



Holy Redeemer | St. James the Less
A Unified Catholic Community

February 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 am at Holy Redeemer
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
8:00 am at St. James
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 pm at Holy Redeemer
Sunday Masses
8:30 am at St. James
10:00 am at Holy Redeemer
11:30 am at St. James
5:30 pm at Holy Redeemer

ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays at St. James
the Less Church from
8:00 - 9:00 pm.
Sacrament of
Reconciliation also by
appointment.

CONTACT US

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Monday 4:00—8:00 pm

Sharing Faith, Celebrating Traditions, and Serving Each Other
to the Praise and Glory of God.

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WELCOME TO HOLY REDEEMER—ST. JAMES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SHARING FAITH, CELEBRATING TRADITIONS, AND SERVING EACH OTHER
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A warm welcome to all of you who have come to worship with us. If you are visiting our church today, know that we are honored by your presence. Holy Redeemer—St. James Catholic Community is a diverse and vibrant community of faith that offers many opportunities to enrich your spiritual life. We offer preparation for sacraments, faith formation for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in need, comfort to the sick and those who mourn a loss. If we can be of service, please call us.

Holy Redeemer Church

2411 Montrose Ave., Montrose, CA 91020

St. James the Less Church

4625 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214

St. James—Holy Redeemer Catholic School

4635 Dunsmore Ave., La Crescenta, CA 91214
818-248-7778

Ordained Servants

Rev. Edward Dover, Pastor
Rev. George Brincat, Pastor Emeritus-Our Lady of Lourdes
Deacon Joseph Hegenbart

Servants of Music Ministry

Amelia Acosta Andrea Anderson Michael Paul Leon

Servants of Christian Formation

Michael Paul Leon Susan Romero Trish Swords

Servants of Administration

Deirdre Cascelli Kathy McCauley Doug Sinning
Laura Pulido

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held on the

- First Sunday during the 10am Mass at HR
- Third Sunday during the 11:30am Mass at SJ

Please call the parish office for further information.

Sacrament of First Communion

Preparation for children who have attained the age of reason is arranged either through the Office of Religious Education or the parish school.

This is a two-year program.

Sacrament of Confirmation

A two-year program for high school teens. Apply through the Life Teen office: hrsjlifeteen@gmail.com

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact the Parish Office upon engagement; at least six months is needed for preparation of this joyous sacrament!

Holy Orders/Religious Orders

Anyone interested in a religious life as a priest, deacon, or sister please contact Father Ed: fred@hr-sjcatholic.org.

Anointing of the Sick

Please feel free to call the parish office if you would like to have an Eucharistic home visit by one of our parish ministers of the sick.

Communion for Sick and Homebound

Please call the parish offices if you would like to receive Communion—we will make the arrangements with the Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick.

If You Should Experience the Loss of a Loved One

Please call the parish offices. If you feel you will be in need, or your loved one has passed, our Bereavement Ministers will assist in making arrangements with your chosen funeral directors and offer you helpful guidelines that will aid in the Liturgical planning of the Mass or Memorial Service. We know that this can be a tough time and we want you to know that your parish is there for you.



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is an important day in the life of the church, a day to remember that it is the mark of the cross that distinguishes Christians. Please join us to begin Lent this year by attending one of our

Ash Wednesday services:

Wednesday, March 6th
6:00 am Mass at St James
8:00 am Mass at Holy Redeemer
7:00 pm Service at Holy Redeemer

Lenten Stations of the Cross—Friday's of Lent

7:00 pm at St James

Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday's at 8:00 pm at St James

Lenten Penance Service

Monday, March 11th at 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 am



Last week was our Sign-Up Sunday for Living the Eucharist. We had an excellent response, with a multitude of parishioners deciding to join small groups, teen groups, or to participate within their families. If you have not signed up, it is not too late. You can still sign up by taking one of the cards located in the vestibule at St James or by the baptismal font at Holy Redeemer. Please put your completed card in the basket. Or you can contact Trish Swords the Living the Eucharist small group coordinator at drehrsj@gmail.com. She will be glad to help you sign up. Also, pick up your copy of *From Exodus to Easter: My Daily Journey Through Lent*, at the church exits if you have not done so already.

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF...

