

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! Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. Lk. 4:14-15

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

Pastor's Letter

Father Thaddeus has arrived safely back to Nigeria to visit his family and to complete the tedious process of renewing his U.S. visa. I've talked to him on the phone and I could hear his big smile and his joy to be with his family. He should be returning here in mid-February. Until then we will be short-staffed and you will have to listen and pray with me a little more often.

Christmas is over and everything is back to 'normal' to 'Ordinary Time' in the church. This Sunday we start reflecting on the Gospel of Luke, starting from chapter 1, verse 1. Other than our special scriptures used during Lent and Easter time, we will follow Luke's Gospel until the end of the year.

In his first lines Luke says,

"I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus (Friend of God), so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received."

The certainty is the teachings we have received about Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, who died and rose to life again to reconcile our hearts back to the love God has for us. That is our 'normal', to have hearts open to God's love and minds knowing that our peace and strength, hope and joy come from that certainty of God in our lives.

May you continue to find a peace in your hearts that the world cannot give and which come only from our Creator.

Blessings,

Msgr. Mike & Fr. Thaddeus

Scam Alert!

Beware of text messages or emails that are requesting Amazon cards, prepaid credit cards, gift cards or Western Union money transfers.

Fraudsters will often send out these unsolicited emails or text messages to everyone in a person's contact list with an urgent plea for sending money. Sadly, these scams are often successful as they prey on our friendships with people we are close to and are willing to help out.

The best defense to protect against these scams are to be suspicious and to verify that the message was indeed sent by the person you know.

No one at Saint James Parish office or clergy will ever send a text message or email requesting gift cards, Western Union transfers or prepaid credit cards. Call the parish office is you are uncertain.



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.

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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.



Habitat for Humanity—Build Day

Thank you to the group of volunteers from St. James who spent Saturday, January 15th, working at the Habitat for Humanity site in Long Beach. The photo below shows the parish volunteers, the Habitat staff and one of the families who will occupy one of the 10 homes being built at the site. In spite of the light rain that fell in the morning, we had a productive and rewarding day. Look for future volunteer opportunities in the bulletin. God bless you all.

Tom Miller tmillerosu@aol.com



Knights of Columbus Super Bowl Tri Tip Fundraiser

The Knights have begun the pre-sale for the 2022 Tri-tip Fundraiser in benefit for their St. John Seminarians.

Orders can be placed online at ww.kofc1990.org



until February 7th or in person after Sunday Masses on January 23rd

The Knights are offering a whole cooked tri-tip for \$36 and sides of green beans and/or mashed potatoes for \$6 each.

Orders will be distributed the morning of February 13th at the KofC Hall at 214 Ave I in Redondo Beach.

For an additional \$10 orders can be delivered to locations within 3 miles from St James.

For any questions please contact Alan Baptista at alanjbaptista@gmail.com or call 214.729.8582

Married?

Great! You're just who we're looking for to help Catholic Engaged Encounter prepare engaged couples for marriage. Whether you've been married 2 months or 40+ years, we need your help. What better way to start 2022 than with a resolution to share your sacrament of matrimony!

Paciano & Molly Diaz 310.729.5890 or email MollvandPaciano@gmail.com.

Visit www.CEEofLA.com for more information



Tuesday Night Bible Study

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

Next class is Tuesday, January 25th at 7 pm Matthew Chapter 16 - Jesus Establishes the Church 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.





Coffee and Donuts Gasp! Temporarily closed. So sorry.

Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Children's Liturgy of the Word has been cancelled until March We apologize for any inconvenience this causes our families.

We have also moved our **Religious Education classes to Zoom for the months of January and February.**Please check your email for links to the Zoom sessions.

One upside to moving to Zoom is that we have more time to find extra adult helpers for our Religious Education program, especially adults to serve

as Traffic Monitors (3:45-4pm), on Yard Duty (3:50-4pm), and on Yard Patrol (4-5:15pm).

Please consider if you could give a little of your time to help ensure the safety of all of our children. And don't forget, you don't have to have a child in RE to help!

We'd love to have adult volunteers from around the parish! Contact the Office of Religious Education for more information on how to volunteer.

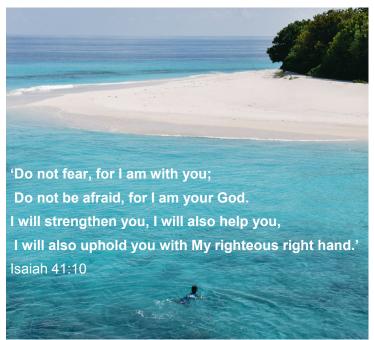
God bless!

Andrea Sullivan,
Director of Religious Education

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.





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
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**

Thank you for your generous support of Saint James!

