

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

Welcome!

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

> "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Lk. 3:16

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

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Pastor's Letter

Advent is a Time to Renew Ourselves

As we prepare now for Christmas, the readings remind us of God's merciful **forgiveness** and his desire to create us anew in his love. Part of the process to the healing presence of God is our desire and willingness to step away from where we have been and be open to God's love in our lives.

A powerful **part of the process is the** Sacrament of Reconciliation. To acknowledge our weaknesses, our sins, and give voice to them and to hear God's love expressed in forgiveness can be life transforming. Matthew Kelly reminds us in his new book, that we are gifting to you at Christmas, that *'Life is Messy'* and what Peace Christ restores to us in this holy season.

We have dedicated this next week to be available to pray with you and share in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Monday evening, December 13th, from 7:30 pm until we are done, our priests will be at American Martyrs in Manhattan Beach hearing confessions. On Tuesday evening December 14th, at 7:30 we will all be here at St. James for confessions.

We encourage you to take advantage of this gift of God's healing love to bring wholeness to your life.

As an added part of God's healing love we will be celebrating the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick this Sunday, December 12th at 1:30 pm.**

Please see this bulletin for all of the scheduled services from now through Christmas and the New Year.

Blessings,

Msgr. Míke & Fr. Thaddeus

Invite Someone to Mass

The church is again open for quiet prayer from 7am- 7pm daily.

Our **daily Mass is at 8 am and 12 noon Monday-Friday** with the rosary prayed immediately afterward.

Our Saturday Mass is at 8am.

Help others attend Mass and receive the Eucharist; the true body and blood of Christ hidden in the form of a host.

Many persons are Interested in attending, but may lack transportation. For those unable to attend Mass, please assist them in setting up their computer or iPad or phone to view the Mass that's posted online daily by 9:30 am. Reach out to those who have been away, and check on their well being. God Bless!



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.

Coffee and Donuts - This Sunday!



Join us for fresh coffee, donuts, hospitality and fellowship after the 8 and 10am Masses in Kavanagh Hall. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus!

Anointing of the Sick—Sun. Dec. 12th 1:30 pm after noon Mass

Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament which gives on grace as strengthening of body and soul and *peace and courage* to overcome the difficulties that are associated with disease, illness and dying.

House of Yahweh's Toy Collection



We are collecting unwrapped new toys (no stuffed animals please) for children

ages 1 through 12 and gift certificates for older children for our outreach families. Please bring unwrapped, new toys and gift certificates to the HOY Office between Dec. 6th and 14th, 10am. to 3pm. Toys will be handed out to the children between December 17th and 24th.

The Gathering Place

If your family has suffered the loss of a loved one during the past two years, **The Gathering Place**, a nonprofit associated with Providence Little Company of Mary, offers support groups for children and adults. For more information, please visit their website at **www.providence.org/locations/gathering-place.**

Community Penance Services - Confession

Monday, December 13th at American Martyrs Tuesday, December 14th at St. James Both begin at 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve



Friday, December 24th

4 pm Vigil Mass Children's Choir

6 pm Vigil Mass Youth Choir

11 pm Mass Carols begin at 10:30 pm Adult Choir

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25th

6:30 am Mass Cantor & Piano/Organ

8 am Mass Cantor /Piano/Organ with Brass Ensemble

10 am Mass Adult Choir with Brass Ensemble

12 Noon Mass Resounding Grace

(No 5:30 pm Mass)

Parish Office Schedule

Friday, December 24th Closed Saturday, Christmas Day Sunday, December 26th Monday, December 27th Tuesday, December 28th Wednesday, December 29th Thursday, December 30th Friday, New Year's Eve Saturday, New Year's Day

Closed Closed 8 am - 8 pm 8 am - 4 pm 8 am - 4 pm Closed Closed

Tuesday Night Bible Study

The Tuesday night bible study is currently studying Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

Please join us this **Tuesday** as we cover **Matthew Chapters 11–12: Jesus Confronts an Evil Generation.** The class for this week will be Zoom only.

Please contact **Donna Wilson:** dwilson94@gmail.com for additional information.

Come, share and participate in our Church Community.



Would You Like to Complete Your Sacraments?

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*). If you have not received your First Holy Communion, this class will prepare you to do that as well.

Our Winter, 2022 series of classes is scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 6, 2022. To receive further information and details on this process, please contact Deacon Bob & Patty Miller at **dnbob99@gmail.com or call us at 310.371.0985.** If you know of someone who may benefit from this process, please feel free to past this information along.

Friday, December 31st 8 am Daily Mass New Year's Eve Mass 5:30 pm

Saturday, January 1st New Year's Day Mass 9 am only



Family Christmas Movie Nights

Snuggle up on the couch together with popcorn and cider and relax with a family movie. If you start early enough that everyone is still awake enough at the end to engage. . . continue the "cozy" by having a simple conversation about the movie.

