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#### 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!



"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied." Lk. 6:21

Office hours: Monday - Friday 8 to 12, 1-4 pm | Saturday & Sunday Closed

#### Pastor's Letter

Hello Beautiful Children of God!

The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (cycle C) provides Luke's version of the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes, translated **'sacred blessedness,"** are God's pathway to happiness. Our journey to happiness can only be found in the Lord and discovered through a life of humility and sacrifice.

In early November, we elected representatives across the nation to govern the nation on our behalf. This month, celebrities across many genres will be recognized for their work in the film and music industries. The Philadelphia Eagles lifted the Lombardi Trophy as champions of the NFL last weekend. The award, by the way, is named after famed football coach Vince Lombardi, a devout Catholic and daily communicant. In the eyes of the world, these select few have reached the pinnacle of their profession and they should be applauded for their hard work and skill. However, the Beatitudes remind us that all the fame, wealth, and accolades will not bring happiness.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Matthew 16:24-26a

Happiness can only be found in relationship with God through a life of humility and sacrifice. The purpose of our faith is to turn our hearts and minds to God every day so that He may fill us with the profound joy that only He can provide. We will make it the mission of St James Catholic Church to provide opportunities to encounter the Lord in a variety of ways; sacraments, Eucharistic Adoration, faith formation, Catholic education, Bible study, prayer groups, and other events to deepen our understanding and increase our faith.

I would like to bring your attention to a few of those events which I hope sill spark a renewed faith and understanding for those who attend.

**Encounter Conference**, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>-Mar.1<sup>st</sup> – Prepare to encounter the Lord in the depths of the heart through prayer, worship, and inspirational speakers.

Women's Cornerstone Retreat, March 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – Become part of a community of women who seek and find the Lord in the ordinary events of life. Prayer experiences and personal testimony highlight this retreat aimed at building a culture of joy through sacrificial love.

The Mass Explained, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30p – Experience the beauty of the Catholic Mass through this in depth look at the Sacred Liturgy.

Experience Mass in a whole new way!

St James School, open enrollment – Consider becoming part of our school community to provide your children with an education rooted in

provide your children with an education the Catholic culture and tradition.

**Together in Mission** – Catholic Social Teaching encourage us to have a heart for the poor. This annual initiative helps parishes live that principle out in practice.

I am so excited to see how the Spirit will move the St. James community in the coming days!

God bless,

Fr Matt

#### **Saint James Niland Scholarships**

Starting on **Tuesday, February 18**<sup>th</sup> the St. James Parish office will have applications available for **five scholarships** for seniors that will graduate from West Torrance, Redondo Union, or Bishop Montgomery High Schools and plan to attend a college or university in the Fall 2025.

These annual scholarships are offered to promote the involvement of young people in St. James Parish ministries. In accordance with the terms of the **Niland Endowment**, the scholarships are offered primarily based upon need, service to the parish/church community, involvement in church activities, GPA, and acceptance to an accredited college.

To apply you must be a registered member of St. James Parish and a practicing Catholic (e.g., confirmed and attending Mass regularly).

Completed application packages should be submitted to the parish office no later than **Friday**, **May 2**<sup>nd</sup>, **2025**.

#### **Tuesday Bible Study**

"Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled" by Ascension.

Please join us **Tuesday in Kavanagh Hall at 7pm.** as we cover **Session 7– Luke 18-21**,

The Triumphal Entry and the End Times

Jesus Gave Us the Greatest Bible Study of All Time You will witness key moments in salvation history including the Annunciation, the Nativity, his public ministry, and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection.

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, share and participate in our Church Community.

Our Parish Office is closed Monday, Feb.17<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate President's Day.

## Shining Stars Honoree Paula Bourke

Paula was born into a military family at Ft. Benning, Georgia. She spent her childhood living in various places



including Hawaii, Germany, and both Northern and Southern California.

One of her father's deployments was Fort MacArthur in San Pedro. The family settled in San Pedro after his retirement from the United States Army.

Paula graduated from San Pedro High School. She received a

BA in Political Science from U.C. Berkeley. She received a Paralegal Studies Certificate from UCLA the following year and went on to work as a litigation paralegal for many years. After leaving the legal field, she worked in marketing for McDonnell Douglas Corporation which merged with The Boeing Company.

Paula's first St. James ministry experience was with **The Women's Guild** which became **The Guild**. She has enjoyed working with other members on many parish events and projects over the last 10 years. The most rewarding part of the ministry has been the camaraderie shared by its members.

