



St James
Catholic Church

May 23rd, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples.

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

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us!

We are not complete without you!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Pentecost

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the great Feast which brings to a conclusion our 50-day celebration of Easter. During this time, we have had the opportunity to reflect on the presence of the Lord in our lives, to consider the reality and implications of the Resurrection, and to evaluate our personal response to God's extravagant generosity.

For the Apostles, the period between the Resurrection and Pentecost was a time of uncertainty and fear. The only life they had known was rapidly changing and they were struggling to understand the events that had transpired. They were anxious at the prospect of no longer having Jesus with them.

During the Last Supper, Jesus promised His Apostles that He would not leave them as orphans. He assured them that His Father would send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to remind them of what He had taught them. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, fear became hope, hesitation turned into action and doubt was transformed into passionate faith. Because of this, the Apostles were able to fulfill Jesus' final commission to

**"Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel
to every creature."**

Inspired and enflamed in their faith by the Holy Spirit, that small group of unlikely disciples preached the Gospel throughout the known world, continuing the ministry and mission of Jesus.



Over the centuries the Church has seen empires rise and fall; cultures begin and end; war and peace develop and subside; yet through it all the Church has never ceased moving forward on Her pilgrim journey.



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.

This would not be possible without the Holy Spirit's steadfast guidance. Today's feast reminds us of God's extraordinary intervention into our world which continues to touch our daily lives.

The Holy Spirit that came upon the Apostles, and the Holy Spirit that guides the Universal Church is the same Spirit that has guided us through the pandemic, giving us courage and hope. This Spirit has quickened our hearts now with the pandemic subsiding.

The opportunity to fully gather again as a community of faith draws closer.

After prayerful reflection, the Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee and Parish Team have all recommended that our Masses should return to the Church with our full schedule of Masses beginning the weekend of June 12-13, just ahead of the governor's opening the State on June 15.

We will begin again with our Sunday 6:30 am Mass and Sunday evening 5:30 pm Mass.

In addition we will add an outdoor Mass at 8:30 am for the rest of the summer in our new property Courtyard for those who need to stay safer outdoors.

Two weeks later, on the weekend of June 26-27 we will more formally and joyfully celebrate our re-opening.

Blessings,

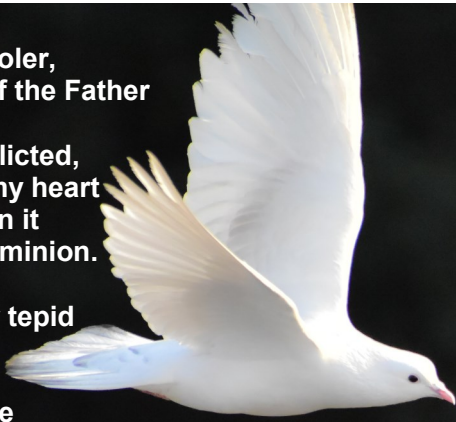
Msgr. Mike and Fr. Thaddeus

Prayer for the Indwelling of the Spirit

Holy Spirit,
powerful Consoler,
sacred Bond of the Father
and the Son,
Hope of the afflicted,
descend into my heart
and establish in it
Your loving dominion.

Enkindle in my tepid
soul the fire of
Your Love
so that I may be
wholly subject to You.

We believe that when you dwell in us,
You also prepare a dwelling
for the Father and the Son.
Deign, therefore, to come to me,
Consoler of abandoned souls,
and Protector of the needy.
Help the afflicted, strengthen the weak,
and support the wavering.
Come and purify me,
Let no evil desire take possession of me.
You love the humble and resist the proud.
Come to me, Glory of the living,
and Hope of the dying.
Lead me by Your grace
that I may always be pleasing to you. Amen.



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.

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.

You should of already received a link to this survey in your email and it can also be found on the parish website: **SaintJames.church**

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.



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 7:**

**Hebrews 10-11:
Old Testament
Foreshadowing and
Sacramental Fulfillment**

Every **Tuesday evening** 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

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. **Stephen Ministry Connect 310.541.1403**

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING DATES:

Confirmation Nights:

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

Teen Nights:

Tuesday, 5/25 @ 7pm

Wednesday, 6/2 @ 7pm

Our very first Confirmation Mass took place on **Saturday, May 22nd** where 20 of our teens became fully initiated members of the Catholic Church!

Mass was celebrated outdoors in the courtyard offering a beautiful setting. Congratulations to our newly Confirmed & their families!

We're excited to celebrate our second Confirmation Mass on **Friday, June 4th** where we'll be welcoming Bishop Marc Trudeau.

