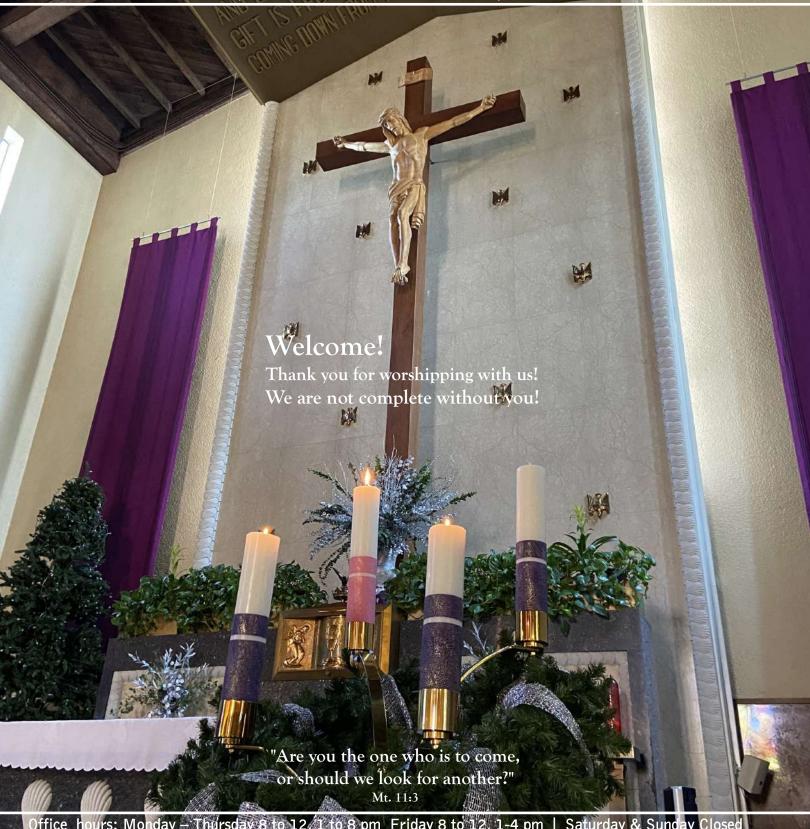
December 11th, 2022 The Third Sunday of Advent Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples.

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



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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

This Advent season awakens something special within us.

We first start to be aware that something is missing in our lives and our world, that there must be more to life than what is happening around us. These feelings are the calling we have to live a better and fuller life.

This 3rd Sunday of Lent, marked by the lighting of the pink candle, is a call for hope for our lives. We are reminded of God's creative hand in our world and the great love He has for us. We renew the holy in us, reconnecting us to God and affirming in a powerful way the meaning and purpose of our lives.

Our hearts find hope and an anticipation of good things to come—not in flashing lights, presents and parties, but the deep-felt awareness that in Christ, we are whole and we are most fully real. We are created to be holy and in Christ the reality of our holiness renews us.

In a most wonderful way during this 3rd week of Advent we have **two special Reconciliation services** to help us reclaim our lives and encounter the healing grace of Christ that renews the love of God in us and the real meaning of who we are. The opportunity to go to Confession is a real and powerful experience.

On Monday evening, Dec. 12th the Reconciliation service will be at American Martyrs Church at 7pm. On Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 7:30pm it will be here at St. James.

If you have been struggling at all with life and where your heart is and things that overwhelm us, these evenings are what God wants most for you to experience.

There will be plenty of priests at each service ready to pray with you and over you and it will be the most precious gift you give to yourself and your family.

Blessings,

Msgr. Míke, Fr. Thaddeus, Fr. Iím, and Fr. Paul

Human Trafficking Awareness

January 11th is National Day of Human Trafficking.
Wear blue.

January 14th is the Walk for Freedom. Register at: bit.ly/2023WalkForFreedom.

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



Maybe you grew up Catholic.
Maybe you think of yourself as Catholic.
Maybe you haven't been to church in awhile.
Or you are worried that you won't be welcomed here.

And maybe it feels awkward and scary to take that first step..

Questions. Doubts. Yearning.

But not sure for what.

We get it.

We've been there.

Now we are here.

Maybe God is calling you, too.
Just as you are.
Welcome home.

Reconciliation Services

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

hear your confession on

Mon., Dec. 12th, 7 pm at American Martyrs
Tues., Dec.13th 7:30 at St. James

Why wait?

