

Sat. Vigil 4pm at Campus courtyard | Sunday Mass 8 am, 10, 12 noon at St. James School | Mon.-Sat. 8 am at Courtyard

Welcome!

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



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Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

We pray that you and your family shared a blessed and SAFE Christmas in these very challenging times. This Sunday as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family we especially pray for all of our families that you continue to grow in the love of Christ.

We want to remind you that our special Christmas gift to your family is the new book by Matthew Kelly, **'1 Heard God Laugh"**, a very helpful and common-sense book that will help you grow in your relationship with God. It is especially important to keep our heart, mind and soul in focus and strong in this time of COVID and we think this book will be an important gift for you.

As we begin the New Year, we ask God's blessing upon you and our entire community that we might find hope, strength and love in the Eucharist and the Word of Christ that we share each time we gather.

Andrea Sullivan is our new Director of Religious Education



We are very pleased to welcome Andrea Sullivan as our new Director of Religious Education. Andrea and her husband Jim and children have been parishioners at St. James since 2011. Andrea has her BA in Religious Studies and her Master of Divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame. She has a wealth of parish ministerial experience and a love for building the faith of families.

Her office phone number is **310.379.3221.**

Blessings to you all, Msgr. Michael Meyers Fr. Emmanuel Konyeaso

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this?

There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death.

Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families.

This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave.

They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world.

At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not.

To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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Blessings in the New Year to All

New Year's Eve Mass

Thursday, December 31st 4 pm Vigil Mass (St. James Community Campus Courtyard)

New Year's Day Mass

Friday, January 1st 9 am only *(St. James Community Campus Courtyard)*

The Flower Truck LA is coming to St. James School

Sunday, January 31, 2021 from 1-3 pm



The FlowerTruck LA is coming to St. James School Campus!

Sunday, January 31 1-3pm 4625 Garnet Street Torrance 90503

Brighten Your New Year With FRESH Flowers!

This is the POP-UP FUNDRAISING EVENT that everyone is talking about on social media and we are bringing the FLOWERTRUCK LA right here to St. James School campus!

FLOWERTRUCK LA specializes in wholesale priced, seasonal flowers with their fresh 'farm to vase' selections for arrangements. Find flowers for every occasion or just brighten someone's day! Don't miss their stunning rainbow colors of roses.

St. James School will receive 10-20% depending on sales volume so spread the word of flowers and invite friends and family!!

Parish Office Schedule

Sunday,	December 27 th	Closed
Monday,	December 28 th	Closed
Tuesday,	December 29 th	8 am - 4 pm
Wednesday, December 30 th		8 am - 4 pm
Thursday,	New Year's Eve	8 am - 12 Noon
Friday,	New Year's Day	Closed
Saturday,	January 2 nd	Closed

Joy and Peace

Rejoice in the Lord always! I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you. Phil. 4:4-9

The Feast Day of the Holy Family

We have been living in unprecedented times with COVID changing many aspects of our lives.

These changes have caused many challenges to families, but they have also affirmed our commitment to safeguarding our children and young people. As the year comes to an end we are reminded of the resiliency exemplified by the Holy Family in their Advent journey – the love Mary and Joseph had for their son, Jesus Christ, and the many ways in which they nurtured His Spirit as a model for our families.

Join the Holy Family's call by taking time next Sunday on the Feast Day of the Holy Family to nourish your own family's spirituality. Click link to download the Take-Home Resource for Families: The Holy Family - Nourishing your Spirituality and Well-Being, https:// lacatholics.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2020-English-Spanish-Feast-of-the-Holy-Family-Parish-Families-Activity-Take-Home-Sheet.pdf

KorC

Fr. McGivney Beatification Celebration!

Become an Online Member for FREE.*

Now through December 31st, enter code MCGIVNEY2020 for FREE first year membership.

*regular dues are \$30/year

Visit kofc.org/joinus use Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020

Into the Breach

Knights of Columbus®

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Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's vision, the Knights of Columbus and the Diocese of Phoenix have joined together to produce a 12-episode video series, also titled Into the Breach. Each episode focuses on a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity and features interviews with well-known Catholic commentators and follows the personal story of a man whose life illuminates each theme.

The series can also be used for individual reflection and a study guide is available. By joining together in brotherhood, men receive the support they need to grow in virtue and to take action to serve Christ and others.

We hope that this series help you and all of us to step into the breach. To preview the video: http://www.kofc.org/intothebreach.

Mary, the Ark of the New Covenant:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.



Christmas Meditation

In Blaise Pascal's work, Pensees, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace?

This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God.

If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy?

The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence.

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost.

Now is the time to allow God to find you!

Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word."

When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us.

Our Savior has come.

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St. James Catholic School

The faculty, staff and students of St. James School wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The school is on break as of Wednesday December 16^{th} and we will return on Wednesday, January 6^{th} .

We are accepting applications for the 2021 - 2022 school year! Plan early to visit St. James and discover the difference.

