

November 20th, 2022 The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples.

Sunday Masses (Sat 5:30 pm) | Sunday 6:30 am, 8 ,10, 12 noon, 5:30 pm | Monday-Friday 8, 12 noon, Saturday 8 am

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us! We are not complete without you!

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Lk. 23: 42-43

Office hours: Monday – Thursday 8 to 12, 1 to 8 pm Friday 8 to 12, 1-4 pm | Saturday & Sunday Closed

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

More than anyone else in the world, we are a people of HOPE.

We trust in God's love for us and the plan that he has for our lives-a plan that is not hindered by the difficulties of life. Our faith gives us a resolve in the face of adversity to see beyond these momentary situations and know that God's saving work is still active in our lives and our world.

We, as children of God, have the opportunity and responsibility to continue that work of proclaiming the Gospel and evangelizing our community through that same faith, hope and love—working in our lives in each and every situation.

Take the time this week as we celebrate Thanksgiving to recognize the peace and joy of God's blessings in your lives and to affirm the goodness in people around you. Let your words and life be God's words and life for your family and friends to uplift them and heal them.

This Thanksgiving we give thanks to the Lord for you, the members of St. James, and the love of Christ living powerfully in your lives. May the gift of his Spirit continue to strengthen you and inspire you to become a source of hope and faith for your families and our community.

Blessings,

Msgr. Míke Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jím Fr. Paul Deacon Bob and Patty Míller

Preschool Registration Open!



St. James Catholic Preschool is currently enrolling children 2.5 to 5 years old.

Please call 31**0.376.5550** to set up a tour.

St. James Preschool is a Catholic -Christian

preschool that provides opportunities for each child to grow so-

cially, physically, cognitively, and spiritually.

We believe in creating a safe and respectful environment where children can learn about themselves, gain an understanding of others, and develop strong self-esteem.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Maybe you haven't been to church in a while. And maybe you are worried that you won't be welcome here. We get it. We've been there. Now we are here.

When you attend, you'll have a chance to hear powerful music, learn from authentic Catholic clergy, and grow in faith.

Learn to be the holy, healthy, vibrant person that God has created you to be. Learn to use your gifts to make a difference in the lives of others.

> Maybe God is calling you back. Just as you are. Welcome home.

Christmas Concert!

Save the Date! Friday, December 2nd at 7 PM

The St. James Christmas concert, featuring many of our talented musical groups here at St. James, will finally be back in the church this year! We look forward to kicking off the holiday season with this special musical event!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, December 11th 7:30 am to 2pm in the church parking lot.



Sign-up: **RedCrossBlood.org s**ponsor code: stjamesparish or call 1-800-RED-CROSS Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting **RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass** to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

> No Donuts or Coffee this weekend.



Tuesday Night Online Bible Study

The St. James Tuesday Night Online Bible Study group is currently studying **Psalms: The School of Prayer**.



On Nov. 22nd Seeing and Hearing the Psalms Psalms 1, 18, 34:1

Class will be held in Kavanagh Hall at **7pm**.

Our parish priests visit our study when their schedules permit If you are not able to participate in person you can also join us using Zoom. Please contact Donna Wilson: dwilson94@gmail.com

Come, share and participate in our Church Community.

The School of Prayer

The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them.

Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us to pray. In the Psalms: The School of Prayer, discover how these sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us.

In this 11-session Bible study, presenters Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray, and Sarah Christmyer show you how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms. Learn how to meditate fruitfully on the captivating words of the Psalms using lectio divina and study the many ways the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus.

Thanksgiving Mass

Our Mass on Thanksgiving will be at 9am.

We'll have a table for your food and wine to be blessed during this Mass.

We are especially thankful to be able to celebrate with our community during this special time of the year. We look back at all the blessings we've received this year and thank God for his Son's sacrifice to open the gates of heaven for us.

Reconciliation Service

We look forward to spending the Advent and Christmas season with you. As always, we'll prepare our souls for this by having a Community Penance Service. Priests from neighboring churches will be available to hear your confession on

Tues., December 13th at 7:30 pm in church.

Why wait?

We offer reconciliation every Saturday at 4 pm in church. Feel the amazing power of God's love in this sacrament.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Next Weekend

"Remember the time of hunger in the time of plenty, poverty and want in the day of wealth." Sirach 18:25

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out. Next weekend envelopes will be in the pews. **Thank you for your generosity.** Visit www.usccb.org/cchd for more information.



Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Communion Wanted

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist gives the Precious Body of Christ to our Congregation during our Sunday Mass Services here at St. James. We perform our duties with reverence, humility and a true sense of service as we welcome all communicants to the Table of the Lord. We do have specific requirements, but if you are interested in joining this truly worthwhile ministry, we encourage you to call the Parish Office.