Paula also co-chairs the **Environment Ministry** with Patty Miller. The Environment Ministry is responsible for changing the environment of the church and other parish properties to reflect the liturgical seasons. Paula greatly enjoys working with the many volunteers who joyfully complete the work that needs to be done often with time constraints.

As a representative of the Environment Ministry, she is a member of the **Liturgy Committee** which plans the celebration of the liturgy as determined by Church doctrine. Working with the Liturgy Committee clergy and ministries has been very rewarding and has enriched her faith.

Paula looks forward to many more happy and fulfilling years with the St. James family.

Join us as we celebrate Paula and thank her for her dedication and example of living her Catholic faith in service to others here at St. James!



#### **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

### 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** 

#### **Together in Mission**



As we celebrate the Jubilee Year of the Catholic Church, we invite you to make a special gift to Together in Mission to mark this sacred time of renewal and hope.

www.timgive.org

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**Envelopes are in the Pews** 

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**



Holy Hour Adoration Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Benediction and Adoration Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:45-12 noon

#### **Human Trafficking Awareness**



Make sure you and your children know how to report, flag, or block people, or inappropriate content, on websites being used.

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

Get Involved!
Contact: Rick Page CandRpage2@gmail.com

Join the 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

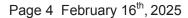
the Church: the Marian current and the apostolic current."

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)



#### Opportunities to Grow your Faith and Religious Education





#### Tickets here: www.tinyurl.com/f7fwfs3b

#### **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

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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.



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 past this information along to them.

#### **Feed the Needy Ministry**

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

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

hamburger buns fruit chips lunch meat & cheese

cheese sticks
(oranges, bananas & grapes)
granola bars
8 oz. water and juices

In addition to the food items we are in need of **toiletries** and socks. 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**.

Línda Cabíbbo, 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!



### **SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY**

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

**Confirmation Nights** 

Year 1: Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Year 2: Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

**LA Youth Day** 

Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

**Teen Night** 

Monday, February 24th

It's a busy time for us here in Youth Ministry! Planning has officially started for our upcoming Year 2 weekend retreat taking place March 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting close to 200 people - our biggest retreat yet! It's an exciting time for our team as we allow the Holy Spirit to move through us in these planning stages.

We also have a group of 56 teens and chaperones attending **LA Youth Day** at the Anaheim Convention Center on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Youth Day is an annual event hosted by the Archdiocese of LA where thousands of teens throughout our city gather for worship, interactive workshops and liturgy. In addition, we also have 8 teen volunteers from our parish that will be working behind the scenes to help gather and lead this event. Our young church is truly alive here at St. James!

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:

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Website: www.saintjamesym.org

Text: **424.265.8336** 

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#### **Religious Education**

Dear Friends and Families of St. James,

We will celebrate **Children's Liturgy of the Word** next Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the 10am Mass. We look forward to seeing your children, ages 4-12, there.

For families in Traditional Faith Formation, remember that you have this week off, so we will see you at St. James School on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, for our next class.

Finally, **Ash Wednesday** approaches on March 5<sup>th</sup>! Now is a great time to begin to talk to your children about how your family will draw closer to God as we journey through Lent. We will offer the Lenten Family 40 again this year. Details will follow soon. God Bless!

Andrea Sullivan, Director of Religious Education

#### Singles Friendship Club Meeting Sunday, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the noon Mass

**in Kavanagh Hall.** 



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

For more info, call Ely at 424-398-9987



Lots of fun learning about early CA history on our recent excursion to San Luis Rey in Oceanside!

### 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



### Cornerstone Retreat for Men Friday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

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





I have enjoyed serving in many Catholic parish ministries. I have found that Cornerstone stands out among them as the one in which men can share the personal ways we have followed Jesus Christ and sought to apply His gospel in our lives.

The relationships and community I have realized through Cornerstone have encouraged me tremendously in my Christian faith.

Dan Houston

# ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SS SCHOOL

#### **Enrollment Has Started! Grades TK-8**

St. James School is beginning open enrollment for the 2024-25 school year.

Come visit! We are taking weekday appointments for private tours for prospective families.

Online applications and testing dates will be available for enrollment submission starting in February.

