

“Why are you standing there looking at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you
into heaven will return in the same way
as you have seen him going into heaven.” Acts 1:11

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,
During this past week I have had a chance to meet with the Archbishop at the Council of Priests Meeting as well as participate in a web meeting of the Archbishop with all the priests of the Archdiocese.

While the timeline for opening our churches all depends upon the status of COVID-19 and policies put in place by the State and Counties, we did talk about the process that we need to prepare for as things slowly open up.

It is obvious that our churches will open slowly as well, in various stages.

Stage 1:

Our first move is to work for the ability to unlock the doors of our churches for personal prayer. Because our first priority is to ensure the safety and health of our parishioners, we will do so with volunteer monitors in the church to greet everyone, to make sure hands and church are sanitized, masks worn and everything proper. Our Pastoral Council recommended this week that when we initially open it should be for 2 hours a day to get our procedures in order and then as volunteers are available, to expand to more hours. Hopefully we can unlock the doors within the next 4 weeks.

During this stage, depending upon the number of persons we are allowed to have in the church, we hope to be able to consider SMALL events such as small weddings, funerals, baptisms.

Stage 2:

As everyone is allowed to open facilities and businesses to greater numbers our next goal is to begin to celebrate Daily Mass. Such things as sanitizing, masks and distancing will still be a priority. The number of people able to attend will depend on the established percentage of the occupancy of the church. I expect this would go on for some weeks/months, gradually increasing occupancy.

Stage 3:

When the occupancy percentage becomes large enough, we can consider beginning to celebrate Mass on Sundays. Distancing will be the norm and I expect that sanitizing and masks will still be required. The number of people in the church and the number of Masses we celebrate will be determined by the policies in place at that time and our ability to sanitize the Church between Masses. Because this timeline is unknown, the Archbishop has extended the dispensation for attending Sunday Mass until further notice. This is especially true for our Seniors, as the most vulnerable, who may not be able to attend Mass for many months.

Throughout all of this, monitors will be needed, so the

number of volunteers we have will be important. We all know that many of our people in ministries are our seniors, who are the most vulnerable. The commitment of our younger parishioners, young adults and college students to step up will be critical.

We will continue to update you as we receive information from Archbishop Gomez.

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

Msgr. Mike

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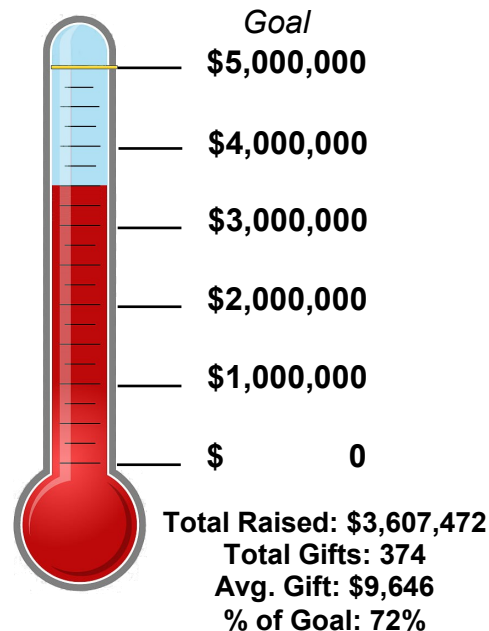
St. James \$5 Million, 5-Year Campaign

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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! Our office hours are **M –F 8:30 am to 4pm**, taking our lunch break from 12-1pm. **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.**

Now- 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.

Donna Wilson 310.308.6457
Randy Sgro 310.413.4191

Assistance Programs in the South Bay

Archdiocese of Los Angeles Hearts to Serve:
855.423.6780 or www.lacathloics.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

St. James Preschool

The children of St. James Preschool are still busy learners at home! They are zooming online with their teachers every week, they are singing along with Mr. Ryan's zoom music classes, and praying with Mrs. Molina during Chapel zoom classes.

They are also building! On Friday, May 15 the entire school participated in a GREAT LEGO BUILD! All family members were encouraged to take a break and enjoy some creative building with LEGOS. The families shared their creations on a private Instagram photo gallery. The entire community enjoyed seeing the smiles and joy from the children.

"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn." Fred Donaldson

We are very thankful for our community and our children at St. James Preschool. Our blessings are plentiful and many.

Wendy Bell

Director, St. James Preschool



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

Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Tuesday

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

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

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
Jn 17:20-26

Friday

The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or
Jl 3:1-5 / Rom 8:22-27 / Jn 7:37-39.

