



St James  
Catholic Church

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
The Fourth 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

## Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us!

We are not complete without you!

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death,  
light has arisen. *Mk. 4:16*

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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**St. James School  
Mardi Gras  
Festival Support**

Our St. James School Festival this year is a **Mardi Gras Festival the weekend of Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Big Red Opportunity Drawing** is a major part of the success of the festival, along with the Silent Auction.

The success of the Festival relies heavily on the support of the entire St. James community. On this page are a number of unique ways that you participate in preparing for the festival, and, of course, your presence at the festival to join in on the fun, the food and activities will be even better!

Blessings,  
*Msgr. Mike, Fr. Thaddeus,  
Fr. Jim, and Fr. Chibuike*

**Mardi Gras Festival!**

Fri. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-10pm  
Sat. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2-10pm  
Sun. Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2-9pm

**Beer Garden! Games! Prizes! Live Music! Silent Auction! Talent Show! Rides! Food!**

[tinyurl.com/4rh8yj53](http://tinyurl.com/4rh8yj53) or [Sjscatholicschool.org](http://Sjscatholicschool.org)

**Ways to get involved and Help our School**

- Buy a **Big Red Opportunity** Drawing ticket (below)
- Donate toys, books, or items for the Silent Auction
- Donate Glassware for the dime toss game.
- Donate a baked good for the dessert table to the school on **Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30am to 12 noon.**
- Donations drinks before Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> Canned Sodas, Water Bottles
- Donate Gift Cards to: Costco, Sam's Club, Smart & Final and Restaurant Depot by Jan 30<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteer to help with Game and food booths.
- Monetary Donations to help purchase items needed.

Please contact MaryAnn to coordinate pick up or drop off at **310.371.0416** before 3pm Mon-Fri.  
Thank you for your support!

**BIG RED OPPORTUNITY DRAWING**

Each ticket is \$20 for a chance to win one of the ten (10) prizes as follows :

<b>Grand Prize</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>Sixth</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>Seventh</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Third</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>Eighth</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Fourth</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>Ninth</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Fifth</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>Tenth</b>	<b>100</b>

**All prizes will be drawn live and awarded**  
on Sunday, February 4, 2024  
at Mardi Gras Festival  
First prize winner will be drawn first and so on!  
\*Winners need not be present\*  
Complete and return this form for your "Big Red

Opportunity Drawing" ticket(s) at St. James Church, after Masses on Saturday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 8am, 10am., and 12 noon.

Pay by Cash, Check or Venmo!

Or drop off at St. James Parish Office, or the St. James School during regular office hours or mail entry tickets to:  
4625 Garnet St., Torrance, CA 90503

Additional forms are available at St. James School, Parish office and school website [www.sjscatholicschool.org](http://www.sjscatholicschool.org).

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Maybe you grew up Catholic.  
 Maybe you think of yourself as Catholic.  
 Maybe you haven't been to church in a while.  
 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.

## Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

The Life-Giving Wounds Retreat is a special weekend for adult children of divorced or separated parents. The Retreat Team accompanies the participants through their feelings of loneliness and loss and guides them in the process of finding lasting healing and love. **March 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>**,

Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside; \$325 Single Occupancy, \$375 Double Occupancy includes meals & materials. Register: [rcbo.org/acod](http://rcbo.org/acod). Partial scholarships are available through Divorced and Separated Ministry for participants from the Archdiocese of LA. email [jmonell@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jmonell@la-archdiocese.org) for more information.

### Calling all Bakers!

The St. James Mardi Gras Festival Dessert Table needs your help.

We are accepting donations of baked goods, individually wrapped, and labeled. Gluten Free, Dairy Free, Sugar Free options are welcomed too!



Please be sure to drop off all donations at St. James School on the following mornings:  
**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30am to 12 noon.**

### Coffee and Donuts!

Join us in Kavanagh Hall for delicious coffee and sweet donuts **after the 8 and 10am Masses on Sunday thanks to the St. James School.**



## Cornerstone for Women Catholic Retreat

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 6 pm to Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 pm**  
 This 26-hour grace-filled experience is designed to revitalize each woman's relationship with God.

This retreat will provide the opportunity for you to reflect, renew, and strengthen your faith, while meeting other women in our parish and ultimately forming individual faith-based communities. This retreat has been made possible by St. James Parish and the generous donation of past retreatants.

