



March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent

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.

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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
TO THE PRAISE AND GLORY OF GOD.

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
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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.



Prayer before the Crucified—Friday's of Lent

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St James

Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday's - Lenten Mass at 7:00 pm followed by
Adoration & the Sacrament of Reconciliation
at 8:00 pm at St James

Lenten Penance Service

Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 am



OUR PRAYERS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF...

David Walsh, Sharon Lee Wagner, Florentina Gaetos,
Anthony Baumgartner, Delmar Lapid, Guia Santos,
Phil Dunne, Pedrito Vergara, Irene Guzman Papa,
Luis Zapatero, Traci Kalaba, Anna Cannella, Dominic Kim,
Angela Lopez, 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 McLoud,
Maria Hattick, Dolores Maggipinto, Vito Maggipinto,
Alicia Yale, 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 Cleven, Emese Mohai, Sharon Le Berthon, Jim
Le Berthon, Renee Meyerson, Beatriz Mejia,
Bob Baldwin, David Walsh, Elizabeth Lewis,
Margaret Gibbons, Miguelina Santiago, Janet Keene,
Jim Maillard, Maryanne Moses, Mike Barnes,
Patricia Ryan Tommie Stopper, Dominic Lingua, and
Bob Spychalsky



Soul of Christ,

sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, embolden me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Let me never be separated from you.

From the evil enemy defend me.

At the hour of my death call me

and bid me come to you,

that with your saints I may praise you

forever and ever.

Amen.

BAPTISM + CONFIRMATION + EUCHARIST

**These are our Sacraments of Initiation into the Church.
Have you been called to explore Catholicism?**

Join us on the journey!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, is the process by which adults are initiated into the Catholic faith. Whether you have already been baptized, but have yet to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation, or you've never been baptized, this is the place for you..

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

*For information please contact Trish Swords
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Called to Conversion— Through the Word



“Then they said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?’” (Luke 24:32).

With these words, the two disciples on the road to Emmaus share their joy and excitement. The Risen Jesus was in their midst! They had walked with him and shared their perplexities and sadness with him. But they did not perceive the truth of who he was, until he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. Then, their hearts burning with what this mysterious stranger had revealed to them, they did see. They recognized him in the breaking of the bread. They announced to others that Jesus is risen. They became witnesses, set on fire by what they had seen and heard.

In this powerful story from the Gospel according to Luke, we see the pattern that has been lived out in the Eucharist, from the earliest times. Hearing the Word is important. And it is no passive, ho-hum business. It sets our hearts on fire. The Word holds the answers to our most passionate and pressing questions. It provides direction for us when we are lost. It feeds us when we are close to starving. It brings news of such surpassing importance that our hearts burn within us as we listen, and our lives are forever changed.

A LIFE-CHANGING WORD

There are numerous stories of holy men and women whose lives were changed by encountering God’s Word. The Word changed the life of Lydia, the first European convert to

Christianity, who listened to Paul and Barnabas preaching by the banks of the river in Philippi (Acts 16:11–15). She was baptized with her whole household, and thereafter supported the spread of the Gospel. It changed the life of Augustine of Hippo (354–430) in North Africa, who at a crucial moment in his conversion heard a child’s voice saying *Tolle, lege* (“Take, read”). He took up the Bible and read a passage from the Letter to the Romans that *spoke directly to him*, and showed him the way out of his despair. It changed the life of Kateri Tekakwitha (1656–1680) in North America, who heard the Jesuit missionaries preaching in her Mohawk village and desired to become a Christian, going against the grain of her family but opening the way to a devout and joyful life. It changed the life of Maximilian Kolbe (1894–1941) in Poland, who volunteered to die in place of a fellow prisoner who had been condemned in a concentration camp. He helped his fellow prisoners prepare for death by meditating on Christ’s Passion and reading the psalms.

The Word of God is powerful. By his Word, the heavens and earth were made. The sea was split in two in the Exodus, by the power of God’s Word. The prophets, announcing God’s Word, kept the faith of the people alive during national disaster and exile. God’s Word has the power to do God’s will. It is no wonder, then, that the Word today continues to open hearts and bring forth new life.

ONGOING CONVERSION

It would be a mistake to look for the power of God's Word only in dramatic changes and extraordinary circumstances, however. Its power to change us is not discovered only in the movement from unbelief to belief or in acts of heroic virtue, but also in the day-to-day movements of the heart that we call "ongoing conversion." Most people experience the transforming power of God's Word as a gradual process. Our conversion to Christ and his gospel way of life takes place little by little, over time.