Prayer Requests

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

Frank Cobian, Josefina Eusebio

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

Daniel Telles, Armando Silva Jr., Dolores Mata

From Archbishop Gomez

COVID-19 Update (15 May 2020 — 4pm)

Archbishop José H. Gomez dispenses all the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and all Catholics currently in the Archdiocese from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass until further notice. Furthermore, the public celebration of Mass continues to be suspended in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles until further notice.



St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of St. James School,

This school year continues to move forward with the Virtual Learning model. I have spoken to many families and have discussed the highlights, the success and the challenges that have occurred since March 18th. Our SJS parents and students are amazing problem solvers and examples of overcoming obstacles. We value the time and effort that you have invested and for the trust you have given us. Your efforts are appreciated and acknowledged!

- We are planning for Summer Institute! Summer Institute will be offered in the "Virtual Learning Model". See our website sjscatholicsschool.org for information.
- We are planning for 8th Grade Graduation!
- We are accepting applications for next year through our website SJScatholicSchool.org and are available by phone and email on school days from 8 – 12.

God Bless you,
Noreen Maricich

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

<http://SjsCatholicSchool.org>



He recommends that we keep the Lord's Day holy. Some ways to do this include: reading the Gospels, praying with your families, and to join yourself to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an act of spiritual communion.

The current Daily and Sunday Mass can be viewed online at SaintJames.Church. Prior Masses and homilies are available at SaintJames.Church/Mass-Archive

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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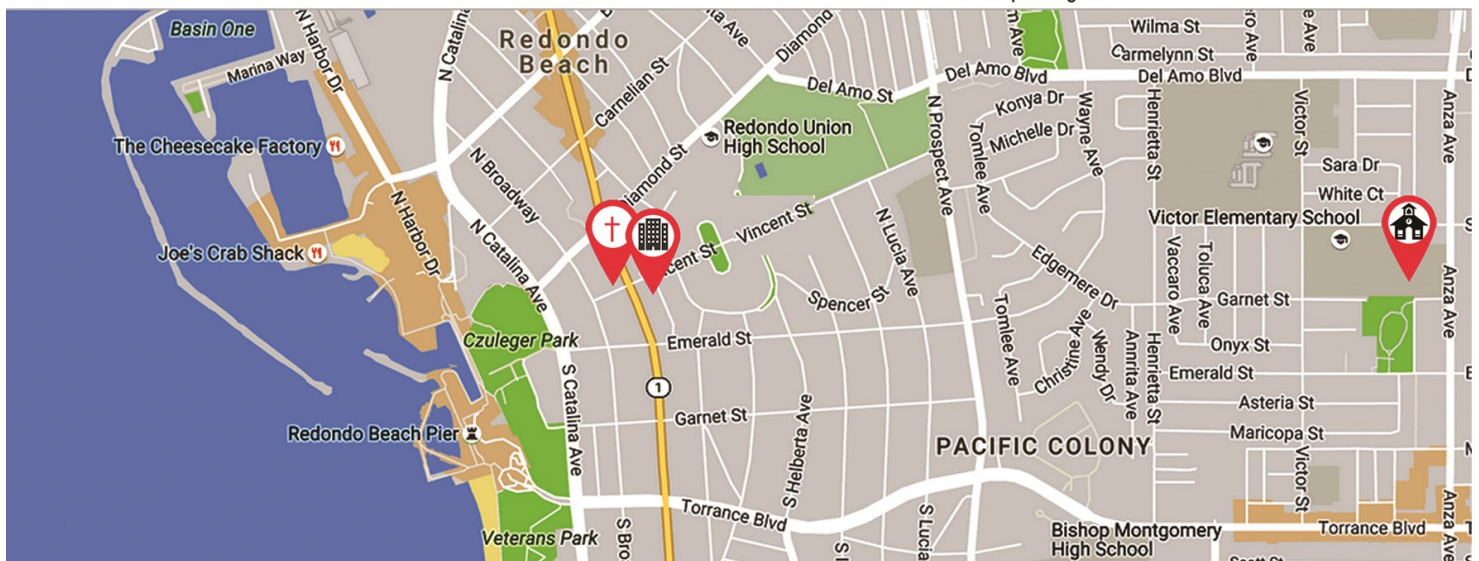
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Religious Education Office hours
Monday – Thursday
10 am – 3 pm
and during class times:
Tuesday 4 pm – 8:15
Wednesday 4 pm – 5:30



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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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