

Sat. Vigil 5:30 pm in Church | Sunday Mass 8 am in Church, 10, 12 noon at St. James School | Mon.-Sat. 8 am in Church

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us! We are not complete without you! I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Office hours: Monday - Friday 8 to 12, 1 to 4 pm | Saturday & Sunday Closed

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

Father Emmanuel

We have received word from Fr. Emmanuel that he has arrived in Springfield, Missouri, and has met with the bishop there regarding his assignment. As soon as we receive more information about his assignment we will publish it here in the bulletin and on our website.

New Associate Pastor

We have received official word from the Archdiocese regarding the assignment of an Associate Pastor at St. James. Most clergy changes happen on July 1st each year and with Fr. Emmanuel leaving now, we are asking for an extraordinary attention to our needs. **Father Thaddeus Agbasonu**, SMMM, a student-priest from Nigeria is a religious order priest of the Congregation of Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy. He will be receiving his Master's Degree at Loyola-Marymount University on May 8th and will be here by May 15th. He is currently in residence at St. Lucy Church, Long Beach. We look forward to his arrival and ministry with us.

Parish 'ReOpening'

It appears that Los Angeles is moving into the Yellow Tier very soon and we are hoping that means that our return to more 'normal' activities will be happening fairly soon. We are preparing to celebrate our 'reopening' and will begin with a survey to get feedback on how we have weathered the pandemic and what will help us to celebrate a move toward 'normal' in meaningful ways. Information about the survey will be published next weekend and will be available on the parish website. You have all been so patient and done so well during this last year to keep your families safe and St. James strong. Thank you.

Blessings! Msgr. Míke



All parishioners are invited to stop into the church during the month of May to honor Mary.

Vases will be placed by her altar, if you would like to stop in to leave flowers and have a moment of quiet prayer outside of Mass times.

The church is open from 8am until 6pm.



Maybe you grew up Catholic Maybe you think of yourself as Catholic Maybe you haven't been to church in awhile. Or you are worried that you won't be welcomed here. And maybe it feels awkward and scary to take that first step.. Questions. 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.

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

Mother's Day Spiritual Cards



The cards are located in the Church Vestibule and on the table at the School Field during Masses. Simply fill out and return the larger outside envelope so we can include your loved ones name to our **Mother's Day Novenas.**

Isn't anyone listening?

It's something we do well. If you feel it would be helpful to have a confidential space and caring listener as you are trying to work out a problem in your own mind, please consider a Stephen Minister. We would be happy to act as a sounding board as you work out solutions. Call **Stephen Ministry Connect** at **310.541.1403.**

Gospel Meditation

"**Spiraling out of control,**" is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence.

In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing.

Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside.

It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong.

It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn?

Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues.

It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction.

God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity Special collection next weekend.

The envelopes are located in the church vestibule and on the table at the school field during Masses.

Your contribution goes directly toward emergency needs for children, adults, and families in Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties.

You are their hope! Your gift provides a one-time emergency help for Food, Utilities, Transportation, Medical, Housing or Funeral Expenses.

Your contributions to the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity make you a sharer in our parishes' works of mercy, and in their rewards of grace.

You are helping to serve "the neediest of those in need" — children, families and individuals throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for whom no other resources exist.

100% of your tax deductible contribution goes directly toward helping the poorest of the poor.

Provision of food, shelter, one-time assistance to families in crises: such as assistance with medical, funeral expenses, are appropriate as funds allow and as recommended by those who are familiar with the area/ persons.

Visit http://old.la-archdiocese.org/org/cmfc/Pages/ default.aspx

Tuesday Night Online Bible Study

A new series! The St. James Tuesday Night Online Bible Study group is starting a new 8 week course on

"Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant" by

Ascension Press.



Please join us this Tuesday as we begin Lesson 3:

> Hebrews 5-6: "You Are a Priest Forever"

Every Tuesday evenings from 7—8:30p via Zoom.

