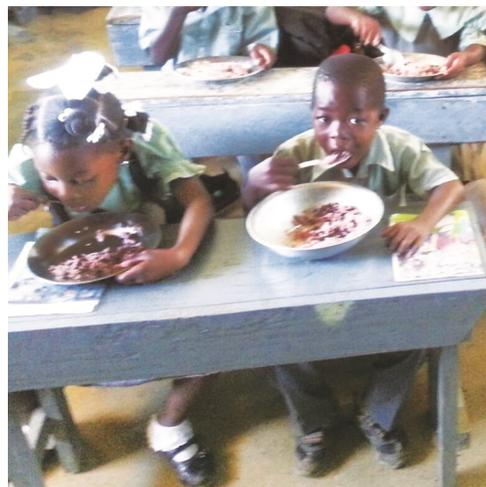
We train the novices and postulants in our formation houses in preparation for active apostolate.



Sisters and Staff feeding our Charity Home children in Enugu State, Nigeria.

School work: as Principals, Teachers, Teacher-aids, Counselors and Caretakers.

Working among the very poor of our society: the rejected, the homeless, challenged children and adults in homes and in the streets, homes for battered women and children, babies affected by drugs.



(Above, Core Immacule school in Haiti are having lunch in school, provided by the Sisters.)



Consider the amount of money you'd spend on a dinner for two at a nice restaurant. Now imagine how much joy and eternal reward you'd have if you made a sacrifice and donated this money to this missionary work.

*'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

Mt. 25:34

Thank you, and may God bless you for your prayers and support.



All confirmed teens in 11th and 12th grade are invited to apply for Teen Disciples. This is a time to grow, learn, share and understand your mission and calling - how to live it out today and always. Each Teen Disciple will be invited to share their gifts and talents in a variety of ways as you work together to serve and love your peers, community and church.

## oneight CONFIRMATION PROGRAM Register Now for High School Confirmation

1. Go to [SaintJamesYM.weebly.com](http://SaintJamesYM.weebly.com)
  2. Click on link 'Form'
  3. Register and attend orientation  
Date to be announced
- 424.265.8336 or [SaintJamesYM@Gmail.com](mailto:SaintJamesYM@Gmail.com)



Registration is available online for 7th and 8th graders.  
[SaintJamesYM.weebly.com](http://SaintJamesYM.weebly.com)

## Seeking Director of Youth Ministry

Saint James Parish is seeking a full time Director of Youth Ministry to coordinate, lead, develop and supervise our current Jr. High Ministry and High School Ministry.

We are currently hosting ministry events and opportunities for 7th and 8th graders, 9th-12th graders and High School Confirmation preparation for high school teens starting in the 9th grade.

[www.SaintJames.Church/Apply](http://www.SaintJames.Church/Apply)

## Catholic Q & A "Ordinary Time."

**Q:** These weeks and Sundays are unfolding as "Ordinary Time." Sounds uneventful, or nondescript, maybe rather uninspiring. Is it?

**A:** Let's see:

The United States Conference Of Catholic Bishops refer to the two sections of Ordinary Time as a period of growth and maturation; the time of our very conversion to the life of Christ. These weeks reflect the unfolding of the, "...direction of all history leading to the end of this period of ordinary time; The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ." The life of Christ. The Paschal Mystery. The directional, defining river of history. Not really uneventful time, is it?

Ordinary also means ordered, or the ordinal numbering of the weeks of this time period.

Another feature of Ordinary Time is the environment of the church. When the spectacular arrangements of flowers turn more subdued after Easter, one can also appreciate the loveliness of the more muted, minimalist placement of the accents and greenery. We see a sensitive, authentic setting, complimenting the sanctuary in its correct, seasonal form. (Thank you, Patty Miller and ministry).

At a recent 6:30 am Mass, there was a moment at that offered revered silence after celebrating communion. It was then that the environment spoke well as a meditative setting that reflected the deeply significant and inspiring events that are at the heart and spirituality of Ordinary Time.

