



St James
Catholic Church

August 11th, 2024
The Nineteenth 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!

Jesus ... said to them,
“It is written in the prophets:
They shall all be taught by God.
Everyone who listens to my Father
and learns from him comes to me. .”
Jn. 6:43, 45



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

Dear Friends,

On this 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our Gospel passage comes from the heart of Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse (John 6:41-51).

Jesus proclaims that he is "the bread of life that came down from heaven," which prompts disbelief among his followers. They have a difficult time believing because they know him as the son of Mary and Joseph. However, their unbelief brings about an even bolder proclamation from Jesus when he claims "whoever believes (in me) has eternal life."

Did you catch that?

He says whoever believes *has* eternal life, not *will have* eternal life. Faith in Jesus and the sacramental life are not a future promise, but a promise for today and always!

You see, through faith and the sacraments, we receive a share in the Divine Life of the Holy Trinity. When we receive the Most Holy Eucharist with steadfast faith, we are participating in the eternal love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

There is no greater gift than this!

I pray that this understanding of the significance of the Eucharist in the life of the faithful evokes a profound sense of gratitude every time we approach the altar to receive the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus.

God bless,

Fr. Matt

**Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that
you are God.**



**Holy Hour Adoration — 7pm
Friday, August 9th
Friday, August 23rd**

**Benediction and Adoration
after the 8am Mass until 12 noon
Friday, August 16th**

Hawaiian Masses!

Sunday, August 18th 10am and 12 noon

Come to Mass in your
Hawaiian shirts!

Invite your friends and family members
that may have been away!

We will have Hawaiian-themed music!
Don't miss this!



The Feast of the Assumption of Mary Thursday August, 15th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 8am, noon & 7pm

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbled with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption.

The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

The prayer for the feast reads: "All-powerful and ever-living God: You raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory."

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution <Munificentissimus Deus>, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "*The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven.*" With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God. www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/assumption-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-814

Join us for Some Really, Really Strong Coffee!

Brewed and served according to the
exacting standards established and
religiously followed by disciplined
members of the

The Knights of Columbus
after the 8 and 10am Masses
in Kavanagh Hall.





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.

First Communion Preparation

Parents and Guardians, if you have a child who is finishing Kindergarten, now is the time to plan for beginning their preparation for First Communion.

Typically, children and families begin preparation in First Grade, and children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist in Second Grade.

For families with older children, it is not too late to begin the process.

Please contact the Office of Religious Education at **310.379.3221** or at religioused@stjamesparish.org so that we can answer any questions you may have.

EXPLORE HOW TO LIVE AS A CHRISTIAN
 IN THE MIDST OF A PAGAN CULTURE IN

First Corinthians

AN 11-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING
 TIM GRAY



Tuesday Night Online Bible Study

We are currently studying
"First Corinthians - The Church and the Christian Community" by Ascension. Please join us this Tuesday as we cover **Session Seven – 1 Cor 11:2–12:31: True Worship**
 Class will be held in Kavanagh Hall and begins at 7pm.

First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community explores the key elements of the gospel message that Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. Presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture as well as his teachings about the nature of grace, the Church as the body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all—the Eucharist.

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 once, come often, or come always.

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



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Men's Retreat in Sierra Madre—Sept. 20th - 22nd

Are you ready for a little change of pace from your busy day to day life?



Experience a weekend of the monastic life at Mater Dolorosa in Sierra Madre to relax, reflect and rejuvenate your relationship with Christ. You will be provided a private room and bath, delicious meals, beautifully landscaped grounds and the guidance of the Passionist Retreat Team.

Reservations via parish captains:
 Matthew Staal: **310.498.7966**,
staalsurfer@gmail.com
 David Frappier: **310.621.2642**,
bigbeardrums@yahoo.com

Virtus® Recertification Classes



We will be offering two Virtus® recertification classes for those volunteers whose certification will be expiring soon.

If you are not sure of your Virtus® certification expiration date, please call the Parish Office.

Thursday, August 22nd from 6 - 8pm

Class will be held in **Room 6 of the Parish Center**

There will be an **original** Virtus® class offered for those new to ministry, volunteering or those whose certification has expired. This class will be on

Saturday, September 7th at 1pm to 4pm
in Kavanagh Hall.

Friendship Club

Our next meeting will be held
on September 1st
at 1:30pm in Kavanagh Hall

If you are single, divorced, or widowed (ages 45+) and you are looking for new friends to "hang around with" in a safe environment, then join us in forming our own



St. James Singles Club! Please call **Ely at 424.398.9987** with your ideas or for more information.

Human Trafficking Awareness



Young people must be very careful about meeting offline. Get parent's permission first and go with a trusted adult and meet and stay in a public place.

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

Get Involved!

Contact: Rick Page CandRpage2@gmail.com

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.



Welcome Ministry is Coming!

St. James is blessed to be located in a vacation destination: Redondo Beach!

We have vacationers, business travelers and family members from out of the area as well as members of our parish at our Masses. We are actively recruiting **Greeters** to welcome them into our church before Weekend Masses.

