

Sun. 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

God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might have life through him.

Welcome!

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

In this is love:
not that we have loved God,
but that he loved us
and sent his Son
as expiation for our sins.
Jn. 4:9-10



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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

This weekend we are celebrating our St. James family by honoring our mother's, grandmas, great grandmas, godmothers and mom's-to-be and those who care for our children with a mother's love on Mother's Day.

Thank you for all you have sacrificed for us and for the gift of life. You are a blessing to your own families and to our parish family as well! To thank you for all that you do we have a special gift for you as you leave Mass today. With the intercession of Mary, our Mother in heaven, we hope it will encourage you and strengthen you in your role as a mother!

Mothers' Day Prayer

We thank you, Creator of us all, for our mothers and those who have cared for us with motherly love.

We thank you that they gave us life and nurtured us all those years. They gave us our faith, helping us to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. They taught us how to love and how to sacrifice for others. They taught us to be compassionate and generous.

Bless these women with the graces they need and which you want to bestow upon them. Give them strength and courage, compassion, love and peace. Help them to know they are precious in your eyes today and to know that we love and honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We pray also for our mothers who have died and ask that they come to know your gentle love for them in your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

New Pandemic Procedures

As we have moved into the Yellow Tier for the pandemic we continue to sanitize the church after every Mass and we continue to wear masks for the safety of everyone. As for distancing, we ask that you do not sit directly in front of, or behind, anyone. Not only will that help keep us all safe, but it makes sure we do not exceed 50% capacity, which we feel is a good practice at this time.

Msgr. Mike

Solemnity of the Ascension

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Sunday, May 15th.



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.

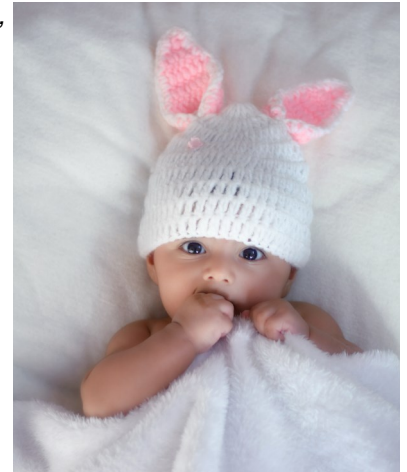
Spiritual Adoption

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>

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.

Parish Reopening—Survey

For the past year, our community has been like the disciples in the days between Christ's death and resurrection, locked in a closed room, scared and unsure of what is to come.

Today, as the situation with COVID in the County of Los Angeles improves, our eyes--and hearts--turn to welcoming all parishioners back to In-person worship and gatherings.

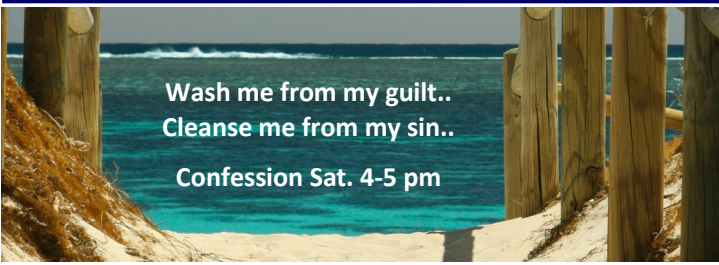
With that in mind, we have developed a survey to help guide our reopening.

Please watch for a link to this survey in your email and on the parish website on Monday.

We truly value your feedback, and we want to know how COVID has affected your family.

Please take the time to fill out the survey, so that we can know how to best meet the needs of our parishioners.

If we do not have your email address or you do not have a way to access the survey electronically, please call the Parish Office at **310.372.5228**, so that we can assist you.



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.

Bundle Sunday, May 16



Please bring your useable clothing and useable household items to the church parking lot from 8am to 1:30pm Your donation will either be given to the needy or sold in their Thrift Stores to support their charitable activities. Free pick-up of large items, call **323.224.6280**

Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity Special collection this 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 7:
A Priest According to
the Order of
Melchizedek**

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

UPCOMING DATES:

Confirmation Nights:

Sunday, 5/16 @ 6:30pm - Y2 Confirmation

Sunday, 5/23 @ 6:30pm - Y1 Confirmation

Teen Nights:

Wednesday, 5/12 @ 7pm

Wednesday, 5/19 @ 7pm

Tuesday, 5/25 @ 7pm

Wednesday, 6/2 @ 7pm

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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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.

