



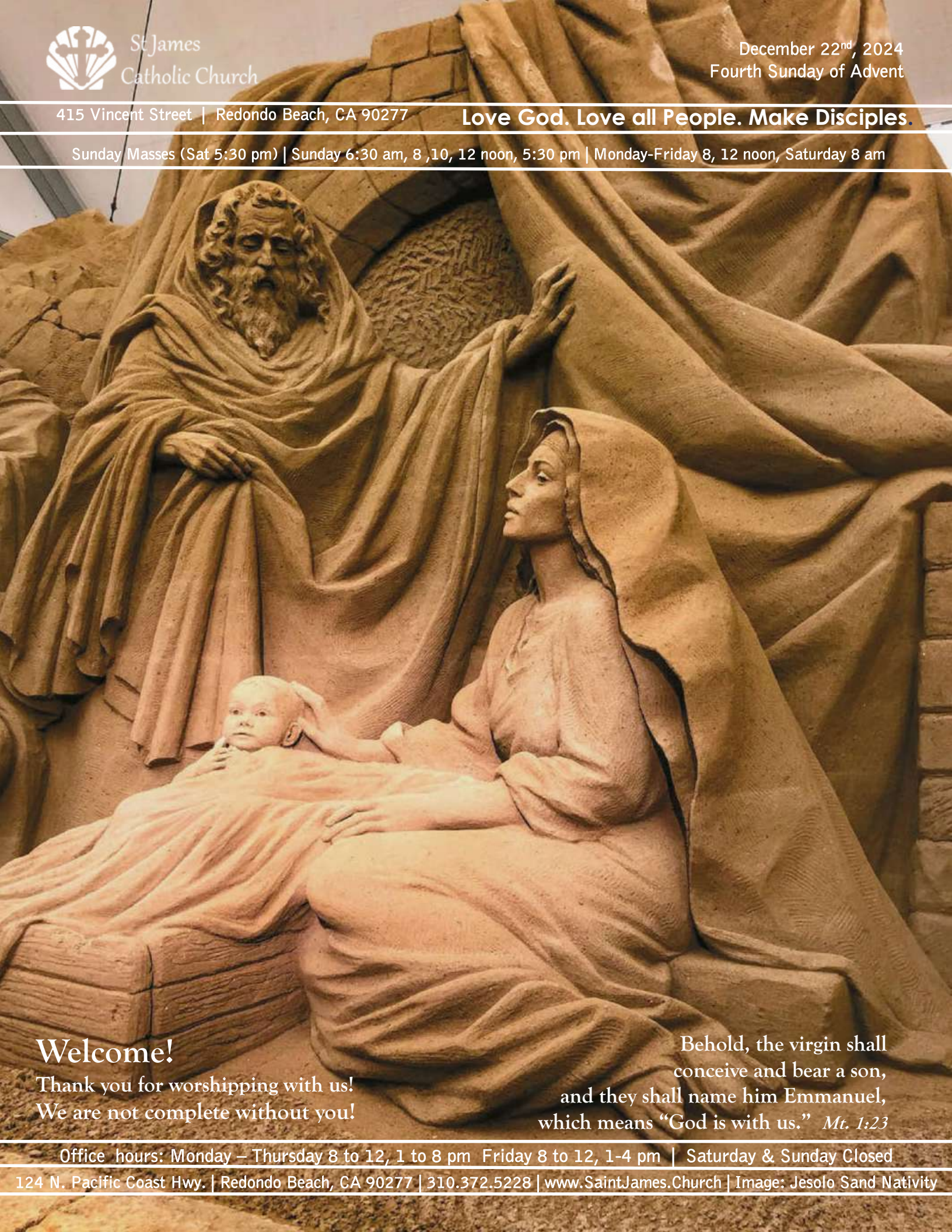
St James
Catholic Church

December 22nd, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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!

Behold, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means “God is with us.” *Mt. 1:23*

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

Hello Beautiful Children of God!

As Christmas Day approaches and our Advent journey draws to a close, our Blessed Mother provides a model of faith to follow. Our Gospel for the 4th Sunday in Advent is the story of the Visitation when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth.

Can you imagine what was stirring the heart of this teenage girl?

She just received a message from the Archangel Gabriel that she will bear the Son of God, the long-awaited Messiah. Rather than proclaiming her great call to all of her friends and accepting the accolades for such a privilege, she goes in haste to serve the needs of her cousin who is six-months pregnant.

