November 12th, 2023 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

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



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

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

Thank you very much for your response to the financial situation of the parish.

During the month of October those who increased their offertory contributions brought our income close to last year's income and allowed us to be able to pay all our expenses without incurring any further debt.

While we remain at a \$70,000 deficit for the fiscal year we are hopeful that as more parishioners consider increasing their contributions in the Sunday collection baskets or through automatic contributions through FaithDirect, we can achieve financial stability.

We are all blessed to be in this wonderful community of faith where God's generosity constantly uplifts us.

We are in the process of preparing twenty new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to help us with Sunday Masses to be able to receive the precious Blood of Christ.

We hope to be able to start receiving from the chalice by the New Year. Thank you all for being an integral part of our St. James family.

Blessings,

Msgr. Mike & Fr. Thaddeus

Why Fast?

Fasting, at its root, is a spiritual exercise.

When we fast our body feels weak. We come face to face with our humanity and are humbled.

When we take away what our body wants, it quiets down.

Our souls become stronger and prayer becomes more powerful.

It is a transformative experience and a powerful spiritual weapon that helps order our flesh that tries to control us.

Fasting is a great way to practice self-control and progress in our spiritual lives.

St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the greatest Catholic theologians to ever live said that we fast for three reasons.

"For we fast for three purposes:

- 1. to restrain the desires of the flesh;
- 2. to raise the mind to contemplate sublime things:
- 3. to make satisfaction for our sins.

These are good and noble things, and so fasting is virtuous." — St. Thomas Aquinas

Your Continued Support of St. James is Vital and a Blessing!

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:

Set-Up Automatic Payments with your bank.

Enroll in Faith Direct's E-Giving by calling toll free 1.866-507.8757 or https://www.faithdirect.net Use the code CA560

Or

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Thank you for your genero



OCTOBER MONTHLY COLLECTION	
Faith Direct	Total
2023 - \$35,790	\$107,115
2022 - 33,988	\$112,954

"Give, and it will be given to you.
Good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, running over,
will be put into your lap.

For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." -Luke 6:38



I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ.

but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you,

but I want you to be wise as to what is good and

innocent as to what is evil. — Romans 16:17-19



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.

Benediction and Adoration



November 17th
after the 8am Mass
until 12 noon

Holy Hour Adoration Nov. 24th At 7pm in church

Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is creature before his Creator.

It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Glory, respectful silence in the presence of the ever greater God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives us assurance to our supplications.-CCC 2628

Yes! Coffee and Donuts!

Served in Kavanagh Hall after the 8 and 10am Sunday Masses



Get energized as you taste this delicious coffee made possible by using dangerous amounts of electricity harnessed by the brave men of the Knights of Columbus.

Ground yourself before consuming this powerful coffee!

Advent Day of Recollection

"Lord, come to the manger of our hearts: The dwelling place of Your Love"

November 18 from 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



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









Critical Need for Blood Donors
Blood donors of all blood types are needed now.

December 10th https://www.redcross.org/

Candles and Carols
The St. James Christmas Concerts

Featuring

Sunday Night Youth Choir Resounding

Grace

St. James Adult Choir

Thursday, December 7th at 7pm

Friday, December 8th at 7pm



at the St. James Community Campus Chapel.

There is a \$5 per ticket offering for this concert.

There are limited tickets available for this concert. And sells out quickly!

Tickets will soon be available in the Parish Office front desk, Gift Shop or by stopping by the music ministry after Mass.



Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass

All interested children, ages 4 thru 12 are invited to join together and sing at the 4pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass on December 24.

Practices are on the following dates:

Nov. 26th from 9-10am in parish center room 5
Dec.2nd at 5pm- Brooksdale Senior Living
Dec. 3rd from 9-10am in parish center room 5
Dec. 10th from 9-10am in parish center room 5
Dec. 16th from 5:45-7:15pm -Caroling thru Sleepy Hollow
Dec.17th from 9-10am in parish center room 5
Dec.24th 4pm Christmas Eve Mass

This is a great opportunity for children to celebrate Jesus' birthday!

Questions/ Concerns/Suggestions
Robin Potchka 310.722.3573 Drpotchka@gmail.com



St. James Catholic School

Dear Friends and families of St. James,

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of James Mather- loving husband and father.

He died unexpectedly on November 6th.

He was a strong supporter of St. James School.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Jasmyne, and daughters, Emma and



Calisandra, second and third graders at St. James School.

In this time of grief, the family appreciates your support and respect for privacy.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this time.