Please visit SaintJames.church to Join up!



The Story of Padre Pio

Presented by
Capuchin Father Eric Forbes,
who knew people who knew Padre Pio.
Sponsored by Saint James Guild

October 19th, St. James School - O'Gorman Center

8:30am Mass and Veneration of Padre Pio Relic

Breakfast: after Mass

10:30 to Noon Presentation / Q&A

contact:

Joanne Modic 310.528.6339

Ely Ronkowski 424.398.9987

Cost is \$25

Pre-Registration is required: ti-

www.tinyurl.com/p352j97z



Knights of Columbus

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

Sign up: www.kofc.org/joinus.



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/

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



Opportunities to Grow your Faith—Office of Religious Education

Dear Friends, Families, Godparents, and Grandparents of Saint James,

Registration for the 2024-2025 year of Faith Formation is now open!

Please visit our page on the parish website (www.saintjames.church/re/) for more information about our two programs,

- Family Faith Formation
- Traditional Faith Formation.

Then, give us a call so we can answer any questions you may have. **Registration will close on August 31st, so please register soon** so our Catechists and all materials can be prepared for September.

There will be a late fee of \$20 per child on registrations after August 31st.

Detailed information about Orientation Meetings will be shared with those who register, but they will be held on September 7th, 8th, or 9th, depending upon the program you choose for your child.

We look forward to walking with your family this year as you raise children of faith!

God bless!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education



Deacon Bob Miller led families from St. James through a tour at the Rancho Dominguez Adobe over the past two weekends.

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 on Thursday evening, September 12, 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.

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

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.

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

Come back! We're not complete without you!

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

The day is finally here - registration into our high school Confirmation program is finally open!

If you have a teen that will be in high school in the fall & has yet to begin their Confirmation preparation, now is the time to sign up. Please visit our youth ministry website for more information on how to register.

In addition, our Youth Ministry team is currently recruiting for the upcoming 2024-2025 Confirmation year!

All adults & Confirmed teens are invited to join our team as we journey alongside 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.

Gretchen Nobleza
Director of Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Contact us:

Email: youthministry@stjamesparish.org

Website: www.saintjamesym.org

Text: **424.265.8336**

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

Sunday Night Worship Aid

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>



CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



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 Coordinator

Cookies for the Homeless

If you like to bake delicious cookies, consider making an extra batch once a month for our homeless neighbors. Call **Sandy: 310.542.4851** Thank you!



Delicious Family Pasta Dinner!

The Knights of Columbus are having a family pasta dinner on **August 23rd from 5 to 9pm at the Knights Event Center, 214 Ave I, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.**

Come for a family night out and enjoy pasta (marinara or bolognese sauces), salad, and garlic bread.

Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. A wide variety of beverages are available at the cash bar. The proceeds will go to various local charities.



St. James Catholic 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.



God Bless you,
Danina Uy, Principal

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!



Play 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. Contact: Parish Office **310.372.5228**



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. **Contact: Didi Egnatuk 310.540.0329**

Topic: A Polyphony of Faith

In music, independent melodies often combine to produce unifying, harmonious tones. The term polyphony is a Greek term for "many sounds."

Q: What does the Church say about the spiritual bonds of harmonious unity amid the diversity of the faithful?

A: *Catechism* #813: "Unity is of the essence of the Church." The *Catechism* talks about elemental bonds of unity, including the unity of the Spirit, our profession of faith, tradition, the sacraments, and apostolic succession which engenders "fraternal concord of God's family." The *Catechism* emphasizes charity, which "binds everything together."

Among the unifying tones of scripture this week, Paul writes in Romans 13:

"Aim for harmony in the Church.
Try to build each other up."

This week also honors the memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola who is noted for his service to and love of Christ. It is fitting that visiting Priest Father John of the Society of Jesus is here to give witness to a vast universe of beauty and wondrous possibilities that unite us in our independent and collective recognition and appreciation of the glory of God.

Father Matt has spoken about the value of the *Catechism* and the inspirational lessons of the lives of the Saints. These two foundational elements of Catholicism can serve to help each of us produce a polyphonic and unifying song of faith, rich in harmonious chords of worship.

Join the Catholic Daughters of America

Please join us! - The Catholic Daughters of America #1344 Court Our Lady of Victory Our Court gathers monthly for fun and fellowship on the **third Wednesday of each Month at Kavanagh Hall.**

We meet at **6:30** to pray the Holy Rosary, followed by refreshments, and our meeting. This group is open to Catholic women of all ages and from any parish. Our activities include group outings as well as some FUNdraising activities, like participating in the Holiday Boutique or our CDA Annual Tea.

We use our time and talents to raise money for several, mostly local, charities in the service of Christ.

For more info: contact: **Amie Jacoby**
Email: **AjaCobyCDA@gmail.com**
Email: **CourtOurLadyofVictory@gmail.com**



This week we hear Jesus say,

"He that believes in me, has eternal life" (John 6:47).

These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you're like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim?