Please continue praying for all of our teens.

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**

 [saintjamesym](https://www.facebook.com/saintjamesym)  [@saintjamesym](https://www.instagram.com/saintjamesym)



Some of our Year 2 class at our last virtual session before getting Confirmed.

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

Sunday School

Would you like your children to learn about God's love for them?
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.
slkelly3156@gmail.com.

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

It is time to register for the 2021 – 2022 school year!

Kindergarten class at St. James School is a wonderful way to begin your child's elementary school journey.

Our students learn to read, begin to write, develop math skills, and have daily Religion classes.

In addition, they have art classes, Spanish class and PE.

The day is balanced between academics, play and socialization. This program is a full day 7:45 – 3:15.

See below for pictures of our Kindergarten students.

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

Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Today, the Easter season draws to a close with the Feast of Pentecost, and we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, who fills us with the fire of love.

So, today, we also ask: **Do you feel called by the Spirit to serve as a Catechist?**

Pope Francis said in a homily in 2013, "Who are catechists? They are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others. This is something beautiful: to remember God..."

If you feel called to this formal role of sharing our faith with others as a memory keeper of God, please contact the Office of Religious Education at **310.379.3221** or email us at religioused@stjamesparish.org.

The Religious Education Program has Catechists who serve in many areas, including in our Religious Education classes, our Sunday School program, and our Children's Liturgy of the Word program.

Our community needs your gifts. Please consider how the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve our parish during the coming school year. God bless you!

Andrea Sullivan,

Director of Religious Education



Feed the Needy Update

Thank you for your generosity over the past year. We could not have had such a successful program for helping members of our homeless community without you. We continue to prepare **180 lunches** weekly on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** for the needy.

Your kind assistance is needed whenever possible to provide the following:

**Hamburger buns,
chips,
lunch meat,
cheese sticks,
fruit such as grapes and oranges,
6 - 8 ounce small water and juices.**

These items all fit into lunch bags or into back packs.



Please drop off your donations M,W,F from 11-2 pm at Kavanagh Hall.

We cannot accept or distribute used clothing due to COVID 19.

You are a blessing to our ministry and Homeless Community.

Linda Cabibbo,
Ministry Coordinator
310.488.9480

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



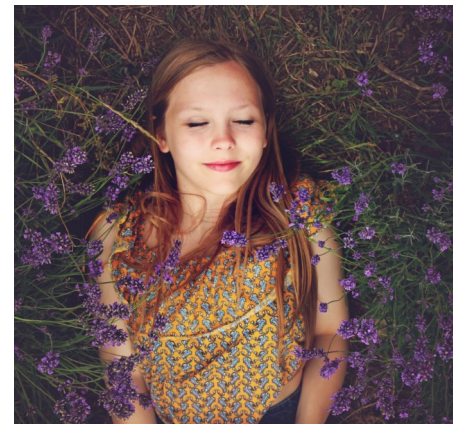
Place in the Rectory mail slot at
415 Vincent St. 90277 or in church baskets in the
Communion line.

Set-Up **Automatic Payments** with your bank
Enroll in Faith Direct's E-Giving
By calling toll free 1-866-507-8757 or
<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**

Having Difficulty Feeling at Peace?

"The reason people find it so hard to be happy is that they always see the past better than it was, the present worse than it is, and the future less resolved than it will be"
-- Marcel Pagnol.



As a spiritual friend,
a Stephen Minister

can help you appreciate where you are in life.

Call the confidential Connect Line **310.541.1403**.

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



Q: Pope Francis relates the anecdote of a priest sent to administer last rites to an elderly woman.

"Madam, do you repent of your sins?"

The woman said "yes."

Then; "Do you forgive others?"

The woman, on her deathbed replied:

"No. Those people treated me so harshly."

The priest was upset.

"If you do not forgive, God will not forgive you.

Ask the Lord to give you the strength to do so."

What does the *Catechism* say about the grace and the sublime righteousness found within the spirit of forgiveness?

A: The *Catechism*, in many entries, emphasizes the foundational teaching of The Lord's Prayer:

"...as we forgive those who trespass against us."

We are also blessed to have many scriptural references which testify about mercy, from the Prodigal Son, to Matthew 18 and the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, featuring monetary talents owed, and fraternal forgiveness granted.

That particular servant, (providing an object lesson), ultimately failed to heed the admonition offered by our patron, Saint James:

"Be doers of the word."

Having been commuted of his debt, the servant did not extend a measure of forgiveness to one who owed him, and was promptly shown his error by a vigorous, "throttling", as the Bible describes it.

