



St James
Catholic Church

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

March 24th 2024
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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!

When the centurion who stood facing him saw how
he breathed his last he said,
“Truly this man was the Son of God!”
There were also women looking on from a distance.
Among them were Mary Magdalene,
Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses,
and Salome. Mk. 15:39-40

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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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.

Holy Week Schedule – No Daily Masses

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| <p>Holy Thursday - Mar. 28th 8am Morning Prayer 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 11pm Night Prayer</p> <p>Good Friday - Mar. 29th 8am Morning Prayer 12 noon & 7:30pm Solemn Liturgies 1:15 pm Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Holy Saturday - Mar. 30th 8am Morning Prayer 7:30pm Easter Vigil</p> | <p>Easter Sunday - Mar. 31st</p> <p>Masses in Church 6:30am Sunrise Mass 8am, 10 and 12 noon</p> <p>Mass at O'Gorman Center 9:30am</p> <p>Mass at Community Campus 10:15am</p> <p><i>No 5:30pm Mass</i></p> |
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Palm Sunday

Introduction: The Church celebrates this Sixth Sunday in Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, welcoming Jesus into our lives and asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death and Resurrection. This is the time of the year when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. The Holy Week liturgies present us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. These liturgies enable us to experience in our lives here and now what Jesus went through then. In other words, what we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Him, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and

redemption. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others and transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. In this way, we will be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgies will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. During this week of the Passion -- passionate suffering, passionate grace, passionate love and passionate forgiving -- each of us is called to remember the Christ of Calvary and then to embrace and lighten the burden of the Christ Whose passion continues to be experienced in the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the aged, the lonely and the outcast. Today's liturgy combines two contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering - the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem and the drama of His trial which ends in His crucifixion and death. Let us rejoice and sing as Jesus comes into our life today. Let us also weep and mourn as His death confronts us with our sin. The African-American song asks the question, "*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they nailed Him to a tree?*" The answer is yes, a definite yes. Yes, we were there in the crowd on both days, shouting, "Hosanna!" and later "Crucify Him!"

Two processions: "Two processions entered Jerusalem on a spring day in the year 30 ... One was a peasant procession, the other an imperial procession. From the east, Jesus rode a donkey down the Mount of Olives, cheered by his followers. Jesus was from the peasant village of Nazareth, his message was about the kingdom of God, and his followers came from the peasant class ... On the opposite side of the city, from the west, Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Idumea, Judea and Samaria, entered Jerusalem at the head of a column of imperial cavalry and soldiers. Jesus's procession proclaimed the kingdom of God; Pilate's proclaimed the power of empire. The two processions embody the central conflict of the week that led to Jesus's crucifixion. As Mark tells the story in 11:1-11, Jesus' procession is a prearranged 'counter procession.' The meaning of the demonstration is clear, for it uses symbolism from the prophet Zechariah in the Jewish Bible. According to Zechariah, a king would be coming to Jerusalem (Zion), '*humble, and riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey*' (9:9). Jesus's procession deliberately countered what was happening on the other side of the city. Pilate's procession embodied the power, glory and violence of the empire that ruled the world. Jesus' procession embodied an alternative vision, the Kingdom of God. The king, riding

on a donkey, will banish war from the land—no more chariots, warhorses or bows. Commanding peace to the nations, Jesus will be a king of peace. Pilate's military procession was a demonstration of both Roman imperial power and Roman imperial theology -- worshipping the emperor as god. It was the standard practice of the Roman governors of Judea to be in Jerusalem for the Jewish festivals ... to be in the city in case there was trouble ... The mission of the troops with Pilate was to reinforce the Roman garrison permanently stationed in the Fortress Antonia, overlooking the Jewish Temple and its courts. No wonder, the Roman governor realized how the peasant procession was a threat to his government and, hence, its leader should be exterminated."