The Nativity Story

The Polar Express
The Grinch Who Stole Christmas
The Chronicles of Nar- nia: The Lion, the Witch,
and the Wardrobe
Muppet Christmas Carol
A Charlie Brown Christmas

Conversation Starters:

- What was your favorite part/line? Were there any artistic elements that you particularly enjoyed?
- What questions do you have after watching?
- Did you like the main character? Why/why not? What good/bad qualities did he/she have? Did he/she make good choices? What were the consequences of those choices? How did this character change throughout the movie?
- What were the most important relationships in the story? Why? Was there faith?
- Was right/wrong, good/evil recognized as such? How would Jesus rate this movie?

Build the ability and habit of reflecting on what you watch will help your kids become responsible consumers of media – and increase the impact that worthy films will have on their minds and hearts.



Sunday School Enrollment

We're back!

This year, our parish will be offering Sunday School to students ages 3 1/2 to 7 years old in the Red Room at the St. James Preschool. In-person classes will only be offered on **Sunday's during the 10 am Mass**. All current COVID-19 county guidelines will be followed during instruction.

For more information regarding the program, enrollment, and volunteering, please reach out to the Religious Education office at **310.379.3221** and view the informational video on the parish's website: **SaintJames.church/sunday-school**

Thank you and we look forward to a wonderful school year!

Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Happy third Sunday of Advent! As we reach the midpoint of this season, we light our rose colored candle to remind us that the joy of Jesus' birth draws near!

The Archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life will be hosting a special **online mini-retreat for families** this evening, **Sunday, December 12, from 5:30-7**. The title of the retreat is, **'In Joyful Hope with the Holy Family,**" and registration is required. A link can be found on the St. James Office of Religious Education page at **SaintJames.Church/RE** We encourage families to attend this wonderful retreat as a part of your preparation for Christmas.

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets today, on Sunday, December 12, and again on December 19. We will then be on break until January 9.

Finally, we want to remind our Religious Education families that we are now on break from classes until January 11th and 12th, and the Office of Religious Education will be closed from December 17 until Jan. 3.

The joy that is so close to the surface in the season of Advent, that springs up in unexpected places as Christmas draws near, is a glimpse of God coming into our lives. May this season of Advent bring you and your family great joy!

Happy Advent!

Andrea Sullívan, Director of Religious Education

No sin is new to him. No wrongdoing too great. Come to Confession and experience mercy and joy.

Confession is available from 4-5 pm every Saturday in Church

Human Trafficking Awareness



Protect your teen's Internet-enabled devices. See the guidelines contained on enough.org listing under "Rules "N Tools.

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

St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

All classes have been studying the Season of Advent and preparing for the arrival of Jesus! Thank you to Monsignor Meyers who celebrated Mass for our students on Wednesday, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

See below for Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Advent Wreaths.

We are ready to begin accepting applications for the 2022 – 2023 school year! Plan early to visit St. James and discover the difference.

• Applications are available at the elementary school office, at St. James preschool, the Church office and on our website SJSCatholicschool.org

• Call or email the school to schedule a private tour and meet the principal.

• Kindergarten Round – Up Appointments are available on January 21st and January 24th. Call or email to reserve a spot.

TK Families are invited to visit school with their child, visit the classroom and find out more about our program. TK is a steppingstone and a bridge to begin your child's academic journey. Call or email to reserve a time.

Contact us 310.371.0416 or office@stjamesweb.com

A Catholic School Education is a gift and a blessing!

God Bless you, Noreen Marících, Principal

Thank you for your support

This time last year the world was turned upside down due to COVID-19, but our parish ministries continued because so many people needed our help. Recurring gifts helped sustain our parish in unprecedented times, and continue to be a vital source of support for ministries that are a lifeline to those in need in our community.

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.

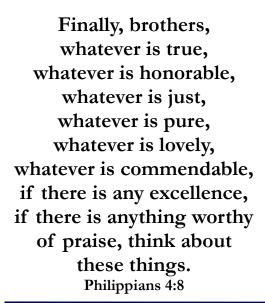
Set-Up Automatic Payments with your bank Enroll in Faith Direct's E-Giving By calling toll free 1-866-507-8757 or <u>https://www.faithdirect.net</u> Use the code CA560

Use Faith Direct's Text-to-Give number Simply text any dollar amount to

St. James' Number: 424.317.8878

Thank you for your generous support of Saint James!







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SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Dates:

Confirmation Nights Year 2: Sunday, December 12th

Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped kick off this season of Advent by volunteering at the Christmas concert! It was a beautiful way for our community to gather in anticipation for the birth of Jesus.

