



St. James
Catholic Church

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

September 3rd 2023

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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!

“Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me...

For the Son of Man will come
with his angels in his Father's glory,
and then he will repay all
according to his conduct.” Mt. 16:24, 27

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

School Opens

St. James School opened with its first day of classes this past Wednesday. It was great to welcome the students back and see their smiling faces on campus again. The week prior was dedicated to school staff development and retreat in preparation for the school year. The students arrived with great excitement and joy meeting their classmates, teachers and newly decorated classrooms.

This year we have added a school Mass most every Friday at the O'Gorman Center. Fr. Thaddeus and I look forward to enhancing the religious experience of the students and help connect the school in a stronger way with the church community.

Also welcoming students with a big smile is our new principal, Mrs. Danina Flores-Uy. She has worked tirelessly this summer getting the school ready. Two projects in the works since the spring are a new play structure and upgraded electrical and heater/coolers for the classrooms. The Archdiocese is supporting these efforts with project oversight, vendor screening and contract assistance. We hope that these projects can be completed by Christmas.

Blessings,

Msgr. Mike Meyers and Fr. Thaddeus

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation (OCI), formerly the RCIA, is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith. It is the process for an unbaptized person to be baptized into the church and for those baptized by another Christian denomination to enter into the Catholic Church. While coming to know Jesus and His invitation to become a disciple, the OCI process involves the journey of faith, formation and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in learning more or starting the OCI process in September, please contact:

Ben Aranda at 310.427.5775 or email:
Ben_Aranda@yahoo.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.

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



6th graders with Mrs. Danina Uy

**Sadly,
No Coffee and
donuts
this weekend.**



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

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

Labor Day

The Parish Office is closed on Monday, Sept. 4th.
Join us for Mass at 8 or 12 noon.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION STILL OPEN!

Kick-Off Dates:

Year 1 Confirmation: Sunday, 9/10

Year 2 Confirmation: Sunday, 9/17

Our Confirmation year is officially set to begin next weekend, but there's still time to register! If you have a teen in high school that has yet to begin their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, now is the time to sign up. For more information, please visit our youth ministry website.

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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Confirmation Registration Still Open!

To register, visit

www.saintjamesym.weebly.com

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



Sunday Night Worship Aide

Please join our Sunday Night Youth band in worship during our 5:30pm Mass by scanning the QR code.



This QR code will take you to our **virtual worship aide** where all are encouraged to worship with us during Mass.



It will also take you to our parish website, our youth ministry website where many of our teens/young adults are also active in & our Sunday Night Youth YouTube page.

We're excited to continue offering new ways to connect with the community!

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!

Take a moment to rediscover what's missing in your life!

Come back!



We're not complete without you!

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
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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 process, 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 past this information along to them.



Holy Hour Adoration Sept. 8th at 7pm Benediction and Adoration

September 15th
after the 8am Mass
until 12 noon

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!



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**

Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Thanks to those who joined us on our Family Field Trip to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. What an inspiring visit! (see photos this page)

Remember, registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open but closes soon! Please visit our page of the parish website to register:

www.saintjames.church/re/. We will have two options for families this year, Traditional Faith

It's a big change, but we invite all parish families to join us on this journey. We believe it will bear much fruit.

Finally, please mark your calendars for the second installment of our Raising Children of Faith series! "**Raising Children of Faith: Prayer at Home**" will be a special evening for parents to reflect upon the importance of prayer at home and will include tips for how to incorporate prayer into your family's busy routine. This event will be held on Monday, Sept. 18th,



Formation and Family Faith Formation.

Traditional Faith Formation will be on Tuesdays from **4:15--5:30pm** at the Parish Center (please note the **NEW TIME**). Traditional classes are what Religious Education has always offered and will follow a curriculum from Saint Mary's Press.

Family Faith Formation will include sessions held for the whole family about once a month for an hour and a half on a Sunday afternoon at Saint James School, as well as 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 research tells us that the key to effective Catholic parenting is to empower parents to authentically and intentionally communicate the faith to their children.

So we are adding this program to the RE offerings for 2023-2024 because Family Faith Formation works!



at 7pm in the O'Gorman Center at St. James School and is open to all parents, Godparents, and grandparents. Because this evening is a special time for those who raise children of faith, we ask that you make arrangements for childcare. If you have questions, please call the **Office of Religious Education at 310.379.3221**.

