

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Jn. 14:1-2



## Pastor's Corner

At this time when we honor our mothers in a very special way, it is also a time for us to be inspired by these women, who for love of us, sacrificed so much of their lives. They are truly heroic in what they have accomplished for us and in us.

I am especially honored to be able to celebrate this day with my mother as she celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> year. She joins us today in our Mass as a Lector along with Patty Miller, to remind us of the great gift of faith which so many of our mothers have nurtured within us. May the Lord bless all the women of our parish.

### Mothers' Day Prayer

We thank you, Creator of us all, for our mothers and those who have cared for us with motherly love.

We thank you that they gave us life and nurtured us all those years. They gave us our faith, helping us to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. They taught us how to love and how to sacrifice for others. They taught us to be compassionate and generous.

Bless these women with the graces they need and which you want to bestow upon them. Give them strength and courage, compassion, love and peace. Help them to know they are precious in your eyes today and to know that we love and honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We pray also for our mothers who have died and ask that they come to know your gentle love for them in your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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### 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 8:30 am 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

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### APRIL MONTHLY COLLECTION

Faith Direct	Total
2020 - \$33,837	\$98,758
2019 - \$29,467	\$122,302

## 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

**Place** in the Rectory mail slot at  
415 Vincent St.

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>  
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**



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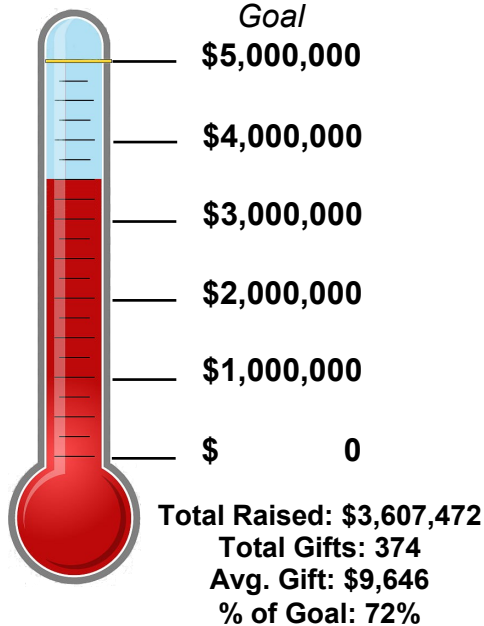
**St. James \$5 Million, 5-Year Campaign**

**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)**

## 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!

## Join our Online Bible Study

The St James Tuesday Night Bible study has switched to online Zoom sessions during the interim of the COVID19 stay-home-request. Please join us on Tuesday nights at 7-8:30p.

May 12th - Donna Wilson will give a presentation of her personal pilgrimage to Santiago De Compostela (The Way) in Spain last year.

May 19th - June 23rd - 'The Mass' presented by Bishop Robert Barron (Word On Fire) for 6 video sessions followed by discussion.

If you are interested in joining us please email Randy Sgro ([rsgro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsgro@sbcglobal.net)) or Donna Wilson ([dwilson94@gmail.com](mailto:dwilson94@gmail.com)) so we can extend the Zoom meeting invitation to you. When the church and Kavanagh Hall reopen we will resume our study of Matthew : "The King and His Kingdom". Come, share and participate in our Church Community.

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## Catholic Q & A

**J. P. Alegria**

**Q:** Looking out over an empty St. Peter's Square, how is Pope Francis living the lockdown that is this pandemic?

**A:** The Holy Father, in a discussion with the Jesuit magazine, America, offered some perspective:

*"It's not easy to be confined to your home. I'm praying more because I feel I should." It is reported that he is trying to pray on the needs of other people, saying, "It takes me out of my self-preoccupation."*

The Pontiff quoted from Virgil's epic poem, The Aeneid: *"The counsel is not to give up, but save yourself for better times, remembering what has happened."*

The Pope encourages people to follow the example of, *"...the saints who live next door and give their lives in service to others during the COVID-19 pandemic; they are heroes...performing their duty so that society can continue functioning."*

He mentions the value of the Church and of Priests, particularly during these difficult times, pointing out that, *"...the Church needs creativity to bring the consolation of God and to recognize the harmony that the Spirit creates in bringing believers into communion with each other in the Church."*

As the Pope offers some characteristics of the events and the people experiencing this pandemic, The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* highlights the characteristics of faith by way of the grace of God, in union with the Holy Spirit, *"...who moves the heart and converts it to God, who opens the eyes of the mind and makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth."* Saving ourselves for better times, remembering what has happened...