Pope Francis in a lesson about active faith reminds that,

"... if you don't strive to forgive, you will not be forgiven; if you do not strive to love, neither will you be loved. Love attracts love; forgiveness attracts forgiveness. With a word, an embrace, a smile, we can pass on to others the most precious thing we have received: forgiveness."

The Saint James Choir, seeking to be Doers of the Word, underscore their collective merciful praise with a musical selection based on Psalm 103, entitled,

*"Loving And Forgiving."
Good and gracious is the Lord,
Slow to anger, rich in love.
God remembers not our sins,
Forgiving and loving is God.*

Peter asked Jesus how often he should forgive his brother. Jesus answered, "I say to you not seven times but seventy-seven times." The *Catechism* has more than seventy-seven teachings on the subject of forgiveness. May the Lord indeed give us the strength to heed his teachings.

Forgiveness. A precious thing, indeed.

Family Promise– Volunteers Wanted!

Family Promise of the South Bay is looking for volunteers to participate in a **rummage sale** fundraiser on **July 10th** at First Christian Church In Torrance.



Participants will be able to reserve a table and sell gently used household items, decor, and collectibles and donate the money to this great cause. Family Promise helps homeless families in transition achieve housing stability by providing short term shelter, meals and case Management.

You may reserve your own individual table or collaborate on a group table with friends, family or church members.

To sign up use this link: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/your-home-to-ours-yard-sale-for-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/your-home-to-ours-yard-sale-for-family-promise-of-the-south-bay-tickets-153872674311)

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Additional details are provided when you open the link. Once you reserve your table, Liz with Family Promise will follow up with details and guidelines for the event. Thank you!

Saint James Preschool Book Sale

The children at St. James Catholic Preschool are learning and growing so much!

The Pre-Kindergarten classes are getting ready for Graduation and then off to Kindergarten. They have learned how to be a good friend, how to print the ABCs and numbers. They have learned new songs and played new instruments, and they have watched our baby chicks grow into hens! It has been a busy preschool-year!

One of our favorite things to do at the preschool is to read! The children have listened to stories, they have read aloud stories and some have acted out stories. We love to read!

To promote reading and to raise money for our classroom libraries, the Preschool is having a parking lot **BOOK Sale June 7-11, 2021**. All books are used and are sanitized before the sale. There will be books for children and grown-ups and all books will be \$1. Plan to visit our sale to stock your bookshelf for summer.

If you would like to donate books for the Preschool BOOK Sale, please call the preschool office at **310.376.5550** to arrange a time.

Happy Reading!

Gospel Meditation

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so. ©LPi

Human Trafficking Awareness

Photos and videos shared on Instagram are **public** unless privacy settings are adjusted. Hashtags and location information can make photos visible to others outside of a teen's followers.



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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

Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 / Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Sir 35:1-12 / Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Show us, O Lord, the light of your kindness.

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 / Mk 10:32-45

Thursday

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.

Sir 42:15-25 / Mk 10:46-52

Friday

The Lord takes delight in his people.

Sir 44:1, 9-13 / Mk 11:11-26

Saturday

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Sir 51:12cd-20 / Mk 11:27-33

Sunday

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 / Rom 8:14-17 / Mt 28:16-20

Prayer Requests

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

**Fred Ronkowski, Nancy Cebra,
Bruce Nelson, Dave Rohaus**

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

**Venancio Encarnacion,
Josefina DeGuzman**



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

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| Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm | May 22 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus | Perlita Ancheta † Susana Uy † Susanita Leng † |
| Sunday 8 am 10 am 12 Noon | May 23 Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus | Adrian Manzano † Teodoro Pleno † Lois Kunsch † Ann Ducar † Adelaida Perez Diaz † Ron & Terri Mostero |
| Monday 8 am | May 24 Fr. Thaddeus | Octavio Viteri † |
| Tues- day 8 am | May 25 Msgr. Mike | Eileen Stoner-Persais † |
| Wed. 8 am | May 26 Fr. Jim | Persais Family Rose Melle † |
| Thurs. 8 am | May 27 Fr. Thaddeus | Rob Hupp |
| Friday 8 am | May 28 Msgr. Mike | Brochier Family Ephraim Lukong † |
| Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm | May 29 Msgr. Mike Fr. Jim | Audrey Vieira Maydelline Soriano † Serafino Marzocchi † |
| Sunday 8 am 10 am 12 Noon | May 30 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike | Anna Jane Lescoe † Vicenza "Winnie" Mosulak † Serafia Lanuza † Paul Deyden † Eileen Stoner-Persais † Dowsing Family |

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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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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Monday – Thursday
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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