God Bless!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education

Tea Party

Please join us for the Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of Victory Saturday, September 16th at 12 noon St James School in the O'Gorman Center 4625 Garnet Street, Torrance, CA Tickets \$20 adult / \$15 children



You don't have to be a CDA member to attend!

Please email Amie Jacoby to make a reservation

@jacobyamie@gmail.com

Proceeds raised go to the CDA Court Our Lady of Victory charity fund which supports various local and national organizations in need.

For this year's tea, we have selected **The House of Yahweh** in Lawndale for our annual collection of items that they may need. Donna Quik, one of the directors will be giving a brief talk at the tea to let us know how our donations help the local people in our area. Please bring items that could be sold in their thrift shop, including clothing and shoes and any shelf food items that they can distribute. You can clean out your pantry as long as the items have not expired.

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.

Our **monthly meetings held on the third**

Wednesday of each month at 7pm in 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**

Isn't anyone listening to you?

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.

Call: Didi Egnatuk 310.540.0329



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

St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle;

be our protection
against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray; and do thou,
O prince of the heavenly host,

by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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: We Pray to the Lord

Catholic Bishops tell us that sometime between the 7th and the 5th centuries, B.C. that the Old Testament Book of Job was written, perhaps by its namesake, perhaps not. This Biblical, wonderfully literary work of prose and poetry is categorized as didactic in form, yet this sort of instruction is beautifully, inspirationally, even viscerally instructive.

The story of the stricken, yet worthy Job and his cadre of friends including: Zophar, Eliphaz, Bildad, (and later, Elihu and Esau), describes timeless discussion concerning the nature and the challenges of *suffering*.

Someone once said that the answer to Job's seemingly unanswerable questions about suffering may ultimately only be found, " ...somewhere in the vastness of the universe..."

Q: What does the Church teach about the vicissitudes of suffering?

A: *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that: "Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. Illness can lead to anguish, self-absorption, sometimes even despair and revolt against God."

Catechism Entry #1501: "It, (suffering), can also make a person more mature, helping discern in life what is essential so as to turn toward that which is. Very often illness provokes a search for God and a return to him." The *Catechism* quotes Exodus 15: "...for I, the Lord, am your healer."

The Bible, *the Catechism*, and the lives of the Saints teach us about the value of prayer in the face of suffering. Here at St. James we publish and also announce prayer intentions for the sick at Mass; our entreaties go into the Parish Books of Intercession, our Priests and Deacon and Bereavement Ministry and additional ministries provide solace as we as a Catholic family seek to help and comfort one another in the seasons of suffering.

Job's own intention to remain faithfully steadfast in all his trials, endures, and prospers once again, yet the Catholic Bishops remind us that the Book of Job, "... does not definitively answer the problem of the suffering of the innocent, but challenges readers to come to their own understanding."

Together we can meet that challenge. We recognize a supreme God and seek to prayerfully endure the challenges of suffering. And, in the silence of our heart, we continue to ponder the ways of our faith, "across the vastness of the universe."

Lord, hear our prayer...

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter?

One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan.

We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us. — *Father John Muir*

Advent Day of Recollection

"Lord, come to the manger of our hearts:
The dwelling place of Your Love"
November 18, 2023 8am-12 noon

8am Mass in church
After Mass, walk over to Kavanagh Hall
8:45 - Pancake Breakfast
9:30 - Presentation by our very own
Fr. Mark A. Strader



A season of preparation and recollection before the most celebrated Solemnity of Christmas, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Advent invites us to set time aside to go deeper into your relationship with God allowing your heart to be transformed through the power of the Spirit and becoming the manger and dwelling place of God's love, Jesus Christ. Reflect on how God, during the holy season of Advent, unveils the mystery of Jesus dwelling among us. Fr. Mark will draw us into the beauty of the Advent season while anticipating the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Cost is \$15 Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4tym63bj>

For additional information contact:
Joanne Modic 310.528.6339
Bob Hernandez 310.738.7163 or
Ely Ronkowski 310.944.3355



Readings

Monday

The Lord comes to judge the earth.
1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

**I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.**
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 / Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

I trust in the mercy of God for ever.
Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

The Lord has made known his salvation.
Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11

Friday

With delight I rejoice in the Lord.
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday

God himself is my help.
Col 1:21-23 / Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Ez 33:7-9 / Rom 13:8-10 / Mt 18:15-20

