

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

Catechetical Sunday

“Lord, when did we see you hungry?” Mt. 25:37

Our theme reflects our call to missionary discipleship. As St. John Paul II reminded us:

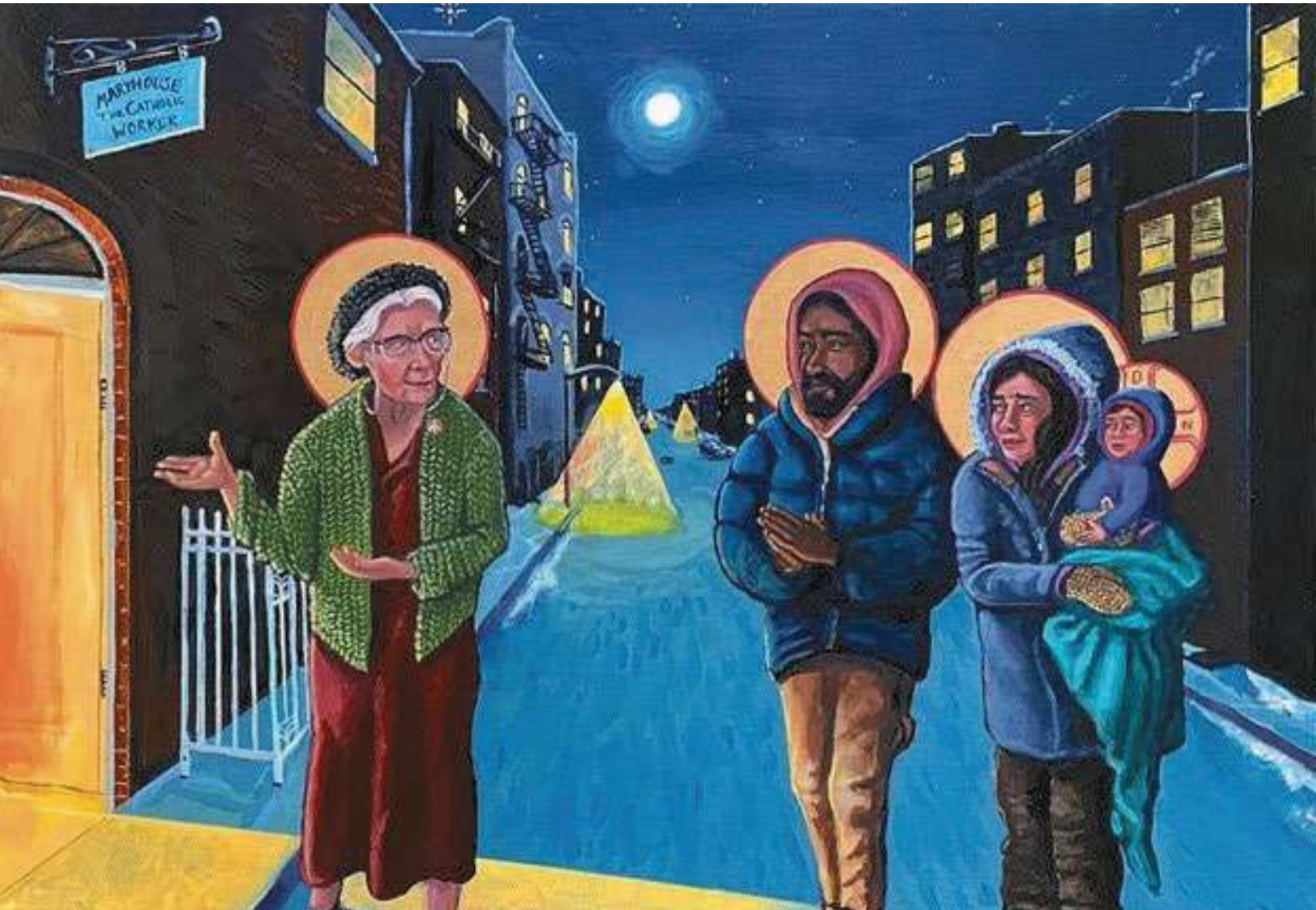
*“The universal call to holiness
is closely linked to the universal call to mission.
Every member of the faithful is called
to holiness and to mission.
We are called to be Eucharist by word
and action to our
brothers and sisters in Christ.
Our times cry out for this kind of holiness,*

*one inflamed by the ardent
determination to bring as many
of our brothers and sisters
as possible to Christ.”*

Catechetical Sunday is also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

It is also an opportunity for all parishioners to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

We hope you will join us on September 15, at the 10am Mass to celebrate our Catechists!