Applications are available at the elementary school office and on our website @sjscatholicschool.org Call **310.371.0416** or email the school **office@sjscatholicschool.org** to schedule a private tour in person or on Zoom and meet the principal.

Plan to attend an information meeting on Zoom January 13th at 10am or at 6 pm. Please call the school **310.371.0416** or email **office@sjscatholicschool.org** to reserve a spot.

God Bless you,

Noreen Marících

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W SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Holiday Donation Drive-Up was a success! THANK YOU to all of our team, volunteers & everyone that donated toward this wonderful cause. It's motivating having our teens witness your love & generosity firsthand, while also volunteering for our community.

From all of us here at Youth Ministry, we want to greet you & your loved ones a MERRY CHRISTMAS! Come, let us adore Him!

Contact us: Email: saintjamesym@gmail.com Website: www.saintjamesym.weebly.com Text: 424.265.8336 saintjamesym © @saintjamesym





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Would you like to receive your Sacrament of Confirmation?

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

Our Winter, 2021 classes are scheduled to begin virtually on **Thursday evening, January 14, 2021.**

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 email Deacon Bob & Patty Miller: dnbob99@gmail.com or call us at 310.371.0985.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

After Jesus was raised from the dead and before he ascended to His Father, He commissioned His disciples by giving them this mission:

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt. 28: 19-20a).

By the Roman Catholic faith, which we profess, we are commissioned in the same way to baptize and thus build up our Church. In spite of the current challenges presented by COVID-19, we at St. James are continuing in the mission of Jesus in a safe and sensible way. We continue to provide a logical process to prepare parents and godparents for baptism. We invite you to contact Deacon Bob **DnBob99@gmail.com.**

He will reply to your email with next steps and will make himself available to guide you through the process.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Thank you for your support

Thank you for the many calls of appreciation that we can still be together as a parish family as best we can with this outreach.

We are grateful for your willingness to continue supporting St. James financially which will be especially critical these next few months.

If you are able, your best options are:

Mail your envelopes to the St. James Parish Office 124 N. Pacific Coast Hwy. Redondo Beach, CA 90277



Place in the Rectory mail slot at 415 Vincent St. 90277 or in church baskets in the Communion line.

Set-Up Automatic Payments with your bank Enroll in Faith Direct's E-Giving By calling toll free 1-866-507-8757 or <u>https://www.faithdirect.net</u> Use the code CA560

Use Faith Direct's Text-to-Give number Simply text any dollar amount to St. James' Number: 424.317.8878

Tuesday Night Online Bible Study

The St James Tuesday Night Bible Study is currently on break for the Christmas Season.

Our new session begins January 12th:

Revelations: The Kingdom Yet to Come by Ascension Presss.



Our studies are currently online Zoom meetings on

Tuesday evenings from 7p-8:30p When COVID restrictions are lifted, we'll meet again in person.

Come, share and participate in our faith Community

For information and login information, please contact: **Donna Wilson: dwilson94@gmail.com**

Catholic Q and A

J.P. Alegria

Q: The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* presents a number of instructive paragraphs describing the many manifestations of God. These manifestations or, Theophanies, include: an indelible Seal; a powerful, guiding Hand of imposition; the Finger of God that wrote on tablets of stone and which cast out demons; a Dove; Fire; a Cloud; Anointing; and the living Water that wells to eternal life.

Can we name another of these theophanies which is also a part of our familiar, immediate, heartfelt expression of faith, as well as a regular feature of the liturgy?

A: Yes. The catechism has many references to "the Light." As part of our active participation in the Mass, we may all bear witness to the light through sacred music. One of the St. James Choir's familiar favorites,

"Christ, Be Our Light," by composer Bernadette Farrell, beautifully reflects a sacred spirit that is authentically true to all that manifests a God to whom we turn for guidance and assurance:

"Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today."

The many representations of God, in those theophanies that the catechism describes are divinely profound, yet they remain wholly embraceable, no matter where and how his Church gathers today; forever shining through the darkness.

Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group Join us!



We continue to pray the rosary in the midst of this difficult time. We pray from the safety and privacy of our homes and remain united in Christ and each other.

Experience inner peace. All may offer their own intentions. Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182

Human Trafficking Awareness

"Saved in America" is a non-profit group of ex-law enforcement, Navy Seals and

Special Ops personnel who locate missing and exploited children; also providing safe housing, thera-



py and legal representation. F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY of St. James and St. Lawrence Martyr Rick Page **CandRPage@verizon.net**



Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is now open for your gift needs by **appointment only**.

Please call the office at **310.372.5228**.

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Getting Stressed Out this Christmas?

Whether it be your relatives, the lockdown, zoomed out, bills, or something else, Stephen Ministry is here to help.

We are a listening, caring Christian ministry and would be happy to talk to you

Call Stephen Ministry Connect at 310.541.403.

Virtus® How to Qualify for Keeping the Promise Alive Online Re-certification

(Available in English and Spanish) (Good Only Until December 30, 2020)

If your current VIRTUS® Certificate expired or will expire from February – December 2020, you may apply to take the VIRTUS® "Keeping the Promise Alive" Re-certification Online.