First reading, Isaiah 50:4-7, explained: In the middle section of the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapters 40-55, there are four short passages which scholars have called the *Songs of the Suffering Servant*. Today's first reading is the third Servant Song. These four songs are about a mysterious figure whose suffering brings about a benefit for the people. In the original author's mind, the servant was probably a figure for the people of Israel, or for a faithful remnant within the people. They portrayed the antithesis of Israel's messianic expectations because Israel expected a triumphant Messiah while the prophet foresaw a "suffering servant" Messiah. Jesus saw aspects of his own life and mission foreshadowed in the Servant Songs, and the Church refers to them in this time of solemn meditation on the climax of Jesus' life. These songs foretell Jesus' conscious and active choice to remain faithful to his saving mission no matter what the cost: "I have not ... turned back" and "I gave my back to those who beat me." The kingship of Jesus was to mean suffering and humiliation, not just publicity and grandeur. **In today's Responsorial Psalm**, (Ps 22), the **Psalmist** puts his trust in Yahweh for deliverance and salvation. The context of this day's worship also conveys Jesus' confidence in God's protection in the midst of His trial and crucifixion. The passage encourages us to be companions of Jesus in suffering by offering our own sufferings in union with Christ, so that we may become collaborators in suffering. The passage also challenges us to accept what we cannot change, so that we may endure the difficulty as long as it is necessary, just as Christ did.

Second Reading, Philippians 2:6-11 explained: This section of Paul's Letter to the Philippians is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of Who Jesus is and how his mission saves us from sin and death. It is a message that Paul received from those who had been converted to Christ. "Jesus was Divine from all eternity. But he didn't cling to that. Rather He emptied Himself and became human. Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion clarifies this contrast: kingship of splendor/fame versus kingship of service to others. God showed that the greatness of kingship consists of love that is willing to pour itself out

for others. Jesus accepted further humbling by obeying [the constraints of the] human condition even unto death by crucifixion. So, "God highly exalted Him, giving Him the Name above all Names," -- the highest title in the universe. Christians reading this passage today are joining the first people who ever pondered the meaning of Jesus' life and mission. We're singing their song and reciting their creed during this special time of the year when we remember the most important things our Lord did. God humbled himself for us! Jesus' triumph was his self-giving on the cross to open for us the road to the Father. All we can do in response is to bow our heads in awe, and present our loving, contrite hearts to God, begging for mercy. God wants a humbled, contrite heart as the sign of our true repentance.

Today's Gospel summarized: The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception which Jesus received from His admirers, who paraded with Him for a distance of two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. Two-and-a-half million people were normally present to celebrate the Jewish feast of Passover. Jesus permitted such a royal procession for two reasons: 1) to reveal to the general public that He was the promised Messiah, and 2) to fulfill the prophecies of Zephaniah (3:14-19): "*Shout for joy, O daughter Zion, The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear;*" and of Zechariah (9:9): "*Say to daughter Zion, 'Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass....'*" (The traditional "Palm Sunday Procession" at Jerusalem began in the fourth century AD when the Bishop of Jerusalem led the procession from the Mount of Olives to the Church of the Ascension).

In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to/participate in the reading of the Passion of Christ according to Matthew. Jesus' passion, death and resurrection constituted the most important aspect of his life and ours. According to Fr. Raymond E. Brown "Theologically, Christians have interpreted the death of Jesus on the cross as the key element in God's plan for the justification, redemption and salvation of all. Spiritually, the Jesus of the passion has been the focus of Christian meditation for countless would-be disciples who take seriously the demand of the Master to take up the cross and follow him. Pastorally, the passion is the centerpiece of Lent and Holy Week, the most sacred time in the liturgical calendar." [*The Death of the Messiah*, Vol. I, (Doubleday, New York: 1994).] Taking into account the Jewish heritage as well as the increasingly Gentile complexion of his Church, Matthew presented Jesus as the Messiah, foretold in Hebrew Scripture, and as the universal Savior of *all* peoples. We are challenged to examine our

own lives in the light of some of the characters in the story like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus. God humbled himself for us! All we can do in response is to bow our heads in awe, and present our loving, contrite hearts to God, begging for mercy. God wants a humbled, contrite heart as the sign of our true repentance.