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining.

The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do. ©LPi

### Prayer Requests

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

**Ms. Megan, Frank Cobian,  
Monica Estrada, Michele Santini**

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

**Marlene Morales, Kathy Benson,  
Lidia Santini, Tadeusz Grzesiak, Seferino Flores**

## 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."

## Readings

Monday

**Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.**

Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

**Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

**The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15:9-17

Friday

**I will give you thanks among the peoples, O Lord.**

Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

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

Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

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

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21



St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of St. James School,

The month of May is devoted to our Blessed Mother, Mary.

At St. James School we have a beautiful tradition of crowning Mary and praying together. We continued the practice by placing the Altar outside the school office.

All week families drove in, brought flowers, and prayed for their personal intentions. During this time of Distance Learning and "Stay at Home" restrictions we are doing our best to stay connected to our SJS families and our school traditions.

This week we also celebrated "Teacher Appreciation Week"! Our teachers are hardworking, faith driven, inspirational, committed, dedicated educators and leaders! When we count our blessings the teachers of SJS are at the top.

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 8:00 – 12:00.

God Bless you,  
Noreen Maricich

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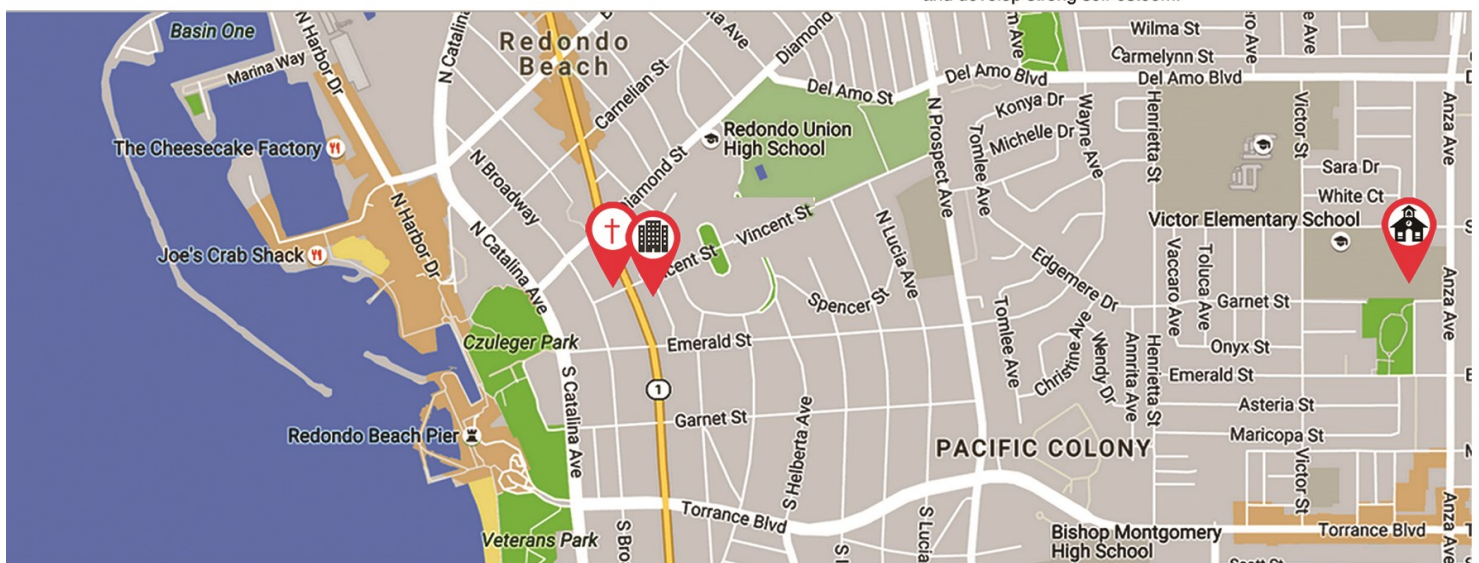
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**Preschool & Toddler Time**  
**Philosophy**  
We believe in creating a warm and  
loving environment  
where children can  
learn about themselves,  
gain an understanding of others  
and develop strong self-esteem.



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