If you would like to make a donation to this family, the GoFundMe link is:

https://tinyurl.com/2thz6dwx

God Bless you,

Danína F. Uy, MA, M.Ed, Principal



Sunday Night Worship Aide

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

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING DATES

Confirmation Nights

Year 2: Sunday, November 12th

Year 1 Retreat

Saturday, November 18th

Last weekend, some members from our team attended Inspiration LA held at Six Flags Magic Mountain - an event attended by teens, chaperones & youth ministers throughout California. It was a way for us to do relational ministry with one another after the hard work that has been poured out into sessions & planning for our Year 1 retreat next weekend. Our evening concluded in an encounter with Jesus through praise & worship, a guest speaker & Eucharistic Adoration, alongside over 2,000 people in their amphitheater. What a powerful moment to share with one another!

Gretchen Nobleza

Director of Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Contact us:

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St James Moms Group!

Please join the St James Moms Group for our 9th year of events!

We have weekday morning meetings along with family and mom events on the weekends. Email **karen.cuni@gmail.com** for more information.

Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Children's Liturgy of the Word is today during the 10am Mass.

We welcome all children from 4-12 to join us.

Also, Family Faith Formation will meet this afternoon at St. James School.

Our next Family Day of Service will be on Monday, November 20th, from 12-2pm when we help serve lunch with the Feed the Needy Program. As always, children must attend with their parents, and registration is required because our numbers are limited.

Please call or email the Office of Religious Education to register.

In December, we will have two Family Day of Service opportunities:

- · caroling with Dr. Robin Potchka and the
- · Children's Christmas Choir.

Mark your calendars for:

Saturday, Dec. 2nd, at 5pm, and Saturday, Dec. 9th, at 1:15pm.

More details will follow soon!

Finally, many of our parish children are preparing for their First Reconciliation. We ask you to keep them and their families in your prayers.

God Bless!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks; your name is near.

People tell of your wondrous deeds. Ps:75:1

St. James Catholic Preschool is open!

The children, their parents, and the preschool staff are excited to begin a new school-year!

We have planned many fun activities and look forward to growing and learning with the children.

This past week we held our **Trunk or Treat** with the children dressed in costumes. It was spooktakular!

St. James Catholic Preschool still has some **openings and is currently enrolling**. Please call us at the Preschool Office at **310.376.5550** to schedule a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!

Community and Putting Your Faith in Action

Feed the Needy Ministry

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.

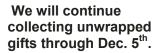
We are planning a Christmas Party on Dec. 9th from 1-2:30pm in Kavanagh Hall.

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,
- · 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.



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 7**th 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



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/

Do You Need Someone to Hear 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.

Contact: Didi Egnatuk 310.540.0329



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.

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

act **Sandy: 310.542.485**° 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

Human Trafficking Awareness

PLEASE, DON'T FORGET US.

We are still collecting personal care items for trafficking victims in our barrel in the vestibule. Items such as

shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, facial wipes, etc., especially in travel size.

Get involved!

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Contact: Rick Page CandRpage2@gmail.com

Opportunities to Deepen your Faith

Why do we have to go to confession?

Lesser sins can still be forgiven by prayer, fasting, works of mercy, and participation in the Eucharist, and greater sins—mortal sins—still need more. Our sins still affect others, and through the ministry of the priest we ask forgiveness of God and reestablish our bond with the community. Available Saturdays 4-5pm in church. https://uscatholic.org/articles/201205/why-do-we-go-to-confession/

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.

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

Adult Confirmation Program

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

If so, contact us about completing 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 has just begun. 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.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Join us at the St. James Tuesday Night Bible Stud meeting on **November 14**th **for**

Session Four - Patriarchs, Part 1

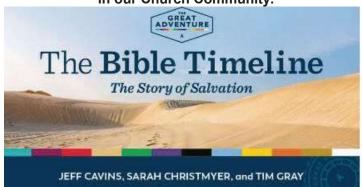
Please join us in Kavanagh Hall as we study:

"The Bible Timeline - The Story of Salvation"

by Ascension Press.

Class will be held in Kavanagh Hall and begins at 7pm. 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 if you are interested in joining this study.

Come, share and participate in our Church Community.



An In-Depth Exploration of Salvation History The Bible Timeline® study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and will give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. In this revolutionary approach to Bible study, The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make the narrative thread easier to follow. Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our Faith. The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the entire Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life!

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. **Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182**

Catholic Q&A Topic: Saintly Ways: The Road to Perfection

As a standard against which everything else is measured, it is more than humbling to read Matthew 5, where Jesus, in describing an anti-pagan outlook says:

"Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

And a second admonishment in Matthew 19 where Jesus tells the young man to finally sell his possessions and give all to the poor. That young man went away sad, and we may also be dismayed; thinking ourselves a long, long, long way from perfection.

Q: What does the Church teach about striving for personal perfection?

A: In this season of solemnity that highlights the lives of beloved souls, and also commemorates a vast litany of saints, it is appropriate to mark what the Catholic Bishops say about the road to perfection:

"All Christians are called to perfection...
all Christians are called to be Saints."