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



Family Movie Night— Mon. Dec. 19th

Medjugorje Rosary Prayer Group is having movie night featuring "Come to the Stable", starring Loretta Young and Celeste Holm. Filmed in 1949, this movie is about a group of French nuns that come to New York to build a children's hospital. It is a good family movie! Join us in

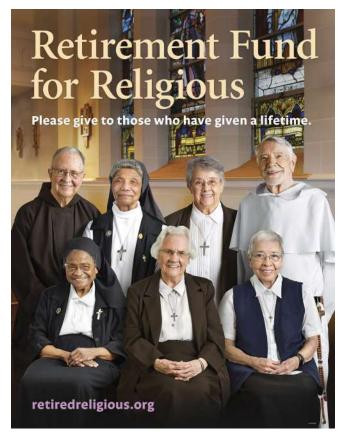
Kavanagh Hall at 7pm as we pray the rosary. The movie follows immediately afterwards.

Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182



Join us for a bolt of Coffee and Sweet Donuts

after the 8 and 10am Masses in Kavanagh Hall. Prepared by the Knights of Columbus. Remain grounded with fellowship with your parish community!



Lighten the load

An abbot writes,
"Your gift helps ease our worldly
burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission
of seeking God and serving the Church."

Donations to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members, including Fr. Jim.

The collection is Sunday, Dec. 11th. Envelopes are in the pews.

Thank you for your generosity!

Visit RetiredReligious.org for more information.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th

8 am Daily Mass (No 12 Noon Mass)
4 pm Vigil Mass Children's Choir
6 pm Vigil Mass Youth Choir
11 pm Mass Christmas Carols begin at 10:30 pm

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th

6:30 am Mass Cantor & Piano/Organ 8 am Mass Cantor /Piano/Organ with Brass Ensemble 10 am Mass Adult Choir with Brass Ensemble 12 Noon Mass Resounding Grace

Red Cross Blood Drive



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

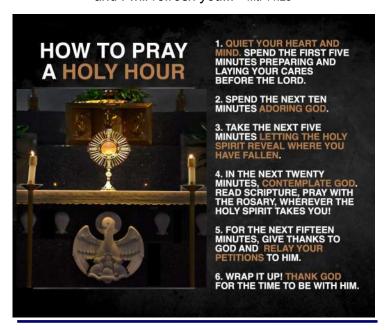
Sign-up: **RedCrossBlood.org s**ponsor code: stjamesparish or call 1-800-RED-CROSS
Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting **RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass** to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Holy Hour Adoration December 9th at 7 pm

Benediction and Adoration

December 16th after the 8am Mass until 12 noon

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



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 310.372.5228**

Your Continued Support of St. James is Vital

Our parish ministries continue because so many people need our help.

Recurring gifts helped sustain our parish in unprecedented

times, and continue to be a vital source of support for ministries that are a lifeline to those in need in our community.

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. 90277 or in church baskets.



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Thank you for your generous support of Saint James!

We've Missed you!



The church is open for quiet prayer from 7am- 7pm daily.

Our daily Mass is at 8 am and 12 noon Monday-Friday with the rosary prayed immediately afterward.

Our **Saturday Mass is at 8am.** Receive the Eucharist; the true body and blood of Christ hidden in the form of a host. Find what you've been missing!

This season of Advent is meant to prepare us for an encounter with our creator in order to save us from our sins and

open heaven to us. Take a moment to rediscover what's missing in your life! Come back! We're not complete without you!

The Guild's Christmas Party Sunday, December 18th 2 -4 pm Kavanagh Hall



We will gather together to share some snacks, laughs and holiday cheer! We will also have an informal chat as to the direction of The Guild for the 2023 year. If you would like to participate in a Kris Kringle gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$25.

Whomever brings a gift will also go home with a gift, but it is not required to join the festivities.

RSVP to Ely 424.398.9987 or Joanne at 310.528.6339

Would You Like to Complete Your Sacraments?

Are you a baptized Catholic, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

If so, contact us about becoming a candidate to complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation).

If you have not received your First Holy Communion, this class will prepare you to do that as well.

Our Winter, 2023 series of classes is scheduled to begin on **Thursday, January 5, 2023**.

To receive further information and details on this

process, please contact Deacon Bob & Patty Miller at dnbob99@gmail.com or call us at 310.371.0985.

If you know of someone who may benefit from this process, please feel free to past this infor-

mation along to them. Blessings!







If you are unable to attend Mass in per-

son, 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.

Students at St. James School are balancing school curriculum, projects, and tests, the season of Advent and the excitement of Christmas. It is a busy time of year in the classrooms for both academics and holiday events. The students are practicing for the Christmas program, creating holiday artwork, and buckling down for the 2nd trimester.

Registration for the 2022 – 2023 School Year is open. Applications are available at the school, the preschool, the parish office, and on our website SJSCatholicSchool.org.

St. James has a Transitional Kindergarten Program for students turning 5 after the September 1st deadline. Full Day Program!

