



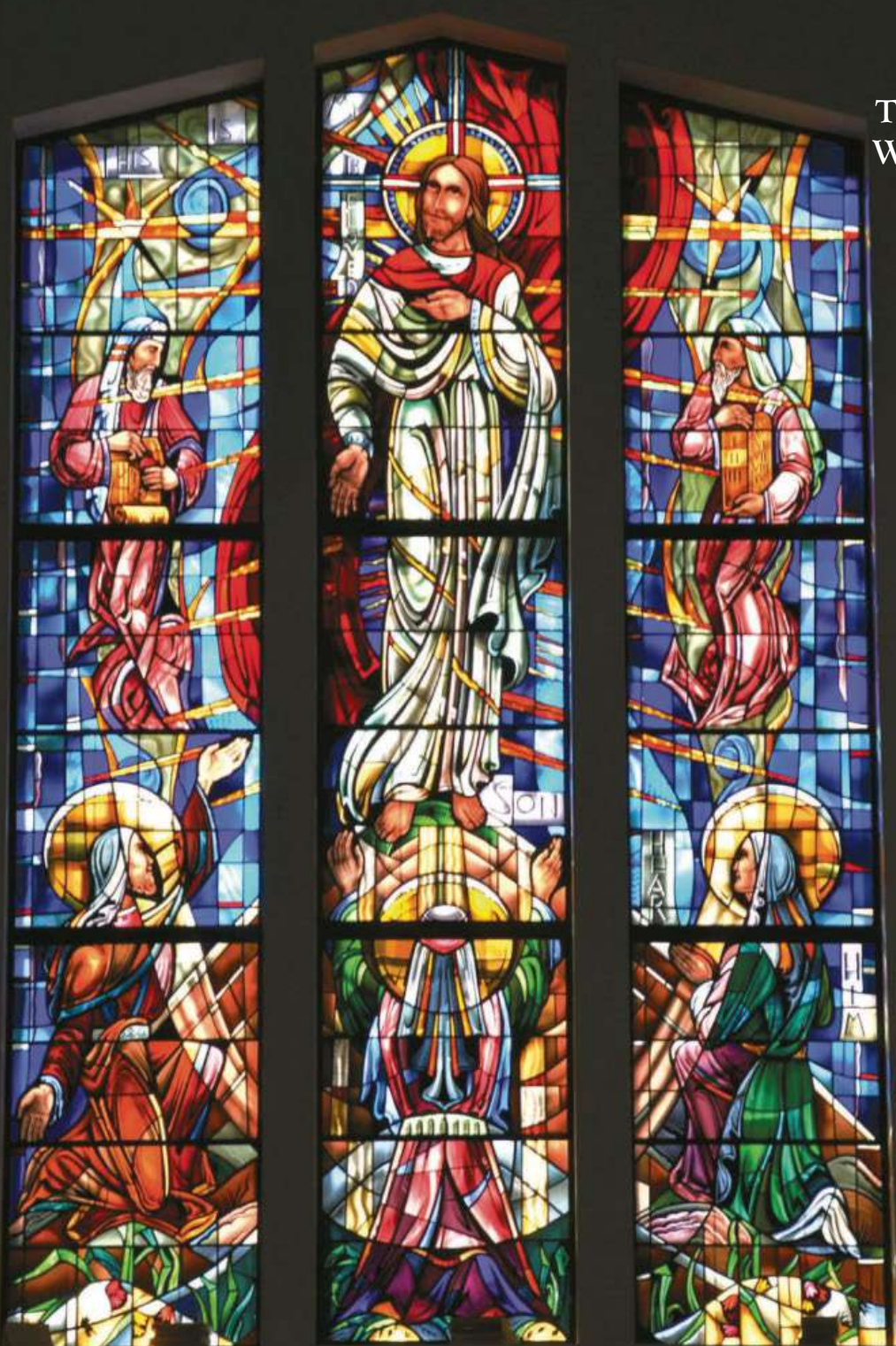
St James
Catholic Church

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

August 6th 2023
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

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 took Peter, James,
and his brother, John,
and led them up a high mountain
by themselves.