For more information call or text:  
**Elena Aquino 310.227.6512**  
**Tricia Salazar 310.408.9958**

Register:  
[www.saintjames.church/cornerstone-for-women-retreat/](http://www.saintjames.church/cornerstone-for-women-retreat/)



**April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**  
 Sonesta Redondo Beach

**Honorees: Ben Aranda, Laura Aranda (Memorium)  
 Kevin Babuder, Delia & Patrick Cunningham  
 De Geibler, Msgr. Michael Meyers  
 Jeanne & Tom Miller**

Entree Choice:  
**- Parmesan Crusted Chicken**  
**- Prime Rib**  
**- Glazed Miso Salmon**

**Tickets \$110 Per Person Adults Only Event**

Register and pay by **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** with cash/check at Parish Office/Gift Shop or with credit card at **SaintJames.Church** or [tinyurl.com/2nj8ffjk](http://tinyurl.com/2nj8ffjk)

Questions: Joanne: 310.528.6339  
 Ely 310.944.3355 Robin 310.408.9690

## Confirmation Night

Year 1: Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 2: Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

## Empowering God's Children & Young People

Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

The archdiocese has officially announced our Confirmation date for **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** to be presided by Bishop Marc Trudeau. We look forward to continue preparing our Year 2 Confirmation candidates to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church, especially as we plan for our weekend retreat next month. Please keep our teens in your prayers!

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](mailto:saintjamesym@gmail.com)

Website: [www.saintjamesym.weebly.com](http://www.saintjamesym.weebly.com)

Text: 424.265.8336

 [saintjamesym.rb](https://www.facebook.com/saintjamesym.rb)  [@saintjamesym](https://www.instagram.com/@saintjamesym)



## 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.

<https://linktr.ee/saintjames.sny>

## Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** this **Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>**, at the **10am Mass**. We look forward to seeing our parish children there!

Don't forget that Lent begins on **Feb.14<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday**, and we are preparing some unique opportunities for our parish families during Lent:

**First**, we will host a **Family Day of Service** open to all parish families on **Sat., March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 12:30-2:30** in Kavanagh Hall. We will assist the parish **Feed the Needy Program** by donating needed items, cleaning, organizing supplies, and writing cards to go into the lunches for the needy. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

**Second**, we will host **Holy Pause**, an opportunity for families to reset this Lent. All parish families are invited to stop by Kavanagh Hall on **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**, between 9-12. Along with Coffee and Donuts, we will have experiential stations where you can pray, create a small craft project to take home, and complete a service opportunity. We hope you will join us for a fun, hands-on, and meaningful event to help deepen your family's Lenten journey.

Please mark your calendar for both dates. Remember, all parish families are welcome to attend.

God Bless!

*Andrea Sullivan,*

Director of Religious Education



## Lenten day of Recollection with Bishop Marc Trudeau

*Lord, open our hearts to your love*

**March 9<sup>th</sup> from 8-12 noon**

8 am -Mass 8:45 -Pancake Breakfast  
in Kavanagh Hall 9:30 -Presentation

Please register and pay \$15 by March 5<sup>th</sup> using the QR Code or this link:

[tinyurl.com/mpcc4bau](https://tinyurl.com/mpcc4bau)

For additional information contact:

**Ely Ronkowski 424.398.9987**

**Bob Hernandez 310.738.7163**

**Joanne Modic 310.528.6339**



## St James Moms Group!

**Please join the St James Moms Group!**

We have weekday morning meetings along with family and mom events on the weekends. Email

[karen.cuni@gmail.com](mailto:karen.cuni@gmail.com) for more information.

## Saint James Niland Scholarships

The St. James Parish office has applications available for **five scholarships** for seniors that will graduate from West Torrance, Redondo Union, or Bishop Montgomery High Schools and plan to attend a college or university in 2024.



To apply you must be a registered member of St. James Parish and a practicing Catholic (e.g., confirmed and attending Mass regularly). Completed application packages should be submitted to the parish office no later than **Monday, April 12, 2024**.

## World Marriage Week is Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

We will extend a blessing on all our married parishioners at each Mass on weekend of **Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**. We joyfully celebrate a *love beyond words* shared between a husband and wife in the marital covenant. We pray for all married couples called to be imitators of Christ's sacrificial love in the world. May their marriages be bright beacons of hope to family members and friends, living reminders of Jesus' love as they create nurturing homes, wellsprings of hospitality where the warmth of Jesus' love is shared and felt.

[foryourmarriage.org](https://foryourmarriage.org) <https://wwme.org/>

## Thank you for your Continued Support of St. James!

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.

As Lent is rapidly approaching, this is our time to reflect on the incredible love and sacrifice our Savior made for us to open the gates of heaven. As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus our savior, let us humbly accept this gift and remember those in need and served by our parish ministries.

