



*The Resurrection of Jesus*

(Mt 28.1-10; Mk 16.1-8; Lk 24.1-12)

**20** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Mag'da-lēne came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been moved from the tomb. She went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple went out and went to the tomb. The two were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He went in and looked and saw the wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came and went into the tomb. He saw the wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, which was rolled up and put in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.



## Pastor's Corner

### No Church Gatherings Extended to May 15

It has been a very different experience recently with having everything on hold beyond 2 or 3 weeks—and with those dates constantly extended. Archbishop Gomez has been working closely with Los Angeles leadership and the Health Department to respond appropriately in our parishes. With the support of the Priests' Council, he has extended the Safer at Home policy for the Church to May 15<sup>th</sup> and extended his dispensation for the Sunday obligation through that time.

The extension into May means that our First Communion scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> and our Confirmation with Archbishop Gomez on May 16<sup>th</sup> are both being postponed until such time as we can gather again in the church. One thing we've been challenged to deal with is 'flexibility'—which is much easier for some than for others—but we'll all get through this...and do it with a peace of mind and joy of heart that only Christ can give in these sacramental moments. The social distancing also puts on hold baptisms, confessions, weddings and funerals.

### Thank you for your continued financial support

Thank you so much to those who have begun to use **Faith Direct** for your online financial support of the parish. It currently provides 27% of our Sunday collection and has been a lifeline for us during these past 6 weeks. Parishioners have also started using the **BillPay** feature of their banks for automatic payments of parish support or **mailed** or **brought their Sunday envelopes** into the *office* or *rectory mail slot*. To all of you, THANK YOU. Even while being closed to the public, the parish staff is busy keeping up with work that needs to be done.

After this weekend we will have a chance to see the finances for April and get a better idea of where we are. The Easter collection, normally \$45,000 was only \$14,000 this year, so we know we are in a deficit situation, relying on our operating reserves. We continue to reduce all of our expenses as we can.

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep your families safe.

*Msgr. Mike*

### Call us! Our Office is 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

## Church Support Drops by 50%

At our recent Priest Council Meeting with Archbishop Gomez, he asked us how the pandemic is affecting the parishes.

All 20 pastors at the meeting, including me, reported that their Sunday Offertory collection was at 50% to 60% of normal, and all of them were becoming very worried about how their parish would survive financially through the pandemic and what would happen to the parish staff if they needed to be laid off.

At St. James we are trying our utmost to reduce our expenditures, which will enable us to make it financially to the end of June, but then the parish will have depleted all its funds.

(The monies collected for Our Faith. Our Future. are held in a Restricted Account and cannot be used for parish operating expenses.)

The parish staff is continuing to call parishioners to see how you are doing and are continuing to provide spiritual enrichment through daily Masses and messages posted on our website: **SaintJames.church**.

Thank you for the many calls of appreciation that we can still be together as a parish family as best we can with this outreach.

We are grateful for your willingness to continue supporting St. James financially which will be especially critical these next few months.

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

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Set-Up **Automatic Payments** with your bank

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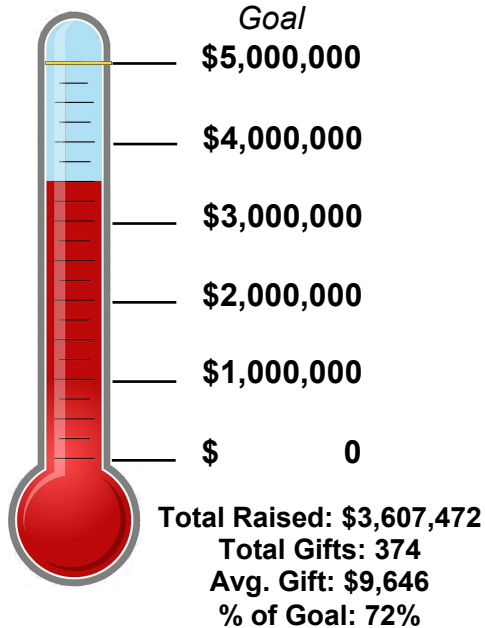
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## **THIS IS HOW FAR WE'VE COME!**

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### **Money Raised in 5 –Year Pledges as of 04/6/2020**



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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.

Please drop off at Kavanagh Hall Monday, Wednesday or Friday at noon.

Bless you for your generosity!

## **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 May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020** or until further notice.

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

### MASS

**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 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](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 **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 **postponed**.

First Communions at St. James are **postponed**.

