



St. James
Catholic Church

May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter

JESUS
IS WORTH
EVERYTHING
YOU ARE
AFRAID OF
LOSING

Pastor's Corner

Parish Life Thrives in New Ways

With our 'Safer at Home' lives that we have lived these past 2 months, with so many businesses closed and our activities curtailed, it may seem that the world has almost stopped—except for the daily pandemic reports. But life here has continued to find new ways to flourish.

Our St. James School buildings sit empty most of the time, but the education of our children continues daily as our teachers and students have gone on-line for all their classes. The same is true at our Preschool. Our teachers prepare kits for the children each week and then parents and children go on-line as our teachers guide them through the lessons and projects they need to grow mentally and spiritually in these critical years.

While 1st Communion and Confirmation are postponed, our younger children work on-line with their teachers to continue to learn the basics of God's love and our faith in Christ as our Savior preparing for 1st Communion. Our high school Confirmation students also meet on-line with our youth leaders to stay balanced in their lives and understand more fully the gift of the Holy Spirit that will inspire them to use well the gifts God has blessed them with. The same is true for our adults preparing for Confirmation, meeting on-line with our team.

Easter Baptisms are also postponed, but both our adult and youth catechumens are on-line with their mentors continuing the journey of nurturing their faith and preparing to live the Gospel. Our Tuesday night Bible Study meets online now as well and they are beginning new sessions this week.

The Pastoral Council and Finance Council actually met early on, but continue with on-line meetings as will the Liturgy Committee as we get word of being able to open the church and then gather again for Mass.

Our Feed the Needy ministry to feed the homeless in our community continues 3 times a week, but with some modifications to help ensure the safety of our volunteers and those who come to us for lunch. Our St. Vincent de Paul outreach also continues to care for special needs of families in the community.

We have a team of staff and volunteers to reach out to many of our parishioners by phone to check in and make sure you are OK. (Many parishioners who have moved from land lines to cell phones have not updated our records, but we are calling as many as we can.) Consider writing your cell number on your Sunday envelope, if mailing in, or send an e-mail to the office with your current contact information.

So, has the parish shut down? Nope. It's thriving as we adapt to help us all stay safe and healthy. Thank you for being part of this wonderful community. There are new

challenges and opportunities ahead for each of us, and with generous hearts God will continue to lead and inspire us.

Msgr. Mike

OUR FAITH. OUR FUTURE.

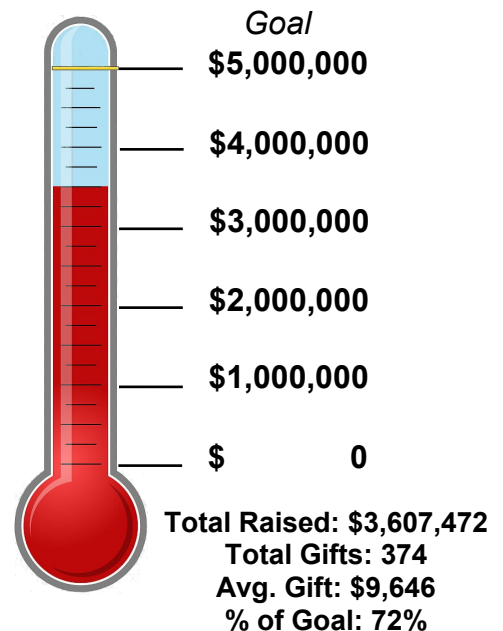
St. James \$5 Million, 5-Year Campaign

**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 04/6/2020



Learn more> SaintJames.church/Campaign

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

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**

Feed the Needy Needs YOUR help!

We are still serving lunches on Mon., Wed. and Fri. 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 M,W, F 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 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) or Donna Wilson (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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Assistance Programs in the South Bay

Archdiocese of Los Angeles Hearts to Serve:
855.423.6780 or www.lacatholics.org/hearts-serve

Beach Cities Health District Assistance for Older Adults:
310.374.3426 ext. 256 or visit www.bchd.org

Los Angeles County 211:
Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org

Torrance-South Bay YMCA Meal Program:
310.325.5885 ext. 2732

City of Redondo Beach Senior & Family Services
310.318.0650 or www.redondo.org/senior

Torrance Cares Meal Service
310.618.6339 or www.TorranceCares2Go@gmail.com

Providence Little Company of Mary Assessment service:
www.providence.org/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus-advisory

Torrance Memorial Ask a Nurse Hotline:
310.517.1111

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:

Luis Cote, Newell Family, Lampasi Family

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

**Rene Gonzalez, Hildegard Kraus,
Armando Silva, Jr., Dolores Mata**

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

The Lord takes delight in his people.

Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

Your right hand saves me, O Lord.

Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 / Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

**The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.**

Acts 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20

Friday

God is king of all the earth.

Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

God is king of all the earth.

Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of
trumpets for the Lord.**

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20

**I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14 / 1 Pt 4:13-16 /
Jn 17:1-11a



Contact St. James School for the latest information about school events and distance learning. Keep up-to-date by visiting <https://SJSCatholicSchool.Org>



St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of St. James School,

The 8th grade class is preparing for the culmination of their years here at St. James. Though we cannot hold our traditional celebrations; we are honoring the graduates in new ways.

On Friday May 8th, all 8th grade students received a delivery of their cap and gown. In addition, a St. James Graduate 2020 Lawn Sign was placed in their front yards.

This Wednesday, 8th grade students had their graduation portraits taken at school. We practiced all Social Distancing Regulations by having scheduled times.

Mrs. Quast is instituting the "Count Down" and will begin work on their Scrapbook Project. The 1st week in June will have special "events" scheduled.

Postings highlighting each graduate are visible on our Instagram and Facebook accounts!

We are accepting applications for next year through our website SJSCatholicSchool.org and are available by phone and email on school days from 8:00 – 12:00.

God Bless you,
Noreen Maricich

SjsCatholicSchool

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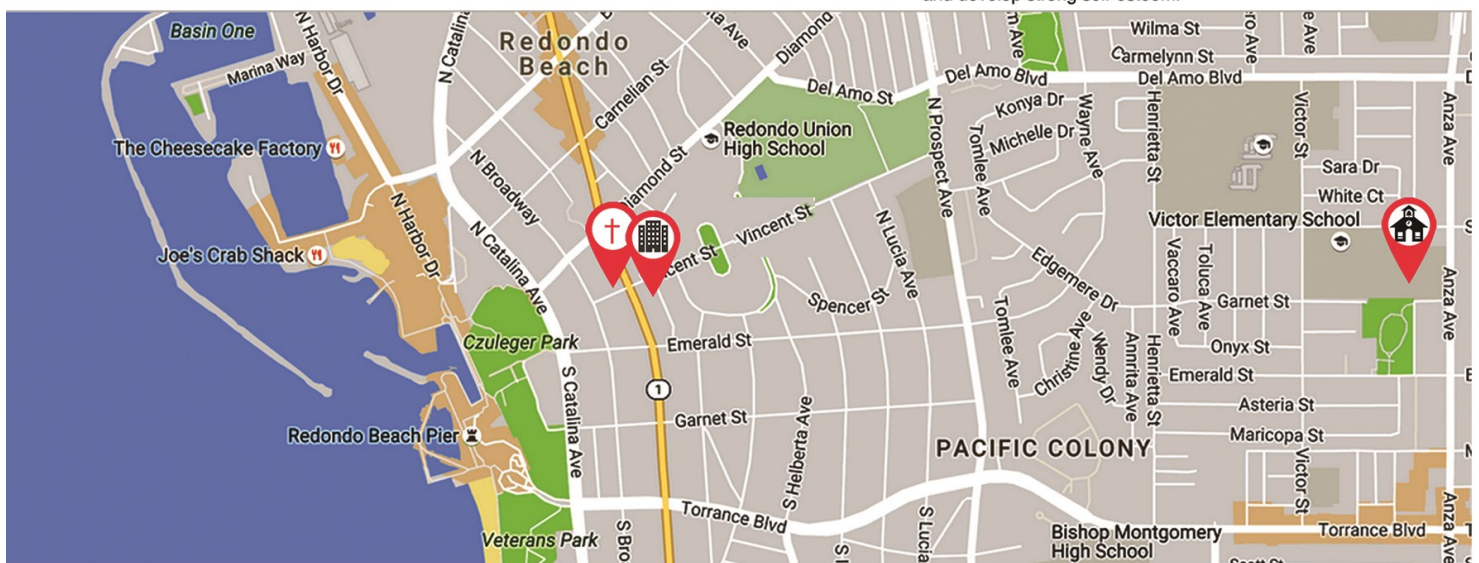
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Monday – Thursday
10 am – 3 pm
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Tuesday 4 pm – 8:15
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Preschool & Toddler Time
Philosophy
We believe in creating a warm and
loving environment
where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



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