

December 26th, 2021 The Nativity of the Lord Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples.

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! And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. Jn. 1:14

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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

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

Joy to the World! The Lord has come! The Word was made flesh because God cares about us. Jesus lived with the same emotions we do. He loved, he cried, he got angry and he enjoyed a party. He lived among us so we can understand God, Our Father better.

We are still in the Christmas season. Let us carry that message of love and joy to all we encounter. We have seen so many of us returning to church, returning to celebrate the Eucharist together as our St. James Community. What a blessing for all of us!

In his Christmas message, "Pope Francis repeated the words of Pope St Paul VI '*This world in which we live needs beauty so as not to fall into despair.*' We should "*be custodians of this beauty, which the Lord's Christmas makes shine in every daily gesture of love, sharing and service.*"

When sometimes Life Gets Messy, it is then we need to take the opportunity to go back to the message from the birth of Christ of love, joy and peace to help us through those times.

As our special Christmas gift to you we again have a Matthew Kelly book entitled "**Life is Messy**". In the wonderfully simple ways that Matthew Kelly captures life and its mysteries, he brings us to a new understanding of this journey we are on and reconnects us with the healing love of Christ that makes us whole.

With Love and blessings in this Christmas season,

Monsignor Mike Father Thaddeus Father Jim Deacon Bob and Patty Miller Deacon Mark and Louise Ramirez

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!



Have you ever wondered "Why am I here?" "What is life all about?" "What is my purpose?" You are not alone.

The answers you're looking for, the joy you are desperate for, the connection you crave are closer than you think.

Maybe you haven't been to church in a while. And maybe you are worried that you won't be welcome here. We get it. We've been there. Now we are here. When you attend, you'll have a chance to hear powerful music, learn from authentic Catholic clergy, and grow in faith.

Learn to be the holy, healthy, vibrant person that God has created you to be. Learn to use your gifts to make a difference. In the lives of others. Maybe God is calling you back. Just as you are. Welcome home.

The Gathering Place

If your family has suffered the loss of a loved one, **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.



Sunday Hospitality Ministry wishes you a Merry Christmas

No Coffee and Donuts this Sunday.



..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/

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve



Friday, December 24th

4 pm Vigil Mass Children's Mass

6 pm Vigil Mass Youth Choir

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

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25^{th}

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 4pm Confessions (No 5:30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass)

Parish Office Schedule

Friday, December 31st 8 am Daily Mass 12 noon Daily Mass New Year's Eve Mass 5:30 pm

Saturday, January 1st Jan. 1st is not a holy day of obligation this year New Year's Day Mass 9 am only

No 4pm Confessions (No 5:30 pm Sunday Vigil Mass)





Friday, December 24th 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 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

The St. James Tuesday Night Bible Study group is taking a break for the holidays. Class will resume on Tuesday, January 11th, 2022.

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.

Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Merry Christmas!

Remember, even though the Office of Religious Education is closed until January 3, the Faith @ Home bulletins are available on our page of the parish website. **SaintJames.Church/RE** We hope this resource provides your family with the opportunity to listen, pray, and talk together about the Scriptures we hear at Mass during the Christmas season.

May your home be filled with peace, joy, and blessings!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education

Family Christmas Movie Nights

Snuggle up on the couch together with popcorn.

The Nativity Story		
The Fourth Wiseman	The Polar Express	
It's a Wonderful Life	The Grinch Who Stole Christmas	
Miracle on 34 th Street	The Chronicles of Narnia:	
The Bells of St. Mary's	The Lion, the Witch, and	
White Christmas	the Wardrobe	
The Ultimate Gift	Muppet Christmas Carol A Charlie Brown	
The Star	Christmas	

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

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!

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!

Gift Shop

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

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

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Join the Catholic Daughters of America

We donate generously to several charitable causes. Members give their time, energy and support to help others in the service of Christ.CDA members enjoy each other's company at their **monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at Kavanagh Hall.**

At this time, **we are inviting all Catholic women** of all ages from all surrounding parishes who are dedicated to Church and country to join our Court. Before each meeting we start by saying the holy Rosary.