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I extend to you an **invitation to embark on a journey of faith and discovery** in the sacred mystery of Christ's Church.

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCI) offers a path of encounter with the living God, who calls each of us to communion with Him through the sacraments and the fullness of truth found in the Catholic Church.

In these times, when many **seek answers to life's deepest questions**, the Church stands as a beacon of light, offering the eternal wisdom of Christ's Gospel and the rich heritage of faith handed down through the ages.

To those who are drawn to know Christ more fully and to enter into the life of the Church, the OCI is a **place of grace** where you will be accompanied by fellow parishioners who have already answered the call to discipleship.

Here, you will be **nourished** by the Word of God, encounter the **profound reality of the sacraments**, and be guided by the **teachings of Holy Mother Church**.

This is not merely a program of instruction but a **spiritual pilgrimage** into the heart of the Church, where the saving love of Christ is made present. I encourage you, dear friends, to respond to this call with **open hearts**.

Whether you are **discerning** your place within the Church or have already begun to sense **God's gentle invitation**, the OCI offers a space of prayerful reflection and growth in faith.

What starts as a spark of **curiosity** may grow into the flame of a life lived in Christ.

May the Lord guide you as you seek to know Him more deeply, and may you find in the Church the **true home** of your soul.



For more information, please contact the parish office or me directly.

Together, let us walk this sacred path toward Christ, the source of all truth and life.

Yours In Christ,

Ben Aranda, Director of OCI

What is Catechetical Sunday?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops designates the third Sunday in each September as Catechetical Sunday, a day set aside to celebrate the gifts that catechists bring to the faith formation of children and adults.

This year, on Sunday, Sep. 15th, we will gather at the 10am Mass to celebrate the men and women who serve as catechists in our parish family.

Celebrating our Catechists for 2024

Caroline Antony	Michelle Mallek
Ben Aranda	Liam Malone
Julia Arce	Donnafaith Malufau
Aren Aune	Peter Malufau
Kevin Babuder	Debora Martins
Kim Baldock-Mahloch	Fr. Matt
Yoli Baluyot	Sean Matthews
Sophia Barbarie	Afam Mgbojirikwe
Vince Barbarie	Kamsi Mgbojirikwe
Evelyn Behrendt	Deacon Bob Miller
Tammy Borda	Patty Miller
Barbara Bowman	Mia Miseroy
Maureen Bradford	Barbara Molina
Ivan Carrillo	Jan Raelvin Morella
Julie Carrillo	Catherine Nakae
Abbigail Castillo	Viola Nicholson
Celso Catipon Jr.	Gretchen Nobleza
Neliza Catipon	Peter Nobleza
Luke Chambers	Maria Olmedo
Ryan Checchi	Vincent Omahen
Ryan Cooney	Morgan Payne
Breanna Corral	Aurorita Pham
Brandon Courter	Soleil Phillips
Sara Doldan	Laura Plascencia
David Di Sano	Brittany Plunkett
Ashley Eberhardt	Rachel Quast
Carrie Emhof	Angie Ramsden
Alfina Eull	John Rochford
Penelope Eull	Kim Russell
Noely Fernando	Marion Samuel
Ashley Fernandez	Randy Sgro
Crystal Flores	Ryan Smith
Danina Flores-Uy	Susan Stark
Stella Gregory	Luis Stohr
Damon Guerrero-Bryant	Andrea Sullivan
Christine Gurrola	Philip Tang
Nichole Gurrola	Natalia Taylor
Lila Hofmann	Fr. Thaddeus
Trisha Hollerup	William Torres
Melissa Hughes	Yolanda Toscano
Carmen Ingram	DJ Tran
Matt Ingram	Alexis Vasquez
Brent Jasso	Marilyn Weick
Fr. Jim	Annie Wheeler
Jessica Jones	Rosemarie Williams
MaryAnn Kassabgui	Donna Wilson
Juddy Kenddall	Myra Wilson
Elaine Ketchmere	Wyatt Winfield
Katia Lawson	Caryn Wojtecki
Michelle LaMontagne	Jennifer Wong
Michelle LaScola	Paula Woon
Christian Libunao	Nolan Yamamoto
Dominique Malgeri	Hayden Zepeda

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Saturday, September 21, 2024
O'Gorman Center
7 pm - 11 pm



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Open Enrollment

Register now 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



Installation Mass for Fr. Matt

Bishop Marc Trudeau will be here at St. James to preside at **The Installation Mass for our new pastor, Fr. Matt on Sept. 29th at the Noon Mass.**



To make this Mass even more special, we will also be celebrating **Fr. Jim's 60th anniversary** of his priestly ordination! This is such a momentous occasion for St. James and we invite you to please come and celebrate with us!