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



Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

St. James Teachers and Staff wish all our mothers, grandmothers, aunts and special women in our lives a Very Happy Mother's Day!

St. James School offers a Transitional Kindergarten Program for students who are turning five years old *after* the September 1st deadline for Kindergarten or late in the summer. It serves as a bridge between preschool and kindergarten for children with fall/late summer birthdays.

This program is a full day 7:45 – 3:15. This program is rich with a combination of academics, art, socialization, and play. See below for pictures of our TK students in the classroom.

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 Maricich
Principal, St. James School

Happy Mother's Day and Sixth Sunday of Easter, Friends and Families of Saint James!

The end to this year's Religious Education program approaches!

Last week, we hosted our Closing Celebrations with our First Communicants in the RE Program. This week, we continue our Closing Celebrations for our children in Years 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Parents, please check your email for more information.

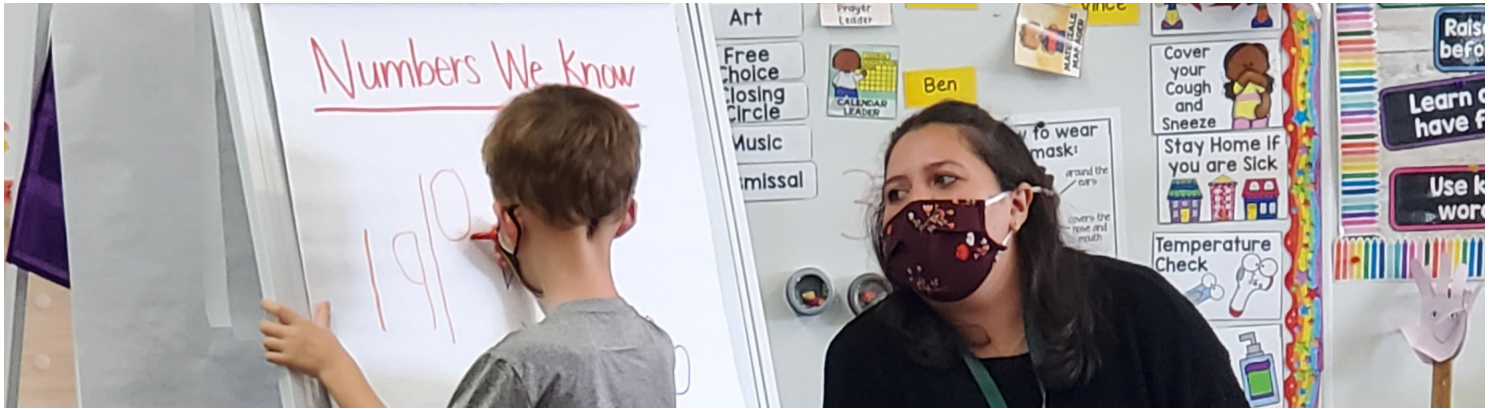
As we move into the summer months, please remember to check the Religious Education page on the parish website. **SaintJames.Church/RE**

We will continue to post faith formation resources for families all throughout the summer.

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 Sullivan,
Director of Religious Education





House of Yahweh Community Service

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
<https://www.faithdirect.net> Use the code **CA560**

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

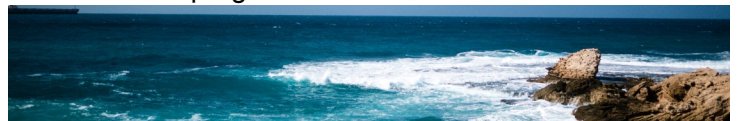
The Power of Confession

All priests of God's holy Church have an incredible gift to give each parishioner: forgiveness of the sins if they have at least imperfect 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-reconciliation-program/



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

Q: *"If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?"*

A: That question was directed to Jewish elder, Nicodemus, by Jesus. This exchange in John's Gospel about faith and the realms and wonders of a celestial paradise remains an open and often difficult line of inquiry. English verse satirist and literary genius Alexander Pope wrote in the 18th century,

"Heaven, from all creatures, hides the book of fate."