And he was transfigured
before them;
his face shone like the sun
and his clothes became
white as light.”

Mt. 17:1-2

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

Fr. Paul Kuunuba's Update and Letter

Father Paul Kuunuba from the diocese of Damongo, Ghana, was with us on sabbatical from August last year until the end of January, following the completion of his studies in Rome. When he returned to Ghana he was assigned in charge of the Youth Programs for the diocese as well as the director of the Diocesan shrine.



On the feast of St. James (July 25th) he wrote to me and said, *"In the last two weeks I hosted 120 youth, delegates from the 13 parishes of the diocese for the Annual General Council meeting of the youth. It was a three-day program. But it went on well. Now I am organizing again a pilgrimage to our shrine, Our Lady of the Annunciation Grotto for the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary on August 15th. It is always fulfilling after the struggles and challenges in organizing, to see people happy at the end."*

When Fr. Paul left we were able to send him \$10,000 through the generous support of parishioners as well as a \$5,000 gift from the parish.

To the parish, Fr. Paul also wrote a letter:

A Word of Gratitude

I write once again to express my sincerest gratitude to you and indeed the entire parish family of St. James Church, Redondo Beach. I wish to acknowledge in a special way your love and affection towards me during my mini sabbatical stay in your parish in the United States. Your fatherly care, concern and support cannot be forgotten. And more to that, the financial support given me to assist me in my ministry in this part of the world where though the church is still going through the phases of primary evangelization is required to be self-reliant. This financial support has indeed come to get me into my ministry. I cannot say enough of my appreciation to you.

On a similar vein, I wish to express my thankfulness through you to the entire parishioners of St. James Church for their various contributions to me during my stay there and after I left. I received with gratitude their contributions through you. May the good Lord richly bless each and every one of them for whatever they have done for me.

Lastly but not the least, to the parish staff, Frs. James Kavanagh and Thaddeus Agbasonu as well as Deacon Bob and Patty and all those at the parish offices. I appreciate each and every one of them and their diverse contributions and support for me. May the good Lord bless you all. May St. James whose feast we celebrate never cease to intercede for you.

*I remain yours sincerely,
Fr. Paul T. Kuunuba*



Virtus[®] Training

We will be offering the original **Protecting God's Children Virtus[®]** class. This class is for those who are already in ministry

and have an expired certificate and for those who are brand new to a ministry.

Please check your records or call the parish office if you are not sure of your certification status.

Registration is **required** as space is limited.

Please call the office to register.

Class is

Saturday, Aug. 19th from 1 to 4pm in Kavanagh Hall

Fingerprinting

St. James will be hosting the Archdiocesan Live Scan Fingerprinting for the opportunity for new staff and volunteers to be fingerprinted per Archdiocese guidelines. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Appointments are available **Thursday, Aug. 10th between 12pm and 6:30pm** in St. James Parish Center, Rooms 4 & 5.

Please bring your drivers license or a photo ID.

Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, Aug. 13th from 1:30-2:30pm in church

Jesus came to heal the whole person, body and soul

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.



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/



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.

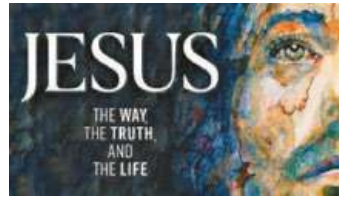
We get it.
We've been there.
Now we are here.

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

Welcome home.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

**Next Session is
Tuesday, August 8th at 7pm**



Please join us as we study
"Jesus: The Way, The Truth
and The Life"

Session 8—

**The Road to Glory, the
Path of Suffering**

A Powerful Study on the Life of Jesus Christ.

Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure.
He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God.

While many of us already know a lot about him, how well
can we say we really know him?

If you are not able to participate in person
you can also join us using Zoom.

Priests visit our study when their schedules permit.

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

**Come, share and participate
in our Church Community!**



YES!
**Join us for Coffee and Donuts
after the 8 and 10am Masses
in Kavanagh Hall**

**Proudly served by
St. James Bible Study**

Join the Catholic Daughters of America



We donate generously to several charitable
causes. Members give their time, energy and
support to help others in the service of Christ.