Monsignor Mike, in a homily on All Saints morning, pointed out that the vast majority of saints are not among the Patron Saints or even name- recognition level saints, yet each one offers examples of the virtues of sainthood. Pastor Mike referenced Mother Teresa and St.Therese of Lisieux, who, without fanfare and with much humility, taught and remain exemplars of that which is achievable:

"Doing small things with great love."

The Catechism directs that if you want to research what the Church teaches about saints and, by extension, lives well-lived, that you do as it says in the Index: Saints: See Holiness. Now then, it's left to each of us, whether we simply adopt the old adage, "Nobody's perfect," or heed the word of Jesus and strive for holiness.

Monsignor Mike mentioned spiritual author, Matthew Kelly, who informed us about reachable "*Holy Moments*" despite the fact that "Life Is Messy." In seeking holiness,

doing small things with great love with an eye toward perfection, we may follow the bottom-line advice of a British mother who always advised her son when he faced doubt, uncertainty, or adversity to simply:

"Get on with it."



Gospel Meditation— Father John Muir

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word.

Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps.

He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lampless virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost.

Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden.

The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look *exactly* the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions.

The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy.

We'll *always* end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way:

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is *always* better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out.

This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

Sacramental Confession

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

Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.
Wis 1:1-7 / Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

I will bless the Lord at all times.

Wis 2:23—3:9 / Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

Rise up, O God, bring judgment to the earth.

Wis 6:1-11 / Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Your word is for ever, O Lord.

Wis 7:22b—8:1 / Lk 17:20-25

Friday

The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

Wis 13:1-9 / Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

Remember the marvels the Lord has done!

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 / Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 /1 Thes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Prayer Requests

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

Cameron Noble, Joe Scurto, Jack Regan, Kelliann Regan, Thomas Frederick McCloud, Michael Teskey, Norak Grundhaus, Gregory Grundhaus

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

Anna-Marie Meyer, Steve Eilers, Raymond Cantos, James Mather, Matilda Campos Lujan

Gift Shop

Advent is just around the corner!
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Peter Nobleza 310.374.1964
saintjamesgiftshop@gmail.com



Weekly Mass Intentions Sat. November 11 8 am Fr. Thaddeus The Kent Family 5:30 pm Fr. Jim All Souls Novena Paterno Luz & Sun. November 12 6:30 am Msgr. Mike All Souls Novena 8 am Fr. Thaddeus Araceli Silva & David Angeloni & Msgr. Mike Children of St. James Parish 10 am Peyton Yabes 12 noon Fr. Thaddeus Lindsay Pollack ₽ Eileen Flanagan & 5:30 pm Msgr. Mike Virginia & Eduardo Acal ⊕ Julie & Joseph Martelli & November 13 Mon. 8 am Fr. Thaddeus Liana Notarnicola & 12 noon Msgr. Mike All Souls Novena Tues. November 14 8 am Msgr. Mike All Souls Novena Fr. Thaddeus 12 noon Lupe Hernandez & November 15 Wed. 8 am Fr. Jim Macario Rivera む Msgr. Mike 12 noon All Souls Novena Thurs. **November 16** Fr. Thaddeus All Souls Novena 8 am 12 noon Fr. Jim Tomas Stohr ⊕ Fri. November 17 Fr. Thaddeus 8:00 am All Souls Novena Msgr. Mike 12 noon Erlinda Pasqual & Sat. November 18 Fr. Mark 8 am All Souls Novena 5:30 pm Msgr. Mike Longin Kleniewski Roland Jordan November 19 Sun. 6:30 am Fr. Thaddeus Laurie Koike & Bobbie Austin & Jaime D. Reyes & 8 am Msgr. Mike Loretta Palmer 10 am Fr. Thaddeus All Souls Novena Angel Paulo Lopez 12 noon Fr. Jim Darlene Evans & 5:30 pm Fr. Thaddeus Erlinda Bernabe &

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Pastor
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Deacon Bob & Patty Miller **Deacon Couple** DnBob99@gmail.com



Fr. James Kavanagh
Pastor Emeritus
FrJim@saintJames.church



Holy Hour Adoration Nov. 24th at 7 pm

Benediction and Adoration November 17th after the 8am Mass until 12 noon

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



Danina Uy Principal, Saint James School Office@SJSCatholicSchool.org 310.371.0416

St. James Elementary School TK-8th Grade 4625 Garnet Street Torrance, CA 90503 310.371.0416 Office Hours 7:30 am- 3:30 pm



Andrea Sullivan
Director of Religious Education
Andrea@SaintJames.church
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Office Hours

Mon., Tues., Wed: 9am - 3pm Tues. during class times 4 - 6pm Thurs. by appointment only



Wendy Bell
Director of Preschool
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Preschool & Toddler Time Philosophy

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



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