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



Coffee and Donuts **only after the 10am Mass** in Kavanagh Hall served by St. James School.

"Grief and Self Care" Wed., Sept. 18th, 7-8:30p

Free Zoom Presentation by **Joe Sikorra, LMFT.**
Contact: **Julie Auzenne** jmonell@la-archdiocese.org
213.637.7249 Register: tinyurl.com/4yr7wb85

Additional forms are available at St. James School or parish office, church vestibule, Gift Shop or parish and school websites.

Drop off completed tickets during school hours (8-3:30pm M-F) or mail entry tickets and checks payable to:

St. James School
4625 Garnet St.,
Torrance, CA 90503

You need not be present to win, but you won't want to miss the excitement of the **Festival on Nov. 8, 9, 10!**

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Fifth	\$500.00	Tenth	\$100.00

Winners will be drawn on Sunday, Nov. 10th, 2024 at the Harvest Festival. Tickets are \$20 each for a chance to win one of these ten cash prizes!

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Street Address _____
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Feed the Needy Ministry

We thank you for all your donations! We continue this year of providing meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Because of your generosity, we have continued to feed our homeless community throughout the year.

Our work continues and we once again ask for your assistance to ensure that we maintain the items needed for our homeless community members. We always need the following items:

hamburger buns **cheese sticks**
fruit **(oranges, bananas & grapes)**
chips **granola bars**
lunch meat & cheese **8 oz. water and juices**

In addition to the food items we are in need of **toiletries and socks**. Due to the pandemic and limited storage space we are unable to accept used clothing.

Again we thank you in advance for your generosity in allowing us to keep our homeless community fed and healthy. If you have any questions regarding our ministry I can be reached at **310.488.9480**.

Linda Cabibbo, Ministry Coordinator

Cookies for the Homeless

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



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/

Catholic Daughter's Tea



Saturday, September 28th
At Noon
St. James School—
O' Gorman Center
4625 Garnet St., Torrance

\$25 Donation includes
Tea, Sandwiches, Scones,
Deserts, Attendance Raffle

Additional Raffle tickets at the door are \$1 each

Wear your favorite Tea Party Hat!

Proceeds go to the CDA court Our Lady of Victory General Fund. A part of this fund goes to the charity recognized this year: **Retirement fund for Religious**

Contact:

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djancam@gmail.com

Mary Costello 310.316.0768
Mmcostello1@verizon.net

Human Trafficking Awareness



Prepare children to act when you are not with them. They should know their full names, home addresses and phone numbers, and how to dial 911.

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

Get Involved!

Contact: Rick Page CandRpage2@gmail.com

The Story of Padre Pio

Presented by

Capuchin Father Eric Forbes,

who knew people who knew Padre Pio.

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October 19th, 2024

St. James School - O'Gorman Center
4625 Garnet St. Torrance, CA 90503

8:30am Mass and Veneration of Padre Pio Relic
Breakfast: after Mass

10:30 to Noon Presentation / Q&A



Be inspired by the life of this priest and Capuchin Friar who for fifty years carried in his own body the Five Wounds of Jesus. He lived a supernatural life with miracles, bilocation and mystical gifts.

He spent fifteen hours a day hearing confessions and touched the lives of thousands of people. He died only in 1968 so we have an abundance of personal testimonies, photographic and medical evidence for his life. To this day he answers prayers with the scent of roses.

Breakfast : Catered by Danny Maricich (scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, fresh fruit salad & freshly baked scones).

For more information contact:

Joanne Modic 310.528.6339

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Cost is \$25 Pre-Registration is required: www.tinyurl.com/p352j97z



Capuchin Father Eric Forbes

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo!

Play every **Thursday** night in Kavanagh Hall! **Doors open at 6pm.**

Early bird game at 7pm

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One pack covers all games. St. James School receives the profits. Contact: Parish Office **310.372.5228**



Opportunities to Grow your Faith and Religious Education

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

Today, we celebrate **Catechetical Sunday at the 10am Mass**, a day set aside by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to commission the women and men who serve as Catechists with the children and adults in parishes around the country.

We also recognize and bless our parents who serve as the primary Catechist for their children, as well as the beginning of another year of Faith Formation!