Come, share and participate in our faith Community

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

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

We are nearing the end of the Confirmation year & our Year 2 candidates are getting closer to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We have two Confirmation Masses set:

Saturday, May 22nd & Friday, June 4th.

Please pray for our teens as they continue their preparation in receiving this Sacrament.

Please contact us at one of the options below for any questions or details on future Youth Ministry events.

Contact us:

Email: saintjamesym@gmail.com

Website: www.saintjamesym.weebly.com Text: 424.265.8336



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Saint James Catholic Preschool

Accepting applications for fall 2021 season call **310.376.5550** visit **SaintJames.Church/preschool**

May God continue to shine His love on our preschool. Wendy Bell, Director



Feed the Needy Update

We would like to bring you up do date on our latest activities in the Feed The Needy Ministry.

During the Lenten Season we had the privilege of working with the **Religious Education Office** on a Lenten drive for the needy.

Thanks to **Andrea Sullivan** and her assistant, **Debora Martins**, their coordinating efforts, the generosity of our school students, teachers and moms a collection of food items and many toiletries was conducted for our ministry. We received much needed items and has made serving our homeless community very successful. Many thanks to all involved for their donations and good work.

Additionally, we want to update you on the vaccine status of our homeless community. Thanks to the work of the County Department of Health Services we were able to obtain a MOBILE VACCINE UNIT here at St. James Church. The Unit came April 21, 2021 consisting of four registered nurses and three assistants and set up a vaccination center in the church parking lot.

We were able to vaccinate 34 individuals who would not otherwise receive their shots.

Our ministry has been very blessed with the coordinating efforts of so many great individuals.

God has been very good to us. Have a wonderful Easter Season!

Linda Cabibbo, Ministry Coordinator **310.488.9480**



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St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

Last Friday night, SJS, hosted our **Father/Daughter Event.** Daughters and Dads dressed in their Superhero gear and took a photo. While we could not have our traditional dance and dinner everyone left with a game bag and a dessert. See below for a group of our 8^{th} grade girls together for a group photo.

We are accepting registration for the 2021-2022 school year. New Student registration is available on our website **SJScatholicschool.org.**

Please email the school **office@sjscatholicschool.org** or phone **310.371.0416** to reserve to schedule a **Virtual tour or a meeting with the principal.**

God Bless you,

Noreen Marících Principal, St. James School

Saint James School—Mission Statement

The staff of St. James School is committed to excellence in Catholic education within the structure of the Roman Catholic faith.

We recognize the parents as primary educators of their children and assist parents in the task of education in all aspects of school life.

In a positive, caring, and supportive environment, we work to facilitate the development of confident, competent, and caring Catholic-Christian citizens prepared to be responsible members in service of their church, local, and global communities.

Sunday School

Would you like your children to learn about God's love for them? Would you like them to know basic Catholic prayers, 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 **slkelly3156@gmail.com**.

Beware the dangers of online enticement

The events of 2020 pushed most of our lives more fully online than ever before:

working from home, virtual schooling, Zoom get-togethers. This past year also saw a dramatic increase in reports of online child abuse, including online enticement.

Enticement involves an individual communicating online with someone believed to be a child, with the intent to commit a sex offense or to abduct the child.

Online enticement can happen to any child using the internet. Parents should be very aware of what their children do online, including who they talk to and what sites they spend time on.

For more information,

visit https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2021/rise-inonline-enticement-and-other-trends--ncmec-releases -2020-



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Day is Saturday, May 15th

On this day we are accepting donations of personal **protective masks and sanitizing supplies**. We use masks for our staff and clients who don't have them, **hand sanitizer, and bleach** and/or **alcohol-based sanitizing sprays** to protect against the spread of the virus as we perform our charitable mission.

These supplies are used constantly and do amount to a significant cost every month. We can use the help as we continue to operate safely in these challenging times.

Donations are accepted between 9a.m. and 1p.m. On May 15th at our Marine Avenue Gate located at 4046 Marine Avenues in Lawndale, CA. Or, you may drop off donations between **10 am and 4 pm** at the office. If you have time on Mar. 20th, we could use a few volunteers to help receive donations and other support tasks to help our neighbors in need.