It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this "good" possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let's believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him:
eternal life.

August 25th, 2024
12:00—4:00PM
St. Margaret Mary Church

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Readings

Monday

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c / Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

How sweet to my taste is your promise!
Ez 2:8—3:4 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.
Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

**The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.**
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56

Friday

You have turned from your anger.
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 / Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Create a clean heart in me, O God.
Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 / Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Prv 9:1-6 / Eph 5:15-20 / Jn 6:51-58

Prayer Requests

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

**Kat Ventura, Bridget Quinn, Diane Hecht,
Sherry Stork, Krissy Carlos, Eric Engstrom**

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

**Martina Noh, Socorro Perez,
Lorenzo Tolentino, Olga Pietrantonio**

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.

*“Lord, wash away my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.”*

Weekly Mass Intentions

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| Sat., August 10 8 am 5:30 pm | Patricia Robles † Louise Marzocchi † Celia Araiza † |
| Sun., August 11 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm | Bryan Velez † Marietta Benin Yap † Stephen J. Jambor † Dr. Manuel Baculi † Joshua Albert Santos † Roberta Ortega † Ron La Gro † & Suzi Gro Thomas Scott Scesniak † Carl Campazzie Eric Engstrom |
| Mon., August 12 8 am 12 noon | Joseph Gaynor † Julie Pinnella |
| Tues., August 13 8 am 12 noon | Martina Noh † Kenneth Conklin † |
| Wed., August 14 8 am 12 noon | Steve Kessler Regis & Marianne Martin |
| Thurs., August 15 8 am 12 noon 7 pm | Assumption of Blessed Mary Barbara Harkins † Lily Huo Hoa † Barbara Mullen |
| Fri., August 16 8 am 12 noon | Toth Ferenc † Lois Kunsch † |
| Sat., August 17 8 am 5:30 pm | Lucas & Sarah Dotzler Sienna DeLucia Terrill Brown † |
| Sun., August 18 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm | Bryan Velez † Bridget Quinn Very Rev. Msgr. John B. Gernat † Belen Limbo † Eric Yabes Children of St. James School Yolanda Nobleza Terry Lines † Joshua & Gillian Groth Dennis Brown † |

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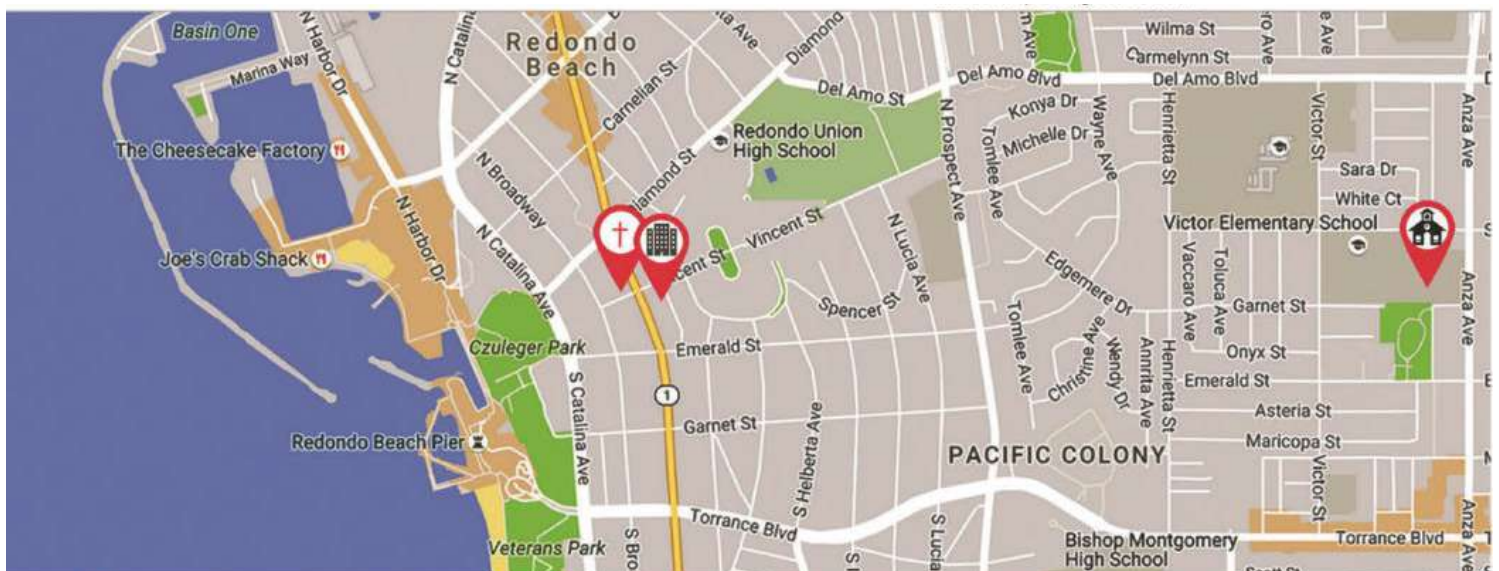
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