



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

Many of us have been thinking about how the virus is destroying Easter. Nothing can be further from the truth. Our world is often crazy and overwhelming. Our celebration of Holy Week and Easter remind us of whose we are and where we find the real strength to not just continue, but thrive.

Christianity was born in the midst of conflict, oppression, rejection and persecution—and it continued on, and grew. It did not grow because of anything we did, but because of the Resurrection of Christ, the power of the Gospel, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In fact, others looked at those early disciples in amazement and we were called 'Christian' for the first time and in that experience they commented, 'Look how they love one another.'

A real sign of a Christian is how we respond when things become difficult. Easter helps us celebrate our identity and strength in a powerful way during the pandemic and gives us a hope, strength and joy that the world cannot give. Christ alive in us enables us bring Easter into the world.

It is important for us to celebrate Easter this year, even if it is at home and alone, because it is what creates the ground we stand on and the power of Christ's life guiding us.

Have a blessed and holy Easter as we all do our best to stay safe and filled with joy and hope.

*Msgr. Mike*

*Fr. Emmanuel*

*Fr. Jim*

*Fr. I.K.*

*Deacon Bob & Patty*

*Deacon Mark & Louise*

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## Feed the Needy Needs YOUR help!

We are still serving lunches on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please help us to continue to serve those who are in need in our community.

We need food items that can go into a sack lunch:

Sandwich meats & cheeses

Hamburger buns

Chips

Cookies

Oranges

Small size drinks

Small snacks

Bless you for your generosity!

## 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](http://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.

# OUR FAITH. OUR FUTURE.

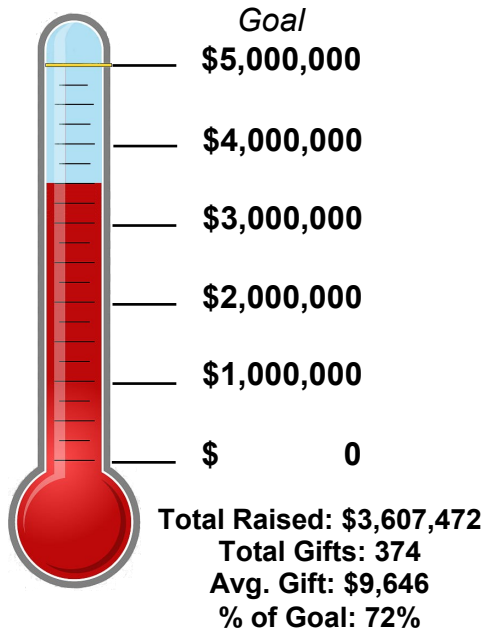
*St. James \$5 Million, 5-Year Campaign*

**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 04/6/2020



[Learn more> SaintJames.church/Campaign](http://SaintJames.church/Campaign)

## Saint James Niland Scholarships

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

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

Rich Modic 310.374.1964  
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## 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](http://www.SaintJames.church)**

The Mass from the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angles may also be viewed via livestream. The weekday and Sunday Mass will be livestreamed via the LA Catholics Facebook page (**facebook.com/lacatholics**). For more information on additional Mass broadcasts on TV and radio, visit: [lacatholics.org/emergency](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> and so is not currently postponed.

First Communion at St. James are scheduled for Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, and are not currently postponed.

### EASTER

Easter Sunday will be celebrated privately for the parish by the priests and the video posted on our website: [www.SaintJames.church](http://www.SaintJames.church)

Easter Vigil baptisms have been postponed.

## Prayer Requests

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

**Victor Luke, Beverly Duvik,  
Arlene Gezado, Erin Cotte,  
Brian Cotte, Vicky Watkins, Naval Family**

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

**Abelardo Anaya Mata, Marco Antonio Garcia**

## "If you see something, say something"

We see this warning in airports and schools, but experts say it's also a great way for parents to think about Internet safety for their children. One of the best ways to protect children using the Internet is to actually engage with them in what they're doing: play the games they play and check out their profile pages with them. Discuss online respect and rules for what can and cannot be shared. Regular conversation and monitoring helps keep children safe online. For more information, read the article by Catholic News Service, "Vigilance by parents and their children called key to safe internet use."