Chela Frank Lievanto, Mily Feeney, Catherine Yamarone, Thomas Kim, Barbara Liberto, Taix Family Intentions, Michelle Bacich, Janie Cook, Nona L Aguilar, Eugene Swedo, Kieran McCarty, Cathy Lee, Frank and Rosa Titus, and for the People of Holy Redeemer and St. James Catholic Community.

Please continue to lift each other up in prayer.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Madeleine Doctors, Bill Ferguson, Michael Jackson, Alex & Teresa Kirkaldy, Larry Legind, Ron McCloud, Maria Hattick, Dolores Maggipinto, Vito Maggipinto, Omar Mullen, Richy Reivdas, Jorge Gonzalez, Emma Eday, Ray Lucero, Patricia Rios, William Kearns, Peter Riley, Thomas Gilliland, Ofelia Lopez, Pat Fitzgerald, Angeleta Tanedo, Curtis Clevin, Emese Mohai, Sharon Le Berthon, Jim Le Berthon, Renee Meyerson, Beatriz Mejia, Bob Baldwin, Elizabeth Lewis, Margaret Gibbons, Miguelina Santiago, Janet Keene, Jim Maillard, Maryanne Moses, Mike Barnes, Patricia Ryan and Bob Spsychalsky

Our parish welcomes through Baptism our newest members into our Community

Avery Elise Quiano

Congratulations to the newly baptized and her family.

SHARING THE GOOD WORD - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23

David does not kill Saul.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13

A song in praise of God's mercy

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

As we bear the image of Adam, so we will bear the image of the one from heaven.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.


These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.



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CHRIST
a seven-week mission

TUESDAY MORNING, 9AM:
April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4,
retreat June 8,
commissioning mass June 9, 10am HR

SUNDAY MORNING, 11:30AM:
March 31, April 7, 14, 28, May 5, 19,
retreat June 8,
commissioning mass June 9, 10am HR

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Did you know?

To establish confidence with your children start with questions about their daily activities. Sometimes children will behave in a manner quite unusual for them – stress, misunderstanding, or some form of abuse can be related to such behaviors. If you see your child exhibiting unusual behavior, talk with your child about their day or recent experiences in an open-ended conversation. Do ask factual questions, such as, “What did you do today? Did you do anything unusual today? Who did you see today? Did anyone say or do anything that was unusual or even upsetting? Then, ask feeling questions as a follow-up, and remember that sometimes it’s easier for a child to talk about someone else’s feelings first. For more tips in the VIRTUS® article “Conversation Guidelines for Parents: Be Aware,” visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>

FAITH FORMATION DATES TO REMEMBER

Families of Faith

March 3—Whole Family Catechesis
March 10—Class Catechesis 9:45 am at SJ
March 17—Class Catechesis 9:45 am at SJ
March 29 & 30—First Reconciliation

Edge—Middle School Ministry

Meeting at Holy Redeemer Healy Hall
6:30 to 8:00 pm
March 4
March 18

Sealed 1 & 2

Meeting at St. James Msgr. Barry Hall
March 17 & 31 Sealed. 1
March 24 LifeNight & Sealed. 2

Life Nights—High School Youth Ministry

Meeting at Holy Redeemer Msgr. Healy Hall
Life Teen Mass at 5:30 pm (in the Church)
Life Night—6:30 to 8:30 pm
March 10—“Party Night”
March 24—“Loved 1” (Sealed 2 required)

For more information about our Faith Formation programs, visit our website at www.hrsjatholic.com

ST. JAMES—HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL
Many students in the junior high classes have been preparing for the Academic Junior High Decathlon since November. They have been studying to compete in religion, social studies, science, literature, fine arts, and logic as well as individual subjects. On March 3 over 100 Catholic schools will compete. This year the theme has been the Great Depression. Students have worked with art and scientific discoveries from that era as well as Servant of God, Dorothy Day. Please wish us luck on the big day!

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES TOGETHER IN MISSION

Next weekend is Together in Mission “Commitment Sunday.” Archbishop Gomez invites us to make our annual commitment to help those parishes and schools that need our help. If you have made a gift in the past, a letter should arrive in your home this week asking you to renew your support. You can return that pledge card via mail or make your pledge at ourmissionla.org/give.