Human Trafficking Awareness

The strength of a man "is not for ourselves. It is for the women in our lives, the children in our lives, and the vulnerable in our world." See **savinginnocence.org.**



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

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DECEMBER MONTHLY COLLECTION		
Faith Direct	Total	
2021 - \$30,775	\$94,570	
2020 - \$28,976	\$101,745	



St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

St. James is in session, in person, and keeping healthy and safe! Our students, staff, and family are working as a team to follow all the protocols and keep our students in school. Please pray for the continued good health of our school community.

St. James honored the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in all our classes. Students created artwork, wrote their dreams for the future and discussed his inspiring speech.

We are 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.

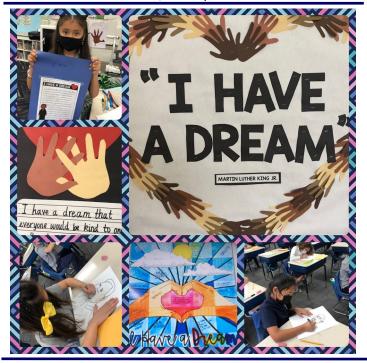
Kindergarten Round – Up Appointments are available on January 21st and January 24th. Call or email to reserve a spot.

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: 310.371.0416 or office@stjamesweb.com Open House: Tuesday, February 1st 5:30 – 7pm

A Catholic School Education is a gift and a blessing! God Bless you,

Noreen Maricich, Principal



Feed the Needy Ministry



The Feed the Needy ministry wants to wish all our parishioners a happy and healthy new year. We thank you for all your donations over the holiday season. We now begin a new year of providing meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. We have continued to feed our homeless community throughout the months of the pandemic.

Our work continues and we once again ask for your assistance to ensure that we maintain the items needed for our ministry. We are still in need of the following:

hamburger buns fruit chips lunch meat & cheese cheese sticks (oranges, bananas & grapes) granola bars 8 oz. water and juices

Some of these items can easily fit into their backpacks.

In addition to the food items we are in need of toiletries and socks.

Due to the pandemic and limited storage space we are unable to accept used clothing.

Again we thank you in advance for your generosity in allowing us to keep our homeless community fed and healthy.

If you have any questions regarding our ministry I can be reached at 310.488.9480.

Linda Cabibbo, Ministry Coordinator

For this is the will of God,
your sanctification:
that you abstain from immorality;
that each one of you know
how to control his own body in holiness
and honor,
not in the passion of lust
like heathen who do not know God;
1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

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**

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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/

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

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.



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!



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 meet in **Kavanagh Hall every Monday** at **7 pm.**

Experience inner peace.

All may offer their own intentions.

Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182

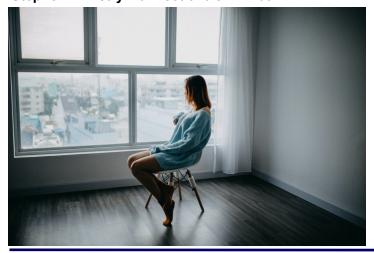
Isn't anyone listening?

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

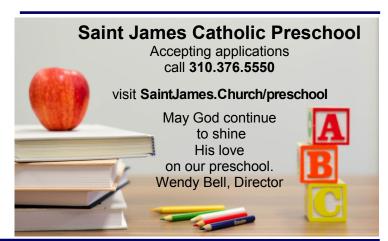


Bingo! Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!



No Bingo until further notice.

So sorry.



Gospel Meditation

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence.

It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs.

Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us.

It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget.

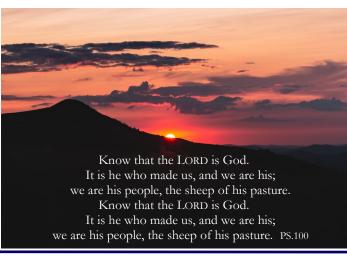
He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God.

Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God.

But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us.

We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi



Catholic Q & A

J.P. Alegria

This Week's Topic: "Veritas"

Q: A scriptural description of veritas, (truth), comes from the Gospel of John, which gives an account of Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor of the province of Judea. Jesus says, "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."

Procurator Pilate responds, possibly rhetorically, "Quid est veritas?" (What is truth?)

A: Quid est veritas?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church responds:

"To his disciples Jesus teaches the unconditional love of truth. The disciple of Christ consents to live in conformity with the Lord's example, abiding in his truth."

Quid est veritas? Reverend Alban Butler, in his *Lives of the Saints*, responds:

"If we would keep our faith pure we must study its holy truths. The truth is not an abstraction, but a person, Jesus Christ."

Quid est veritas? The concept of truth has often been couched in abstract, sometimes relativistic, transliterated and philosophical or metaphysical terms.

Author Matthew Kelly, in *Life Is Messy*, treats the virtue of truth with granular applicability to our daily lives as a guide for becoming better versions of ourselves:

"Honesty. Is it true or is it false?"

Quid est veritas? Pope Benedict XVI:

"The truth is truth. There are no compromises..."