## 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

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### Readings for the week of April 12, 2020

Sunday

**Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 /  
Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Monday

**The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

**The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

**Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.**

Acts 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

**O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name  
in all the earth!**

Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

**The stone rejected by the builders has  
become the cornerstone.**

Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

**I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me.**

Acts 4:13-21 / Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.**

Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



Dear Friends and Families of St. James School,

Happy Easter from the Faculty, Staff and Students of St. James School!

This has been a very different Lent and a very different preparation for the celebration of Easter.

St. James was up to the challenge; our teachers helped the students prepare and learn about this liturgical season through Remote Learning.

Students prepared for Palm Sunday by creating Palms and were encouraged to decorate their doors at home with greenery. Holy Week was spent learning and praying the Stations of the Cross through video and discussion.

Students in all grade levels learned the meaning of the Triduum and prepared for Easter.

St. James School continues to bring the blessings and benefits of being a Catholic School through online classes!

Thank you to the teachers and students of St. James who persevere, overcome challenges and stay strong!

They began their well-earned Easter break on Holy Thursday and will return to Remote Learning on Apr.20<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless you,

*Noreen Maricich*

  [SjsCatholicSchool.org](https://www.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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## Our Clergy, Here to Serve You



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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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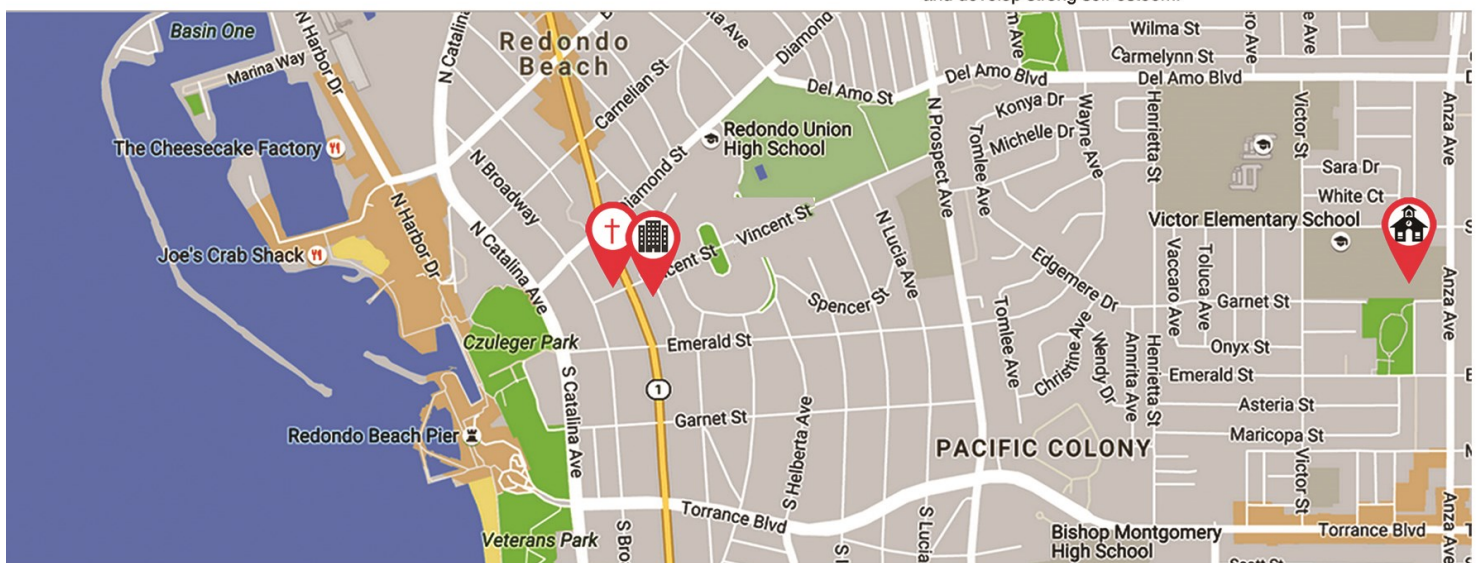
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**Preschool & Toddler Time**  
**Philosophy**  
We believe in creating a warm and  
loving environment  
where children can  
learn about themselves,  
gain an understanding of others  
and develop strong self-esteem.



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