Our vibrant ministry is always looking for people who are willing to walk alongside our teens in their journey with Christ. For more information on how you can share your gifts & talents with the community, please contact us at one of the options below.

Gretchen Nobleza

Director of Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Contact us:

saintjamesym@gmail.com Email: Website: www.saintjamesym.weebly.com Text: 424.265.8336 f

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Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group



Join us!

We continue to pray the rosary in the midst of this difficult time.

> We'll be meeting in Kavanagh Hall on Monday at 7 pm.

Experience inner peace.

All may offer their own intentions.

Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182

Benediction and Adoration

Dec. 17th 8:45-12 noon- Last one this year

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

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





...sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. You are not alone...

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/

Torrance Memorial Hospice Seeks Volunteers

"I used to be uncomfortable with death and dying but volunteering with hospice patients has become a passion of mine. It is such an honor to be welcomed into their home and to listen to their lifetime of stories. I have made many friends and this is a wonderful way to give back to the Community." -Clara Forwell, Hospice Volunteer



Would you like to give back to your community and provide love and support to patients nearing end of life?

Torrance Memorial Hospice Volunteers play an important role with our patients

and their families. They provide companionship visits where they may read, go for a walk or play music for the patient. They can also provide respite to the family, assuring them the patient is safe while they are away from the home or getting some much-needed rest. Our volunteers are also trained to provide bereavement support for the families or caregivers of our patients by making phone calls or co-facilitating our weekly support groups. We provide online and hands-on training for all volunteers, request 8 hours a month and a 6-month commitment. If you would like to learn more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator: Christine.McCaverty@tmmc.com

Habitat for Humanity Build Day



Habitat for Humanity build sites have been closed to volunteers for the past 20 months due to COVID-19.

There are now opening on a limited basis and St. James is having another Build Day at the build site in Long Beach. **The Build Day is Saturday, January 15, 2022.**

We are limited to 10 volunteers at a time, but morning and afternoon shifts are available. No building skills are required and all tools and safety equipment are provided.

All volunteers are required to wear an N95 mask while working. We will carpool from the church parking lot for anyone needing a ride to the site.

Anyone interested in being a member of the build team should send an email to Tom Miller at

tmillerosu@aol.com indicating whether you want a morning or afternoon shift. Additional details regarding the Build Day will be provided to those who participate.



To the men of our parish, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus, Council 1990. You can sign up online at https://www.kofc.org/joinus.

Enter 1990 for the Council and MCGIVNEY2020 for the special

promotion.

The charities we help support include House of Yahweh, Pregnancy Help Center, Rancho San Antonio, Seminarians, and Star House.

Besides serving our church and community, we meet twice a month for business, fun, and fellowship at our Council Hall, 214 Avenue I, Redondo Beach.

We look forward to having you join us!

NOVEMBER MONTHLY COLLECTION			
Faith Direct	Total		
2021 - \$31,192	\$164,093		
2020 - \$35,335	\$82,689		

Please note:

There were 5 Sundays in November of 2020 and 4 Sundays in November 2021. Also included for 2021 is \$80,000 in extraordinary gifts from 2 families.



Saint James Preschool - 310.376.5550

We wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas with family and friends!





Much Love, St. James Preschool Staff (L to R:) Jenny B., Tammy B., Kristin F., Barbara M., Gina W., Wendy B., Susan B., Terrie V., Christi D., Trisha H.



Gospel Meditation

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine."

In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter.

We take life too seriously sometimes.

Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that,

"Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace."

Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts.

When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior.

Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why?

Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed?

Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh!

Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina) ©LPi

Catholic Q and A

J.P. Alegria

Q: The beginning of a new Liturgical Year also presents a good time to appreciate and reaffirm the importance of the St. James Church Mission Statement. What can be said about a mission statement?

A: The Oxford Dictionary of English defines a Mission Statement in part as:

"A formal summary of the aims and values of an organization...to which all subscribe."

Here's our mission:

"The mission of St. James Church is to build up the Body of Christ by evangelizing those weak in faith, healing the hurt and alienated Catholic, nourishing the faith and commitment of its active members.

We encourage those in our faith community to be: Involved in regular Mass attendance; Participants in the sacramental life of the Church; Committed to personal spiritual growth; Registered and contributing members of the Church; Supportive of the community through ministry and service; in right relationship with one another."

Church teachings validate the holy aims and values put forward by our Parish mission statement:

"Regular Mass attendance?" Catechism Entry #2176 states: "...render to God this sign, (the Mass), of universal beneficence to all. Additionally, #2192 states: "Sunday is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the Universal Church."

"In right relationship, and spiritual growth?" Speaking in a homily, Pope Francis called for a new and universal solidarity, "which recognizes that we are a single human family in need of right relationships."