Christmas Boutique Dec. 3rd-4th 9am-3pm

In Kavanagh Hall

Jewelry, ornaments, clothing, bags,

Accessories, stained glass, candles,, cards, Unique gift items and more! Food by the Catholic Daughters

About Faith Direct

Looking for a good stewardship habit? Try eGiving – it streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help St. James grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love.



You can make the switch today! Signing up is easy from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and you can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish throughout the year, and provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for church families and for those in need in our community.

Sign up today by visiting **Faith.Direct/CA560**, or text 'Enroll' to **424.317.8878**.

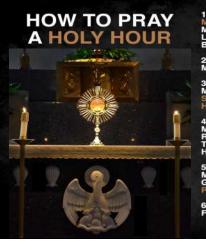
Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Benediction and Adoration

November 18th after the 8am Mass until 12 noon

Holy Hour Adoration Nov. 25th at 7 pm

"Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." Mt. 11:28



1. QUIET YOUR HEART AND MIND, SPEND THE FIRST FIVE MINUTES PREPARING AND LAYING YOUR CARES BEFORE THE LORD. 2. SPEND THE NEXT TEN

2. SPEND THE NEXT TEN MINUTES ADORING GOD.

3. TAKE THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES LETTING THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEAL WHERE YOU HAVE FALLEN.

4. IN THE NEXT TWENTY MINUTES, CONTEMPLATE GOD. READ SCRIPTURE, PRAY WITH THE ROSARY, WHEREVER THE HOLY SPIRIT TAKES YOU!

. FOR THE NEXT FIFTEEN MINUTES, GIVE THANKS TO GOD AND RELAY YOUR <u>PETITIONS TO HIM.</u>

WRAP IT UP! THANK GOD OR THE TIME TO BE WITH HIM.

Human Trafficking Awareness

Law enforcement alone cannot combat trafficking. The community must be the eyes, ears and helping hands.



Get involved! F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY of St. Lawrence Martyr and St. James. Contact: Rick Page CandRpage2@gmail.com

Feed the Needy Ministry Christmas Party

As we approach the holidays, our ministry once again needs the assistance of our parishioners in several areas. This will ensure the homeless and needy community experience a joyous Christmas Season. We are planning a **Christmas Party on Dec. 10**th from 1-2:30pm in Kavanagh Hall. We will have food for everyone and Santa will be there with toys for the children.

We are asking your generosity in the following areas: New toys and games for children ages 2-12. Warm clothing such as sweat shirts with hoods and pants Sizes L, XL and XXL, scarves, gloves, hats, and sleeping bags, blankets, Gift Cards for Smart & Final, Target and Walmart.

Our **Traditional "Giving Tree"** is in the vestibule of the church. The Giving Tree is decorated with cards indicating the gender and age of the children who will receive Santa's gifts. We will continue collecting **unwrapped** gifts through December 7th. Once you have selected a card, gifts can be dropped off at Kavanagh Hall Monday, Wednesday, or Fridays from 11– 2pm. If this is inconvenient gifts may be dropped off at the church office.

We also need volunteers on **December 9th** in Kavanagh Hall, to wrap gifts. Gift wrapping will commence at 9am and end at noon. Please bring scissors.

We thank you in advance for your good will during the holiday season for our needy community. If you have any questions regarding our ministry I can be reached at **310.488.9480.**

Línda Cabíbbo, Ministry Coordinator

Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group



Join us! We continue to pray the rosary in the midst of this difficult time.

We meet in Kavanagh Hall every Monday at 7 pm.

Experience inner peace. All may offer their own intentions. Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182

Saint James LiveStream

🕨 YouTube

If you are unable to attend Mass in person, you can join us for Daily Mass every day at 8am and Sunday Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:30pm

Visit SaintJames.Church If you subscribe to our channel, you'll receive an email whenever we are streaming. Join us in person for Daily Mass and praying the Rosary after each 8am Mass. Our church is open for quiet prayer 7am-7pm.

St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

It was a busy week at St. James School! We celebrated our Thanksgiving Mass on Friday. Parents joined us as we thanked God for our many blessings.

First trimester report cards were sent home on Thursday. Students will be recognized for their achievements at our award ceremony on November 30th. Friday was a minimum day; faculty and students began a week off to celebrate Thanksgiving. We will return to classes and the new trimester on Monday, November 28th.

The Faculty and Staff here at SJS, wish the parishioners of St. James a Happy Thanksgiving!

God Bless you,

Noreen Marících, Principal

Preschool Registration

Our preschool has an opening for your child! See all the ways in which we enrich the development of your child as they discover the wonders of God's creation. Our happy chicken is thankful that he is not a turkey, especially at this time of the year. Call **310.376.5550** or visit to schedule a tour.