Please call **Donna Quirk** at **310.675.1384** if you have time to volunteer.

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.

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

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**

The Power of Confession

All priests of God's holy Church have an incredible gift to give each parishioner: forgiveness of the sins if they have at least imperfection contrition for their sins, by the merits of our Lord, through the sacrament of reconciliation.

If imperfect contrition hasn't yet to be obtained, as long as there is some desire to stop the sin, this sacrament still sends fantastic grace to help move soul's to obtain the contrition needed to accept forgiveness and then into perfect contrition for the salvation of their souls. There is nothing more important than saving the souls of God's people. Everything we do is in vain if we can't prevent God's children from dying with unrepentant mortal sin on their soul. Truly loving each person is realized by showing them how to obtain the gift of eternal life. Nothing else can be of greater importance. Even the Holy Eucharist cannot save the soul of a man who has broken his relationship with Christ. The sacrament of reconciliation is the only ordinary means to bring purification to the soul. Outside of growing into perfect contrition, this sacrament restores our souls back into sanctifying grace-even if only for a moment and sends us unspeakable grace to help us achieve and maintain a saving faith for the salvation of our souls. www.sacramentofreconciliation.com/john-paul-

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Confession—Sat. 4-5 pm in church parking lot

Catholic Q and A

J.P. Alegria

Q: What is it that, in the words of Pope Francis, "brings together those who were distant, unites those far off"... and, "brings home those who were scattered."?

A: It's the Holy Spirit!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in Paragraph 683 is quoted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as they describe Pentecost and the importance of the Holy Spirit-

"Knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit. He comes to meet us and kindle faith in us."

Helping to kindle the faith is the Saint James Choir, who each year would be found in their places to join in celebration of the **'Birthday of the Church''**, fifty days after Easter, when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, the Choir singing:

> Come Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth. Fill us with the fire of your love, burn in us now, bring us together...

As the Choir presents this plea of renewal and reunion in prayerful harmonious praise, it is Pope Francis who marks that most central feature of Pentecost : *Harmony*.

"Holy Spirit, our harmony, you who make of us one body, pour forth your peace upon the Church and our world. Holy Spirit, make us builders of concord, sowers of goodness, apostles of hope."

As Saint Bonaventure said in speaking about the Holy Spirit:

"He comes where he is loved, where he is invited, where he is expected."

Here at Saint James we, ourselves, are blessed as a harmonious body of believers to most assuredly feel loved, invited, and expected.

In other words, touched by the Holy Spirit who, "brings us together."





Get your walking shoes ready because the **34th Annual Walk for Life South Bay** is on, albeit virtually.

Walk at the park, along the strand, in your neighborhood, or wherever you like to *raise money* for the Pregnancy Help Center.

Although this is still a fundraiser, we have added a fun for all ages **Celebrating Life Scavenger Hunt** to search for God's blessing of life. Once you register, you'll get Scavenger Hunt directions.

Start walking and search at any time, but to get a prize for what you found **submit picture proof by May 6th.**

Watch the short YouTube video on May 15th to celebrate the event, hear the prize winners and learn about the life-saving work of the Center.

To register or donate, go to **supportphctorrance.org**.

For additional information contact Gigi Harnden at **424.263.4855** or **gigiharnden@phctorrance.org**.

Help Fight Human Trafficking

F.A.I.T.H. Ministry is raising money for GEMS Uncovered to support their mission of rebuilding lives affected by human

trafficking. www.gemsuncovered.org

Shop handmade fair trade items at *Ten Thousand Villages* and they will donate 15% of your purchase to **F.A.I.T.H. Ministry**.



1901 S. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach Thursday to Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm

112E. 22nd St., San Pedro Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 5pm

Shop online – 24/7 – www.tenthousandvillages.com Mention F.A.I.T.H. Ministry at checkout

Freedom And Intervention for Trafficking of Humans: faithministry@stlm.org

Religious Education

Happy Fifth Sunday of Easter, Friends and Families of Saint James!