The Sacramental life? #1084 "Christ is also present every time each sacrament is celebrated...the seven sacraments touch all the stages and all important moments of the Christian life. Christ now acts through the Sacraments."

Evangelizing? Catechism #1086 "Just as Christ was sent by the Father, so also he sent the apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit...the work of salvation, around which the entire liturgical life evolves."

Pope Benedict XVI is eloquent as usual in a general overview of that to which we all subscribe:

"Our faith is well founded...A great effort must therefore be made in order for all Christians to transform themselves into 'witnesses' ready and able to shoulder the commitment of testifying...to the hope that animates them."

We are blessed with an animating, vibrant Parish. This Mission Statement is truly reflective of our parish. It is a litmus test, or faith compass, against which we may judge our direction, amid sometimes challenging winds. It actually is that summary statement of aims and values to which we all subscribe.

Readings

Mondav Teach me your ways, O Lord. Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a / Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Savior. Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 / Lk 7:18b-23

> Thursday I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. Is 54:1-10 / Lk 7:24-30

Fridav Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever. Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

Saturday Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever. Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

Sunday Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

Prayer Requests

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

Holden Zalma.Camilo Francis Trevor Braz. Laura Aranda

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

Dennis Paul Arvarado, Sylvia Griffith, Fr. David Ayotte, Lupe Hernandez, Trisha Smith, Peggy Cox Waterman, Mary Cox

Gift Shop



The Gift Shop is open for your gift and spiritual growth needs.

> Wed. Thurs. Fri. 10am to 4pm 9am to 12 Noon Saturday

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

Weekly Mass Intentions			
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	December 11 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Liana Notarnicola ↔ David Nicholson ↔ Martha Kruener	
Sunday 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 Noon 5:30 pm	December 12 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Jean Claude Persais The Persais Family Octavio Viteri & Joanne Mele & Thaddeus Switzer Daniel Kelly & David Durham & Michael Zabolitny & Consiglia Caretti Priscilla Pizarro &	
Monday 8 am 12 noon	December 13 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Caretti Family ✿ Laura Aranda	
Tuesday 8 am 12 noon	December 14 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Dennis Gaynor ় Arsenio Bautista Hernandez ়	
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	December 15 Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike	Consiglia Cerreti Noelle Campazzie	
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	December 16 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	Milo Cabrera ϑ Dennis Arvarado ϑ	
Friday 8 am 12 noon	December 17 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	MaryAnn Wilson ় Susanita Leng ়	
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	December 18 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Lorenzo Gomez ✤ Victoria Lara de Gutierrez ✤ Corazon Leng-Gerson ቶ	
Sunday 6:30 am	December 19 Fr. Jim	Barbara Harkins Arnold Haworth ≎	
8 am	Fr. Thaddeus	Jenna & Darius Martins Del Carstens ়₽	
10 am	Msgr. Mike	The Dowsing Family Eileen Persais-Stoner &	
12 Noon 5:30 pm	Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Stanley & Rita Creado ় Bryan Webb ় Michael Phillips Marie & Richard Winfield ♪	

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

Noreen Maricich

Principal

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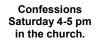
Our Clergy, Here to Serve You



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



"Lord, cleanse me of my guilt"

Eucharistic Ministers for Homebound John Cable 310.372.5228

Eucharistic Ministers for Care Centers Miki Finken 310.316.3890



Fr. Thaddeus Agbasonu, SMMM Associate Pastor FrThaddeus@stjamesparish.org



Deacon Bob & Patty Miller Deacon Couple DnBob99@Gmail.com



Wendy Bell Director of Preschool & Toddler Time Wendy@SaintJames.Church 310.376.5550

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.



Fr. James Kavanagh Pastor Emeritus FrJim@SaintJames.Church



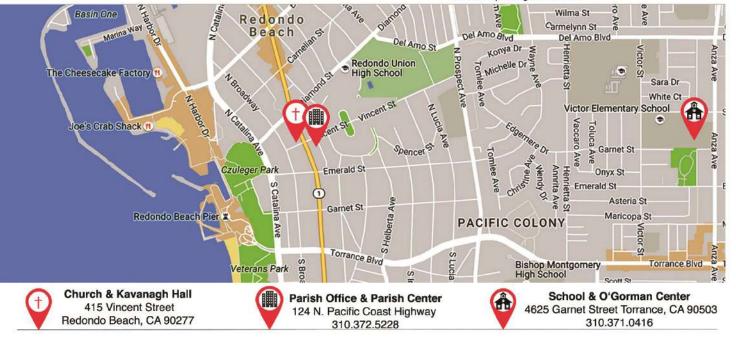
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Monday - Thursday

10 am - 3 pm

and during class times:

Tuesday 4 pm - 8:15

Wednesday 4 pm - 5:30