This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. Ps. 118:24



Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

On Sunday, November 20th, we will host "**A Morning in Bethlehem**" in Kavanagh Hall from 9-1:30. All parish families are welcome to stop by before or after Mass to spend some time preparing for Advent with your family. You will complete a small service project as well as a simple manger to take home.

Our **Christmas Children's Choir** will kick off their season with their first practice in Kavanagh Hall from 9-10am during "A Morning in Bethlehem." Contact Robin Potchka for more information at drpotchka@gmail.com.

Finally, Religious Education is hosting our very first **Family Day of Service** on Saturday, December 3rd, from 5-6pm. All parish families are invited to join the Children's Christmas Choir in caroling at Brookdale Senior Living on Torrance Boulevard. For families that would like to participate but cannot attend, you are invited to create Christmas cards that will be given to the residents of Brookdale. Contact the office for more information.

God bless!

Andrea Sullívan, Director of Religious Education



O Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may abide on your holy mountain? The one who leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from the heart—PS.15

It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion.

It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. You are not alone... **hopeafterabortion.com**/

Sunday School Enrollment

We're back! This year we are offering Sunday School during the 10am Sunday Mass to students ages 31/2 to 7 years old in the Red Room at the St. James Preschool. All current COVID-19 county guidelines will be followed during instruction. For more information regarding the program, enrollment, and volunteering, please call the Religious Education office at **310.379.3221.**

View the informational video at **SaintJames.Church/Sunday-school**. Thank you! We look forward to a wonderful school year!



9 - 10 (if needed)

For more info: Robin Potchka 310.722.3573 Drpotchka@gmail.com

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Confirmation Nights Year 2: Sunday, November 20th

Teen Nights Tuesday, November 22nd

Amplify Night Saturday, December 3rd

Youth Ministry invites you to our next Amplify Night!

This event is not just for our youth, but **is open to our entire faith community.** It will consist of praise & worship, a powerful speaker & end off in **Eucharistic Adoration.** It'll be the perfect way to fill your hearts & amplify your faith for the Advent season.

Bring a friend!

This **Saturday, November 19**th, our Year 1 Confirmation candidates will be having their **Day Retreat** throughout the Community Campus where we are inviting them to answer the call to discipleship.

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this journey toward encountering Christ.

We pray you & your families have a blessed Thanksgiving!

We continue to count our blessings, especially as we witness Christ work through the lives of our young church!

If you have any questions on joining our team or any future youth ministry events, please feel free to contact us at the information provided below.

Gretchen Nobleza

Director of Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Contact us:Email:saintjamesym@gmail.comWebsite:www.saintjamesym.weebly.comText:424.265.8336

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Knights of Columbus

Consider joining the Knights of Columbus, Council 1990.You can sign up **www.kofc.org/joinus.**

Enter 1990 for the Council and MCGIVNEY2020 for the special promotion.



We support local charities and Seminarians. We meet twice a month for business, fun, and fellowship at our Council Hall, 214 Avenue I, Redondo Beach. Join us!



Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!



Time for some fun! St. James Thursday night BINGO is every Thursday night in Kavanagh Hall! Doors open at 6pm. Early bird game at 7pm

Play all night for \$15 One pack covers all games St. James School receives the profits. Questions? Contact: Parish Office **310.372.5228**

St James Moms Group!

The St James Moms Group meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month during the school year, 10-11:30 am, at the Parish Center. This year we will be doing a yearlong discussion on Edith Stein/St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Contacr: **karen.cuni@gmail.com** or text **626.318.8218**



Catholic Q & A J.

J.P. Alegria

Advent: Stillness, Anticipation, Hope A Saint James parishioner and her friend were shopping. The parishioner bought an Advent Calendar, an Advent Wreath, and Advent Candles. The friend, a non-Catholic, noticed these purchases and asked about them. The parishioner began to explain how these items were representative, outward elements of a particular liturgical season.

Q: How does the Church define Advent?

A: Pope St. John Paul II, speaking in a homily at a Mass in 2002, explained the ethos of Advent with a single word: *"Watch."* He spoke about the admonition that Jesus addresses to us in Mark 13:33 and how that scriptural-based spirit of watchfulness is the basic message of the Advent season:"...to be vigilant while waiting for the Messiah..."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church underscores the relevance of the spirit of Advent to our lives today: "The Church, especially during Advent and Lent and above all at the Easter Vigil, re-reads and re-lives the great events of salvation history in the "today" of her liturgy." That relevant, rejuvenative spirit is part of the essence of Advent.