We have various functions throughout the year to help raise funds for the different charities we support. If you are looking for a Catholic women's group to join, we are the one! Please call Kristin Flannery for further information if you are interested. 310.529.6813 Email courtourladyofvictory@gmail.com

St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to the parishioners of St. James from the students, faculty, and staff of St. James School! The elementary school is on Christmas Break and will return to classes on Wednesday, January 5th.

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

Open House: Tuesday, February 1st 5:30 – 7:00

A Catholic School Education is a gift and a blessing!

God Bless you, Noreen Marících, Principal

Feed the Needy Ministry

Thank all our parishioners for this year's generosity to our program! As a result of your contributions we collected many toys, warm clothing and gift cards. These items were given to our needy individuals at our annual Christmas Luncheon where we fed ninety individuals. Santa came to visit us and gave many toys to the children and we all enjoyed the laughter and smiling faces.

Again, this year was a very different event with the constraints resulting from the Covid pandemic and was held outdoors but God blessed us with a beautiful day. A special thanks to the volunteers in our program who have stayed loyal all through this last year and the pandemic. In addition, we offer a special thanks to the Cornerstone volunteers, the donations from Catholic Daughters and Saint James School, Romina Gorodo & Ocean Fever and the Redondo Beach Police Department's Domestic Violence employees. We also want to thank our friends at the Knights of Columbus for their toy donations. Many of the toys that we collected will be shared with several inner city parishes including our sister parish, San Miguel.

Our success is always blessed with your generosity and we thank you and wish you Merry Christmas and Happy and safe New Year!

Linda Cabibbo-Ministry Leader

Fingerprinting Service Appointments

Appointments are available **Jan. 20th, 12:40- 6:40pm.** If you need fingerprinting for coaching, volunteer positions, or church ministries, please call the Saint James School Office **310.371.0416**



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UPCOMING DATES:

Confirmation Nights

Year 1: Sunday, January 9th Year 2: Sunday, January 16th

Merry Christmas from all of us here in Youth Ministry! We pray this season brings joy & love to you and your loved ones.

The Youth Ministry office will be on break beginning Wednesday, December 29th through Friday, January 7th. We look forward to reconnecting with you all in the new year.

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:

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

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**



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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!

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



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

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate.

This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading?

Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone.

We can too.

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

Confession resumes on Saturday, Jan. 8th from 4-5 pm in Church

Catholic Q and A

J.P. Alegria

Q: This week's scripture readings prompt us to consider some of the workings of sin and aspects of salvation in the light of the teachings of the *Catechism* of the Catholic Church:

In James, Chapter 1, just before the familiar admonition to be, "doers of the word", we find another directive: "...therefore rid yourselves of all wickedness." In Maccabees 2 we read: "God forbid that we should forsake the law and the commandments." In that Bible verse we also hear from a persecuted servant of God, Matthias. He and his sons were facing martyrdom for refusing to sin against their Christian faith:" We will not depart from our religion in the slightest degree."

Pope Francis, in a speech about engaging in dialogue with God, offered relevant words from John 1:

"If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing."

Psalm 50, (fittingly one of the Penitential Psalms), is also illustrative of the dialogue between sinner and savior:

"To the upright I will show the saving power of God." *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* in the section called "The Celebration of the Christian Mystery," expounds on this topic of repentance, in all its degrees, cast amid the repercussions of sin. At one point, the *Catechism* characterizes sin as a "shipwreck", with its attendant loss of grace.

What are some of the ways, (in brief), that the *Catechism* offers to help navigate sin and salvation, as reflected in the essence of the scripture readings above?

A: *The Catechism* helps to guide the faithful with clarity:

Q: What is sin? **A:** Sin is, above all else, an offense against God...

Q: What is penance? **A**: Penance includes a desire and resolution to change one's life...

Q: What is reconciliation? **A:** Jesus receives sinners at his table; (see the sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession)...

Q: What are the acts of the penitent?

A: ... The penitent must be contrite of heart...

