



St James
Catholic Church

Photo of Palm Sunday, 2017
Watch our 2020 Palm Sunday Mass at
SaintJames.church. Details inside.



Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

Palms Blessed Now—Distributed When Safe.

We have been informed by the Archdiocese that out of caution for the safety of everyone, the Palms blessed on Palm Sunday may not be distributed or left out for the faithful to pick up. They will be available later, when it is safe.



During Holy Week and beyond we will be distracted by the increased outbreak of Covid-19. I pray that during these next 4 weeks you and your family will be kept free from the virus.

During this time of isolation it will also be a perfect time to enter into the spirituality and grace of Holy Week. All the Masses of Holy Week will be livestreamed from the Cathedral (see the details in the bulletin.) We will also have our Sunday and daily Masses and Holy Week Liturgies posted on our website, www.SaintJames.Church

As the virus reminds us of our own mortality and frailty, Easter will bring us to the hope and joy of God's great love and healing grace for us. Make the time to pray with us and make your home a sacred space as you pray there, but joined with us all as a church of faith at St. James. Open your heart and soul to the saving love of Christ for you.

I have begun calling parishioners on the phone to see how you are doing and making sure your needs are being met. Of course, I can't call everyone in a parish this size, but a whole team of parishioners have volunteered to help me. We hope you will accept our calls or call us back as it helps us all stay connected as the family we are at St. James. We will only be checking in with you. (In this time of heightened scams, be careful, others will try to con you, even saying they are from the church.)

Finally, please see the bulletin article about continuing your financial support of the parish as best you can during the pandemic. The Finance Council is making every effort to help us cut back on all our expenses, but 4 months of limited income will be a huge challenge.

May the Lord continue to bless and protect you all.

Msgr. Mike

OUR FAITH. OUR FUTURE.

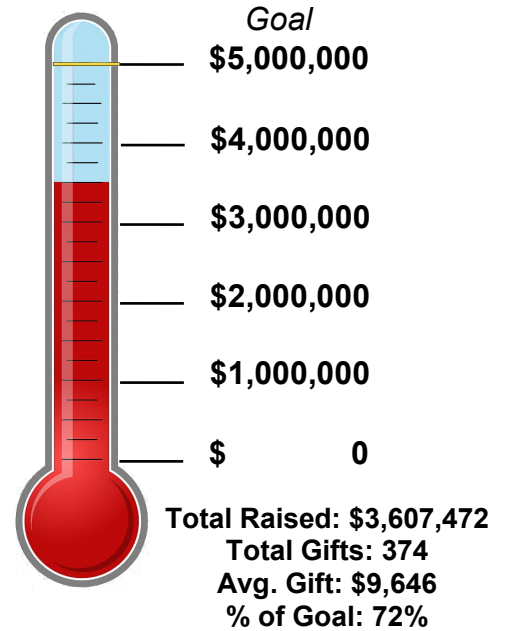
St. James \$5 Million, 5-Year Campaign

**Be part of the legacy to create
our safe and vibrant future.**

THIS IS HOW FAR WE'VE COME!

To date we have raised **\$3,607,472** toward our \$5 million goal. We extend our deepest gratitude to our current campaign donors who have helped to raise **70%** of our campaign goal.

Money Raised in 5 –Year Pledges as of 03/20/2020



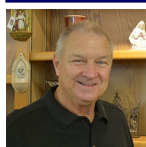
Learn more> SaintJames.church/Campaign

Saint James Niland Scholarships

A reminder that the Niland Scholarship applications are due back to the Parish Office before **Monday, April 20th**.

If you are bringing your completed package back to the office in person, please call the office ahead of time to be received. If you are mailing, please address to

St. James Parish Office
124 N. Pacific Coast Highway,
Redondo Beach, CA 90277
Attn: Niland Scholarship Committee



Gift Shop - Temporarily Closed

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Your Financial Support is Essential

So many people comment that St. James is such a warm and welcoming parish that feels like family. It is important that those qualities continue, even with the pandemic which keeps us separated from each other.

We are doing all we can to reach out and provide spiritual enrichment with our daily Mass offered for our parishioners and the Mass videos posted on our website. We are also trying to personally reach out to as many parishioners as we can to see how you are doing.

We have had many calls from parishioners about where to put their donation envelopes or how to make a donation to the church. We so appreciate your concern. A critical issue for the parish with the suspension of public Masses and the Sunday offertory is our ability to meet our normal operating expenses and provide for the wonderful staff that has so faithfully helped us all.

Each year our income and expenses are closely matched, but this year it appears that our income will fall short of expenses with little income from March until June.

