

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

415 Vincent Street | Redondo Beach, CA 90277

February 23, 2025 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Love God. Love all People. Make Disciples.

SUNDAY MASSES: (SAT. 5:30PM) | SUNDAY 6:30AM, 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM | MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM, 12PM | SATURDAY 8AM



OFFICE HOURS: MON - FRI 8AM TO 4PM, CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12PM TO 1PM | SAT & SUN CLOSED

PASTOR'S CORNER

Hello beautiful children of God!

The 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time presents one of the most demanding commands from Jesus – "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Luke 6:27b-28) Our response is usually "that's easy for you to say, Jesus. You have no idea what this person did to me!" I think He does. One gaze upon the Holy Cross will remind us of the prayer Jesus prayed as he hung upon the rugged cross. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) Our Lord would never ask us to do something that he himself would not. Most importantly, he doesn't ask us to go it alone. His grace is always at work in us.

One of the most important lessons for me as I continue this journey of faith is that it's easy to return hate for hate, but truly transformational to return prayers as an answer to hatred. We can look at the response of St Maximilian Kolbe as a grace-filled example of this.

Kolbe was imprisoned at the Auschwitz death camp during World War II. One of the camp prisoners escaped, and as a result, 10 men were chosen for execution to dissuade others from attempting an escape. One of the chosen men cried out for mercy because he had a wife and children when Fr Maximilian stepped forward to take his place. The ten were led forward to a starvation bunker in Block 11. Fr Kolbe led the ten in prayer and songs of praise as they awaited the end. Fr Kolbe and his ten companions prayed for their persecutors even in the direst of situations.

God blesses us with examples like St Maximilian Kolbe and other countless martyrs to remind us that, through Him, we do have the strength to endure the worst situations imaginable with his grace. Let us put our trust in the Lord, that He can take evil and bring forth goodness if only we love our enemies in prayer.

God bless,

Fr Matt



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 NILAND SCHOLARSHIPS

Starting on **Tuesday, February 18**th 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**nd, **2025**.

SINGLES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Sunday, Mar. 2nd, 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 | 424-398-9987

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For more information contact: Elv 424-398-9987 Joanne 310-528-6339 or Robin at 310-408-9690

Join your friends for fellowship, coffee and conversation MOST Sundays after the 8 & 10 am Masses in Kavanagh Hall.

Served today by Finance & Pastoral Council



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 Select St. James Parish—Redondo Beach (P615) **Envelopes are in the Pews**

APRIL 5, 2025 St. James Shining Stars Gala Honoring: Kay Bawolski & Robert Bawolski (In Memoriam) Paula Bourke, Noely & Ranil Fernando Jean Bungarden Lee, Gretchen & Peter Nobleza Sonesta Redondo Beach 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - \$110 Per Person Includes Dinner, Dancing, Complimentary Wine with Dinner and Photobooth (Choice of Chicken, Salmon or Beef) - Self Parking \$5 Tickets available at parish office or visit: https://tinyurl.com/bdes6svk

ADULT EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION





Tickets here: www.tinyurl.com/f7fwfs3b



RETREAT FOR MEN

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

CORNERSTONE 2025

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



Mike | 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



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR. JAMES KAVANAGH

All women and men are invited to this spiritual event in Kavanagh Hall.
Saturday, March 8

8 am Mass at Saint James Church
8:45 am to 9:30 am Continental Breakfast
9:30 am – noon Retreat
Please RSVP by March 2nd to
Lisa Malgeri 310-346-4442 or lisa_malgeri@yahoo.com.
There is no charge for the retreat. Donations are gratefully accepted.

2025 WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

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 & learn more: www.SaintJames.Church/CFW

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (OCI)



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 **OCl@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

ADULT CONFIRMATION



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 via email dnbob99@gmail.com.

If you know of someone who may benefit from this process, please feel free to past this information along to them.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Kavanagh Hall at 7pm.

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

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.

SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING DATES

Confirmation Nights

Year 1: Sunday, March 16th Year 2: Sunday, March 23rd

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 28th-30th. 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. Please keep our teens in your prayers as we prepare them for an encounter with Christ - all in time for our candidates to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation on May 23rd**.



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: vouthmininstry@stjamesparish.org

Website: www.saintjamesym.org

Text: **424.265.8336**

saintjamesym.rb @saintjamesym



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,

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

Ash Wednesday is on March 5, so Lent approaches quickly. Now is the time to consider how you will live out Lent. Please consider joining one or more of the programs being offered by the Office of Religious Education.

First, the **Lenten Family 40** is back this year. To register, please email the Office of Religious Education at religioused@stjamesparish.org. Copies of the Lenten Family 40 can be found in the vestibule or at the Office of Religious Education at St. James School.

We will also host **Holy Pause** again this year, which is a parish-wide Lenten opportunity that will be held in Kavanagh Hall between 9am and Noon on Sunday, March 16. Along with Coffee and Donuts, we will have experiential stations where you can pray, create a small craft project to take home, and complete a service opportunity at your own pace. We hope you will join us for a fun, hands-on, and meaningful event to help deepen your family's Lenten journey.

Also, we will host **Lenten Giving and Service** (formerly called the Lenten Family Day of Service and the Feed the Needy Food Drive). More information on this can be found elsewhere in the bulletin, but be sure to mark your calendars for March 29 so your family can join us as we help the Feed the Needy program. God Bless!

Andrea Sullivan,

Director of Religious Education

Save the Date & Get Involved -Lenten Giving & Service!