Your eGiving donations allows our ministry to continue to provide gifts to the community and demonstrate in a tangible way, Christ's love for us.

### Enroll in Faith Direct's

**E-Giving** by calling toll free **1.866-507.8757** or visit <https://www.faithdirect.net>  
Use the code **CA560**

Or

**Use Faith Direct's Text-to-Give number**

Simply text any dollar amount to **424.317.8878**

**Thank you for your generous support!**



## Rosary for Human Trafficking Victims is Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm -St. Lawrence Martyr Church



Join us as we pray a rosary on the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of human trafficking victims. We will pray the Sorrowful Mysteries rosary against trafficking of the sons and daughters of God, trafficking of children, trafficking for sexual exploitation and trafficking for labor and for organs.



## Free admission to the PGA Genesis Open Golf Invitational

Habitat for Humanity LA Catholic Coalition is selling concessions at the PGA Genesis Golf Invitational on **Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** at the Rivera Country Club in Pacific Palisades. This is an opportunity for you to help raise money for the Catholic Coalition's **goal of building a house for a needy family**. 10-12 volunteers ideally for an all day shift of roughly 9-5 each day, but some partial days 9-1 or 1-5 available. Come see the best golfers in the world and raise funding for a good cause at the same time. Click the link below to sign up and get instructions for free parking and admission

<https://tinyurl.com/t92hsht4>

<https://www.habitatla.org/catholic/>

## St. James Catholic Preschool TODDLER TIME!



Toddler Time is a parent-and-child program at St. James designed especially for your busy toddler (1 & 2-year old.) This program will stimulate your toddler's sense of exploration in a safe and friendly environment. You and your toddler will participate in developmentally appropriate art activities, music and movement, and meet other families all in one place. Our Toddler Time Teacher, Mrs. Flannery is excited to meet you!

Here is a little more information about the program:

- The classes will be outside.
- Bring your own beach towel and snack to enjoy during Snack Time and Circle Time.
- The preschool bathrooms will be open for washing hands.
- The class roster will be limited to fifteen children.
- All sick children and adults will be sent home.
- To minimize risks, we request that older siblings do not attend the classes.

**From 10am to 11:15 am on these dates:**

**Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

Registration Fee: \$150

(checks payable to St. James Catholic Preschool).

# Community and Putting Your Faith in Action

## 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**
- fruit**
- chips**
- lunch meat & cheese**
- cheese sticks**
- (oranges, bananas & grapes)**
- granola bars**
- 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 Leader

## 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!



## Pilgrimage to Switzerland and Austria!



12 days - June 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Albert Bahhuth as Spiritual Director.

**Visit Vienna, Salsburg, Mariazerll, Einsiedeln, Bern, Basel, Zurich.**

Includes: Round trip airfare, First class hotels, Daily breakfast and dinner, Air conditioned motorcoach transportation, English speaking tour guides, Sightseeing, All taxes \$4,959 Call or text **Ely Ronkowski 424.398.9987**.

## Human Trafficking Awareness

Please continue to place personal care items in the barrel of the vestibule, travel size if possible.

Please take clothing and household items to either the Goodwill or the Salvation Army. There is no one distributing these items at St. James and they end up being thrown out. F.A.I.T.H Ministry of St. James and St. Lawrence Martyr **Get Involved!**

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

**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**



## Tri-Tip to-go meal for the Super Bowl



The Knights of Columbus Council 1990 offers a delicious Tri-tip to-go meal

to support various charities, including 6 seminarians.

A special sous-vide and grilled Tri-tip, which feeds 3-4 people, is offered for \$38, with optional sides of mashed potatoes and steamed green beans for \$6 each.

Pre-orders will be taken through an [online form](#) until 11:59pm Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. The knights will be outside the church on **Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> after the 8, 10, and 12 noon Masses**, taking orders in person.

All orders will be distributed on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Knights of Columbus Council 1990 Hall (214 Ave I, Redondo Beach, CA 90277) between 10am and 1pm.

Home delivery option is available for an extra convenience charge (\$10) (within 3 miles of St James, St John Fisher, and St. Lawrence Martyr) between 10am and 2pm.

Please call Alan Baptista at **214.729.8582** if you have any questions regarding this fundraiser.

<http://tinyurl.com/42w256pt>



## Opportunities to Grow your Faith

### 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**

### 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 series of classes is scheduled to begin in early September, 2024.

To receive further information and details on this process, please contact Deacon Bob & Patty Miller at **dnbob99@gmail.com** or call us at **310.386.2930**. If you know of someone who may benefit from this process, please feel free to pass this information along to them.