Kindergarten Roundup is available January 20th and January 23rd from 9 – 10am.

Call or email to reserve your spot.

Private tours are available by appointment.

Open House: Tuesday, January 31st 5:30 pm – 7pm

God Bless you,

Noveen Maricich, 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. Call **310.376.5550** or visit to schedule a four.







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

Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Happy Third Sunday of Advent!

Thanks to all who participated in our very first **Family Day of Service** last Saturday at Brookdale Senior Living. What a blessing to share the joy of Advent with the residents!

It's also not too late to join the **Christmas Children's Choir** that will sing at the 4pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. Contact Robin Potchka for more information at **drpotchka@gmail.com**.

Finally, for our families in Religious Education, please remember that we do not have classes again until mid-January, but we ask that you watch your email this week for a family activity for you to complete at home.

May your family's Advent practices bring you closer to Jesus and to one another.

Have a blessed Advent!

God bless!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education



Here are some of our families who caroled at Brookdale for our Family Day of Service.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Christmas Eve Mass- 12/24- 4 pm

All children are welcome, ages 5 - 12, to sing for the Children's Christmas Eve Mass!

PRACTICE DATES:

Dec.11- room 5 parish center 9 -10am

Dec.18 - caroling thru Sleepy Hollow 6 - 7pm

For more info: Robin Potchka 310.722.3573

Drpotchka@gmail.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. We look forward to a wonderful school year! Thank you!

Tuesday Night Bible Study

The St. James Tuesday Night Online Bible Study group is currently taking a break for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. We will resume our course on Psalms on January 10th, 2023.

Pl

Please contact **Donna Wilson:** dwilson94@gmail.com

Come, share and participate in our Church Community.

Isn't anyone listening to you?

Psalms

It's something we do well.

If you feel it would be helpful to have a confidential space and caring listener as you are trying to work out a problem in your own mind, please consider a call to a Stephen Minister.

We would be happy to act as a sounding board as you work out solutions.

Contact: Didi Egnatuk 310.540.0329

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Confirmation Nights

Year 2: Sunday, December 11th

We thank all those that attended our Amplify Night last Saturday, December 3rd. It was a wonderful turnout with 40 of our teens, plus many of our adult parishioners and families who joined us to prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing you again at our next Amplify Night in April!

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

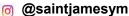
Director of Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Contact us:

Email: **saintjamesym@gmail.com**Website: **www.saintjamesym.weebly.com**

Text: **424.265.8336**

saintjamesym.rb





St. James Chapel on Amplify night

Altar Servers are Back!

We welcome junior servers grades 5-8 and senior servers grades 8 and up. Those children who were trained before covid are our senior server/cross bearers. Please contact Karen Cuni Tang at Karen.Cuni@gmail.com

Feed the Needy Ministry

We thank you for all your donations! We continue this year of providing meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Because of your generosity, we have continued to feed our homeless community throughout the year.

Our work continues and we once again ask for your assistance to ensure that we maintain the items needed for our homeless community members.

We always need the following items:

hamburger buns cheese sticks

fruit (oranges, bananas & grapes)

chips granola bars

lunch meat & cheese 8 oz. water and juices

Some of these items can easily fit into their backpacks.

In addition to the food items we are in need of **toiletries** and socks.

Due to the pandemic and limited storage space we are unable to accept used clothing.

Again we thank you in advance for your generosity in allowing us to keep our homeless community fed and healthy.

If you have any questions regarding our ministry I can be reached at **310.488.9480**.

Línda Cabíbbo, Ministry Coordinator

Cookies for the Homeless

If you like to bake delicious cookies, consider making an extra batch once a month for our homeless neighbors.

Contact **Sandy: 310.542.4851** Thank you!





House of Yahweh's Annual Toy Drive

Help make the holidays special for our South Bay children. Please bring New Toys or Gift

Cards to 4046 Marine Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260 on Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm, or call 310.675.1384 to arrange a drop off on Saturdays during the month of December. Any questions, email or call us at ed@hoy-southbay.org, or 310.675.1384.

Merry Christmas!

Advent: Prayer, Fortitude, Humility

In his Sunday 10 am homily, Monsignor Mike talked about life's difficulties present at the time of the 8th century Israelite prophet, Isaiah. He pointed out that, similarly, our own busy days find us experiencing a panoply of joys, sorrows, and life challenges.

Q: As we wait and watch for the fulfilling grace of this season of Advent, can we pause to consider some brief examples of direction from the word of God and by the example of the Saints, all amid a multi-faceted Catholic faith that grounds us and guides our spiritual outlook, as we work through the vicissitudes of life?