We hope you will join us in Kavanagh Hall after Mass as we continue our celebration with Coffee and Donuts.

To help support our parents in their essential role in rooting children in our faith, we invite parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and godparents to please mark your calendars for two evenings of reflection.

On October 2nd, we will host the original **Raising Children of Faith evening of reflection**, which was first presented in early 2023. Then, on October 9nd, we will host **Raising Children of Faith: the Bible at Home**.

Both evenings will provide parents the opportunity to reflect upon the essential role they play in rooting their children in our faith, while helping grandparents, aunts, uncles, and godparents understand how they can support the children and parents in their lives.

Both events will be held at 7pm in the O'Gorman Center at St. James School. If you have questions, please call the **Office of Religious Education at 310.379.3221**.

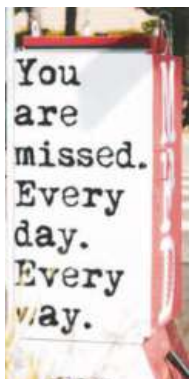
Because these evenings of reflection are a special time for those who raise children of faith, we ask that you make arrangements for childcare.

God bless!

Andrea Sullivan,
Director of Religious Education

We've Missed you!

Your church is open for prayer from 7am- 7pm daily.



Daily Masses are 8 am and 12 noon Monday-Friday with the rosary prayed immediately afterward. Our **Saturday daily Mass is at 8am and Sunday Vigil is at 5:30pm.**

Receive the Eucharist; the true body and blood of Christ hidden in the form of a host. Call us if you are unable to attend so an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist can bring it to you.
We're not complete without you!

St. James Catholic Church

Raising Children of Faith

An Evening of Reflection

WED., OCT. 2ND
7:00PM
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
O'GORMAN CENTER
4625 GARNET ST.
TORRANCE, CA 90503

Presented by
ANDREA R. SULLIVAN, M.DIV.
Director of Religious Education

JOIN US TO REFLECT ON PRACTICAL IDEAS TO EFFECTIVELY ROOT YOUR CHILDREN IN FAITH

St. James Catholic Church

Raising Children of Faith

Bible at Home

WED., OCT. 9TH
7:00PM
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
O'GORMAN CENTER
4625 GARNET ST.
TORRANCE, CA 90503

Presented by
ANDREA R. SULLIVAN, M.DIV.
Director of Religious Education

JOIN US TO REFLECT ON PRACTICAL IDEAS TO EFFECTIVELY ROOT YOUR CHILDREN IN FAITH

UPCOMING DATES

Confirmation Nights

Year 1: Sunday, Sept. 15th

Year 2: Sunday, Sept. 22nd

Thank you to everyone that attended our very first Churchella (Confirmation Kick-Off) last Sunday! This Sunday, we have our first Year 1 Confirmation session scheduled. We're excited to meet new faces that we'll be journeying together with for the next 2 years. Please pray for all of our teens as they begin their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Although sessions begin this weekend, registration into our high school Confirmation program is still open! If you have a teen in high school that has yet to begin their Confirmation preparation, now is the time to sign up. Visit our youth ministry website for more information.

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: youthministry@stjamesparish.org

Website: www.saintjamesym.org

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Would You Like to Complete Your Sacraments?

Are you a baptized Catholic, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, contact us about becoming a candidate to complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation). If you have not received your First Holy Communion, this class will prepare you to do that as well.

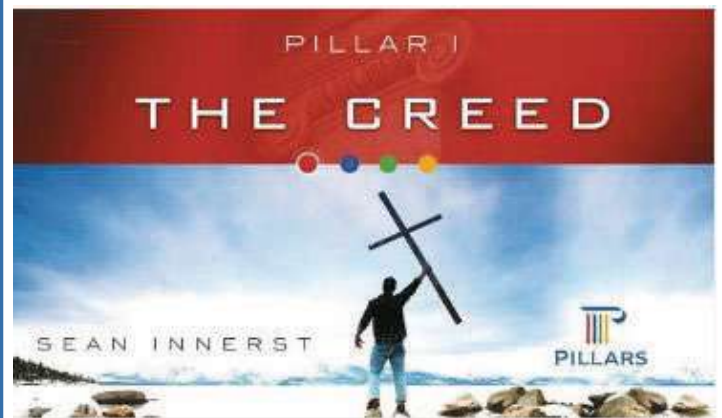
Our Winter, 2025 series of classes is scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 9, 2025.