To apply, you must provide the following information to jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

On Subject line include: Name of Parish / School – Region – KPA Re-certification

Required attachements:

Attach copies of all Protecting God's Children and Keeping the Promise Alive certificates you have.

If you currently have a VIRTUS® online account: List the region where your account is located.

If you do not have a VIRTUS® online account: You must register on VIRTUS Online using the date on your Protecting God's Children certificate when it asks what session you want to attend.

Exposition of the Eucharist

During these months of the pandemic there have been many people coming to the church to pray.

The Holy Eucharist is at the side entrance of the church in a monstrance where it will be easily accessible from the parking lot.

While so many have not had the opportunity to attend Mass or receive the Eucharist, we hope this will provide you with an opportunity to come into the presence of the Lord to be strengthened and guided by His loving presence.

At this time we will begin with the exposition of the Eucharist from 7 am to 7 pm every day.





It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It ABORTION can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes

it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. You are not alone... https://hopeafterabortion.com/

Spiritual Adoption

Daily prayer for a period of nine months:

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion." -Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Your prayers CAN make a difference between whether a baby will be born...or aborted. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby. http://spiritualadoption.org

A Prayer for Healing & Protection

Most merciful and loving God, We come to you in our weakness. We come to you in our fear. We come to you with trust. For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the pandemic present in our world. We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors. Give understanding to scientists. Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one. Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in your care.

Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen. -Author Unknown

Sunday School

Would you like your children to learn about God's love for them? Would you like them to be familiar with favorite Old and New Testament bible stories? Would you like them to know basic Catholic pravers, but also to feel comfortable just talking to God in their own words? Do you wish there was a way for a preschool aged child to understand the message in the gospel reading?

If you have any questions or would like to enroll, please contact Sheila Kelly at 714.391.3949. Please text me first and let me know you are asking about Sunday School. You may also email me at slkelly3156@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone PREGNANCY I hank you to everyone who contributed to the HELP CENTER recent Baby Boule campaign. You helped

raise over \$5,000 for the Pregnancy Help Center, assisting them to continue to provide free services, including ultrasound, and support even more women to make life-affirming choices about pregnancy. Your gift saves lives. If you forgot to turn in your baby bottle, you can still do so at mass or donate online at

supportphctorrance.org/contribute

The clinic is open for all services! Schedule your appointment today. Call 310.787.HELP (24/7) to make an appointment or ask questions

We will screen clients at the door and take all precautions to stop the spread of covid-19 We're open! And we're here for you! Please reach out to us if you need us.

Readings

Monday Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare. 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Ps. 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7] / Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice! 1 Jn 2:3-11/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a] / Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice! 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a] / Lk 2:36-40

Thursday Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice! 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a] / Jn 1:1-18

> Friday **May God bless us in his mercy.** Nm 6:22-27 / Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a] / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

Saturday All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd] / Jn 1:19-28

Sunday Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11] / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Prayer Requests

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

Iraida Alvaraz

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

Tom Tabor, Madaliene Haworth

	Weekly Mass Intentions			
Sat.	Dec 26	Manuel Ramirez		
8 am	Msgr. Mike	Virginia Soriano ⊉		
4:00 pm	Fr. Emmanuel	Brother John Fleming		
Sunday	Dec 27			
8 am 10 am 12 Noon	Msgr. Mike Fr. IK Fr. Jim	Vicki Conant Mary Ann Cleveland ⊕ Elizabeth Tancinco ⊕ President of USA John Dancy ⊕ Ron Mostero Souls in Purgatory		
Monday	Dec 28	Teresa Galvez		
8 am	Fr. Emmanuel	Neil Ward ✿		
Tuesday	Dec 29	Elizabeth Tancinco &		
8 am	Msgr. Mike	Mason Patterson &		
Wed.	Dec 30	Lesa Rivas Sloss ⊉		
8 am	Fr. Jim	Fr. Bede J. Hasso ⊉		
Thurs.	Dec 31	New Year's Eve		
8 am	Fr. Emmanuel	Elizabeth Tancinco ⊉		
4 pm	Fr. Emmanuel	Dorothy Ceballos		
Friday	Jan 1	<mark>New Year's Day</mark>		
9 am	Msgr. Mike	Lynn Bowman ✿		
Sat.	Jan 2	Dean Ollendieck ϑ		
8 am	Fr. Emmanuel	Yuki Pepe ϑ		
4 pm	Msgr. Mike	John Harkness ϑ		
Sunday	Jan 3			
8 am 10 am 12 Noon	Fr. Emmanuel Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike	Tom Bojaj ϑ David Franco ϑ Gina Boccato ϑ Teri Mostero Lynn Bowman ϑ		

Priest celebrant may change according to circumstances

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention, please call the Parish Office **310.372.5228**

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



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Our Clergy, Here to Serve You



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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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Preschool &Toddler Time Philopsophy 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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