A: Monsignor Mike firstly offers a particular foundational prayer for God's compassion which offers a welcome equilibrium of essential guidance and peace:

"Almighty God... I ask you...to sanctify my thoughts and endeavors, that I may never begin any action without a pure intention, nor continue it without your blessing..."

Philippians 2 holds many guiding principles of the good news that exhort the faithful to adhere to the bottom line of humility as we make our way through a life of faith:

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves..."

And in 1 Peter: "...clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..."

The words and teachings of Jesus and the Holy Bible offer supreme guidance to an uncertain world. Our Choir harmonizes some of these directional words in music:

"Your words are spirit and life, O Lord: richer than gold, stronger than death. God's love is perfect, refreshing the soul, reviving the weary spirit..."

The Saints provide shining examples of fortitude, perseverance, and positive spiritual navigation in challenging times.

One such example comes from St. Bonaventure, who, when elevated to the office of Cardinal, was offered the Cardinal's pastoral hat just as he was in the process of washing dishes at a convent near his Order near Florence.

He instructed the visiting delegation to please hang the hat on a nearby bush, take a walk, and allow him to finish his humble task at hand.

So it is, then, that in good times and bad we proceed in our endeavors, big and small, compassionately armed with prayerfully pure intentions, cloaked in humility and comforted by the grace and guidance of a loving, merciful God.

Gospel Meditation

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate.

Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this? ©LPi

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The Grace of Yes –

How do we prayerfully Give God our best "Yes" and live as generous spirits in the world around us?

Questions? accw.sw19@gmail.com

Readings

Monday

You are the highest honor of our race. Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 /Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Savior. Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 / Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. Is 54:1-10 / Lk 7:24-30

Friday

O God, let all the nations praise you! Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 / Jn 5:33-36

Saturday

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

Sunday

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

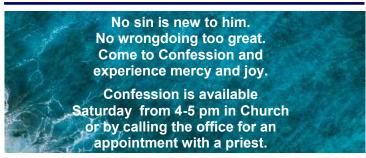
Prayer Requests

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

Dave Tabor

For the souls of the recently departed, that through the mercy of God, May they rest in peace:

Johannes Wouters, Anthony Guerrero, Mary Scurto, John Malgeri



Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is open for your gift and spiritual growth needs.

Tuesday— Friday 11-3pm Peter Nobleza 310.374.1964 saintjamesgiftshop@gmail.com



Weekly Mass Intentions		
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	Dec. 10 Fr. Paul Msgr. Mike	Patricia Duggan 육 Gwen Connot 육 Sherry Finn
Sun. 6:30 am	Dec. 11 Fr. Thaddeus	3rd Sunday of Advent David Nicholson & Molly McCarthy &
8 am 10 am	Fr. Paul Msgr. Mike	Helen Miller ௴ Alfreda Darensbourg ௴ Froilan Yabes
12 noon	Fr. Paul	Peter Hai Nguyen ௴ Gaston Reyes ௴ Joovita Reyes
5:30 pm	Fr. Thaddeus	Joe Martelli ዌ John Malgeri ዌ
Mon. 8 am 12 noon	Dec. 12 Fr. Thaddeus	Richard Bein 샵 Communion Service
Tues. 8 am 12 noon	Dec. 13 Msgr. Mike Fr. Paul	Gaspard Kasparian ชิ Nua Vukall ชิ
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	Dec. 14 Fr. Jim Fr. Paul	Dennis Gaynor ௴ John Hofert ௴
Thurs. 8:00 am 12 noon	Dec. 15 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	Trish Duggan ∜ Sherry Finn
Fri. 8 am 12 noon	Dec. 16 Fr. Paul Fr. Thaddeus	Joe Martelli & Bojaj Family &
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	Dec. 17 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	Mary Jane & Stephen Jambor ម Mary Ann Wilson ម James Shea ម
Sun. 6:30 am	Dec. 18 Msgr. Mike	4th Sunday of Advent Irma Dahbura &
8 am	Fr. Thaddeus	Mary Scurto む Rosa Maria Castro む Mr. / Mrs. Jose Cayamanda む
10 am	Fr. Paul	Mr. / Mrs Jose Cayamanda ↔ Barbara (Bobbie) Austin ↔ St. James Parishoners
12 noon	Msgr. Mike	John Hofert & Gaston Reyes &
5:30 pm	Fr. Paul	Joe Martelli ਦੇ Cesario de Leon ਦੇ

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention, please call or visit the Parish Office **310.372.5228** Priest celebrant 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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"Lord, cleanse me of my guilt"

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Deacon Bob & Patty Miller

Deacon Couple

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Fr. James Kavanagh
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FrJim@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



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Andrea Sullivan
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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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