Holy Redeemer—St James
2019 Parish Goal \$117,900



HRSJ BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday, March 1 7-8:30 PM

Dinah Martin Room at the HR Ministry Center

March Selection “Dubliners” by James Joyce

Greetings all! Over the past couple of months we’ve been reading relatively short books—“The Last Lecture” by Randy Pausch in January and “The World According to Mr. Rogers” by Fred Rogers in February. Great choices and lively discussions—and our March book is also a short read. “Dubliners” by James Joyce is a collection of short stories taking place in early 1900s Dublin. Though from Tipperary, not Dublin, we will be honoring the second anniversary of the passing of one of our members, Msgr. Jack Foley when we meet on Friday, March 1.

Additionally at our March meeting we will select our April read—this year April is our only meeting that occurs during Lent and to date, here are the possible selections: “Rediscovering Jesus” by Matthew Kelly, “The Five People You Meet in Heaven” by Mitch Albom, several titles by Henri Nouwen, and “Jesus: A Pilgrimage” by Father James Martin, S.J. Or, come and make a book suggestion yourself.

So join us, no matter what, for Christian fellowship, love of reading, selecting next month’s book, and always, laughter.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

ONGOING GATHERINGS

- **Adult Bible Study**—Mondays at 9:30 am in HR Healy Hall Conference Center
- **Holy Redeemer Pioneer Club** meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 11 am in HR Healy Hall.
- **St. James New Beginnings** meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 11am in SJ Msgr. Barry Hall.
- **Adult Bible Study**—Tuesdays at 9am meeting in SJ Parish Center
- **Centering Prayer**—Mondays at 7:15pm meeting at the HR Dina Martin Ministry Center
- **Teen Bible Study**— Tuesdays at 6:30pm meeting in SJ Parish Center
- **The Divine Mercy Prayer Group**—Wednesdays at 9:30 am meeting in SJ Church

*For additional contact information, please contact the parish office 818-249-2008: receptionist@hr-sj.org.
Everyone is welcome.*

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Safeguard VIRTUS Session & Re-certification

Concurrent with the first time they participate in any programs or activities at a location, all staff, whether paid or volunteer, and all volunteers who work in any capacity with or around children, the elderly, or special needs person, will be required to complete the initial three-hour VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children for Adults program. and are required to be VIRTUS recertified every four years. Recertification takes place on or before the expiration date of the last certificate.

Our parish community is offering

- **VIRTUS Re-certification session at Holy Redeemer in Healy Hall Conference Room Saturday, March 2nd from 8:30 to 10:30 am**

Please call the parish offices to register (818-249-2008).

Additional VIRTUS sessions can be found on: www.VIRTUS.org > Click First-time registrant >View list of sessions > Los Angeles-San Fernando Region

Livescan Fingerprinting sessions can be found on: www.archdiocese.la > Protecting Children > Fingerprint & VPIN > scroll down to Fingerprinting Calendar

RANCHO SAN ANTONIO BOYS HOME

Open House—Raffle Tickets

Sunday, May 5th



Support the Home for the Boys in Chatsworth, CA by purchasing your raffle tickets following Masses:

- Holy Redeemer—THIS WEEKEND
- St James—March 3rd

The prize drawing will be at 4 pm during the 72nd Annual Open House (11 am to 4 pm)

Winners need not be present. The event is sponsored by local Knights of Columbus, Council #3254. To purchase raffle tickets, just stop by the Knight's table outside after Masses.

MINISTRY OF LIFE, JUSTICE & PEACE



If you had a chance to do something—personally—to protect mothers and children and help end abortion ... would you do it? Say "YES" with 40 Days for Life!

Through 40 Days for Life, thousands of men, women and children around the world join together for 40 days of prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil in front of a local abortion clinic. Everyone is united in their desire to end the culture of death and bring about a culture of LIFE! It all starts with US!

With God's help 40 Days for Life has saved more than 15,256 lives from abortion, seen the conversion of 186 abortion workers, and brought about the closure of 99 abortion facilities.

Get involved, make a difference and take a stand for life! Join the prayers warriors in Glendale!

- When: March 6 to April 14, 2019
- Where: Public Right of Way in front of the FPA (Family Planning Associates) Abortion Facility at 372 Arden Ave., Glendale, CA 91203
- Time: Wednesdays, 7 AM to 7 PM
- Contact: call or text: Yvonne Schneider 818-253-7493, yvnschneider@gmail.com

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