CDA members enjoy each other's company
at their **monthly meetings held on the third**

**Wednesday of each month at
Kavanagh Hall.**

We are inviting all Catholic women of all ages to join
us as pray the holy Rosary before each meeting.

Contact: **Kristal Trapani-Landry**
Email: **Ktrapani.Landry.cda@gmail.com**
Email **courtourladyofvictory@gmail.com**



The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends
of the earth revere him. Ps.67:6

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 Fall, 2023 series of classes is scheduled to begin on
Thursday, September 7th, 2023.

To receive further information and details on this pro-
cess, please contact:

Deacon Bob & Patty Miller at dnbob99@gmail.com.

If you know of someone who may benefit from this
process, please feel free to pass this information along to
them.



CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION STILL OPEN!

Registration for the upcoming 2023-2024 Confirmation year is still open! If you have a teen that's currently in high school and has yet to begin their Confirmation preparation, now is the time to sign up. Sessions are scheduled to begin in a little over a month so sign up now before it's too late. Visit our youth ministry website for more information on how to register.

As our ministry continues to grow, we are also recruiting adult team members to journey alongside our teens who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. No experience in youth ministry is required & training will be provided. For more information on how you can share your gifts & talents with our young church, please contact the youth ministry office.

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**

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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



Knights of Columbus

To the men of our parish, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus, Council 1990.

Sign up: www.kofc.org/joinus.

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!

Time for some fun!



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**



 **SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY**

*Confirmation Registration
Now Open*

To register, visit
www.saintjamesym.weebly.com

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:

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Thank you for your generous support!

Providence LA County and KidsCare Bereavement Services Healing Through Grief Support Group

Continues through August 23rd, 4 to 5p.

Healing Through Grief is a support group for adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one at least three months past the death and up to two years.

Our purpose is to encourage healing and confidence in those experiencing a death of a loved one.

A phone assessment and registration forms are required before registration is complete. For more information about our groups or to register, please call **310.543.3437** or email nancy.langevin@providence.org and please provide your call back number.

This seven week grief support group will provide participants:

- An opportunity to share their feelings
- Embrace memories
- Have compassionate support
- Relate to others who are also grieving
- Develop new methods of coping and problem solving

Session are on Wednesday's:
August 9th, 16th and 23rd



Holy Hour Adoration

Aug.11th at 7pm

Benediction and Adoration

August 18th
after the 8am Mass
until 12 noon

Altar Server Training



The St James Altar Server Ministry will be holding training sessions for servers who will be in grades 5-12 in the fall. Contact **Karen Cuni** to join the schedule at karen.cuni@gmail.com or via text at **626.318.8218**

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

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**.

Linda Cabibbo, 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!



Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open, and families have a choice between our Traditional Faith Formation Program and our new and expanded Family Faith Formation Program.

Please visit our page of the parish website to register: www.saintjames.church/re

Traditional Faith Formation will take place on Tuesdays during the school year from 4-5:15pm at the Parish Center. Traditional classes are what Religious Education has always offered and will follow a curriculum from Saint Mary's Press.

Family Faith Formation will have two components:

- The first will be family sessions held in person for the whole family about once a month for an hour and a half on a Sunday afternoon at Saint James School.

- The second will be family sessions held by each family in their home about twice a month with support from the Office of Religious Education and the great kits that we will provide each family.

We are adding the Family Faith Formation Program this year to provide another way for us to support our parish families who seek to raise children of faith.

The Catholic Church teaches that parents are the primary educators in the faith—families are where children first experience God's love through the love given freely to them by their parents.

And all the research (and there really is research on this!) tells us that the key to effective Catholic parenting is to empower parents to authentically and intentionally communicate the faith to their children.

So why are we adding this program to the RE offerings for 2023-2024? Because Family Faith Formation works! It's a big change, but we invite all parish families to join us on this journey. We believe it will bear much fruit.