The publication "Partners in Faith" offers a brief, cogent summary of the season of Advent:

"During this season, we anticipate Christ's birth,(our parishioner's Advent Calendar), and his coming on the last day. Catholics around the world light candles,(her Advent Candles), in an Advent wreath, (her purchased wreath), to signal the coming of the light of Christ." The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

"The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of our Lord's birth at Christmas. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and not weighed down and distracted by the cares of this world."

That element of life's distractions calls to mind a quote by St. Augustine in Latin: "Timeo lesum transeuntem." (I fear that Jesus will pass by me unnoticed.) The word Advent comes from the Latin ad+venire, which the Catholic News Agency tells us means, essentially "To come to," or "to come toward." Ad +venire is the root of the Latin "Adventus" which means "arrival."

Monsignor Mike spoke in a recent 10 am homily about the arrival of a new liturgical year with the 1st Sunday of Advent on Sunday November 27.

Each year, our Choir captures musically soulful reflections of the feelings and imagery of Advent. Here from a Dan Schutte composition:

"Beyond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our hunger, Lord, to see your light. The sparrow finds her home, beneath your wing, so may we come to rest where angels sing." To see your light... As Pope Francis said: "Advent is an incessant call to hope..."

Gospel Meditation

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way.

After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements!

Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order?

If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability.

It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess.

God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

> No sin is new to him. No wrongdoing too great. Come to Confession and experience mercy and joy.

Confession is available Saturday from 4-5 pm in Church or by calling the office for an appointment with a priest.

Readings

Monday Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 / Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday The Lord comes to judge the earth. Rv 14:14-19 / Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God! Rv 15:1-4 / Lk 21:12-19

Thursday I will praise your name for ever, Lord. Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a / Lk 21:20-28

Friday Here God lives among his people. Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2 / Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Marana tha! Come, Lord Jesus! Rv 22:1-7 / Lk 21:34-36

Sunday Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Prayer Requests

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

Verena Thompson, Mary Rose Brahin, Kelly Jones, Dee Gilmour, Jim Napora, Gracie Insogna, Barbara Austin

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

Ruth Beattie, Bruce Szeles, Claro, Luisa, Guadalupe, Adela and Peptio Lucena, Maria & Longin Kleniewski, Tatiana Carrier, Yvonne Chapman, Linda Russell, Mary Scurto

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is open for your gift and spiritual growth needs. Sunday, Nov. 20th 9am - 2pm Tuesday— Friday 11-3pm

Peter Nobleza 310.374.1964 saintjamesgiftshop@gmail.com



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	November 19 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Jaime Reyes ় Bill Reid ় Diane Spinosa ়
Sunday 6:30 am	November 20 Fr. Jim	Macario Rivera Matthew Victor Quinn ≎
8 am	Msgr. Mike	Aida Rosa Maria Samanez 🕆 Maria Isabel 🕆
10 am	Fr. Paul	Patricia Cox
12 noon	Fr. Thaddeus	James Michael Thatcher ∜ Nicole and Family ∜
5:30 pm	Fr. Thaddeus	Portallo Family ⊕ Joe Martelli ϑ
Monday 8 am 12 noon	November 21 Fr. Paul Fr. Thaddeus	Marette Gannon Jane Syder ช
Tues- day 8 am 12 noon	November 22 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Richard Vasquez ϑ Assunta Di Genova ϑ
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	November 23 Fr. Jim Fr. Paul	Darrel Dean Wild ϑ Mary Jane & Stephen Jambor ϑ
Thurs. 9 am	November 24 All	Thanksgiving Fred & Pat Czarske ₽
Friday 8 am 12 noon	November 25 Fr. Paul Fr. Thaddeus	Robert Sjodin ϑ Michael & Mary Prestia
Sat. 8 am	November 26 Msgr. Mike	Mena Cayamanda, Mr/Mrs Jose, Annabel Escondo ⅌
5:30 pm	Fr. Paul	Charles Kerwin &
Sunday 6:30 am	November 27 Msgr. Mike	First Sunday of Advent Defin Samson, Jr. ✿ NOVENA
8 am	Fr. Thaddeus	Mary Jane & Stephen Jambor ⊕ Jim Komick ⊕
10 am	Fr. Jim	Verena Thompson Peter Hai Nguyen ∿
12 noon	Fr. Thaddeus	Antonio Cordova & Carlos Rosales 한
5:30 pm	Msgr. Mike	Joe Martelli ⊉ Jose Hernandez ⊉

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention, please call or visit the Parish Office **310.372.5228** Priest assignment subject to change.

We're here to help you become the holy, healthy, vibrant person that God has created you to be.



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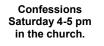
Our Clergy, Here to Serve You



Msgr. Mike Meyers Pastor FrMike@SaintJames.Church

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



"Lord, cleanse me of my guilt"

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