Prayer Requests

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

**Eddie Rodriguez, Cameron Noble,
Lorraine Dibrell, Janet Accad,
Maria Macias, Deadra Felicidad Dolbec,
Jim Napora**

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

**Mary Vollmer, Rosita Andres, Nenita Morales,
Paul Croshaw, Sally Kimmel**

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

Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	Sept. 2 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	The Finn Family Lilia Solano † Rita Rivera
Sun. 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Sept. 3 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	David Franco † Florenda Gabriel † Robin Campazzie Poor Souls in Purgatory † Arcadio Bignayan † Monica L. Salenga † Bonnie Miko † Jeannie Goodgion † Michael Cutuli May Althea A. Ramos †
Mon. 8 am 12 noon	Sept. 4 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike	Labor Day Milagros C. Dela Cruz † Carmelita Sebastian †
Tues. 8 am 12 noon	Sept. 5 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus	Poor Souls in Purgatory † Megan Sloane
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	Sept. 6 Fr. Jim Fr. Jim	Santos & Galena DeLeon Marcario Rivera †
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	Sept. 7 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus	Nicole Sun Poor Souls in Purgatory †
Fri. 8 am 12 noon	Sept. 8 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus	Michael Nott Poor Souls in Purgatory †
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	Sept. 9 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus	Mary Vollmer † Cristeta C. Coscos † Vincent Cleetus †
Sunday 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Sept. 10 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim Fr. Marcellinus	Virginia Robinson † Connie Hopkins † Jack Wilson † Ellen Bullock † Barbara Linehan † Gilbert Yabes Charles Cottrell † Archbp. Rembrandt Weakland † Bonnie Miko † Eddie Rodriguez

For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention,
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Priest celebrant subject to change.



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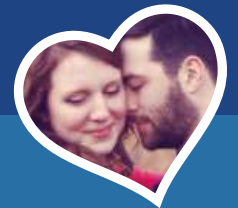
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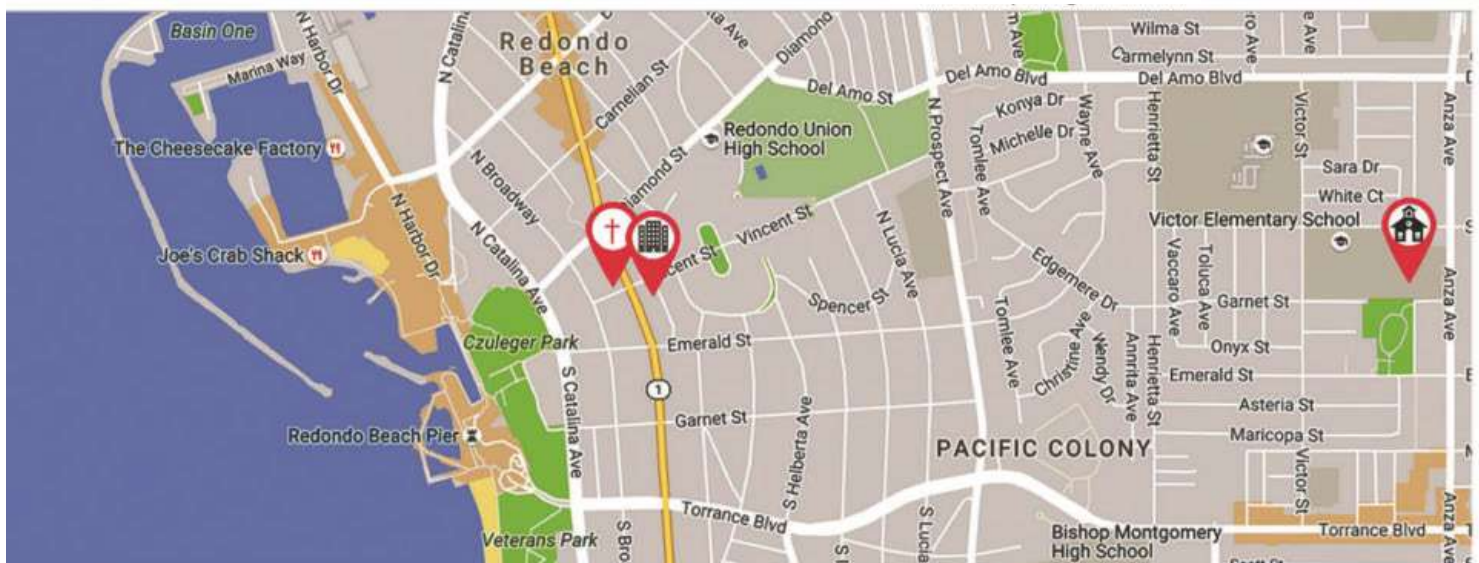
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