Rather than looking inward, Mary expresses her faith in a life of obedience and service.

Her example of holiness is one we should all desire to imitate.

Rather than wait in expectation for the best and most expensive gifts under the Christmas tree, Mary encourages us to be a gift to others in service.

Pope St. John Paul II calls this the Law of the Gift, which is where we find our joy and fulfillment by giving our time, talent, and treasure for the sake of others.

The more we give ourselves away, the more we find our true selves. Mary understood this law and lived it out so beautifully.

Let her life be the model that directs our life of faith and holiness.

God bless,
Fr. Matt

Friendship Club Christmas Party

Next meeting 1/5 after the noon Mass in Kavanagh Hall

Invite someone to Mass this Christmas!

We all know friends and family members that haven't been attending Mass for a while. Now is the time to invite them to visit our beautiful church, hear God's word and listen to our inspiring music! Let God do the rest!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th

4 pm Vigil Mass Children's Choir

6 pm Vigil Mass Youth Choir

11 pm Mass Carols begin at 10:30 pm Adult Choir

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25th

6:30 am Mass Cantor and Piano/Organ

8 am Mass Cantor /Piano/Organ with Brass Ensemble

10 am Mass Adult Choir with Brass Ensemble

12 noon Mass Resounding Grace

Livestream Mass is at 10am Christmas Day

On Christmas Eve, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, will open the **'Pilgrims of Hope'** Jubilee Year in Rome. Then, on Sunday, Dec. 29th at the 10am Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Archbishop Gomez will open the Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. All the faithful are invited to join him for the historic moment.





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.

Cornerstone Retreat for Men
Friday, Mar. 7th to Saturday, March 8th
26-hours of an experience you will never forget.



The opportunity to reflect, renew, and strengthen your faith with other men in our Catholic Community. Retreat is held at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish Hall. No Cost – You can also register at www.STLM.org/CS

Questions? Call Mike at 661.993.7501



Join us for
Coffee and Donuts
 in Kavanagh Hall after the
 8 and 10am Masses
 prepared by members of
Medjugorje
Prayer Group

2025 Women's Cornerstone Retreat is
Friday, March 14th at 6pm until
Saturday, March 15th at 8pm



Good Morning, my dear beautiful sisters,

I want to thank you for such a beautiful retreat. What a way to share 26 hours of Love, Faith, Courage, Determination, Prayer, Peace. I believe our Lord and our amazing sisters personally prepared for us. I've spend the most amazing 26 hours with God and each of you ladies.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for making me feel special and loved. I can't even believe everything that happened there, so special with all the beautiful, meticulous preparation by our sisters.

Oh, My Lord. All I can say is thank you again for creating beautiful memories, new family, and to know that I am not alone. I have family, more sisters and most of all our Lord was present with us every single minute, guiding us and letting us know that we are important, that He can fix everything if only we believe in Him.

Dear sisters, please know that I am just a phone call away if anyone needs anything.

Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Jesus Christ. I love you with all my heart.

Carmen Miguel

Register and learn more:
www.SaintJames.Church/CFW



OCI Invitation

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 at OCI@Stjamesparish.org

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

Yours In Christ,

Ben Aranda, Director of OCI



You were never meant to carry the burden of your sins.

*For my guilty deeds have gone over my head;
Like a heavy burden they weigh too much for me.*
(Psalm 38:4)

"Jesus personally carried our sins in his body on the cross. ... By his wounds you are healed."
(1 Peter 2:24)

**Unburden yourself in Confession—
Saturday 4pm in church**

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



Eucharistic Adoration

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

Holy Hour Adoration

Friday, Dec. 27th at 7pm
January 10th at 7pm

Human Trafficking Awareness



Traveling over the Holidays? Remember to bring back those hotel amenities (Shampoo, soap, Hand lotion, etc.) and place them in the barrel in the church vestibule for our Trafficking victims.

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

Get Involved!

Contact: Rick Page CandRpage2@gmail.com

Join the Catholic Daughters of America

Please join the CDA #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.

Contact: **Amie Jacoby**

Email: AjaCobyCDA@gmail.com

Email: CourtOurLadyofVictory@gmail.com



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!



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 9th, 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.



15-Day Tour/Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Matt Murphy Oct. 6-20, 2025

Hurry! Only a few spaces available.