The *Catechism*, along with scripture, and traditional faith practices, is there; part of a spiritual map for a journey of faith. The *Catechism* presents many more lessons regarding a life of holiness.

St. Ambrose, speaking about the brokenness that sin engenders, nevertheless struck an unwavering note of hope:

"In the Church there are water and tears: the water of Baptism, and the tears of repentance." So echoes the Gospel of John: "He is faithful and just..."

Readings

Monday Rejoice in the Lord, you just! 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare. 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice! 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

Thursday Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice! 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40

Friday Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice! 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

> Saturday May God bless us in his mercy. Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

Sunday Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

Prayer Requests

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

Fred Ronkowski, Monette Whitman, Joshua Bassett, Pat Czarske

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

Jose & Felise Cayamanda, Deacon Richard Shinkle, George R. Acosta, Sr., Eunice Smith, Sr. Kathleen Ann DuRoss, Carl Bledsoe

Weekly Mass Intentions			
Sat.	December 25	Christmas Day	
6:30 am	Fr. Thaddeus	Lupe Hernandez 🕆	
		Elia Lux ϑ	
8 am	Fr. Jim	Stephen Jambor 🕆	
		Norma Lyons 🕆	
10 am	Msgr. Mike	The Catbagan Family	
		Umberto Saraullo 🕆	
12 noon	Fr. Thaddeus	Pino Marzocchi 🕆	
		Louise Marzocchi 🕆	

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Sunday 6:30 am	December 26 Msgr. Mike	Hayley Campazzie Fr. Augustine O'Gorman ⊕
8 am	Fr. Jim	Virginia Soriano
10 am	Fr. Thaddeus	The Aranda Family Jeff Regan ⊕
12 Noon	Fr. Thaddeus	Janice Phillips Albert Avoian ☆
5:30 pm	Msgr. Mike	Kent Campazzie Belva Trudeau ≎
Monday 8 am 12 noon	December 27 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Domenico Pascale
Tues. 8 am 12 noon	December 28 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Bernice Walters ∿ Andrew Murray ∜
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	December 29 Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike	Lupe Hernandez ϑ Mike & Mary Eaton ϑ
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	December 30 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	Lesa Rivas Sloss
Friday 8 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	December 31 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus	Louis Kocsis ♥ Mary Campazzie New Year's Eve Mass Kaylan Phillips
		Sr. Kathleen DuRoss ∿
Sat. 9 am	January 1 TBD	New Year's Day Darius & Jenna Martins Rita & Stanley Creado ⊕
Sunday 6:30 am	January 2 TBD	David Franco &
8 am	TBD	Bob & Marguerite Pullen & Virginia Soriano & Cabriel Stauring #
10 am	TBD	Gabriel Stauring ় Patrick Nagle ় Gani Purwadi ়
12 Noon	TBD	The Catbagan Family Jan (John) Bartosik
5:30 pm	TBD	Eliza-Rose Gantan ⊕ Karen Whalen ⊕

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention, please call or visit 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.

Noreen Maricich

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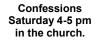
Our Clergy, Here to Serve You



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



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



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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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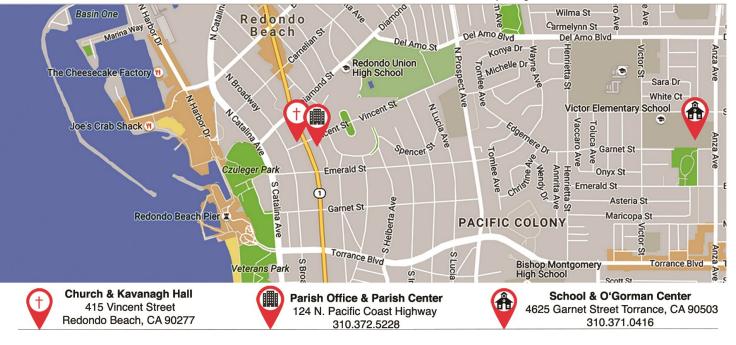
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Monday - Thursday

10 am - 3 pm

and during class times:

Tuesday 4 pm - 8:15

Wednesday 4 pm - 5:30