And of course, **we still need parishioners who want to live out their baptismal call by serving in one of our Religious Education programs.**

You can share your gifts with the community in the following programs for parish children and families:

- Traditional Faith Formation classes (Catechists, Aides, Yard Duty, Yard Monitors)
- Family Faith Formation (Catechists, Mentors, Aides)
- Sacramental Preparation (Catechists, Aides)
- Children's RCIA
- Children's Liturgy of the Word (twice a month at the 10am Mass)
- Family Day of Service Coordinators

- Family Field Trip Coordinators
- Family Faith Formation Experiences for Advent and Lent, like last year's Morning in Bethlehem (single day events)

We can help you discern which program fits your gifts, so please contact the office at **310.379.3221** so we can start you on the path to be prepared to minister with children this September.

Also, the Office of Religious Education's **Second Annual Family Field Trip** is coming up on Saturday, August 26th, at 9am, when we will visit the **Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels**. Our docent led tour is limited to 40 participants, **so registration is required:** <https://tinyurl.com/2wbs5tsr>

Families will provide their own transportation.

Please plan to meet our group in the courtyard outside the Cathedral at 8:45am. Grandparents, Godparents, and families are all welcome!

God Bless!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education



Looking for Material to Make Baby Quilts

Do you have any leftover cotton material remnants that you would like to donate from that sewing project you finished?



We have a parishioner who has been making baby blankets as gifts that are given to the newly baptized babies in our parish. The families love receiving these homemade treasures! He is looking for materials to continue making the baby quilts. Please bring them to the parish offices. Thank you!



Men's Retreat in Sierra Madre September 8th, 9th, 10th

Perhaps there's never been a more appropriate time for a retreat. Most of us are ready to take a break from the challenges we have faced these past many months.



Men from our parish are invited to make their annual retreat at Mater Dolorosa Retreat center in Sierra Madre.

The Center provides a private room and bath, delicious meals, beautifully landscaped grounds, and the guidance of the Passionist Retreat Team.

The atmosphere of this silent, preached retreat will help you **relax, reflect and rejuvenate spiritually.**

Reservations via Parish Captain:
Matthew Staal, 310.498.7966
staalsurfer@gmail.com

You Are Not Alone- Newly Bereaved Workshop

Wednesday, August 29th from 10:30am – 12pm

The Newly Bereaved is a workshop for adults to get grief support after losing a loved one. You will experience a variety of emotions after the loss of your loved one. These feelings and experiences are natural and normal. Our purpose is to encourage healing and confidence in our grief support workshop.

This grief support workshop will provide participants:

- An opportunity to share their feelings
- Embrace memories
- Have compassionate support
- Relate to others who are also grieving
- Develop new methods of coping and problem solving

Registration is required and refreshments will be served

Providence Bereavement Services
5315 Torrance Blvd., Suite B1
Torrance, CA 90503

call to register: **310.543.3437** or email
nancy.langevin@providence.org.



St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Registration for the 2023 – 2024 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!

TK and Kindergarten families are invited to visit school with their child, visit the classroom and find out more about our program.

TK is a steppingstone and a bridge to begin your child's academic journey. Call or email to reserve a time.

Private tours are available by appointment for all grades.

A Catholic School Education is a gift and a blessing!

God Bless you,

Danina Uy, Principal

Beginning Experience® Weekend Retreat for the Widowed, Separated & Divorced

A **Beginning Experience® Weekend** retreat will be held from **September 8-10** at the **Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino**. Trained peer ministers will support and guide adult men and women on their grief journey after the loss of a spouse through death, separation, or divorce.

For more information:

familylife.lacatholics.org/beginning-experience or
www.beginningexperience.org

A \$75 deposit is required in advance.

Need-based financial aid may be available.

To register, call **Maria 909.592.0009** or
EMAIL: beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com

Invite Someone to Mass

The church is again 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**. Help others attend Mass and receive the Eucharist; the true body and blood of Christ hidden in the form of a host.

Catholic Q&A Topic: The Soul of Sacred Theology

In a recent early morning Sunday Mass, Father Thaddeus was considering the richness and relevance of sacred scripture.

Even in that 6:30 AM time frame, the value of the Gospels was made clearly evident.

The Catholic Bishops tell us that the word "gospel" translates the Greek term *euangelion*, meaning **"good news"** and one of the elements of that news which Father pointed out, was that the good news is part of God's plan, setting us along the path that leads to our formation as **"God's chosen people."**

The Catechism says: "The Church forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. Therefore, the study of the sacred page should be the very soul of sacred theology..."

Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

The Catholic Bishops advise:

*"If scripture remains just words on a page,
our work is not done.*

*We need to meditate on the message
and put it into action in our lives.*

*Only then can the word be
living and effective."*

Pope Francis writes:

"...listen to the word of God,
meditate on it, pray with it.

Be constantly nourished by the Word Of God!"

Our Patron, Saint James, puts it like this:

"Be doers of the Word and not hearers only..."

We all have our favorite Bible verses, some we know from memory and hold deeply within our heart.

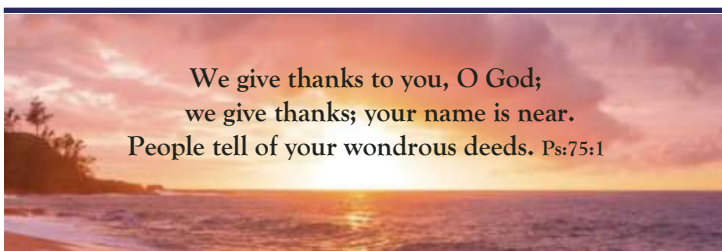
One favorite verse from the Gospels comes from Luke 11: **"...seek and you will find..."**

Our Choir sings from Psalm 19:

"Lord you have the words of everlasting life..."

Q: What are some of your favorite Bible verses?

A: ?



We give thanks to you, O God;
we give thanks; your name is near.
People tell of your wondrous deeds. Ps:75:1

What is Christianity finally about?

These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule."

No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little.

His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— *Father John Muir*



Aloha!

**Wear your Hawaiian
Island attire for our
10am and 12 noon
Masses on
Sunday, Aug. 20th**

Human Trafficking Awareness

The movie **"Sound of Freedom"** is still playing in theaters.

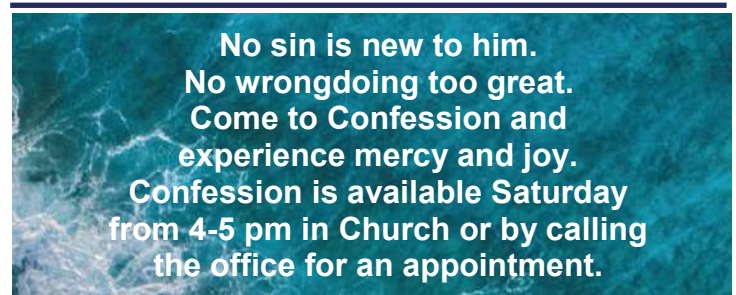
It is a worthwhile exposition of the trafficking that is happening all around us.



Get involved!

F.A.I.T.H. MINISTRY of
St. Lawrence Martyr and St. James.

Contact: Rick Page
CandRpage2@gmail.com



**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.**

Readings

Monday

Sing with joy to God our help.
Nm 11:4b-15 / Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Nm 12:1-13 / Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.
Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 / Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

**Blessed the man who is gracious
and lends to those in need.**
2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

Friday

I remember the deeds of the Lord.
Dt 4:32-40 / Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

I love you, Lord, my strength.
Dt 6:4-13 / Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

**Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.**
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a / Rom 9:1-5 / Mt 14:22-33

Prayer Requests

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

**Mary Vollmer, Michael Cutuli,
Lisa Rice, Licerio Bernas,
Kellyann Regan, Donna Miodovski,
Maureen Pugliolium, Czarina Flores**

For the souls of the recently departed,
that through the mercy of God,

May they rest in peace:
**Michael Connal, Agnes Tabor,
Bruce Szeles, Jean & Joe Kehoe,
Edward Ketchmere**