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dinner daily, Air-conditioned motor coach, English speaking guide, sightseeing as per itinerary, all taxes & service charges, daily Mass. Single supplement \$1000.

For more info, contact **Ely at 424.398.9987**



We've Missed you!

Your church is open for prayer from **7am– 6pm** daily.

Daily Masses are 8 am and 12 noon Monday-Friday with the rosary prayed immediately afterward.

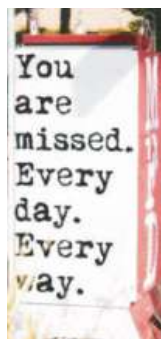
Our **Saturday daily Mass is at 8am and Sunday Vigil is at 5:30pm.**

Receive the Eucharist; the true body and blood of Christ hidden in the form of a host.

In the Eucharist, and only in the Eucharist, he makes his body and blood present to us in a real way. This is why the sacramental presence of Christ's body and blood is so extraordinary. In all of the other sacraments, Jesus gives us his grace, says St. Thomas Aquinas, whereas in the Eucharist, the "sacrament of sacraments," he gives us his whole self, his divinity and his humanity. Call us if you are unable to attend so an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist can bring Him to you.

We're not complete without you!

www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/why-go-to-mass



UPCOMING DATES

Confirmation Nights

Year 1: Sunday, January 12th

Year 2: Sunday, January 19th

We're thankful to everyone that attended our Amplify Night earlier this month & made it the success it was!

A special thank you to our pastor, Fr. Matt, who was our guest speaker and gave a beautiful talk about preparing ourselves for the birth of Jesus this Advent season. We pray that as we celebrate His birth this week, it fills you and your families with joy, love and gratitude.

Merry Christmas from all of us here in Youth Ministry!

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

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Sunday Night Worship Aid

Please join our Sunday Night Youth band in worship during our 5:30pm Sunday Mass. Scan: virtual worship aid <https://linktr.ee/saintjames.sny>



Religious Education

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent!

We hope you have seen the Advent Resources listed on the main page of the parish website, which can help you celebrate these final days of Advent more fully.

Please check them out if you haven't.

Also, please be aware that the Office of Religious Education is closed until Tuesday, January 7th.

May you be aware of Emmanuel, God-with-us, as you keep watch this Advent season!

God bless!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education



St. James Catholic School

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

Legion of Mary—Meets Every Saturday at 9:30am in Room 6 of the Parish Center

I encourage you, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to deepen your devotion to our blessed Mother Mary as Legionaries.

We hope you consider becoming a member and **join us!**

The worldwide Legion of Mary has been called

“a miracle of these modern times.”

Cardinal Suenens wrote: “Today, two

currents dominate the life of the Church: the

Marian current and the apostolic current.” These two currents meet and blend harmoniously in the Legion of Mary, which has been a providential instrument in the hands of Mary and the Church for the spread of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Mary Mother of Mercy – Intercede for us.

Fr. Thaddeus Agbasonu (SMMM)



Saint James Shares Christmas with Those in Need

The Feed the Needy Ministry wants to thank all of our parishioners for their generosity and support of our program this year. Toys from the Giving Tree tickets were abundant!

As a result of the contributions we collected many toys, gift cards and a variety of warm clothing. These contributions were given to needy individuals and families at our annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 14th, in Kavanagh Hall. We fed over 90 people. Santa gave toys to the children with so many smiling faces. A Special Thank You to our chef, Danny Maricich for the wonderful luncheon that he prepared. Our very own Father Matt worked in the food line.

We also thank all of our Volunteers who sorted and wrapped gifts, decorated and served lunch.

We offer a special Thank You for donations from:

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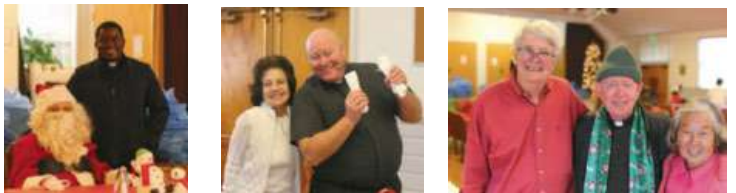
Children's Education Choir

Many of the contributions were shared with inner city parishes, including our sister parish, San Miguel.