Exegetical notes on part I of today's Gospel:

1) Jesus rides on a lowly donkey: In those days, kings used to travel in such processions on horseback during wartime but preferred to ride a donkey in times of peace. Since the sign of a king was humility, the customary mount for a king in procession in Israel was a donkey. I Kings 1:38-41 describes how Prince Solomon used his father David's royal donkey for the ceremonial procession on the day of his coronation. Jesus entered the Holy City as a King of peace, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah. The Gospel specifically mentions that the colt Jesus selected for the procession was one that had not been ridden before, reminding us of a stipulation given in I Samuel 6:7 concerning the animal that was to carry the Ark of the Covenant.

2) The mode of reception given Jesus was given the royal reception usually reserved for a King or military commander. I Maccabees 13:51ff describes such a reception given to the Jewish military leader Simon Maccabaeus in 171 BC. II Maccabees 10:6-8 refers to a similar reception given to another military general, Judas Maccabaeus, who led the struggle against the three Greek armies sent by Antiochus IV Epiphanes and liberated the Temple from the Greeks (163 BC).

3) The slogans used: The participants sang the "Hallel" Psalm (Psalm 118), and shouted the words of Psalms 25 and 26. The Greek word "*hosiana*" originally meant "save us now" (II Samuel 14:4). The people sang the entire Psalm 118 on the Feast of the Tabernacles when they marched seven times around the Altar of the Burnt Offering. On Palm Sunday, however, the people used the prayer "Hosanna" as a slogan of greeting. It meant "God save the King of Israel."

4) The symbolic meaning of the Palm Sunday procession: Nearly 25,000 lambs were sacrificed during the feast of the "Pass Over," but the lamb which was to be sacrificed by the High Priest was taken to the Temple in a procession four days before the main feast day. On Palm Sunday, Jesus, the true Paschal Lamb, was also taken to the Temple in a large procession.

5) Reaction of Jesus: Before the beginning of the procession, Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Lk 19:41-42), and when the procession was over, He cleansed the Temple (Lk 19:45-46). On the following day, He cursed a barren fig tree.

Life Messages:

1) Does Jesus weep over me? There is a Jewish saying, "Heaven rejoices over a repentant sinner and sheds tears over a non-repentant, hardhearted one." Are we ready to imitate the prodigal son and return to God, our loving Father, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this last week of Lent and participate fully in the joy of Christ's Resurrection?

2) Am I a barren fig tree? God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Do I?? Or, worse, do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness?

3) Will Jesus need to cleanse my heart with His whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of the Holy Spirit in me by my addiction to uncharitable, neither does the Christ praise my calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God.

4) Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to Him during this Holy Week and welcome Him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior, singing "Hosanna"? Today, we receive palm branches at the Divine Liturgy. Let us take them to our homes and put them in a place where we can always see them. Let the palms remind us that Christ is the King of our families, that Christ is the King of our hearts, and that Christ is the only true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in our lives. And if we do proclaim Christ as our King, let us try to make time for Him in our daily life; let us be reminded that He is the One with Whom we will be spending eternity. Let us be reminded further that our careers, our education, our finances, our homes, all of the basic material needs in our lives are only temporary. Let us prioritize and place Christ the King as the primary concern in our lives. It is only when we have done this that we will find true peace and happiness in our confused and complex world.

5) Are we ready to become like the humble donkey that carried Jesus? As we "carry Jesus" to the world, we can expect to receive the same welcome that Jesus received on Palm Sunday, but we must also expect to meet the same opposition, crosses and trials later. Like the donkey, we are called upon to carry Christ to a world that does not know Him. Let us always remember that a Christian without Christ is a contradiction in terms. Such a one betrays the Christian message. Hence, let us become transparent Christians during this Holy Week, enabling others to see in us Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service.

6) Can we face these questions on Palm Sunday? Are we willing to follow Jesus, not just to Church but in our daily life? Are we willing to entrust ourselves to Him even when the future is frightening or confusing, believing God has a plan? Are we willing to serve Him until that day when His plan on earth is fulfilled? These are the questions of Palm Sunday. Let us take a fresh look at this familiar event. It could

change us forever because the Passion of Jesus shows us that we are sinners who have crucified Jesus, and we are able to turn to Jesus again and ask for his mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through the

Passion of Jesus we receive forgiveness, "through his wounds we are healed." (Isa 53:5)

(Fr. Antony Kadavil, chaplain, Sacred heart Residence of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Mobile, Alabama)

From: www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-04/palm-sunday-reflection-vatican-news.html

Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of Saint James,

Thanks to all of those who attended **Called to Serve** last week. If you weren't able to attend but want to know more about Catechesis here at St. James, please reach out to the Office of Religious Education.

