



St James  
Catholic Church

May 31, 2020  
Pentecost Sunday

Veni, Sancte Spiritus!  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

### Restarting Our Masses

We are very excited about the news from the State and County that churches are able to begin to have services—even with a maximum of 100 people at each Mass. However, the reality is that gathering a group of even 100 people in an enclosed place for 1 hour is the most at-risk thing any of us have done in the last 2 months AND the pandemic is not over. The reports of the spread of the virus and deaths continue each day.

There are many in the parish who are At-Risk people, either by age or health concerns who should not be so socially active. The Archbishop is continuing his dispensation from attending Sunday Mass indefinitely so that we can do everything we need to do to keep safe.

The Archdiocese has given us guidelines for the opening of the church and the Pastoral Council and Liturgy Committee have had a joint meeting (by Zoom) to make sure we are doing everything properly. While most things are decided, we need to start 2 new ministries to enable us to gather. We need a **'Safety Committee'** of volunteers to be at each door of the church for each Mass to make sure each person entering is wearing a face mask, uses the hand sanitizer and that proper distancing is maintained (our new way of life). We also need a **'Sanitizing Committee'** to make sure that the church is properly sanitized after each Mass.

These two ministries are essential to be able to open the church. We will rely on the generosity of many NEW people to step forward for these new ministries. Our volunteers will need to come from our younger families, young adults and teens as our older parishioners are too at-risk for these ministries. The work is simple, but the gift to the community is invaluable. We will be e-mailing as many parishioners as we can (if you have not recently received any e-mails from the parish during the pandemic, we do not have your e-mail). Be sure to add **Louise@saintjames.church** to your address book. You can respond to the e-mail or call the parish office at **310.372.5228** to volunteer so we can gather again as a community of faith.

The latest information will be posted on our website at <https://saintjames.church>

Blessings to you all on this Pentecost Sunday. Keep your hearts open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the opportunities of ministry for you.

*Msgr. Mike*

### Pentecost Sunday

You can feel so small standing by the seashore.

The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark



upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

## 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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## 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**

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## Assistance Programs in the South Bay

**Archdiocese of Los Angeles Hearts to Serve:**  
855.423.6780 or [www.lacathloics.org/hearts-serve](http://www.lacathloics.org/hearts-serve)

**Beach Cities Health District Assistance for Older Adults:**  
310.374.3426 ext. 256 or visit [www.bchd.org](http://www.bchd.org)

**Los Angeles County 211:**  
Dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211.org](http://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](http://www.redondo.org/senior)

**Torrance Cares Meal Service**  
310.618.6339 or [www.TorranceCares2Go@gmail.com](mailto:www.TorranceCares2Go@gmail.com)

**Providence Little Company of Mary Assessment service:**  
[www.providence.org/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus-advisory](http://www.providence.org/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus-advisory)

**Torrance Memorial Ask a Nurse Hotline:**  
310.517.1111

## St. James Preschool

The fun continues at St. James Catholic Preschool!

Last week the children and parents took to the sidewalks to CHALK IT UP! They created big and small chalk masterpieces. The time spent together in the California sunshine resulted in many smiling faces.

This is a picture of Matthew and Santiago creating their unique masterpiece.

God has given us the gift of our family. We are grateful for each other and our time spent together.

*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

**Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.**

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 / Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday

**In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 / Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my eyes.**

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 / Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

**Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

2 Tm 2:8-15 / Mk 12:28-34

Friday

**O Lord, great peace have they who love your law.**

2 Tm 3:10-17 / Mk 12:35-37

Saturday

**I will sing of your salvation.**

2 Tm 4:1-8 / Mk 12:38-44

Sunday

**Glory and praise for ever!**

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 / Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b] /  
2 Cor 13:11-13 / Jn 3:16-18

## Prayer Requests

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

**Frank Cobian, 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:

**Minnie Salinas, Veronica Morley, Regina Lujan**

## From Archbishop Gomez

### COVID-19 Update (26 May 2020 — 10:30PM)

Archbishop Gomez announces a plan to reopen our parishes. The reopening of the churches in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will take place in steps. Pastors who are ready, after they have received approval from their Regional Bishop for their church reopening



**St. James Catholic School**

Dear Friends and Families of St. James School,

**I know that the question on everyone's mind is: "What are the plans for next school year?"** We are working closely with the Archdiocese, the Deanery, and our local schools to formulate plans. We need to follow the ordinances from the Department of Catholic Schools, the CA Health Department, and the Governor. At this point in time, there are multiple options which include: Returning to the Classroom, Distance Learning, or a hybrid of both. I know this uncertainty is difficult for families, students and for us as well. During this challenging time, St. James is proud to remain student focused and has provided a distance learning model that has exceeded the experience offered by our public-school counterparts. Whether on campus or at home, St. James School is committed to delivering a superior, academically excellent, Catholic product by beginning of school in August and throughout the upcoming school year. St. James Strong!!

This Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> is Graduation for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class! While it will be different including a Virtual Mass and a ZOOM Awards Ceremony, it will be special! Please keep them in your prayers as they move on to High School.

We are planning for Summer Institute!

Summer Institute will be offered in the "Virtual Learning Model". See our website [sjscatholicsschool.org](http://sjscatholicsschool.org) for information.

We are planning for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation!

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*

  **SjsCatholicSchool**

<http://SjsCatholicSchool.org>

plan, may proceed to open their church for personal private prayer. As of June 3, 2020, Pastors may offer Mass and Scheduled Confessions with strict social distancing guidelines.

<https://lacatholics.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Letter-Archbishop-Gomez-Introduction-for-Parish-Guidelines.pdf>

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



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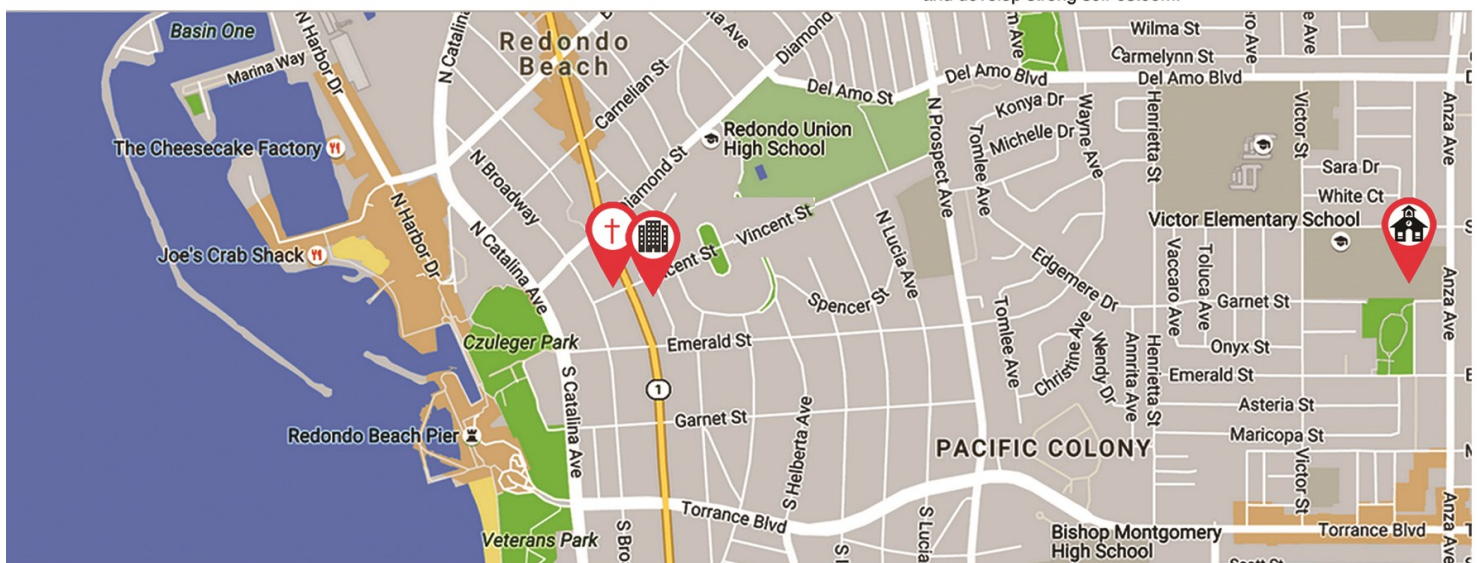
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**Religious Education Office hours**  
Monday – Thursday  
10 am – 3 pm  
and during class times:  
Tuesday 4 pm – 8:15  
Wednesday 4 pm – 5:30



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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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