Another book, the *Catechism*, has much to say about the mystery of the heavenly kingdom, and our own ultimate fate:

"This perfect life with the most Holy Trinity, with the Virgin Mary and the angels and all the blessed is called Heaven. To live in heaven is to be with Christ."

Pope Francis wrote about the eschatological, (end times), and the glory of heaven, recognizing how people can be anxious about what lies ahead:

"This anxiety, in which difficulty is added to difficulty, cannot be overcome alone. That is why Jesus asks us to have faith in him, that is, to not lean on ourselves but on him, because liberation from anguish passes through trust."

"This is what Jesus did for us. He took upon himself our humanity to take it beyond death, to a new place in heaven, so that where He is, we might be there also."

The readings also talk about heaven being anticipated in the sacramental life whose center is the Eucharist, and that we enjoy, now, the good things that the Lord showers on us every day.

Father Doyle, of the diocese of Albany, N.Y. puts it succinctly:

"After death we will experience fully that unity with the divine, to our everlasting and perfect joy. Just how that will happen, what it will look and feel like is not yet ours to know."

Pope Francis encourages trust and faith. Scripture is there to offer both:

"In my house there are many dwelling places. I am going to prepare a place for you."

Earthly things and heavenly things. We believe.



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.

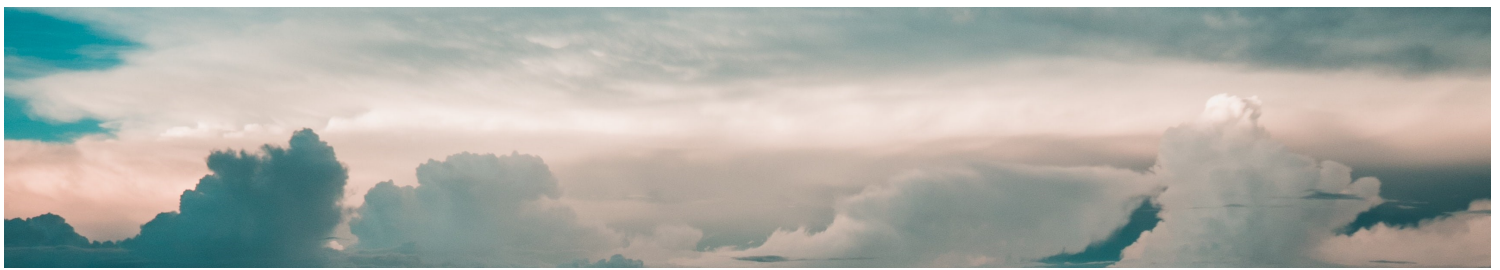
To register or donate, go to **supportphctorrance.org**.

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

"He Ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father"

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God."

Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand. Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul "as to one untimely born", in a last apparition that established him as an apostle. <https://www.catholic.org/lent/ascension.php>



Gospel Meditation

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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Human Trafficking Awareness

As we resume getting together in our church again, remember to bring in personal-care items for trafficking victims. The collection barrel is still in the vestibule of the church by the stairway. Many thanks to St. James School for their recent donations of these items to trafficking victims.



F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY
of St. James and St. Lawrence Martyr
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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/>

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

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

The Lord takes delight in his people.
Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.
Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 / Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

**The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.**
Acts 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20

Ascension:

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**
Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7,
11-13 / Mk 16:15-20

Friday

**The Lord will give him a seat with the
leaders of his people.**
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15:9-17

Saturday

God is king of all the earth.
Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

The Lord has set his throne in heaven.
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 / 1 Jn 4:11-16 / Jn 17:11b-19

Prayer Requests

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

Laura Aranda, Cathy Tobin, Lupe Ramirez

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

**Lois Kunsch, Michael Balderas,
Josette Teresa Bishop, Luis Hurtault**



Gift Shop

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

Please call the office at **310.372.5228**.