Remember, we will **not** have Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday, but we will be back on Sunday, April 14th, at the 10am Mass.

Finally, please note that the Office of Religious Education will be **closed from Thursday, March 28th, until Monday, April 8th.**

Have a blessed Holy Week!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education

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 we approach Easter, we focus our daily activities on growing closer to Christ through an increase in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May this extend into our lives beyond this liturgical season. Signing up with *Faith Direct* is a great way to focus on almsgiving throughout the year. It is a secure and convenient way to make a conscious decision about your financial support of our many wonderful 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 www.faithdirect.net Use code

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Simply text any dollar amount to **424.317.8878** Thank you for your generous support!



SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Nights

Year 2: Sunday, April 7th

Year 1: Sunday, April 14th

Last weekend, our Year 2 Confirmation candidates participated in a powerful weekend long retreat. We had a group of 133 people that consisted of our candidates, Teen Disciples & our adult team. It was the perfect way to enter into Holy Week this week!

Please continue praying for our teens, especially as they approach their Confirmation date on May 17th.

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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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>



Virtus®

Fingerprinting will be held at the Parish Center on **Wednesday, April 10th** for those in ministry who are required to be fingerprinted

with the Archdiocese. Registration is required.

Please call the Parish Office at **310.372.5228** to register.

Save the Date for St. James VBS Camp!



VBS is a week-long program for children entering Pre-K to grade 5 and student volunteers entering grade 6 and up.

Limited spaces available for 3 year old campers.

June 24th-28th 9:30 - 12:30 pm
\$40 per camper

Register April 15th - May 31st
Contact:

karen.cuni@gmail.com

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:

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| 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 Leader

Human Trafficking Awareness

Traveling in the near future? Remember to collect travel -size personal care items (shampoo, lotion, soaps, etc.) not used in your hotel rooms and place them in the barrel in the vestibule. Thanks.



Contact: Rick Page at
CandRpage2@gmail.com.
F.A.I.T.H. Ministry of St. James and
St. Lawrence Martyr

USHER

Looking for Ushers

We are looking for a few good men and women who would be interested in becoming an Usher for our Masses. Ushers must be active parishioners who are willing to act as cheerful and engaged ambassadors for St. James.

Their primary responsibility is to provide a welcoming, friendly and comfortable atmosphere for worship. Their duties include warmly greeting parishioners, collecting the offerings, assisting with the presentation of the gifts, directing the orderly reception of Holy Communion, and providing other assistance if needed. So many of our Parishioners have just these qualities. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this important ministry.

For more information contact: **Jorge Rodriguez**
jorgerodriguez597@gmail.com or 310.567.0933

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



April 13th at 6:30pm
Sonesta Redondo Beach

Honorees:



Ben Aranda,
Laura Aranda
(Memorium)



Kevin
Babuder



De Giebler



Delia & Patrick
Cunningham



Jeanne &
Tom Miller



Msgr. Mike
Meyers

Tickets \$110 Per Person
Adults Only Event

Register and pay by **April 3rd** with cash/check at
Parish Office/Gift Shop or with credit card at

SaintJames.Church/shining-stars

Questions: Joanne: 310.528.6339
Ely 424.398.9987 Robin: 310.408.9690



St. James Catholic School

St. James School Open Enrollment

Student registration has begun for the 2024-25 School Year!

Families with students in grades TK-8th grade are **welcome to schedule a private tour, meet with the principal and visit the classrooms.**

Visit our website www.sjscatholicsschool.org for more

information or scan the QR code to begin the online application process.

Contact the school office **310.371.0416** with any questions.

We look forward to meeting you and your family!
A catholic education is a lifelong blessing to your children.