## Catholic Coed Softball Players Wanted



Greater South Bay Catholic Co-ed Adult (Ages 18+) Softball League seeks players for their New & Exciting 2017 Fall Season!

Games are held on Sunday afternoons in Torrance **starting on Sept 10!**

Singles & Couples welcome

If interested, please contact ASAP:

**Fred 714.369.9516 or [fredlawler@hotmail.com](mailto:fredlawler@hotmail.com).**

## Shining Stars in Christ 2017 Gala Honoring:

**Gude & George Floratos  
Agnes & Richard Gainey  
Lois and John Kunsch  
Carol & Tom McGarry  
Christina & Charles Salfity  
Eileen & Ed Staal**

Shining Stars Gala is an annual event of a semi-formal dinner and awards presentation honoring extraordinary men and women who have served the parish community for over 25 years.

Shining Stars are examples of those devoted and loyal parishioners who donated their time, talent and treasure for the good of our parish community.

**Saturday, November 18, 2017**

St. James O'Gorman Center

\$70 per person Gift Shop or Parish Office

Place an ad or congratulatory greeting for your favorite Shining Stars couple/s in the program book:

**Full page \$ 325 Half \$ 175**

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**Ely 310.944.3355 or Joanne 310.528.6339**

## Warn tweens & teens about selfie risks

Teens and tweens typically like to push boundaries and test their limits, but too many people who think that taking a picture while driving, or standing out on a ledge, is more important than their own safety, and that getting "likes" on a photo makes the risks worth it.

Talk to your kids about safety, smart choices, and being aware of their environment and surroundings, even when they're using their smartphones.



For a copy of the VIRTUS article  
"Selfies are More Dangerous than You Think,"  
[jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org) or call 213.637.7227.

## Gospel Reflection

"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter had expressed horror at the prophetic words announcing that Jesus' suffering and death were imminent. Peter didn't want his friend and teacher to undergo this terrible ordeal.

He wanted "no such thing" ever to happen to his Lord. But Jesus sharply rebuked Peter's response, comparing it to that of the tempter, Satan.

Just as temptation becomes an obstacle to our doing what is right, so Peter was presenting an obstacle to Christ's mission. Suffering was part of it, like it or not.

To deny this difficult element of Christ's work would be to deny the bigger plan of God. And so Jesus rightly told Peter that he wasn't thinking like God thinks.

Of course, since we are human, it's only natural that we should think as human beings do. We, like Peter, tend to recoil at the idea of facing unpleasant or painful circumstances. But clearly God sometimes allows such situations to take place for a greater good. Jesus understood this; even as he prophesied about his death, he also mentioned his resurrection.

Today's Gospel challenges us to think "as God does" by holding both of these elements together. Unlike Peter who only focused on the sad part of the story, we are called to recognize the Resurrection on the other side of the cross, and to be willing to do whatever is necessary to get there.

In fact, Jesus tells us later in this Gospel to take up our cross and follow him. That is not the "human" way of thinking. It's the Godly way. Our natural response is to reject and scorn the trials and tribulations that we face, but Jesus wants us to embrace them patiently and "come after" him on the (sometimes rough) road to eternal life.

## Silent Auction Donations Requested

Please support our **Parish School** by donating any new or unused items:

Kids/teen toys or items, holiday decorations, household items, computer software/hardware, electronic equipment, sporting event tickets, sports memorabilia and video games or gaming systems.

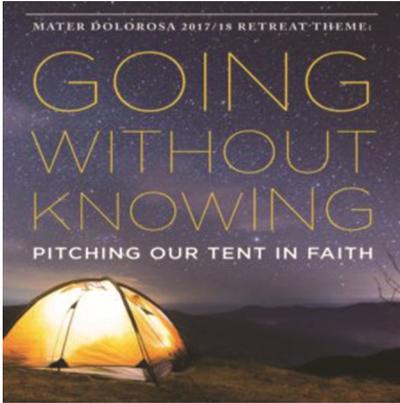
Restaurant, hotel, spa, service, kids activity or party gift certificates are always a huge success.

