



The just shall flourish like the palm tree, shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Psalm 92



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

March 3, 2019
Eighth 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.

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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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Dear followers of the Crucified,

Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday! With our eyes fixed on Jesus, we walk with him and He with us. It is a holy journey and sacred time. Do not neglect the gift. I hope that you have the companionship of a “Living the Eucharist” group to support you. I hope that you give yourself regular moments of silence in which God can speak. I hope that you open and pour out your heart to the One whose heart was pierced for you. I hope you choose to be here.

As our Lenten Series, Living the Eucharist, begins with your reflections and small group sharing’s this week I pray it is a time of great blessing and spiritual growth for you and for our parish as a whole. Preparing to hear the Word of God is like “tilling the soil”, it ensures that the roots go deep.

Beginning on Wednesday, March 13th and continuing through April 10th we will celebrate an additional Lenten Mass at 7:00pm at St. James the Less. This will be followed with our normal Wednesday evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a priest present and available for Confessions. It is an opportunity designed for all those working people who cannot attend our morning Masses. A word to all of you in the workforce – give yourself this gift! I can’t tell you how much grace, comfort, solace and clarity can enter your hearts if you spend this time with the Lord. It is the Lord himself who invites: “come away and rest with me”.

A powerful part of our Catholic history in the Crescenta Valley involves the Crucifix at St. James. The body of Jesus had been stolen from the church. When the police recovered it, it was broken and was covered with writing asking: “to be protected”, “keep me safe”, “I love you Jesus”, “make them stop hurting me” and other phrases and sentiments. A homeless woman, suffering from mental illness had taken the corpus in a desperate attempt to find comfort and peace (one can only imagine the real suffering she endured in her circumstances). Cleaned, repaired and restored, we return it to the sanctuary every Lent now. I am still brought to tears when I think of the faith this woman had in Jesus, in all her brokenness, she recognized what so many still fail to recognize. We need all Jesus.

And so, beginning March 8th and continuing through April 12th you are invited to “keep the Fridays of Lent” in a different fashion this year; you are invited to Pray before the Crucified. On these **Fridays, from 6:00pm until 9:00pm St. James Church** will be open for your private prayer. Accompanying you will be sacred chant and there will be guided meditations available for you to use, if you desire. But you may also come and just kneel or sit with your eyes fixed on Jesus, whose heart, hands and feet were pierced for you. We all need Jesus.

I wish you peace on the Lenten journey. – *Fr. Ed*



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.

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

Prayer before the Crucified—Friday's of Lent

6:00 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

Monday, March 11th at 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 am



Living the Eucharist offers an informative and inspiring article about Lent that will help you grow in your faith. Go to www.LivingtheEucharist.org/adults, or for teens, go to www.LivingtheEucharist.org/teens.

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.

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 Clevon,
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
Dominic Lingua, and Bob Spychalsky

THOUGHTS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Give up negativism; be positive.
Give up complaining; be grateful.
Give up pessimism; be an optimist.
Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts.
Give up worry; trust divine providence.
Give up discouragement; be full of hope.
Give up anger; be more patient.
Give up pettiness; be more mature.
Give up gloom; enjoy the beauty around you.
Give up jealousy; pray for trust.
Give up gossiping; control your thoughts.
Give up sin; turn to virtue.

SHARING THE GOOD WORD - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

In his conversation is the test of the man.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 92: 2-3,13-16

The just shall flourish like a palm tree.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:39-45

Each tree is known by its yield.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF...

John Barrone, Dr. Villamor M. Parilla, Hilda Dizon,
Barbara Liberto, John & Leona Wing, Hohn Hill,
Sean & Carmen McCarty Family, Dave Toomey,
and for the People of
Holy Redeemer -St. James Catholic Community.
Please continue to lift each other up in prayer.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome in the gathering area where our parish family enjoys an atmosphere of friendship, community and belonging! Join us for Coffee and Donuts following the:

- 8:30am Sunday Mass (Proceeds to outreach ministries & programs)
- 10:00am Sunday Mass—First and Third Sunday of the month (Proceeds to Boy Scout Troop 317 scouting events)

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 8
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



TOGETHER IN MISSION

Today, Archbishop Gomez invites every Catholic to make their annual commitment to **Together in Mission**. Our parish has been asked to raise \$117,900. Last year, 419 parishioners helped us raise \$110,378.45 and helped us to become one of the most generous parishes in the Archdiocese. This year's theme of "Our Story is Hope" reminds us that our gifts to Together in Mission are an active demonstration of our faith and love for those in our Archdiocese who need our support. Please make a pledge with the information that was mailed to your home, a pledge card found within the parish, or online at ourmissionla.org/give.

FUNDRAISER FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL New Moon, Montrose

Join us on Tuesday, March 5th
11 am to 3:30 pm and 5 pm to 9 pm



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is part of a worldwide organization of lay Catholic men and women who are committed to live and grow in their Christian faith through prayer and personal involvement in charitable works.

If you or a loved one needs help with food, clothing, bills, etc., please contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (St. James and Holy Redeemer Conference) at the church office: 818-249-2008.

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



PRAY FAST GIVE



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



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/>

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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:

- 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.

ACCW

The East San Fernando District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic Women of the area. Every Catholic woman is a member and there are no dues. The next gathering will be held Wednesday, March 13th at Holy Redeemer Church. The day begins at 9:30 am and includes a speaker, Sr. Elizabeth O'Donnell, Mass, lunch and concludes at 1:30 pm. Charge for the day is \$12.00 prepaid. Make check pay payable and mail to: Marie Urrutia, 1351 Loreto Drive, Glendale, Ca 91207, before Saturday, March 9th deadline. For information call Marie Urrutia, 818-244-0547.

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