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.

Topic: The Light of Life

Q: Easter. How does the resurrection light our way?

A: In a glorious narrative of old, Luke's Gospel marks the nativity, when the lowly shepherds saw the landscape "shine bright with the glory of the Lord." The pages of scripture turn forward in that light to describe the venerable Simeon in the Temple, (reflected in the Holy Rosary's fourth joyful mystery), at the presentation of the baby Jesus:

"I have seen the savior you have given to the world.
He is the light that will shine upon the nations."

Pope Francis speaks to this enlightening continuum reaching the glory of Easter:

"May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day."

The Catechism says:

"The Paschal mystery has two aspects:
by his death, Christ liberates us from sin;
by his resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life...that reinstates us in God's grace."

Our Choir sings with lighthearted joy:

"We are the light of the world,
may our light shine before all...
see the good that we do, and give glory to God."
"Roll away the stone, see the glory of God."

The shepherds experienced the radiant light of the holy nativity. And like Simeon, we, within our own personal temples and searching hearts, ponder the fulfillment of the promises of the Old Testament and the words of Jesus in the Good News. And now amid the glorious Eucharistic Celebrations of the Triduum Liturgies we may sing with similar joy as the angels brought to the abiding shepherds, and with the fulfillment of faith experienced by Simeon:

*"Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness...
shine in your Church gathered today."*

Easter.

New life that reinstates us in God's grace;
shining bright with the glory of the Lord.

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.



A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday?

It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve"** (Mk. 11:11) for the night.

Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

The Bible Timeline

The Story of Salvation

The Tuesday Night Online Bible Study
will resume on March 26th. If you are not able to participate in person you can also join us using Zoom. Priests visit our study when their schedules permit. Contact Donna Wilson (dwilson94@gmail.com)

Pilgrimage to Switzerland and Austria!

12 days - June 17th to 28th 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

Readings

Monday
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
 Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday
I will sing of your salvation.
 Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday
Lord, in your great love, answer me.
 Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

Thursday
**Our blessing-cup is a communion
 with the Blood of Christ.**
 Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / Co 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15

Friday
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
 Is 52:13—53:12 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday
**Lord, send out your Spirit,
 and renew the face of the earth.**
 Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a / Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a,
 10-13, 15-18 / Ex 14:15—15:1 / Is 54:5-14 / Is 55:1-11 /
 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4 / Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 / Rom 6:3-
 11 / Mk 16:1-7

Sunday
**This is the day the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad.**
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
 / Jn 20:1-9

Prayer Requests

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

**Agnes Gainey, Norma Alvarado, Bill Bryan,
 Fernando Corral, Barbara Mullen, Nancy Cebra,
 Krissy Carlos, Michael Cutuli, Maggie Silva**

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

**Sr. Jane Bonner,
 German Blanco, Sara Barach,
 Beth Hilleman, Mary Enos, Marie Chavez,
 Cameron Noble, Fred Ronkowski,
 Paul Guichard, Oscar Gio, Robert Lacroix**

Gift Shop Hours:
 Tuesday–Friday 11am - 3pm
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 saintjamesgiftshop@gmail.com