Drop off donations after the 8, 10am and noon Masses on September 10, 17, and 24, October 1, 8, and 15

**Natalie Straup 310.844.3613 [natdragon@gmail.com](mailto:natdragon@gmail.com)**  
We greatly appreciate your support! Thank you!

## Men's retreat to the Mountain of God

Mater Dolorosa in Sierra Madre  
700 N Sunnyside Ave, Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
www.materdolorosa.org  
**September 15th to the 17th**



This is a very special time to spend with our Lord contemplating our path of life. Having quiet time to listen and speak to our lord about where we are and where were going.

The retreat center is attended by the Passionist priests and deacons to guide us in our quest with

seminars and discussion 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, think of your renewed spirit, your family seeing a renewed you, your friends, co-workers. We all win with Jesus. \$250

For information and reservations contact

**Tony LoBue 310.350.6361**

**John Cable 310.710.8756**

**Nick Tesi 310.717.2937**



We are the servant's to help you get to the mountain.

## Women's Guild

Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm in Kavanagh Hall.

All are invited to hear **Sr. Mary Margaret and Sr. Lana Chang**, from St. James Elementary School, who will talk about their current school year and some of the trends in Catholic Education.

Bring a friend, a smile, and your calendar as we discuss future parish activities.

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." - Mother Teresa.

## A Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,

We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love, seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

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## Prayer after Communion

Receive, Lord, my entire freedom.

Accept the whole of my memory, my intellect and my will.

Whatever I have or possess, it was you who gave it to me; I restore it to you in full, and I surrender it completely to the guidance of your will.

Give me only love of you together with your grace, and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more. Amen.

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### ***Keeping the Promise Alive***

Recertification class

**Tuesday, Sept. 19th 6-7:30 pm**  
in Kavanagh Hall.

### ***Protecting God's Children***

Original class

**Saturday, Sept. 30th noon to 3 pm**  
at Kavanagh Hall.

Register by calling Parish Office - 310.372.5228

**Fingerprinting** is at O'Gorman Center,  
**September 14th and 26th**  
call 310.371.0416 for an appointment.

Learn more: [SaintJames.Church/Virtus](http://SaintJames.Church/Virtus)

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#### **Hours**

Wed. - Fri. 10 - 4 pm  
Saturday 9 - noon  
Sunday 9 - 2 pm 9/10, 9/17, 10/1

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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.

**[www.SaintJames.Church](http://www.SaintJames.Church) or the parish office.**

## **From a homily on the first letter to the Corinthians by Saint John Chrysostom, bishop**

### ***The weakness of God is stronger than men***

It was clear through unlearned men that the cross was persuasive, in fact, it persuaded the whole world. Their discourse was not of unimportant matters but of God and true religion, of the Gospel way of life and future judgment, yet it turned plain, uneducated men into philosophers. How the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and his weakness stronger than men!

In what way is it stronger? It made its way throughout the world and overcame all men; countless men sought to eradicate the very name of the Crucified, but that name flourished and grew ever mightier. Its enemies lost out and perished; the living who waged a war on a dead man proved helpless. Therefore, when a Greek tells me I am dead, he shows only that he is foolish indeed, for I, whom he thinks a fool, turn out to be wiser than those reputed wise. So too, in calling me weak, he but shows that he is weaker still. For the good deeds which tax-collectors and fishermen were able to accomplish by God's grace, the philosophers, the rulers, the countless multitudes cannot even imagine.

Paul had this in mind when he said: *The weakness of God is stronger than men*. That the preaching of these men was indeed divine is brought home to us in the same way. For how otherwise could twelve uneducated men, who lived on lakes and rivers and wastelands, get the idea for such an immense enterprise? How could men who perhaps had never been in a city or a public square think of setting out to do battle with the whole world? That they were fearful, timid men, the evangelist makes clear; he did not reject the fact or try to hide their weaknesses. Indeed he turned these into a proof of the truth. What did he say of them? That when Christ was arrested, the others fled, despite all the miracles they had seen, while he who was leader of the others denied him!