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Peter Nobleza 310.374.1964
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For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention,
please call or visit the Parish Office **310.372.5228**
Priest celebrant subject to change.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	August 5 Fr. John Msgr. Mike	Michael McGinty † Ana Lorena Solano † Madeliene Haworth †
Sun. 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	August 6 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike Fr. Jim Fr. John Fr. Thaddeus	Mary Jane Jambor † David Franco † The Miller Family Gertrudez Lim † Mike Conrey † Louise Marzocci † Fern MacDonald Jose V. Ayllon † Edward FitzGerald Family David Lesniowski
Mon. 8 am 12 noon	August 7 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Corzon Leng-Gerson † Brigid Byrne
Tues. 8 am 12 noon	August 8 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Stephen J. Jambor † Illuminada C. Hernandez †
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	August 9 Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike	Leslie Bouvier † Ron La Gro † and Suzi La Gro
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	August 10 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	Catherine Rosemary Lane † Louise Marzocchi †
Fri. 8 am 12 noon	August 11 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Shirley L. Finzel † Ron La Gro † and Suzi La Gro
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	August 12 Msgr. Mike Fr. John	Barbara Stafford † Frederico Villoria † Joseph Gaynor †
Sunday 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	August 13 Msgr. Mike Fr. John Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Marcario Rivera † Bernardita Caruz † Nua Vukel † Elvira & Ramon Gonzalez † Victor & Judee Luke † Dympna Naughton † Bob Williamson † Willy Tang † Joan Frigone † Bruce Szeles †



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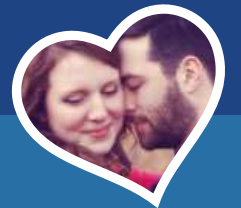
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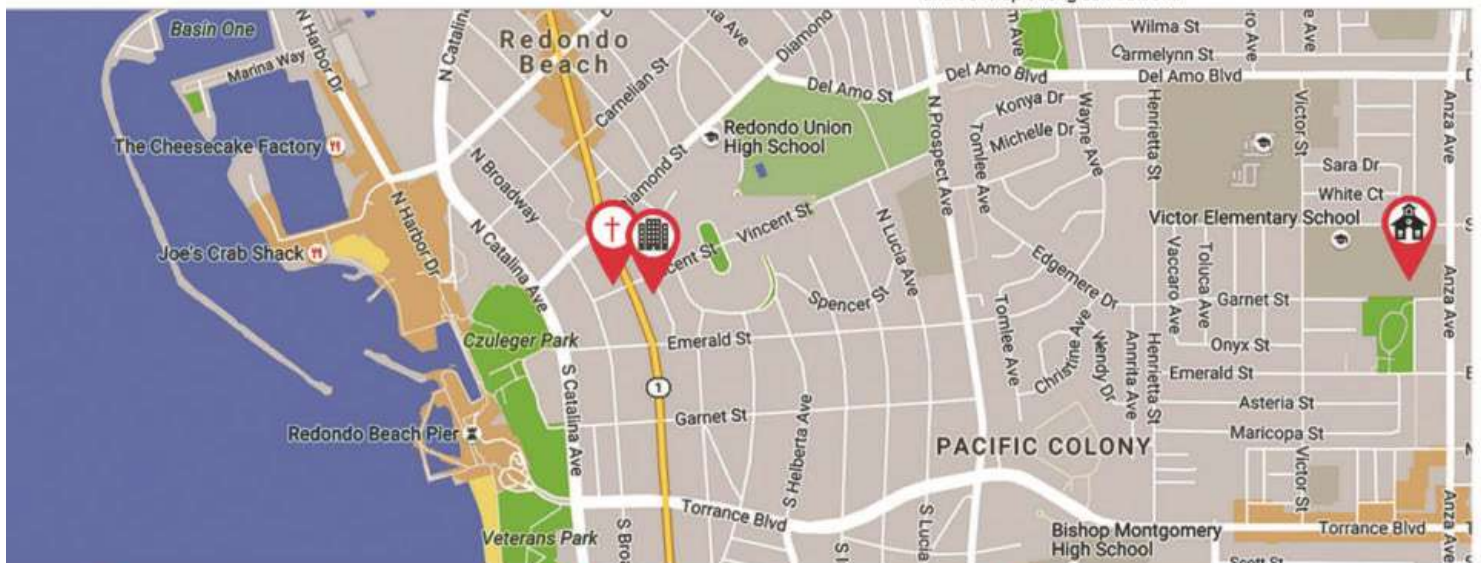
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