Our success is always blessed by the generosity of our parishioners and of our donors. On behalf of the Feed the Needy staff I wish all a blessed Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

Linda Cabibbo,
Ministry Leader

Christmas Luncheon Moments



All images thanks to Geoff Rendell

Spiritual Renewal

At the beginning of each new school term, teachers encourage students to move forward with a renewed sense of purpose and dedication. Knowledge is power, and the right attitude serves to motivate, enhance and advance lifelong learning.

We anticipate the turning of the new year, 2025. Also at hand is our own particular "new term" at St. James, which finds us at the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. We may move to establish a kind of "spiritual resolution" to elevate an ongoing faith journey. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote about the need to know one's faith.

Q: How may we rededicate our faith practices at this time?

A: We have the opportunity to more deeply appreciate the tenets of our own St. James Mission Statement:

- Regular Mass Attendance
- Participant in the sacramental life of the Church
- Personal spiritual growth
- Contributing membership
- Supportive of the community through ministry and service
- In right relationship with one another

With a right relationship that reflects the catechesis of our Mission and a rededicated maturing appreciation of Scripture, the Rosary, the Commandments, the lives of the Saints, spiritual literature and a robust prayer life, it promises to be a happy new year of faith. Loving and serving one another...

Tuesday Night Bible Study—New Class

The St. James Tuesday Night Online Bible Study group is currently taking a break for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. We will begin a new course called **"Luke - The Story of Salvation Fulfilled"** on Jan. 7th, 2024.

Please contact Donna Wilson (dwilson94@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining our class in the new year. **Give yourself the gift of a deeper faith.**

Gift Shop Closing SALE! Everything is 50 % OFF! Holiday Hours

Wednesday, 12/18	11am-3pm, 4pm-7pm
Thursday, 12/19	11am-3pm, 4pm-7pm
Friday, 12/20	11am-3pm, 4pm-7pm
Sunday, 12/22	9am-2pm
Monday, 12/23	11am-3pm, 4pm-7pm

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy.

When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary "blessed" for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady's belief that

"there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Luke 1:45).

Mary is "blessed" entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our "motherly" contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges:

1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you.

2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus' presence.

Pray: "Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person.

Help me bear you faithfully to him/her."

8-Day Tour/Pilgrimage to New Mexico and Arizona with Msgr. Mike Meyers April 21st-28st, 2025

Hurry! Only a few seats remain!

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.

\$2,999 based on double occupancy, roundtrip air from LAX, 4-star hotels, breakfast daily, 6 dinners, all sightseeing with tour escort/guides, and A/C bus transportation.

Single supplement \$800.

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



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec 21 8 am 5:30 pm	Fr. Matt Fr. Matt	Jorge Leon † Lutz Windisch † Chuey Hernandez †
Sun., Dec 22 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Fr. Jim Fr. Chibuike Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus	Chris Schneider Lisa McMurray † Rosa Mayo † Bob Hilgemann † Eduardo Zuniga † Patrick Gentile † Pino & Louise Marzocchi † Anna Cottrell † Joe & Julia Martelli † Ramaj St. James
Mon., Dec 23 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Matt Fr. Jim	Roger Hart Timothy J. Collins †
Tues., Dec 24 8 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 11:00 pm	Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Matt Fr. Jim Fr. Matt	Bobbie Soufl Christmas Eve Vigil Kenneth Lewis † Yolanda Nobleza DeSilva Family Outschoorn Family Bob Hilgemann † Suzie La Gro †
Wed., Dec 25 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon	Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Matt Fr. Matt	Christmas Leon Campazzi † Matt Combar † Stephen Jambor † Patrick Gentile † Giouse Patteri † Mass of Thansksgiving Patrick & Dorothy McAteer † Joe & Julia Martelli †
Thurs., Dec 26 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Jim Fr. Matt	Robert O'Brien † Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri., Dec 27 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Chibuike Fr. Matt	Timothy J. Collins † Diane Cole
Sat., Dec 28 8 am 5:30 pm	Fr. Matt Fr. Matt	Bernice Walters † Poor Souls in Purgatory Lynette Laney

Sun., Dec 29 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Fr. Chibuike Fr. Chibuike Fr. Matt Fr. Jim Fr. Matt	Mary Catherine Davis Richard Estrada † Bob Hilgemann † Matt & Karla Dcn. Charles & Gurina Wolford † Donna Miodovski † Juan & Cresensia Almeda † Enrique Acosta † Joe & Julia Martelli † Dennis Prager
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Readings