The word, "Eucharist," means thanksgiving, and as a parish, we give thanks for the joy we have experienced these past two weekends as our parish children have received their First Holy Communion.

This weekend at the 5:30 Vigil Mass, we celebrate one more First Communion.

Congratulations, First Communicants! May God bless you and your families!

The Easter season also brings an end to this year's Religious Education program. This week, on May 4 and 5, we will celebrate a drive up and park Closing Celebration with Ms. Molina's Year 2 Classes.

The following week, we will host a similar celebration for our children in Years 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Please watch your email for more information.

Finally, registration for next year's Religious Education Program will open on June 1. Please watch the parish website for more information!

Thank you, families, for all you do to raise children of faith! It is a blessing to walk with you.

May God bless you!

Andrea Sullívan, Director of Religious Education

Knights of Columbus



If you are interested in serving our parish and our community, helping those in need, and growing in your faith, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

For information , visit "KofC.org/JoinUs". Enter the code MCGIVNEY2020 and Council 1990

when registering.

Local parish council members are available to discuss our activities and charities. Point of contact information is available at **kofc1990.org**



ABORTION It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It 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/

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Valentina A. Breanna L. Jacob A. Cruz M. Natalie & Sebastian M. Nicholas A. Thomas B. Colin M. Nolan B. Tvler M. Jove B. Robert M. Cataleva B. Psykhe M. Samantha & Vivian C. Jacob M. Abygail C. Jackson N. Gianna C. Giada P. John D. Daniel P. Mateus D. Mia R. Harry E. Izabella R. Daniela G. Levi R. Lila G. Julia R. Jaclvn G. Devyn R. Emma G. Diego S. Arielle H-S. Riley S. Skyler H. Sean S. Luke I. Gravson S. Diego & Mateo J. Marlo T. Jane K. Saoirse T-J. Andrew & Elizabeth K. Lorenzo T. Liesl K. Christopher V. Elicia & Maya L. Liam V. Lillian L. Analucia W. Theodore L. Emma Z. Anna L. Samuel Z. Riley L.

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

Readings

Monday Their message goes out through all the earth. 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8

> Thursday Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations. Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11

Friday I will give you thanks among the peoples, O Lord. Acts 15:22-31 / Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a] / Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Acts 16:1-10 / Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 / Jn 15:18-21

Sunday **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b] / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

Prayer Requests

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

Laura Aranda, Christine Berry, Michelle Rogers, Maureen Pereira, Magalie Chiesa, Della Ripa Family

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

Armando Silva, Jr., Roy Masters, Beatrice D'Angelo, Lois Kunsch



Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is now open for your **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** needs by appointment only.

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Weekly Mass Intentions		
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	May 1 TBD TBD	Naipo Family Gean Yeoy Jangaon ∿ Flora Peralta
Sunday	May 2	
8 am	TBD	David Franco ⊕
10 am	TBD	Robert Sjodin ় Emma del Rosario ় Nancy Kraus ়
12 Noon	TBD	Elias Garcia କ Pilar Marty Trelchler କ
Monday 8 am	May 3 TBD	Lukja Gojcaj ௴ Hana Gojcaj ∜
Tues- day 8 am	May 4 TBD	Joy Bretney
Wed. 8 am	May 5 TBD	St. Kitty Moloney
Thurs. 8 am	May 6 TBD	Elias Garcia ϑ
Friday 8 am	May 7 TBD	John & Mary Wilson
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	May 8 TBD TBD	Richard Woo ়⊉ Rosie & Mauro Martinez ়⊉ Irma Dahbura
Sunday	May 9	
8 am	TBD	Bernice Miller ✤ Mary Jane Jambor ✤
10 am	TBD	Shirley Sampson 巾 Sandy Regan 巾 Stanley & Rita Creado 巾
12 Noon	TBD	Jessica Truesdell 🕆 Rose Felix 🕆

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.



St. James Catholic Church

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Our Clergy, Here to Serve You



Msgr. Mike Meyers Pastor FrMike@SaintJames.Church

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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