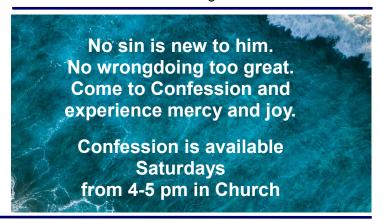
Pope Francis:

"Truth, according to the Christian faith, is God's love for us in Jesus Christ..."

Quid est veritas?

As the crucifixion narrative describes, and as theologians point out, the essential answer to that question comes from the perspective of a splintered, wooden cross:

"Absolute truth is self-sacrificing love."



Readings

Monday

My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him. 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News. Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 / Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday

Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 / Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 / Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 / Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Create a clean heart in me, O God. 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

I will sing of your salvation. Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 / 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13 / Lk 4:21-30

Prayer Requests

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

Caroline Deneen, William Barry Family, Fred Ronkowski, Jim Napora, Gracie Insogna, Lorenzo Gurrola

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

Patricia Czarske, Bill Franklin, Madonna Castro,Fr. Gerald Walker, Patricia Gubelli, Jean Metcalfe

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

Rich Modic Rich@SaintJames.Church 310.374.1964

Weekly Mass Intentions		
Sat . 8 am 5:30 pm	January 22 Msgr. Mike Msgr. Mike	Antonio Cordova む Jose Olave, Jr. む Mary Ellen Gross む
Sunday 6:30 am	January 23 Msgr. Mike	Kathleen Ruth Roth Guerin ⊕ Ruben & Carmen Yago ⊕
8 am 10 am	Fr. Jim TBD	Lupe Hernandez ជ Ciriaca Mojica ជ Margurite Philbin Goosens ជ
12 Noon	Msgr. Mike	George Philbin む Edmundo Reyes む John Hofert む
5:30 pm	Msgr. Mike	Raphael Solis ⊕ Carlston Yago ⊕
Monday 8 am 12 noon	January 24 Msgr. Mike Msgr. mike	Pat Czarske ⊕ Fernando Alaniz ⊕
Tues. 8 am 12 noon	January 25 Msgr. Mike Msgr. Mike	Sofia Cordova ⊕ Dixie Girard
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	January 26 Msgr. Mike Msgr. Mike	Ben Murray Anthony Charles Burton ម Pat Czarske មិ
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	January 27 Fr. Jim Fr. Jim	Lupe Hernandez ∜ Anthony Charles Burton ∜
Friday 8 am 12 noon	January 28 Msgr. Mike Msgr. Mike	Mercedes Yusi ∜ Alfredo Rosales ∜
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	January 29 Msgr. Mike Msgr. Mike	Sr. Kitty Moloney Patricia Czarske む Don Hoy む
Sunday 6:30 am	January 30 Msgr. Mike	Socorro Ramirez ⊕ Rogelio Ramirez ⊕
8 am	Msgr. Mike	Gracie Insogna Perera & Brewster Family
10 am	Msgr. Mike	Lydia Nelson Olivia Gabales
12 Noon 5:30 pm	Fr. Jim TBD	Noah Vukotic ម Lupe Hernandez ម Bill Frenklin ម John & Paslina Villani ម

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

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Our Clergy, Here to Serve You



Msgr. Mike Meyers
Pastor
FrMike@SaintJames.Church

Confessions Saturday 4-5 pm in the church.

"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

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DnBob99@Gmail.com



Fr. James Kavanagh
Pastor Emeritus
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Deacon Mark & Louise Ramirez

Deacon Couple

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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



Noreen Maricich Principal Saint James School Office@\$J\$Catholic\$chool.o 310.371.0416

St. James Elementary School TK-8th Grade 4625 Garnet Street Torrance, CA 90503 310.371.0416 Office Hours 7:30 am - 3:30 pm



Andrea Sullivan
Director of Religious Education
Andrea@SaintJames.church
310.379.3221

Religious Education Office hours

Monday – Thursday

10 am – 3 pm

and during class times:

Tuesday 4 pm – 8:15

Wednesday 4 pm – 5:30



Wendy Bell
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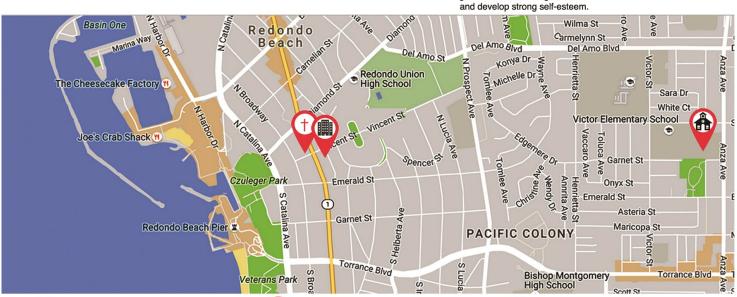
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Philopsophy
We believe in creating a warm and
loving environment
where children can
learn about themselves,
gain an understanding of others



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