Your best options to help St. James through this are:

- **Mail** your envelopes to the
St. James Parish Office
124 N. Pacific Coast Hwy.,
Redondo Beach, CA 90277
- **Enroll in Faith Direct's E-Giving**
by calling toll free 1.866.507.8757 or
<https://www.faithdirect.net>
Please use the code **CA560**
- **Use Faith Direct's Text-to-Give number**
Simply text any dollar amount to
St. James' number **424.317.8878**
- Set-Up **Automatic Payment with your bank**
- Make a **one-time payment** or Our Faith.
Our Future. campaign contribution using
Faith Direct **www.Faith.Direct/Ca560**



Thank you for your continued generous support of St. James faith community. We appreciate the sacrifice and trust in Him during these difficult times.

How to make a Spiritual Communion when no public Mass is available

For various reasons we may be prevented from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. At these times the Church calls us to make an act of "spiritual communion," where we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is a beautiful way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to complete that union in the reception of Holy Communion.

As Public Masses are banned throughout the country, literally thousands of Masses are celebrated each day and, in addition to watching them on television or computer screens, the faithful can receive "spiritual Communion."

Pope Francis, after reciting a live-streamed Angelus prayer March 15, told people, "United to Christ we are never alone, but instead form one body, of which He is the head. It is a union that is nourished with prayer and also with spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a practice that is recommended when it isn't possible to receive the sacrament."

***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.***

Catholics are encouraged to continue to pray at home with their families and join to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an act of spiritual communion. We are also encouraged to participate in the Holy Mass via the Internet or television. The Archdiocese will provide a livestream of non-public Masses celebrated by the priests from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels daily.

St. Jean-Marie Vianney said, "If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God".

St. Thomas Aquinas described Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him."

St. Teresa of Jesus wrote, "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice, by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."

The Newest Liturgical Guidelines and How They Affect St. James

The Archbishop in consultation with the Auxiliary Bishops and the Council of Priests have established liturgical accommodations in response to keeping everyone safe. These guidelines will remain in effect during the pandemic crisis.

CHURCHES

Parish churches are closed to the public until April 19, 2020 or until further notice.

Church offices closed to the public. Parish staff members will answer telephones and answer emails.

MASS

The public celebration of Mass has been suspended in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles until April 19th, or until further notice.

The priests at St. James will celebrate daily Mass for the intentions of the parish each day. These Masses can be viewed on the parish website: www.SaintJames.church

The Mass from the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels may also be viewed via livestream. The weekday and Sunday Mass will be livestreamed via the LA Catholics Facebook page ([facebook.com/lacatholics](https://www.facebook.com/lacatholics)). For more information on additional Mass broadcasts on TV and radio, visit: lacatholics.org/emergency. We are reminded to keep the Lord's Day holy.

Some ways to do this include: reading the Gospels, praying with your families, and to joining yourself to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an act of spiritual communion.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

All regularly scheduled confession times are cancelled.

Pope Francis reminded us in his homily on March 20, 2020, the faithful who are physically unable to attend individual Reconciliation of the Church's teaching on Perfect Contrition. Such contrition arises when the penitent expresses a love of God above all else, the sincere desire for forgiveness, and firm resolution to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible when available. Perfect contrition obtains the forgiveness of sins, both venial and mortal. (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) 1452) Priests may offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation only in danger of death or extremely extraordinary situations.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Priests will continue to attend to the needs of those who ask for the Anointing of the Sick.

For the safety of the homebound, sick calls and distribution of Holy Communion are reserved to priests and only in serious need.

BAPTISM

Unless an emergency, the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is to be postponed.

WEDDINGS

All Weddings until April 19, 2020 or until further notice, are to be postponed.

FUNERALS

Funerals may take place only in the form of "The Rite of Committal with Final Commendation" (also known as the "Graveside Service").

A memorial Mass can be scheduled appropriately at a later date.

CONFIRMATIONS AND FIRST COMMUNIONS

Confirmation at St. James is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th and so is not currently postponed.

First Communions at St. James are scheduled for Saturday, May 9th, and are not currently postponed.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Liturgies at St. James

(Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) will be celebrated privately for the parish by the priests and the video posted on our website: www.SaintJames.church

Easter Vigil baptisms have been postponed.

Holy Week Liturgies at the Cathedral

Archbishop Gomez will be livestreamed from the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels via the LA Catholics Facebook page, [facebook.com/lacatholics](https://www.facebook.com/lacatholics).

For more information on additional Mass broadcasts on TV and radio visit:

lacatholics.org/mass-for-the-homebound

The following will also be livestreamed from the Cathedral:

Palm Sunday:

April 5 at 7 AM (Spanish), 10 AM (English)

Chrism Mass:

April 6 at 7 PM

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:

April 9 at 7 PM

Good Friday, Passion of the Lord:

April 10 at 12 PM (English) and 3 PM (Spanish)

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil:

April 11 at 8 PM

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

Prayer Requests

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

Haley Doty, Michele Santini, Frank & Marcia Cobian

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

Sue D'Ippolito, Tony Alvarez

Free Pilgrimages & Tours

Looking to get away? Afraid to travel? Don't let an invisible virus scare you and keep you from visiting the Vatican, Italy, and deepening your Catholic faith. Consider this: No lines, no language problems, no tips or price gouging: Take virtual tours and e-pilgrimages without leaving home.