### 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**



### Invite Mother Mary to Your Home

The South Bay Rosary Cenacle is circulating the statue of Our Lady of Fatima every Saturday throughout the year. Invite Mother Mary into your home for one week and pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy with your family and friends.

Contact:

**Lydia Nelson 424.358.7197**

**Carmelita Silvino 310.975.4070**

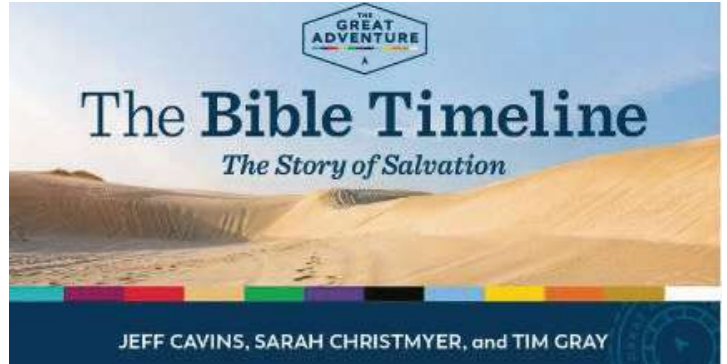
### The St. James Tuesday Night Online Bible Study is Tuesday at 7pm in Kavanagh Hall

The Story of Salvation

#### Session Eleven Royal Kingdom, Part 1

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 our class.



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



### Benediction and Adoration

**January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**February 16<sup>th</sup>**

after the 8am Mass until 12 noon

### Holy Hour Adoration

**January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

**February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

*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.*

*Adoration is the homage of the spirit to the King of 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*

**HOPE**  
AFTER ABORTION

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/**

## Topic: Contrition and Conversion

*"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"*

January 25<sup>th</sup> marks the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle.

**Q:** What does the Church say about this man, Paul, this Philistine known as Saul, who was part of a persecution of Christianity; the same man who held the cloaks of the assassins that martyred Stephen; the man who experienced the blinding light of contrition and conversion on that dusty road to Damascus?

**A:** Writing about Saul of Tarsus, Pope Benedict XVI wrote:

*"St. Paul is one of the most important figures in Christian history.*

*His encounter with the resurrected Jesus changed Paul's life, the Christian Church, and world history."*

Vatican News quotes Pope Francis:

*"Passion for the Gospel...means going through that same experience of fall and resurrection."*

The Holy Father added this key conversion link about what he called Saul's fall and Paul's resurrection:

*"Just as it happens in the Eucharist, where the bread and wine do not disappear, but become the Body and Blood of Christ..."*

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has many entries about contrition and conversion, as in Paragraph #155:

*"In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace."*

Paul cooperated with divine grace and still offers the many lessons of contrition and conversion in their many forms. Pope Francis, speaking about such apostolic zeal, wrote:

*"St. Paul's conversion teaches us that it is never too late to let Jesus completely change and transform your life."*

In a hymn about faith and trust called *"We Walk By Faith"* our Choir articulates that grace that overshadowed Paul:

*"Help then, O Lord, our unbelief.  
And may our faith abound...  
in realms of clearer light."*

## Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!

**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**

I love movies about exorcisms.

Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, **"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"** Notice the plural, *us*. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, **"Quiet! Come out of him!"** Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — *him* — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

## 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.



## Men's Cornerstone Retreat

Friday/Saturday, Feb. 23-24, 2024  
Saint Lawrence Martyr Parish Hall

This year's theme is:

**"Building the Kingdom of God"**



Join other men in our community on this 26-hour retreat as we build fellowship to enrich our lives. This retreat is a blessing you will keep forever. [tinyurl.com/2huhftm](https://tinyurl.com/2huhftm)  
Questions? Call **Alex: 310.406.9545**



## Readings

Monday

**Lord, rise up and save me.**

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 / Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

**Listen, Lord, and answer me.**

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 / Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

**Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.**

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 / Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

**Lord, you are exalted over all.**

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 / Mk 6:7-13

Friday

**Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday

**Lord, teach me your statutes.**

1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

**Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.**

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

## Prayer Requests

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

**Quinn Quirarte, Louise Witos,  
Kathleen and Norman Lowthorp,  
Krissy Carlos, Abraham Alvarado**

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

**Lily Hue Hao, Roman Hao,  
Maria Kleniewski, Victor Manual Izabal,  
Luis Buendia II**

## Catholic Estate Planning Seminar

Representatives from the Archdiocese of LA, and a  
Catholic Attorney and Financial Advisor will discuss:

- Importance of having a Will and/or Trust
- Power of Attorney another critical documents
- Catholic teaching on Advance Healthcare Directive
- Including charitable giving in your estate plans
- One hour free legal and financial consultation

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<b>Sun.</b> 6:30 am  8 am  10 am  12 noon  5:30 pm	<b>January 28</b> Msgr. Mike  Fr. Jim  Msgr. Mike  Fr. Chibuike  Fr. Chibuike	Michael De La Rosa † Lorraine Hawley † Fr. John Paul Jorge Leon † Gilbert Raymond Cordero † Ben Murray Pat Klein † Yolanda Nobleza Candido Matias † Michael Cutuli
<b>Mon.</b> 8 am 12 noon	<b>January 29</b> Msgr. Mike	Jeff Peterson † Communion Service
<b>Tues.</b> 8 am 12 noon	<b>January 30</b> Msgr. Mike Msgr. Mike	Olivia Gabales Sally Gutierrez
<b>Wed.</b> 8 am 12 noon	<b>January 31</b> Fr. Jim Msgr. Mike	David Areghini † Lolita Galang †
<b>Thurs.</b> 8 am 12 noon	<b>February 1</b> Fr. Chibuike Fr. Jim	Kelly Miller Alfredo Rosales †
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<b>Sat.</b> 8 am 5:30 pm	<b>February 3</b> Msgr. Mike Fr. Jim	Veronica Sun The Cyr Family Damien Vargas
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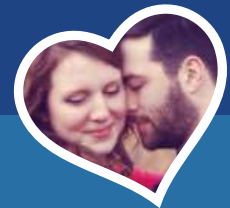
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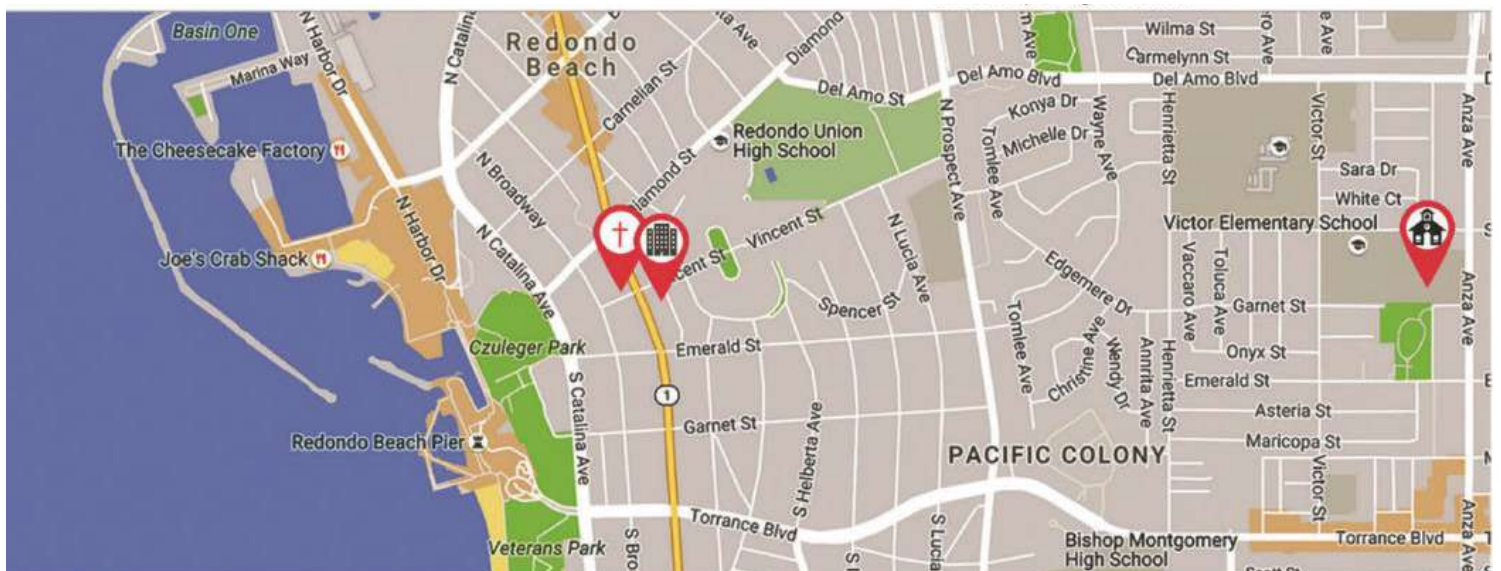
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