Join us this Lent as we come together in **faith and service!** Our **Lenten Giving & Service** initiative kicks off with a **Food Drive from March 1 – March 29**, collecting essential items for our **Feed the Needy Program**. Then, on **Saturday, March 29**, from **12:30pm - 2:30pm**, we'll gather in **Kavanagh Hall** for our **Lenten Day of Service**, where we'll decorate lunch bags, create heartfelt cards, organize donations, and help clean the kitchen and hall. Drop off donations at SJS at the Office of Religious Education in the O'Gorman Center or at church in the vestibule.

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

MINISTRIES & GROUPS

BINGO

Time for some fun! **BINGO** is 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.

Questions? Contact: Parish Office 310.372.5228

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 Party.

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.

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. We are unable to accept used clothing.

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!

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

Sign up: www.kofc.org/joinus

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.

Contact: Dean Campazzie 310.372.5182

CATHOLIC Q & A

A J.P. ALEGRIA

IT'S TIME

It's the longest season in the Church's liturgical year. It's a time that celebrates Jesus' ministry.

Church leadership describes it as a time to reflect on how we live as Christians; a time for growth, maturation and personal holiness. It's characterized as a time to delve more deeply into scripture, (currently the Gospel of Matthew,) and to unite more fully with the Lord in the Eucharist.

Q: What time is it?

A: It's Ordinary Time!

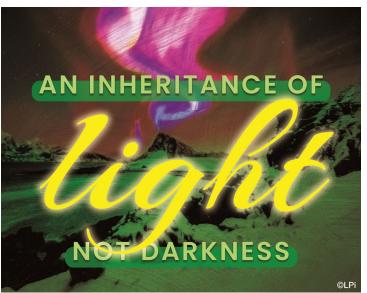
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops call it a time of conversion: "This is living the life of Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe."

U.S. Catholic writes about the 33 weeks of Ordinary Time: "The ordinary in Ordinary Time does not refer to a season of dull routine, but rather the listing of ordinal. or sequential, numbers...the order of Sundays in the Church year that do no not fall into the major liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter."

As we celebrate each week in ordinary time we can be aware that the green colored vestments of the Priest are said to represent growth and renewal. Speaking of growth and renewal, Pope Francis said that as we enter the Sundays of Ordinary Time, we can ask:

"How is my today? ...let it assist us in walking with Jesus Christ, evaluating our lives, slowing our pace, and seeking God and our neighbor with greater sincerity."

This is the time for that kind of spiritual ordering of our lives.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It's time to claim that perfect inheritance. **- Father John Muir** ©LPI

CHURCH HOURS

The church is open for prayer from 7am - 6pm daily.

Daily Masses are 8am & 12pm

Monday-Friday with the rosary prayed immediately afterward. Our Saturday daily Mass is at 8am & Sunday Vigil is at 5:30pm.

Call us if you are unable to attend so an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist can bring Him to you.

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Benediction and Adoration Feb. 21st from 8:45 - 12pm Mar. 21st from 8:45 - 12pm

PRAYER REQUEST

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

Robert & Julia Dances, Joan Tilley, Darby McCall, Carmen Toporow, Denise Anoka, Carole Bunting

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

Doug Tilley

READINGS

Monday

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. Sir 1:1-10 / Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Commit your life to the Lord, and he will help you.

Sir 2:1-11 / Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

O Lord, great peace have they who love your law.

Sir 4:11-19 / Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Sir 5:1-8 / Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands. Sir 6:5-17 / Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

Sir 17:1-15 / Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. Sir 27:4-7 / 1 Cor 15:54-58 / Lk 6:39-45

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		
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	Feb. 22 Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Jim	Aquaviva & Patsy Martins ប Marcie Buscher ប Stephanie Yearley ប
Sunday 6:30 am 8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Feb. 23 Fr. Chibuike Fr. Matt Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Thaddeus	Edna C. Regino & Paul Ortisz Elizabeth Sjodin & Kathleen Maher & Bob Bawolski & Melanie Bawolski & James Bradford English & Antonio Ruiz Estrada & Bernice Kustic & Roy Schneider
Monday 8 am 12 noon	Feb. 24 Fr. Matt	Mark Sun Communion Service
Tuesday 8 am 12 noon	Feb. 25 Fr. Chibuike Fr. Thaddeus	Altogracia Oviedo む Barbara McCall む
Wed. 8 am 12 noon	Feb. 26 Fr. Jim Fr. Matt	Elsa Calvillo Tejeda む Darby Murray
Thurs. 8 am 12 noon	Feb. 27 Fr. Matt Fr. Thaddeus	Meletino Tuppo む Pauline Oppenheimer む
Friday 8 am 12 noon	Feb. 28 Fr. Chibuike Fr. Matt	Paul Guichard む Robert Holverson む
Sat. 8 am 5:30 pm	Mar. 1 Fr. Matt Fr. Mathias	Douglas Neil Privitt ௴ Nilo Silvador F. Claro ௴ Lance Martin ௴
Sunday 6:30 am	Mar. 2 Fr. Chibuike	David Franco ⊕
8 am 10 am 12 noon 5:30 pm	Fr. Thaddeus Fr. Matt Fr. Jim Fr. Thaddeus	Carol McKechnie James Nolan & Edna C. Regino & Bill Korakis & Mykhail Korakis & Luis R. Buendia & Jeannie McLeod & Gerald Ryan &
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^{*}Priest celebrant may change according to circumstances. For prayer requests or to request a Mass intention, call the *Parish Office*. **310.372.5228**

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7am - 6pm

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Deacon Couple Dcn. Bob & Patty Miller DnBob99@Gmail.com

HELPING CHILDREN GROW IN FAITH

CHILDREN OFF ON THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO; EVEN WHEN THEY ARE OLD THEY WILL NOT TURN FROM IT. -PROVERBS 22:6



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