## Prayer Requests

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

**John & Cara MacWillie,  
Tom Schulz, Sue LaGro, Jose Araica**

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

**Baby Emma Lee MacWillie,  
Mary LaBonte, Marcia Kim, Gregory Park,  
Tess Kalheru, Fraus Peetoom, Rey Batacan**

## 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

## Readings for the week of April 26, 2020

Monday

**Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Acts 7:51—8:1a / Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

**Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

**Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51

Friday

**Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

**How shall I make a return to the Lord  
for all the good he has done for me?**

Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

**The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10



St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of St. James School,

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

Our Superintendent, Paul Escala, reinforced his statement that school will return when it is safe to do so. Based on the "Safer at Home" restrictions that have been extended through May 15<sup>th</sup> by Governor Newsome, we are planning to extend Remote Learning at SJS through the month of May and into June if necessary.

Our students are actively engaged in learning! Students and teachers are using ZOOM, Class DOJO, Seesaw and Google Classroom! See the picture below of our 1<sup>st</sup> grade class.

I know that the uncertainty of dates and the disappointment of cancelled events is difficult for parents and students. First Communion and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation are postponed NOT CANCELLED!

We are accepting applications for next year through our website [SJScatholicSchool.org](http://SJScatholicSchool.org) and are available by phone and email on school days from 8 – 12:00.

God Bless you,  
*Noreen Maricich*

  [SJSatholicSchool](https://www.facebook.com/SJSatholicSchool)

<http://SJScatholicSchool.org>

## Life and the Holy Trinity

We had no choice in entering this world  
And we have no choice in leaving.

We each seek happiness and pleasure.  
Sometimes doing what we think is right,  
According to our knowledge,  
understanding, and Wisdom.

But also satisfying needs,  
desires and passions.

Here we are;  
individuals, families, and nations,  
each with generational short-term goals;  
survival, peace and well-being.

But, without any collective purpose or  
multi-generational long-term aim for humankind,  
Except for what we each feel from the Spirit,  
And the possibility of Heaven.

Thank you also God and Jesus.

Mickey Haney, Ph.D. (April 19, 2020)



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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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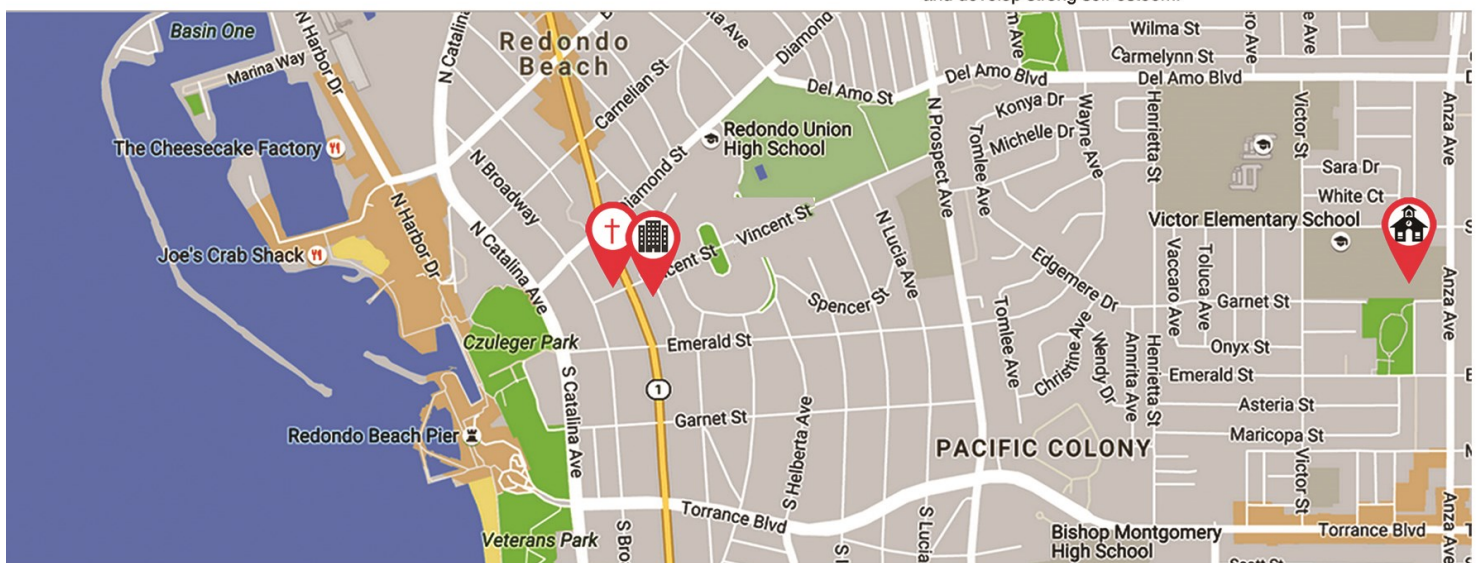
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**Preschool & Toddler Time**  
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where children can  
learn about themselves,  
gain an understanding of others  
and develop strong self-esteem.



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