Monday

**Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.**
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday

**All the ends of the earth
have seen the saving power of God.**
Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

Friday

Rejoice in the Lord, you just!
1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday

**Our soul has been rescued
like a bird from the fowler's snare.**
1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

Sunday

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 / Col 3:12-21 –
3:12 – 17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 / Lk 2:41-52

Prayer Requests

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

**Mattea Czarke, Martins Family, Andrew Rostovsky,
Casey Bledsoe, Norma Alvarado, Andrea Bernabey,
Rios Family, Santa Cruz Family, Alonso Family,
Marie Kelly, Yolanda Nobleza, Al Ahedo**

For the souls of the recently departed,
that through the mercy of God, May they rest in peace:
**Bob Hilgemann, Donna Miodovski, Eugene Cook,
Susan LaGro, Eduardo Zuniga, Adelina Manlapaz
Lagasca, Aminta Quinones, Lauren Garcia,
Susan Egglar, Chuey Hernandez**

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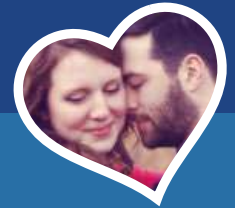
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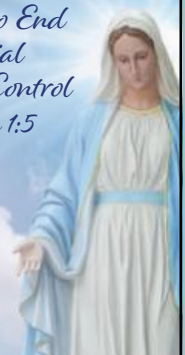
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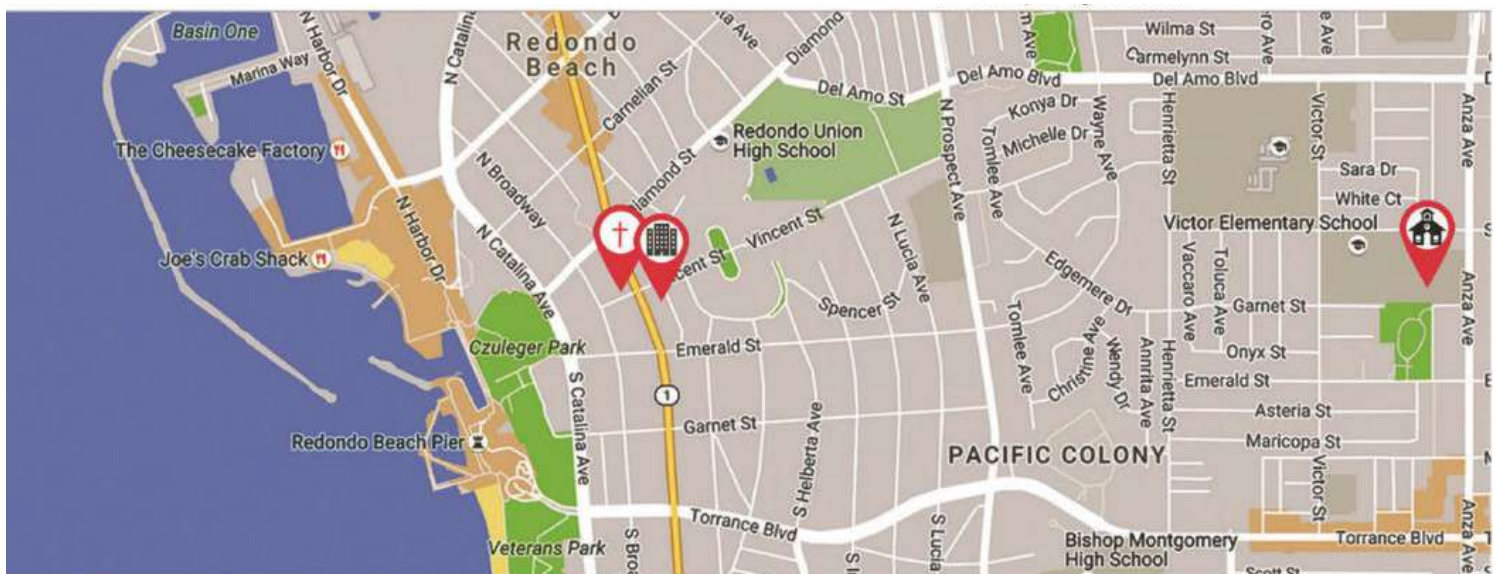
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