Weekly Mass Intentions

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| Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm | March 23 Msgr. Mike Fr. Thaddeus | Poor Souls in Purgatory † Thai Tran Nguyen † Mary Enos † |
| Sun. 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm | March 24 Msgr. Mike Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus | Palm Sunday Willfred Mejia Barbara Mullen Mattea Zcarske Jackie Campbell † Cameron Noble † Kathy Benson † Paciano Desierto † Ron LaGro † Donald G. Fernandez † Angeles Calvara † |
| Mon. 8 am 12 noon | March 25 Fr. Thaddeus | Chris Wilson Communion Service |
| Tues. 8 am 12 noon | March 26 Fr. Thaddeus Msgr. Mike | Eddy Pasilaban & Wong Family Joie Delugach |
| Wed. 8 am 12 noon | March 27 Msgr. Mike Fr. Jim | Mary & Joe Costello Elizabeth Sjodin † |
| Thurs. 8 am 7:30 pm 11 pm | March 28 Fr. Thaddeus All Clergy Deacon Bob | Holy Thursday Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper Evening Prayer |
| Fri. 8 am 12 noon 7:30 pm | March 29 Fr. Chibuike Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus | Good Friday Morning Prayer Solemn Liturgy/Communion Solemn Liturgy/Communion |
| Sat. 8 am 7:30 pm | March 30 Fr. Thaddeus All Clergy | Holy Saturday Morning Prayer Allan Hoffman † Poor Souls in Purgatory † |
| Sunday 6:30 am 8 am 9:30 am 10 am 10:15 12 noon | March 31 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Chibuike Fr. Jim <small>O'Gorman Center</small> Msgr. Mike Fr. Chibuike <small>Community Campus</small> Fr. Thaddeus | Easter Sunday Lilly & Charles Conklin † Mary & Don Finchum † Michelle N. Taylor † Willfred Mejia Clars Sayas Phil Luttrell † Joan Hoffman † Pat Burshinger Olga Alveranga † Richard Castillon † Patrick & Dorothy McAteer † Amparo Camacho † |

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“Train the young in the way
they should go;
even when old,
They will not swerve
from it.”
Proverbs 22:6



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Saturday 4-5 pm
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“Lord, cleanse
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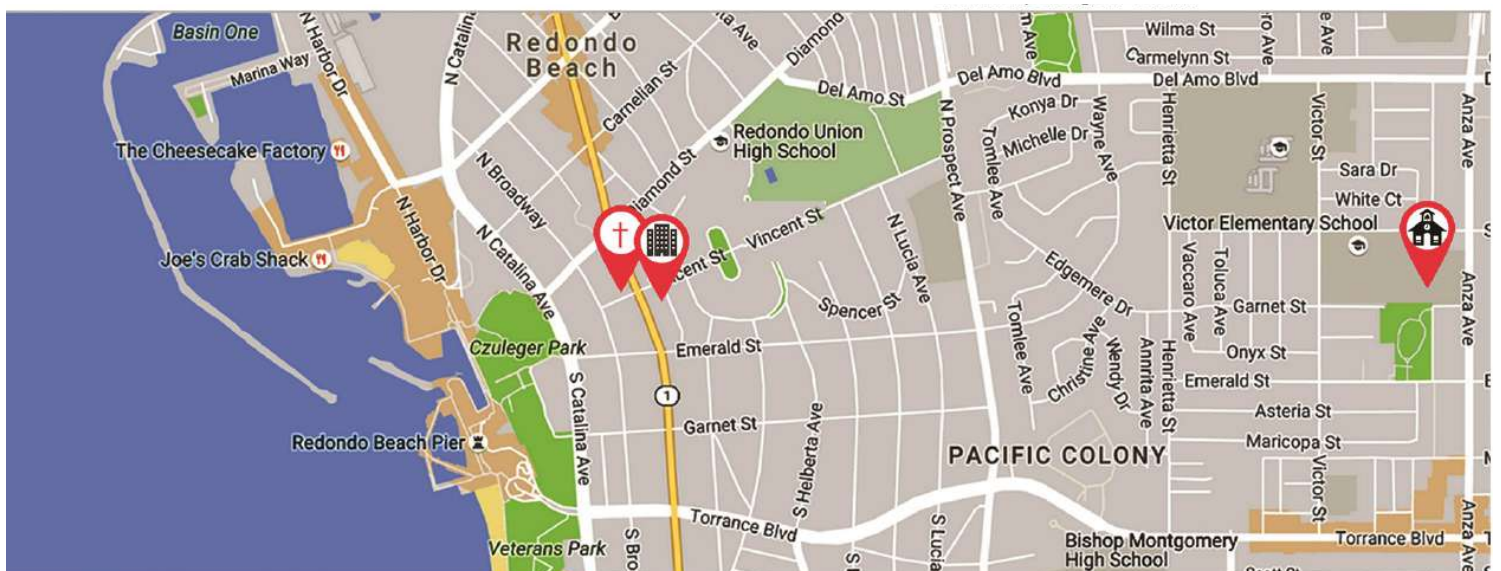
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