How then account for the fact that these men, who in Christ's lifetime did not stand up to the attacks by the Jews, set forth to do battle with the whole world once Christ was dead—if, as you claim, Christ did not rise and speak to them and rouse their courage? Did they perhaps say to themselves: "What is this? He could not save himself but he will protect us? He did not help himself when he was alive, but now that he is dead he will extend a helping hand to us? In his lifetime he brought no nation under his banner, but by uttering his name we will win over the whole world?" Would it not be wholly irrational even to think such thoughts, much less to act upon them?

It is evident, then, that if they had not seen him risen and had proof of his power, they would not have risked so much.

(Hom. 4, 3. 4: PG 61, 34-36)



## Prayer Requests

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

**Sonia Ramos, Jane Kobzeff,  
Dann King, Raul Aguilar**

From death to new life.

For the souls of the recently departed,  
that through the mercy of God,  
they may rest in peace:

**Donna Harris, Eddie Arthur,  
Patricia Cabrera, Davin Koppin**

## Responsorial Psalms and Readings

Monday

**The Lord comes to judge the earth.**

1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

**I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord  
in the land of the living.**

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/ Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

**I trust in the mercy of God for ever.**

Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

**The Lord has made known his salvation.**

Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11

Friday

**With delight I rejoice in the Lord.**

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday

**God himself is my help.**

Col 1:21-23 / Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Ez 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Mt 18:15-20



## Adoration

**Here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say  
that you're my God..**

"Come to Me all of you  
who are weary and find  
life burdensome and I  
will refresh you..."

## Weekly Mass Intentions

<b>Sat.</b> 8 am 5:30 pm	<b>Sept 2</b> Fr. Simeon Msgr. Mike	Marilyn & Tony Cacioppo Dan & JoBeth O'Sullivan † St. Trifone †
<b>Sunday</b> 6:30 am  8 am  10 am  12 noon  5:30 pm	<b>Sept 3</b> Msgr. Mike  Fr. IK  Fr. Jim  Fr. Simeon  Fr. Simeon	David Franco † St. Anthony † Michiko Torii † Remigro Santos † St. James Parishioners Nan Wimmer Juan Almeda † Rose Constantino † Nellie Cruz † Robert Williamson †
<b>Monday</b> 8 am 12 noon	<b>Sept 4</b> Fr. Simeon Msgr. Mike	Gregory Holly Patsy Martins †
<b>Tuesday</b> 8 am 12 noon	<b>Sept 5</b> Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike	Flavio Fedele Grace Mathusek †
<b>Wed.</b> 8 am 12 noon	<b>Sept 6</b> Fr. Simeon Msgr. Mike	Nena Ragragio † Frank Schultz †
<b>Thurs.</b> 8 am 12 Noon	<b>Sept 7</b> Fr. Jim Fr. Simeon	The Dominicans † Austin Sibert
<b>Friday</b> 8 am 12 noon	<b>Sept 8</b> Msgr. Mike Fr. Simeon	Hue Tionghao Olive Norberg †
<b>Sat.</b> 8 am 5:30 pm	<b>Sept 9</b> Fr. Simeon Fr. Simeon	Bryan Nelson Vincent Cleetus † Bella Lim †
<b>Sunday</b> 6:30 am  8 am  10 am  12 noon  5:30 pm	<b>Sept 10</b> Fr. IK  Fr. Simeon  Msgr. Mike  Fr. Jim  Msgr. Mike	John Saladino † Teresa Ann Dunn † Theresa Mathieu † Robert Williamson † St. James Parishioners Fr. Bill Hao Mason Phillips † Rose Constantino † Jack Wilson † Bobby Gibson †

Priest celebrant may change according to circumstances.

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



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Saturday 4-5 pm  
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for Care Centers**  
Miki Finken  
310.316.3890

## 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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