Fill out our enrollment inquiry form

( www.tinyurl.com/3d6av42c )

or give us a call to schedule an appointment.
310.371.0416 or visit www.SaintJames.school or
wwww.sjscatholicschool.org

# 2025 Women's Cornerstone Retreat is Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm until Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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



#### We Walk By Faith

In a recent Homily, Deacon Bob animated the scripture readings by challenging parishioners to be "a Simeon," and to be "an Anna." The Deacon's teaching prompts reflection about those figures in Luke's Gospel, one a devout man awaiting "the consolation of Israel," the other a holy prophetess who fasted and prayed unceasingly "for the redemption of Israel."

Q: Our patron, St. James said,

"Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only."

After hearing the Word, and as part of our own consolation and redemption, what active and enduring spiritual action is foremost here?

A: Faith. A constancy of faith as exemplified by Simeon and Anna is embedded throughout our Catholic beliefs. At Mass, after the Consecration, the Priest intones,

"The mystery of faith!"

That mystery of faith we can also profess every Monday and Saturday among the decades of the Rosary in the Joyful Mysteries which include the faithful Simeon and Anna at the presentation of the Lord in the temple.

Holy Scripture epitomizes the Holy Spirit's action in its teachings about faith. St. Mark relates the parable of the little girl restored to life and a woman healed, with the coda in these events the words and actions of Jesus:

> "Fear not, only believe." "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole, go in peace..."

Faith. The Catechism calls it a gift..."the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us...'

St. Pope John Paul II spoke about the kind of faith that goes to the heart and the works of an Anna and a Simeon:

"Faith accompanied by good works is contagious and spreads light, for it makes visible and communicates God's love."

#### 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.

#### Gospel Meditation — Father John Muir GLPI

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes":

"Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of" (cf. Luke 6:24-26).

How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives. and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes."

How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us.

But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

#### 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!

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#### Readings

Monday

Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.

Gn 4:1-15, 25 / Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 / Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 / Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.

Gn 9:1-13 / Mk 8:27-33

Friday

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

Gn 11:1-9 / Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19

Sunday

The Lord is kind and merciful.

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 / 1 Cor 15:45-49 / Lk 6:27-38

#### **Prayer Requests**

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

Christine Paugh, Darby McCall

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

Francisco Lujan, Maria Pham,
Duane Kustic, Stephanie Yearley,
Altogracia Oviedo, Barbara McCall,
Meletino Tuppo, Pauline Oppenheimer,
Baltazar Castillo

#### **Mass Intentions**

Offering Mass for a special intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. Special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said.

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please visit the Parish Office. We will help you with the dates and times which are available. We have Mass cards that you can send to whomever you choose as a remembrance. The monetary offering signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself.

Weekly Mass Intentions		
<b>Sat., Feb 15</b> 8 am 5:30 pm	Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus	Theresa Ittner
<b>Sun., Feb 16</b> 6:30 am	Fr. Thaddeus	Agnes De Souza Josephine Cotti ⊕
8 am	Fr. Chibuike	Kenneth Scruggs ዌ Susan Gayle Sears ዌ Cameron Noble ዌ
10 am 12 noon	Fr. Matt Fr. Jim	Kimberly Wannot Leila Clark む
5:30 pm	Fr. Matt	Ernestina Higareda មិ Barbara McCall មិ Meletino Tuppo មិ
Mon., Feb 17 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Matt Fr. Jim	President's Day Macario Rivera ♥ Gerda Guaglione ♥
Tues., Feb 18 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus	Jon Haugen ជ Duane Kustic ជ
Wed., Feb 19 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Jim Fr. Matt	Georgia Sorensen Martins Family
Thurs., Feb 20 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus	Al Ahedo Mike & Phyllis Cobian ⊕
Fri., Feb 21 8 am 12 noon	Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus	Cecilia Yabes Angel Nobleza ⊕
<b>Sat., Feb 22</b> 8 am 5:30 pm	Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	Aquaviva & Patsy Martinsช Marcie Buscher ช Stephanie Yearley ช
<b>Sun., Feb 23</b> 6:30 am	Fr. Chibuike	Edna C. Regino ⊕ Paul Ortisz
8 am	Fr. Matt	Elizabeth Sjodin ♥ Kathleen Maher ♥
10 am	Fr. Matt	Bob Bawolski & Melanie Bawolski &
12 noon 5:30 pm	Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus	James Bradford English ௴ Antonio Ruiz Estrada ௴ Bernice Kustic ௴ Roy Schneider

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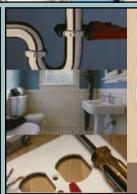


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