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.

Tuesday Night Bible Study



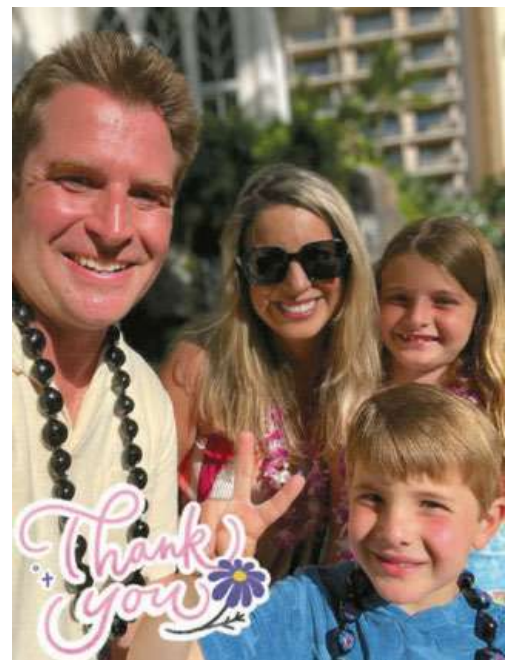
The St. James Tuesday Night Bible Study group is currently studying "The Creed" by Ascension. Please join us this **Tuesday, Sept. 17th** as we cover **Session One - The Creed.**

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.

The Creed opens up the structure of the *Catechism* and shows how it is far more than a list of "faith facts," but instead a sure map for the journey of faith. Sean Innerst teaches how what we believe emerges from the living story of salvation history.

Come, share and participate in our Church Community.

Thank you catechists of St. James!



Is it I Lord?

Our Choir sings a Dan Schutte hymn based on Isaiah 6. "Here I Am, Lord." It's a song of Ministry and Mission with these lyrics: *"Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"*

Pope Francis is "bearing the light of the Lord" on an apostolic trip of ministry and mission to largely Muslim countries in Asia. One area of focus on this four-country visit will be "interreligious dialogue." At his first stop the Pope told Indonesian politicians and religious leaders to, "...fight religious intolerance through dialogue... to eliminate prejudices and create a climate of mutual respect." Pope Francis called human diversity a "magnificent mosaic...each tile a precious work."

The USCCB calls the pope the "Supreme Pastor ... representing Christ's love." *Catechism 882* teaches that the Pope is **"The perpetual and visible source and foundation of Bishops and all the faithful."**

Interestingly, the pope has official titles, but "Pope" is not one of them. The Vatican website lists his titles: Bishop of Rome, Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of the Prince of Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province, Sovereign of the State of Vatican City, Servant of the Servants of God. The title pope or "papa" is not an official title but a "less solemn style."

Q: Whether the scope is global outreach and guidance, or everyday personal matters of faith, who is sent?

A: Our Papa is sent, as are each of us, who can also be bearers of God's light, to one another.

In ministry and mission then, here I am, Lord.

Friendship Club

Our next meeting will be held
on **October 6th**
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.

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>



This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, **"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me"** (Mark 8:34).

Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words **take up**. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to **"saving one's life."** A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

9-Day Tour/Pilgrimage to New Mexico and Arizona with Msgr. Mike Meyers April 21st-29st, 2025

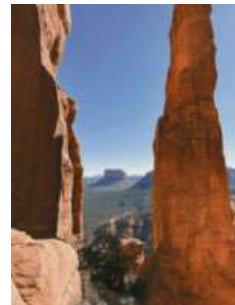
Visiting Albuquerque (El Santuario, Santo Nino de Atocha), Chimayo (the Lourdes of America), Santa Fe (Loretto Chapel Museum, St. Francis Cathedral Basilica), Flagstaff, Williams, Grand Canyon, Sedona, Tucson (Mission San Xavier del Bac), etc.

\$3,299 based on double occupancy, roundtrip air from LAX, 4-star hotels, breakfast daily, 6 dinners, all sightseeing with tour escort/guides, & A/C bus transportation.



Single supplement \$800.

For more information contact **Ely: 424.398.9987.**



Readings

Monday

**Proclaim the death of the Lord
until he comes again.**

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 / Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a / Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

**Blessed the people the Lord
has chosen to be his own.**

1 Cor 12:31—13:13 / Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lk 7:36-50

Friday

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1 Cor 15:12-20 / Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

Their message goes out through all the earth

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13

Sunday

The Lord upholds my life.

Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Jas 3:16—4:3 / Mk 9:30-37

Prayer Requests

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

Mary Ann Kearney

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

**Larry Nowak, Michelle Munoz,
Khari Ayden Abracique, Mary Pat Schuster,
Michele & Adrianna Lizzi,
Luis Fabio, Art Couvillon**

Sacramental Confession

No sin is new to him.

No wrongdoing too great.

**Come to Confession and experience the
cleansing power of God's love.**

**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

Sat., September 14 8 am 5:30 pm	Karen Miller Claire Sterritt † Mary Ruth Vollmer †
Sun., September 15 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Michael Suello † Baluyot Family Rosa Savedra Shirley Krumpe † Gilbert Yabes Noel Magbanua † Maggie Silva † Mike Hoffman † Patrick & Emily Hiller Yvonne Buckley Brogan †
Mon., September 16 8 am 12 noon	Pino Marzocchi † Communion Service
Tues., September 17 8 am 12 noon	Toth Ferencne † Jennifer Williamson †
Wed., September 18 8 am 12 noon	The Haworth Family Agnes & Joseph Gaynor †
Thurs. September 19 8 am 12 noon	Nilo Salvador F. Claro † Cameron Noble †
Fri., September 20 8 am 12 noon	Carol Kelly † Kunjila Antony †
Sat., September 21 8 am 5:30 pm	The Meiners Family Gene Campos † Jaime D. Reyes †
Sun., September 22 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Josephine Wagnor † Mark Charles Harwell Pino Marzocchi † Naipo Family Philip Fernando † Avelina Arcenas † Dale McHugh † Theresa M. Jagosz † Bobby & Savannah Keller Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers

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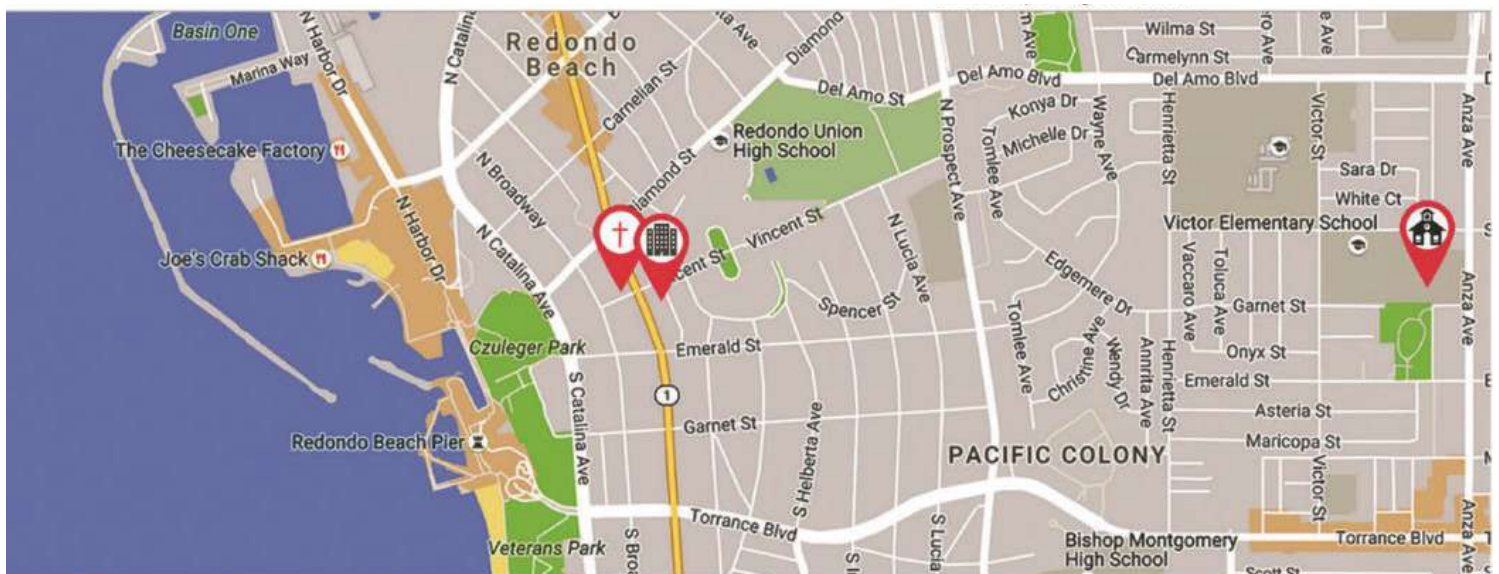
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