<https://catholicpilgrimagesites.wordpress.com/virtual-tours-e-pilgrimages/>

Call us! We are still available by phone!

Our parish office doors are closed but we are still here! Please feel free to call the office with any questions or just to check in. We are here for you! Our new office hours are **M –F 8am to 4pm**, taking our lunch break from 12-1pm. Our phone number is **310.372.5228**. God bless you all!
Your St. James Office Staff



St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of St. James School,

We have now completed 3 weeks of this new online learning reality. I am so impressed with our students who have adapted quickly to a new way of learning and communicating with their teachers. I have visited Zoom meetings, spoke to parents and viewed student work and seen real learning. I thank parents who have sent letters and emails offering support, expressing their gratitude to the teachers and sharing how they are making this short-term new reality work in their homes. Our teachers are heroes who received a challenge on Friday the 13th and made it happen by the following Wednesday. This is a temporary time of global crisis, but it is temporary. Our teachers are working harder than ever to provide a quality education and to ensure a continuity of learning. We are working as well to provide that sense of community and Catholic school where we are working together for the benefit of the entire community.

St. James is truly an example of seeing the best of everyone during difficult times. I am humbled and grateful to be here with you during this time
God Bless you,

Noreen Maricich

St. James Catholic School Torrance

  [SjsCatholicSchool.org](https://www.facebook.com/SjsCatholicSchool.org)



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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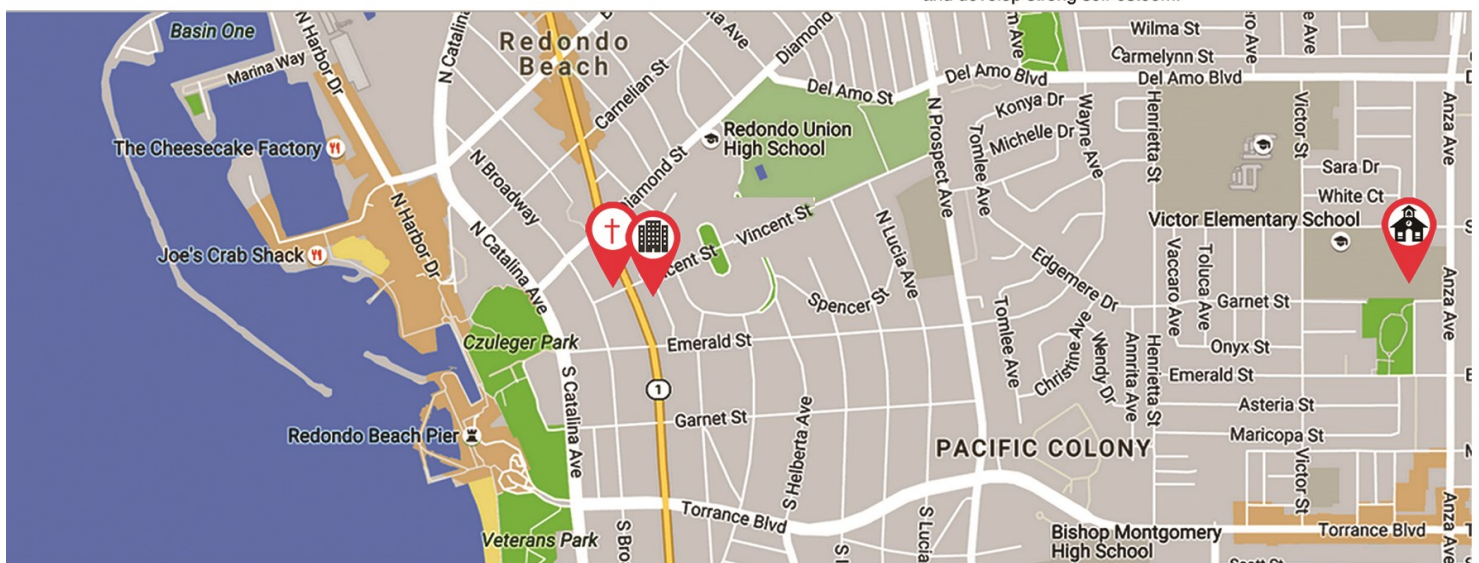
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Monday – Thursday
10 am – 3 pm
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Tuesday 4 pm – 8:15
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Preschool & Toddler Time
Philosophy
We believe in creating a warm and
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where children can
learn about themselves,
gain an understanding of others
and develop strong self-esteem.



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