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	May 8 Msgr. Mike Msgr. Mike	Richard Woo † Rosie & Mauro Martinez † Irma Dahbura
Sunday 8 am 10 am 12 Noon	May 9 Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike Msgr. Mike	Bernice Miller † Mary Jane Jambor † Shirley Sampson † Sandy Regan † Stanley & Rita Creado † Jessica Truesdell † Rose Felix †
Monday 8 am	May 10 Msgr. Mike	Susana Salazar † Mother's Day Novena
Tues. 8 am	May 11 Fr. Jim	Mother's Day Novena Feliz Antonio † Barbara Ducar †
Wed. 8 am	May 12 Msgr. Mike	Michael Clark † Mother's Day Novena
Thurs. 8 am	May 13 Fr. Jim	Mother's Day Novena Ruben Sanchez †
Friday 8 am	May 14 Msgr. Mike	Michael Ruppe † Mother's Day Novena
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	May 15 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Mother's Day Novena Ifidra Soriano † Cai Murray
Sunday 8 am 10 am 12 Noon	May 16 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus	Elias Garcia † Scott Valentino † Violeta Pino † Charlene Simpson † John Dancy † Mary Ondracek † John Panko Ginny Garrison †

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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10 am – 3 pm
and during class times:
Tuesday 4 pm – 8:15
Wednesday 4 pm – 5:30



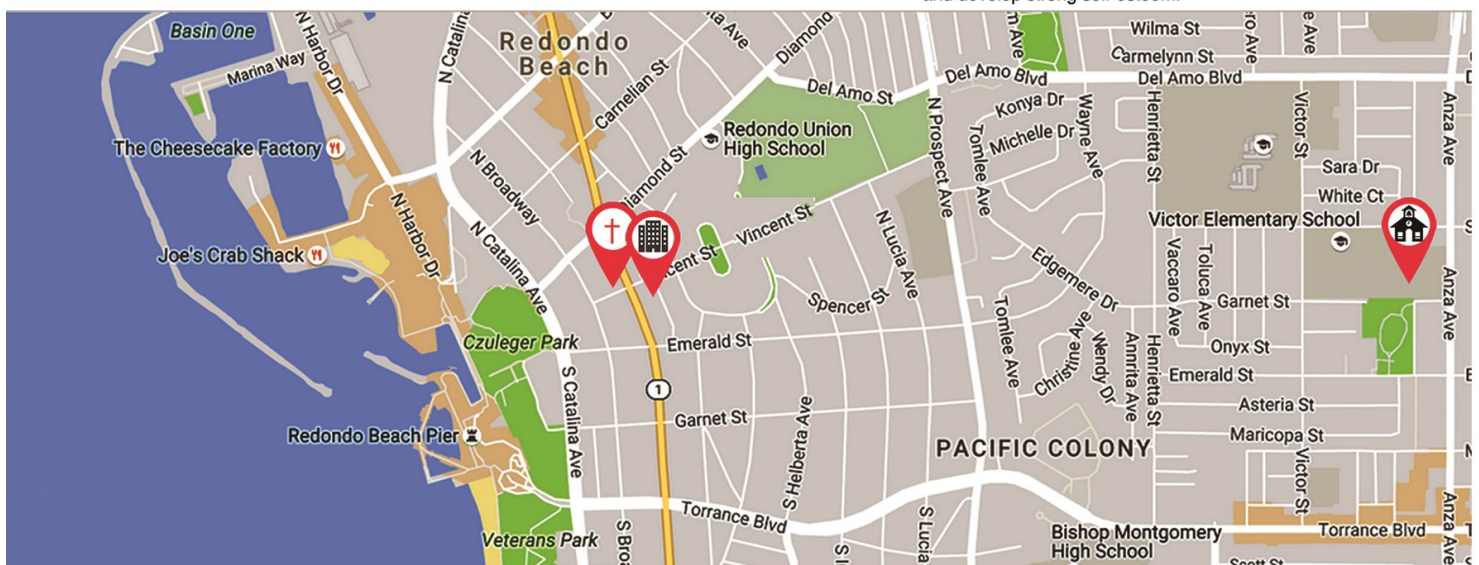
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Preschool & Toddler Time
Philosophy
We believe in creating a warm and
loving environment
where children can
learn about themselves,
gain an understanding of others
and develop strong self-esteem.



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