Each Sunday, if we listen to the Word with a receptive heart, it subtly affects us. It stretches our imagination, challenges us, and calls us to be true to our best selves. The Word invites us, bit by bit, to enter into the world of God, and to see things as God sees them. The reign of God, like a seed that grows in secret, takes hold in the good soil of our life and is watered by the Scriptures we hear at Mass.

Our ongoing conversion may include a gradual awakening to the world's goodness, our own giftedness, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our midst. It may mean loosening the bonds of sin and gaining freedom to act in new ways by God's grace. It may be experienced in a growing love for the Church, a passion for justice, and a sense of deep inner peace. Are these movements "conversions"? They do not change us abruptly. But they do signal the turning of our heart to God ever more completely.

The Shaker song "Simple Gifts" sums it up well: "When true simplicity is gained, to bow and bend we shan't be ashamed; to turn, turn, will be our delight, 'til by turning, turning, we come round right."

WE RECOGNIZE HIM

Just as the disciples on the road to Emmaus knew the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread, so does our celebration of the Eucharist crown the experience of hearing the Word

at Mass. As we are touched and changed by the Word of God, the Eucharist itself becomes the confirmation of all that has taken place. Full participation in the Eucharist is our goal in this life as we are nourished on our pilgrimage to eternal life. We hasten on to the sharing of that meal with joy, as we realize—Jesus is with us at the table. He is alive. He is here.

REFLECT

What sort of conversion do I hope for this Lent? A conversion of mind, heart, action? Where in my own life do I sense a need for "more light" to break forth from God's Word?

ACT

Conversion in action means following through on our good intentions and inspirations, without hesitation or undue delay. Don't put off doing something good that you've thought of doing. Act now!

PRAY

Lord Jesus, you opened the minds of your disciples to understand their experience in light of the Scriptures. Help me to read "the signs of the times" in my own life. Holy Spirit, turn my life over to God more fully. Set my heart on fire with your holy Word!

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FAITH FORMATION DATES TO REMEMBER

Families of Faith

March 29 & 30—First Reconciliation

April 7— Whole Family Catechesis at HR

April 14— Class Catechesis 9:45 am at SJ

Edge—Middle School Ministry

Meeting at St James Msgr. Barry Hall

6:30 to 8:00 pm

March 18

April 1 & 8

Sealed 1 & 2

Meeting at St. James Msgr. Barry Hall

March 31 Sealed. 1

March 24 LifeNight, April 7 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 24—"Loved 1" (Sealed 2 required)

April 14—"Loved 2"

April 28—"Loved 3"



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

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Know who is most vulnerable to abuse

All children are vulnerable to potential sexual abuse, but predators look for situations and circumstances to manipulate that may make some children more susceptible than others. Many studies show that a higher percentage of young girls are vulnerable to sexual abuse than young males. Child abuse is a societal problem, and we must be aware of signs that indicate vulnerability or potentially troubling circumstances – inappropriate relationships between an adult and a young child, a child demonstrating signs of abuse by his or her behavior. All children are our responsibility. To read the full VIRTUS® article “Who is Most Vulnerable to Potential Sexual Abuse?” visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

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.

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
- Sign up for vigil hours: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/glendale-2/>


SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Fundraiser for the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns, will be on **Wednesday, April 24, 2019.**

Lian Dolan, writer and podcaster **will be the guest speaker** at the Shower of Roses Luncheon. Lian is the author of Helen of Pasadena and has appeared on Oprah Winfrey, CBS Sunday Morning, The Today Show, and several local stations. All in attendance can expect to enjoy a funny, passionate, and wise presentation. More Luncheon information will be on April. Thank you in advance for your attendance and participation. Rebecca (626) 235-1938

Join us for breakfast!

**Knights of Columbus
8th grade Scholarship
Pancake Breakfast**



on Sunday, March 24th

9 am to 12 pm
in St. James Msgr. Barry Hall

Proceeds go to the 8th Grade Scholarship Fund supporting those who will be attending Catholic High Schools

The Knights of Columbus Lenten Charity Mission for the Poor and the Homeless



During Lent season, the Knights of Columbus are asking you to donate 40 Cans for Lent or 7 cans of food each week until Easter which will be distributed to the poor and the homeless of our Parish Community through Loaves And Fishes. Please drop off your non-perishable food donation at the Knight of Columbus table located at the Church vestibule or entrance at the St. James 8:30am & 11:30am Masses and Holy Redeemer 4:00pm Saturday / 10:00am Sunday Masses



